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CAPE ANN PLEIN AIR 2024 IS HERE! This week, 35 artists from Cape Ann and across the country arrived for this year's regional weeklong outdoor art festival and competition, now one of the biggest in the US. On Monday, they were busy at the Essex Shipbuilding Museum.

BRIEFLY

Week 4 Cribbage Results

The crib addicts were happy to be back at the card games tonight after a week off. We're now at our midway point for our fall session with four more weeks to play. Joan Snow continued her winning ways at the top of the leaderboard. Unfortunately, Jeanne Stanton, Joan's daughter, did not fare so well, dropping into the cellar after being beaten by Hala Makowska in three straight games. Following Snow was Harry Parsons, David Slade, Heather MacDonald, Tina Lattassa, Jim Chabot, Paul Clark, Ben Conway, Betsy Nickless, Everett Morss, John Bubrowski, Jim O'Neill, Hala Makowska, Billy Bell, Bob Torkildsen, and Jeanne Stanton. Crib Addicts play Tuesday, 6 p.m. at the Legion. All skills are welcome.

Finally Here! Magtoberfest and Cardboard Boat Regatta

Magnolia's community beer garden ("biergarten," really) festival, Magtoberfest, returns this Sunday, Oct. 13 for its fourth year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. After a busy summer, Magtoberfest is a welcome "harvest season" event with food, music, and camaraderie. Hosted by the Magnolia Library & Community Center, it's become a bonified outdoor tradition that takes over Magnolia's downtown Lexington Avenue. It's typically scheduled for the Sunday of the long holiday weekend of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day, and since Manchester's Cardboard Boat Regatta (a.k.a., "Float or Die") is also scheduled as a standing event the morning of that same day, a lot of locals consider these events to be connected, heading from Manchester in the morning to Magtoberfest in the afternoon. Enjoy this holiday weekend!

Manchester Woman's Club

The Manchester Woman's Club (MWC) will hold its second meeting of 2024-2025 at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the First Parish Chapel Hall. Parking is at a premium, so the MWC asks that attendees try to carpool (or call the COA van) and not arrive before 11:45 a.m. After lunch, Chris Barboza, nursery manager at Northeast Nursery, will speak about preparing our gardens for winter. Barboza will also address cutting back and dividing perennials, bulb planting, composting, and more. The MWC is a 117-year-old organization dedicated to giving back to our community. Manchester and Cape Ann women are encouraged to attend. RSVP to manchester-womansclub@gmail.com..

Town Hall Notebook

MBTA Zoning, Wobblin' Goblin, More Open Space, and Celebrating Ron Mastrogiacomo

By Erika Brown

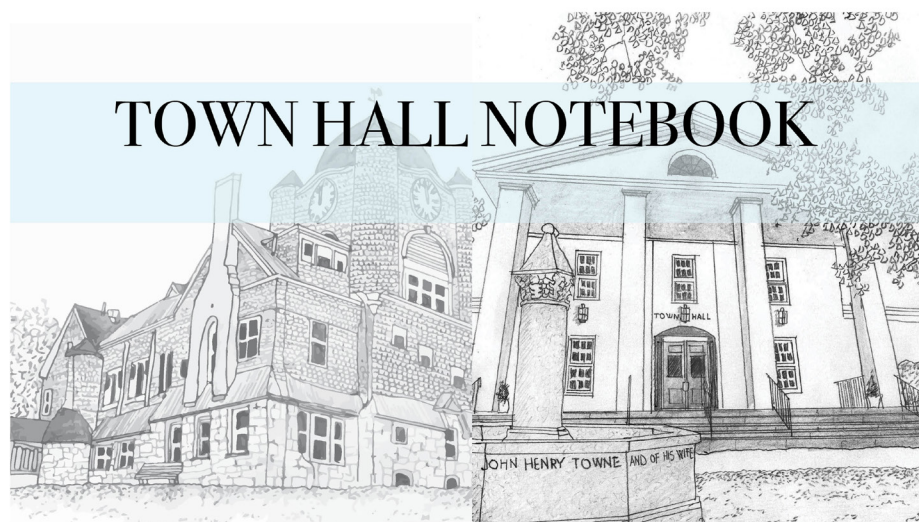
There's a lot going on this season, including the state-mandated consideration in November of a zoning change to encourage added housing in Manchester, what's going on this year with the Wobblin' Goblin, chipping in \$250K in CPC funds for the Greenbelt's expansion of open space, and a public event next week to celebrate our own Ron Mastrogiacomo.

Up Next: Mandated Public Hearing on MBTA Zoning Proposal

As one drives around Cape Ann, it's clear the vote on whether to adopt new zoning to accommodate "MBTA Zoning," the state's by-right multifamily requirement, is finally here. There are yard signs, websites, and forums, all designed to sway Town Meeting voters one way or another. Manchester's Special Town Meeting is Nov. 18.

The **MBTA Zoning Task Force**, formed last year, has worked with a zoning consultant to finalize three proposed MBTA Overlay Districts that include a 20% affordable housing component. The plan has been approved by the state with minor stipulations. The requirement is an effort by the state to force a liberalization of zoning to expand housing stocks, especially smaller dwellings that are more affordable and better suited for people who don't need or want single family homes (read: those downsizing, or those just starting out).

Lurking behind this vote are the consequences of non-compliance. Towns that vote down the zoning



will be ineligible for lucrative town grants. Also, the state's Attorney General's office will sue non-compliant towns, as is the case with the town of Milton, which is currently in court defending against AG litigation.

Those supporting passage at November's STM have nearly grown hoarse after 18 months of outreach, hearings, and public education. They say the MBTA zoning doesn't require multifamily housing be built, just that it be allowed as a right. They say Manchester already has many examples of developments that already comply with the mandate (of 15 units/acre). They say Manchester's proposed MBTA zoning was specifically designed by the task force to make development very, very hard. They say it's the only way to combat the "NIMBYism" behind specialized local bylaws and excessive regulations that intimidate and stop new construction.

Those fighting MBTA Zoning say it's a massive overreach of state power that vi-

olates elements of municipal "home rule" designed to ensure a town's independence. They say increased density, if it happens, will threaten the town's "character" and "charm," both of which, unfortunately, fall into the "I'll know it when I see it" category. They also say it will stretch town resources (water, schools, public safety, traffic infrastructure). And they say that a change in zoning that allows new density—especially in a town like Manchester where 30% of its total land is under conservation protection—will spike the values of property even further, ironically exacerbating affordability.

Between now and Nov. 18, the **Planning Board** will hold a state-mandated public hearing on the MBTA Zoning, and the first is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28.

Ron Mastrogiacomo

Speaking of the Planning Board, Manchester lost a good man earlier this year when Ron Mastro-

giacomo, who served on that board for nearly two decades, many of those as its chairman, died suddenly. Town officials and Ron's family have scheduled a commemoration (Celebration of Life) at the American Legion Hall behind Town Hall at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25. As Chair of the Planning Board, Mastrogiacomo was a modulating presence on a board that regularly consid-

New proposed MBTA Zoning is designed to expand housing. Opponents say it goes too far. Supporters say it's critical to preserve grants

ers heated issues that spark, let's just say, pronounced debate. Besides this, Ron was an eager and dependable attendee at so many community events, especially at Legion monthly dinners, Manchester Club, and Manchester by the Sea Museum lectures. All are welcome, 14 Church St., Manchester.

Wobblin' Goblin 2024

Halloween is coming up, and in Manchester the annual "Wobblin' Goblin" has been a centerpiece to the festivities for local little ones.

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 12 Oct		70°	49°
Sunday 13 Oct		62°	44°
Monday 14 Oct		65°	49°
Tuesday 15 Oct		59°	42°
Wednesday 16 Oct		53°	42°
Thursday 17 Oct		50°	44°
Friday 18 Oct		50°	46°

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.

Town Halls Closed
Monday, October 14
Columbus Day

MERSD
SC Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 15, 6 - 8 p.m.

Essex Planning Board
Wednesday, October 16
7 p.m.

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ME Athletics ... WOW!

The Hornets have jump-started their fall season across all sports. As of press time:

The Golf team is 10-2 and in contention for the CAL Baker Division title. (Seen above, Golf team co-captain Jack Lawler takes a swing at the Hornets home turf, Essex County Club). They will be sending golfers to the Cape Ann Cup and from there to the State Championships. Our football team is 3-1 after a drubbing of Brighton, 50-8. Girls' cross country is 3-1, and boys' cross country is 1-3 with one home meet left. The field hockey team has had an astounding beginning of the season with a record



of 8-1-2, the wins were shut outs (8) and they only lost one game 3-1. Moving on to boys' soccer they are 7-2-1 with five shut outs. The girls' soccer team is

5-3-2 with four shut outs. This week, Jason Brisbois, the Cricket's sports editor, has written two pieces on Hornets Golf and Football. **Page 6.**

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).

Carolyn J. Cassidy



Carolyn J. Cassidy, formerly of Ipswich, MA, passed away Friday, September 27, 2024, at the Brooksby Village Retirement Community. Daughter of the late Thomas

and Janet (Rae) Cassidy, Carolyn was born in Everett on February 6th, 1942. She attended and graduated from Everett High School in 1959 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Gordon College. Carolyn grew up the proud daughter of Irish immigrants. She was the first in her family to graduate college. A life-long educator, Carolyn spent a fulfilling career teaching first grade for 41 years, mainly in Essex, MA. Outside the classroom, Carolyn was a champion for her fellow teachers. As an active member of the teach-

er's union in her district in Massachusetts, she fought for better conditions and fair treatment for all educators. She Loved the Lord and was a devoted member of First Church in Hamilton, where she has served in many capacities. She especially enjoyed Bible study and serving on the Greeting team at worship services. Carolyn was known for her sense of humor and quick wit. She rarely knew a stranger and made many friends over her long life. Carolyn had a love for life that let her embrace all it had to offer. She had traveled all over Europe as a young woman and took many cruises with her friends during her retirement. She loved seeing new places and meeting new people.

Carolyn is predeceased by her parents and her one

sister, Sara Ann. She is survived by her nephew Robert (Jill) Hartsell of NC, her niece Elizabeth of Saugus, MA, niece Janay and nephew James, both of NC.

Carolyn's funeral service will be held on Saturday October 5, 2024 at 11AM at the First Church of Hamilton, 630 Bay Rd., Hamilton, MA. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment will take place prior to the funeral at 11AM at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, MA. For those that wish, memorial contributions in Carolyn's name may be made to the First Congregational Church of Hamilton, PO Box 213, Hamilton, MA 01936. Arrangements by the Campbell Funeral Home, 6 High St., Ipswich, MA 01938. Information, directions, condolences at www.Campbell-Funeral.com.

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
8:54 a.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed.
2:26 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.
5:59 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.
9:32 p.m. Loading Place Rd., disturbance, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:00 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
10:28 a.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle towed.
6:43 p.m. Mill St., theft, spoken to. 8:21 p.m. Old Essex Rd., welfare check, report to follow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
6:57 a.m. Bridge St., fire

alarm, cleared, false alarm.
1:30 p.m. Lincoln St., animal complaint, notification made. 2:59 p.m. Bridge St, fire alarm, fire false. 9:00 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, other.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
10:07 a.m. Central St., animal complaint, notification made. 12:50 p.m. Beach St.,

community policing, assisted as needed. 6:13 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle lockout, assisted as needed. 9:47 p.m. Bridge St., motor vehicle complaint, spoken to.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
7:32 a.m. Lincoln St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:48 p.m. Route 128NB, disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. 3:17 p.m. Newport Park Rd., welfare check, assisted as needed. 4:30 p.m. Beach St., traffic hazard, assisted as needed.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
2:39 a.m. School St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 12:53 p.m. Church St., animal complaint, other. 3:41 p.m. Woodholm Rd., parking complaint, secured/checked. 6:51 p.m. Harbor St., welfare check, secured/checked.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
1:43 a.m. Tuck's Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 8:44 a.m. The Plains Rd, fire alarm, assisted as needed. 7:51 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 8:39 p.m. White Beach, suspicious activity, secured/checked.

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It's the downtown parade from Town Hall to Masconomo Park that has become a rite of passage for toddlers and parents, ending with a community outdoor party with games, food and Halloween fun.

The event has, for decades, been a partnership with the Manchester Parks & Recreation Dept., the Manchester Mothers Club and the Manchester Community Center. Earlier this year, the MCC lost its home when it fell out with the landlord, the Harbor's Point Condominium Association, and after losing in court the organization has—at least for now—gone dormant, prompting many to wonder if the events at the MCC would also go dormant.

This year, Heather Depriest of the MBTS Parks & Recreation Dept. reports the Wobblin' Gobbler has actually been expanded.



Ron Mastrogiacom

Participants are encouraged to meet in front of the Manchester Town Hall and take a picture at the photo-booth, sponsored by First Parish Church, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Then, starting promptly at 10 a.m., the parade begins, and the group in Halloween costumes will head down Union and Beach Streets, stopping by local businesses for some tasty treats. The parade concludes at Masconomo Park where there will be hayrides, pumpkin decorating, face painting, Library

Story Time, Vine Street cider donuts, and Felix's Family Farm Petting Zoo. The fun winds up at 11:30 a.m.

CPC lands Essex County, Crowell

Finally, the Manchester Community Preservation Committee last week agreed to ask voters at the Special Town Meeting on Nov. 18 to consider using \$250,000 of CPC funds to help Essex County Greenbelt acquire and permanently restrict 330 acres of woodland from the area around Dexter's Pond in Manchester up to Gloucester. CPC funding, which comes from a small surcharge on local real estate taxes and matched by the state—up to 100 percent,

depending on the year and the state's finances—must be used for either affordable housing, historic preservation, open space, and recreation. The proposal is a focus this week of Manchester Town Administrator Greg Federspiel's column on Page 3.

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FOR RENT
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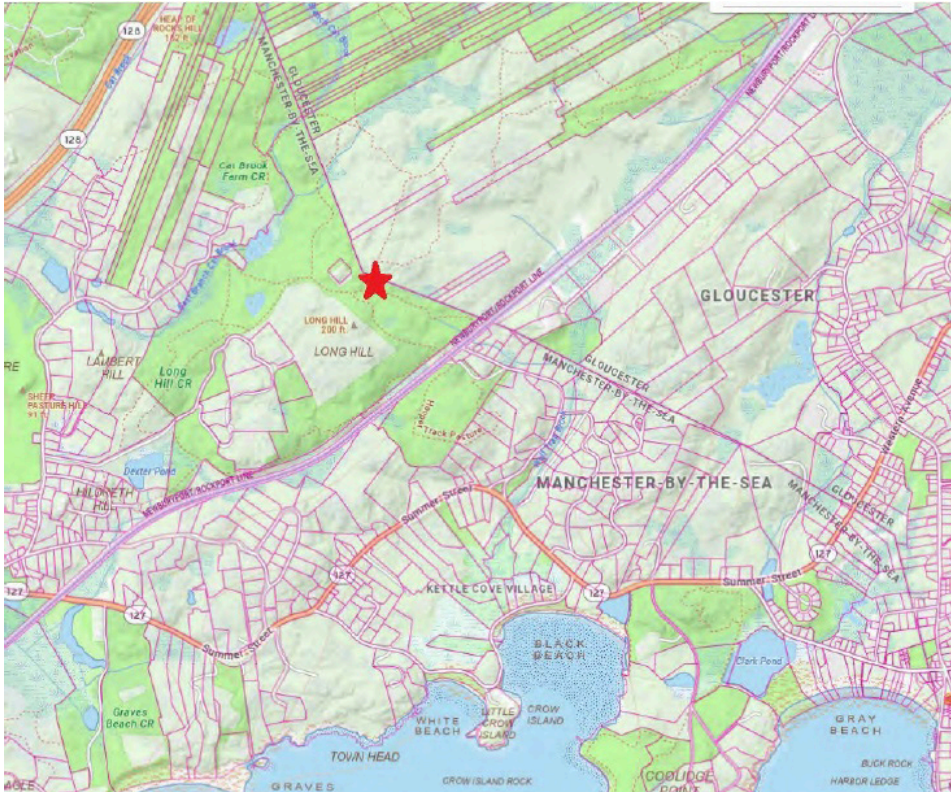
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Land Preservation Proposal at STM



Manchester's Community Preservation Committee last week finalized its recommendation to use \$250,000 of CPC funds to help Essex County Greenbelt acquire and permanently restrict 330 acres of woodland from the area around Dexter's Pond in Manchester up to Gloucester. Residents will be asked to approve the funding at the November 18 Special Town Meeting. Photo: Greenbelt



By Gregory T. Federspiel

While the main attraction to the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 18 at the high school is the proposed zoning overlay districts allowing multi-family housing in four small areas of town (note my article/blog from last week), there will be a handful of other articles that will come before voters.

Included will be revisions to the Town's stormwater bylaw that will bring us into compliance with EPA requirements, possible amendments to the Town's short-term rental bylaws, and a proposal to use Community Preservation Funds to support a large land conservation deal straddling the Manchester/Gloucester boundary line.

Essex County Greenbelt, a land conservation organization founded in 1961, has protected over 21,500 acres in the area. They have assembled a new opportunity to protect another 330 acres including land in the Long Hill part of town—near Colburn Road—and extending into Gloucester. Currently the land is owned by the DeNormandie family who have signed a purchase and sales agreement with Essex County Greenbelt. The organization has/is raising the bulk of the needed \$3 million to purchase the 330 acres but is seeking \$250,000 from the Town's Community Preservation Fund to close the deal by early 2025. Thus, the request is coming before voters now rather than waiting until the Annual Town Meeting in April.

The proposed acquisition is part of an expanse of forest land that links land owned by the City of Gloucester for drinking water protection, conservation land owned by the Town of Manchester at Dexter Pond, and existing parcels owned by Greenbelt and the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust (MECT). The headwaters of two Manchester streams, Cat Brook and Wolf Creek, originate in the project area. Discounting Route 128, the land connects with thousands of additional acres to the north into Essex, Manchester, and Gloucester creating a truly regionally important resource.

The Town's Master Plan identified the importance of preserving additional lands in this part of town in addition to the Western Woods near the Beverly boundary and the Gordon Woods.

Currently some 30% of the town is conserved. The gold standard is to have 40% of a community under conservation. The proposal has been endorsed by numerous town boards and committees, including the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, the Open Space and Recreation Committee and the Community Preservation Committee. Additional boards and committees are likely to weigh in as the date for the Special Town Meeting approaches.

A portion of Long Hill was protected back in the 1990's when the Town teamed up with MECT to protect 120 acres. This new request includes an unprotected 30-acre parcel at the top of Colburn Road. The conservation restriction alone for these 30 acres has been appraised at \$1.35 million. The Town is being asked to contribute \$250,000 toward this particular 30-acre parcel, a portion of the 330 total acres involved.

Upon closing, Greenbelt would take ownership of the 330 acres that would be permanently protected and open to the public for passive recreational purposes.

An extensive trail network already exists. Small improvements to existing parking spots along Colburn Road may be made for improved access from Manchester. For the Gloucester land, the City would hold the conservation restriction on the land. Manchester can do the same for lands in Manchester.

The bulk of the funding is coming from a state EEA Landscape Partnership Grant, private foundation funding and individual donations. The Select Board will continue their discussion of the proposal at their next meeting on October 21.

Back to the main attraction for the STM, 3(A) zoning amendments; the Planning Board, after making some additional adjustments based on resident comments and hearing positive feedback from the state, gave final approval to the proposal. They will host a formal public hearing on the proposal on Monday October 28. Additional public forums and presentations will continue right up until the Special Town Meeting on November 18th. Visit the Town's website for more information.



SELECT BOARD UPDATE

Town Hall Closed: On Monday, October 14 Town Hall will be closed in observance of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day. All trash, recycling, and compost will be delayed by one day.

Planning Board: The Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Dogs on the Beach: The official day that dogs can access Singing Beach is October 15. Please be responsible and clean up after your dog.

Cultural Council Grants: The deadline to apply for Cultural Council grants is October 16. To learn more

please visit manchester.ma.us/382/Cultural-Council.

MBTA Zoning: Be informed! Visit the MBTA Zoning page on the Town website to learn about the Special Town Meeting vote. An information table will also be at the Harvest Carnival on October 19. Please stop by to ask questions and give feedback.

Board of Health Tobacco Public Hearing: The Board of Health will review Tobacco Regulations on Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Chowder House Rentals: A lottery will be held for 2025 Chowder House rentals on Thursday, October 24 at 5 p.m. at Town Hall. First come, first serve. Non-

resident rentals will open on January 2, 2025

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

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WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO – 1934

The much-mooted question of a new state highway running from Beverly to Gloucester via Wenham and Manchester, received its first real impetus on Monday when Representative Frank L. Floyd of this town, filed a bill with the Clerk of the House of Representatives calling for the construction of such a highway by the State Department of Public Works.

The contractor on the rebuilding and protection of the bank at Singing Beach has made good progress, but there is still a man's sized job ahead of him.

75 YEARS AGO – 1949

Miss Dorothy Prest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Prest of School Street, was recently elected president of the Essex County Medical Technologists Association. She is head technician at Salem Hospital.

Harry Heath has broken ground for another new house on Pine Street, next to his own home.

60 YEARS AGO – 1964

On October 17th at 9:30 a.m. there will be a Family Hike to the Cheever Common Conservation area "via Pete Sheehan's Fire Rd." Hikers will meet at the corner of Pine Street and the ramp to Route 128. There is room to park on Pine Street.

Postmaster Jacob Greenberg and the Manchester Post Office staff were praised today in a letter from William H. Neal, National Director of the U.S. Savings Bonds Division, for their efforts in promoting the sale of U.S. Savings Stamps through the Treasury's School Savings Program.

45 YEARS AGO – 1979

Manchester broke its two-game losing streak Saturday with a 14-0 win over Norton. Manchester has now moved up to sixth place in the Mayflower League and is looking ahead to an even better standing.

On Sunday, October 14, the Manchester Conservation Trust is planning a family hike through the Conservation Wilderness Area north of 128 to see the woods as the Indians saw them in

the days white men settled in this area.

30 YEARS AGO – 1994

During the week of October 17th through October 21st, the children at Memorial School in Grades 3 through 6 will participate in standardized testing. The test battery is called the Comprehensive Testing Program. The Friends of the Trees were represented, at the Selectman's meeting, by Valle Nelson, who told the board that the Friends would like to plant three trees in the parking lot at Tuck's Point as a gift to the town commemorating the upcoming 350th anniversary celebration.

15 YEARS AGO – 2009

The first meeting of the Manchester Club's 104th year was held on Thursday, September 17th at the American Legion Hall on Church Street. The Varsity Field Hockey Lady Hornets had a challenging week facing Cape Ann Large schools but came out on top. The girls improved to 10-0 grabbing enough points to qualify them for tournament play.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
11 Fri	6:00	7.8	6:08	9.1	12:13	1.3	12:25	2.2	6:51	6:08
12 Sat	7:05	8.1	7:16	9.2	1:13	1.3	1:28	1.9	6:52	6:06
13 Sun	8:10	8.5	8:25	9.5	2:12	1.0	2:31	1.4	6:53	6:05
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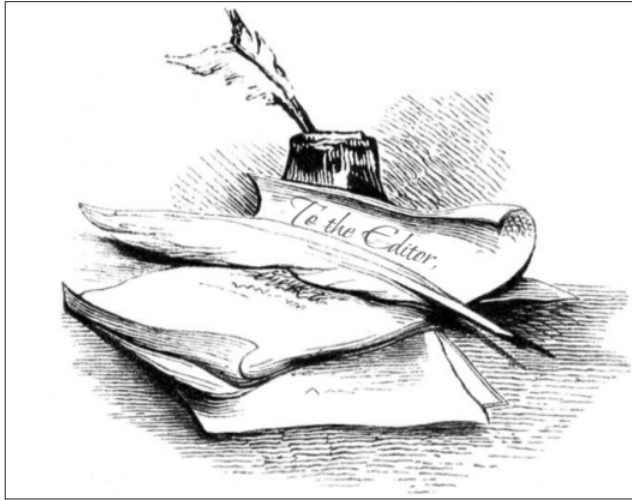
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Spaulding Education Fund: How Each of Us Can Help

To the Editor,

As an Essex resident, I'm proud of our excellent MERSD schools and strive to support public education in any way I can, knowing that strong schools are the backbone of our community.

I've been excited to see new life being brought to the Spaulding Education Fund (SEF), which funds grants for programs that enhance the academic curriculum of the Manchester Essex Regional School District.

The feature article in the 27 September edition of The Cricket titled "Fresh Energy at the Spaulding Education Fund" was informative, well-researched and eye-opening.

It showed what an incredible organization SEF is, and also the discrepancy in SEF's assets compared to surrounding towns. I know that Essex and Manchester can come together to bring SEF into a new era in which it has a robust endowment from which to fund grants to support MERSD students.

You might wonder—what can Manchester and Essex community members, business owners, leaders, parents, grandparents, and students do to support SEF?

Here's how each of us can help!

1. Be a part of SEF's biggest annual fundraiser, the Night of the Stars Talent Show, on Nov. 2. Auditions are right around the corner - 10/16 and 10/19. If you aren't up for being part of the show,

no problem—just purchase tickets and take in the incredible talent in our community from the audience. Early bird ticket pricing through October 25!

2. Make a general donation to support SEF, or become a Spaulding business sponsor. SEF currently has no endowment and relies upon the generous donations of residents and business owners in Manchester and Essex to fund grants to students!
3. Follow SEF on social media - their Instagram and Facebook pages are a great place to check out grants that have been funded, see SEF's future plans, share updates and reach out with ideas!

For more information or to donate, visit www.spauldingeducationfund.org.

I'm proud to be part of this community, and am looking forward to helping SEF as it supports MERSD students in becoming the most brilliant and brightest part of our future!

Betsy McKeen
Essex

Supporting the Spaulding Fund, and Its Future

'As parents of MERSD students, we thoroughly enjoyed your article, "Fresh Interest at the Spaulding Education Fund" (Manchester Cricket, 27 Oct. 2024) and wanted to offer two rounds of thanks.

First, thank you for the article, which expertly detailed the past, present, and future of the Fund.

Second, thank you to the Spaulding Fund itself and all of the volunteers who make it happen. We fully support its mission and look forward to its continued growth as it looks to raise \$1.5 million over the next 10 years.

The positive impact that this endowment will have across the community will benefit all of us far into the future.

Caroline and Brian Gressler
Essex

Vote "No" on MBTA / 3A Zoning

The following is a letter I sent today to the Gloucester City Clerk, Grace and City Councilors on behalf of Gloucester and Cape Ann.

I am requesting that you please vote 'no' on MBTA/3A plan for the city of Gloucester.

I have lived in this beautiful seaside city for 43 years and I cannot imagine the countless "plans/changes" that will forever change why I live here and why countless tourists visit this amazing city of Gloucester.

The natural resources of water, the sewage requirements, the traffic which is already quite challenging, the fire and police requirements, and the list goes on - who will pay for this? How will these needs be met? Why would this even be considered for this small community?

And most concerning - the reasons that most of us live here - the simple beauty of this island.

Please do not take away the beauty, the charm and small community living.

I remember when I was in

the fourth grade, I lived in Medford, and I lived in the projects. I knew nothing else at that time.

When we moved to Stoneham, I came alive, suddenly I was not playing on tar playgrounds or in the dump, void of trees and beauty.

I was riding my bicycle in nature's beauty, with fresh air, trees, grass, fields - I came alive.

I have no desire to return to 'urban living'!

Gloucester has always been that to me - teeming with the beauty that God created. His desire that this beautiful sparkling place would be for us and those who visit this island - to enjoy and love.

Hear the heart of the those who care, such as myself, for what could be called "progress," is not in my eyes.

For me it will remove the reason I live here, the small community and the beauty of the land.

Please vote "no."
Sincerely,

Donna Milham
Gloucester

MBTA / 3A Zoning Amendment Exacerbated Important Issues

When I moved to Gloucester 16 years ago, I was drawn by the raw beauty and deep sense of history of the island. This quaint New England fishing town has unique charm, which is part of the appeal for the tourists who help sustain its economy.

However, in the years since I first moved here, I have noticed cracks in the infra-

structure. The roads cannot handle the traffic of the thousands of cars that clog its streets - some of which have years old potholes. There's not enough parking for residents in most parts of town - many of whom work off the island and need the use of a vehicle. The lawlessness of drivers has reached such a level that it is dangerous to be on the roads. Rent is so high that anyone looking for an affordable place to live has to pay thousands of dollars a month and choose between necessary expenses such as utilities, groceries, vehicle payments and repairs, etc. - not to mention insurance rates, which continue to climb.

In short, it has become difficult and unaffordable to live here, even on a decent budget. I haven't even

mentioned the increasing number of power outages, the ancient sewer system, the drug epidemic, or the

homeless population. It seems to me that the city should be focused on dealing with these things before

considering adding thousands more to the population.

The MBTA/3A amendment would exacerbate these issues if implemented. I urge all residents and business owners of this beautiful historic city to consider the results of adding thousands more residents to this population. It is unsustainable, inconsiderate of the citizens who already live here, and is it not good stewardship of the land.

Sincerely,

Jan Brinton
Gloucester

LIBRARY NEWS



Felted Ghost.

Courtesy Photo)

This week at the library there is a virtual Haunted Experiences, Art exhibition and sale, Community Game Night, Pop-Up Art and more.

Library Closed
Monday, October 14th in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day

Open Sundays
Beginning October 20, the library will be open Sundays from 1-4 p.m.

Kids Plein Air Paint Out
Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. A free, family friendly plein air paint out with Cape Ann Art Haven at the library during Cape Ann Plein Air's 2024 Quick Draw. Kids learn the techniques plein air painters use to create beautiful outdoor scenes like the ones in the festival.

Mystery Book Group
Friday, October 25 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This October we are reading "Devil's Corner" by Lisa Scottoline.

Haunted Library Tours
Wednesday, October 23 at 5:30, 5:50, 6:10 and 6:30 p.m. The annual haunted library is excited to welcome you back for a ghoulishly good time. Take a tour of the library in its Halloween regalia, enjoy some treats and very few tricks. This is a family event appropriate for age 4 and above. Registration is required.

Haunted Experiences: Brett Bertolino at Thirtieth Floor Entertainment Group (Virtual)
Thursday, October 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join Brett Bertolino and Jeff DePaoli, host of "That Halloween Podcast", as they talk all about The

Queen Mary's Dark Harbor which has been named one of the Top 10 Most Haunted Places in America. Registration is required.

The Origins and Evolution of Project 2025 (Virtual)
Wednesday, October 23 from 7-8 p.m. Registrants will receive a video link of the recording within 48 hours of the event. Project 2025 has been in the news lately but, for some, it seemed to come out of nowhere. Join Professor Brian Conley of Suffolk University, as we delve into the history of this document and it's origins during the Reagan Years.

History of Shipwrecks with Retired Captain Greg Ketchen (Virtual)
Wednesday, October 24 from 1-2 p.m. This talk will focus primarily on, but not limited to, historic shipwrecks that have occurred south and east of Massachusetts. The region has been called the Graveyard of the North Atlantic with over 3,000 wrecks here since European sailors first began exploring the shores of the western Atlantic.

Medicare 101
Tuesday, October 22 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15-December 7. Planning for Medicare-Countdown to 65 is a no-cost seminar that helps you understand your Medicare health insurance options outside of your employer-sponsored coverage, whether or not you are planning to retire. Registration is encouraged but not 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.

Tai Chi: The Longevity Tree Tai Chi Location Changes
Every Wednesday from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Manchester local Susan Halpern will continue her weekly Tai Chi class for ages 18 and older. The class will be moving locations as the weather changes and only those who have completed the Safety Release Registration Form on the library's website, will get weekly location emails.

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.

Digital Advice Appointments on Monday and Drop In on Friday
Register for a dedicated session Mondays at 12 or 12:30 p.m. or drop in on most Fridays between 3-4 p.m. We have guidance for easy to moderate tech issues. Please bring your device, charger and any passwords associated with your device or project. This is a program to offer one on one instruction on how to better utilize your technology, we cannot do a tech project for you and certain issues will be outside of our digital expertise.

Mindfulness Meditation at the First Parish Church Meeting Room
Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-12 noon. Beginners and experienced meditators are wel-

come. There will be guided meditation, some silence, and discussion. Please register if this is your first time coming to this program. We need either an email or a phone number in case we need to cancel or change venues.

Shut Up and Write (Virtual)
Every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Join a community of writers and artists on Zoom who just want to write. Come any time. No need to share, no need to critique or be critiqued.

For Teens:

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
High school students who join the group will be involved in adding items to the library's collection, promoting special events, planning the annual Haunted Library and more. You will get community service hours for school and pizza. Contact Tom Russo, the YA librarian.

Pop Up Art School: Felted Ghost
Tuesday, October 15 from 4-5:30 p.m. Using just wool and a needle, you'll craft a decoration that'll put the "oooo" in boooo. Ages 11 and up.

Community Game Night
Thursday, October 17 from 4-6 p.m. All ages welcome. Snacks provided.

MPL Children's Events:

STEM Club
Thursday, October 25 from 4-5 p.m. This group meets every third Thursday from 4-5 p.m. and is for grades 4-6. Together we will code an Ozo Bot to do mazes, challenges and more.

Graphic Novel Club
Wednesday, October 30 from 4-4:45 p.m. We will talk about books, eat a snack, and do an activity based on the month's selection. This month's pick is "Saving Sunshine" by Saa-dia Faruqi.

Lego Time
Every Monday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Drop-in, unstructured Lego building fun, for ages six and up.

Little Learners Playgroup
Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. Join this weekly playgroup presented by Early Childhood Partners CFCE. Please register.

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

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A Bag Full of Hooks

The Wonderful World of Bob Ellis Orrall

By Kris McGinn

Art surrounds Bob Orrall, literally. Stepping into his home, your eyes are sort of frantically undecided as to which delightful painting/sculpture/cuckoo clock to study. It's everywhere. Which is kind of a perfect metaphor for Bob himself—creativity everywhere. His music, his art, his home, god knows his studio, and even his choice of eye wear and footwear—his life. Couple this with the fact that he seems to have unlimited energy, and you have a perfect recipe for an epically creative life.

And in Bob's case, it's a career that has been equally epic.

I am embarrassed to say that Bob found us. How we did not know that right under our noses here in Manchester was this marvelous man? After *The Cricket's Out & About on Cape Ann* summer supplement came out in May with a loose theme of "music," a package arrived at our office with a CD, material on the Robert Ellis Orrall band and an album, "Sunshine," with cover art that was a riot of all things 80s. It was from Bob Orrall.

Who is Bob Orrall? Even if you think you don't know him, you probably do. Through his prolific songwriting career in Nashville. So far, Bob has racked up over 300 cuts as a songwriter. Bob has written songs for Carlene Carter ("I Couldn't Say No" was his first Top 40 single), Shenandoah, and Clay Walker—both hit Number One on the pop charts. Then there's Reba McEntire, Lindsay Lohan, and Taylor Swift.

Bob was asked to work with Swift when she was just 13 years old. At the time, Bob's daughter was the same age, and Swift had a deal with RCA. Bob says he was "astounded" by Swift right away. She was totally clear about what kinds of songs she wanted. She was utterly in charge, an incredibly hard worker, and had enormous talent.

So they began. She would get dropped off after school and they would write, finishing two songs the first day they worked together. One year and a stack of songs later, Bob arranged a performance by Swift at the Bluebird Café, Nashville's famous scouting venue for record execs. He was sure she'd get



Bob's studio. (Photo: Kris McGinn)

a record deal, and Swift's father was just as sure she'd sell a million copies of her first album.

Swift got her deal, and Bob co-produced her debut album featuring three of their songs. That album, called "Taylor Swift," sold not one, but 10 million copies. Then Bob co-produced Swift's follow-up release "Beautiful Eyes," and the two releases hit both the Number One and Number Two album slots on the *Billboard* chart in the same week. Listening to him

tell the story, it is clear that Bob thinks the world of Swift, and I am guessing if we could ask her (Taylor, are you out there?) she would say the same of Bob.

But long before Taylor, there was Kook. Bob grew up in Lynnfield, Mass. As a sixth grader, he looked up to high schooler Kook Lawry, a "guitar god." After high school, around 1979, Bob was in his early twenties, writing songs, and ready to start a band. He plucked up his courage to approach Kook. Kook agreed.

They signed a three-record deal with RCA. They toured, opening for top bands like U2 and The Kinks. And just as the band was becoming hugely popular, their manager made a hot-headed decision to leave RCA, telling executives he was going to another label with his roster of talent, including the Robert Ellis Orrall band. Another label never happened, and Bob learned an important lesson about the music business. The band dissolved after a five-year run. Bob says it was not so much a break-up as "a give up."

So, Bob turned to what he knew and loved: songwriting. He had written more than 50 songs since high school, including one he was not totally embarrassed about, called "Christine," for a girl he'd met at school. Bob entered a songwriting contest and won first place. He also married Christine. So, with "Robert Ellis Orrall" on hold, Bob began heading to Nashville about once a month with what he called his "bag full of hooks," little bits and beginnings of songs that he would share with established songwriters to see if they might like to work together to finish it. Soon, Bob got a reputation around Nashville as a skilled songwriter who was a good person to work with—honest, generous, talented.

By 1990, he and Christine had moved to Nashville and Bob had his first Number One record (remaining there for three consecutive weeks). They fell in love with the city, made a home, and raised their three children.

Then, during COVID, Bob reached out to his dear friends from "Robert Ellis Orrall". His bandmates had all had gone on to have robust musical careers as session players and forming success-

ful bands of their own. David formed RTZ with Brad Delp and Barry Goudreau of the legendary band Boston. Kook formed Funbucket, a hugely popular North Shore band. They began sending tracks

An Evening with Robert Ellis Orrall, with an afterparty featuring Funbucket is Thursday, October 17 at The Cut in Gloucester. (Doesn't that technically make it a double bill?) Info at thecutlive.com.



Robert Orrall at home, 2024.

Photo: Kris McGinn



Robert Ellis Orrall Band back in the day. From left, Kook Lawry, Kook, Bob Orrall, David (standing), Don Walden, and David Stefanelli. Courtesy image

From there, Kook's friend Don Walden came in on bass, and David Stefanelli, a friend from Somerville, joined on drums, with Bob on keyboard. The band Robert Ellis Orrall was born.

At the time Bob and his wife lived at 45 School Street in Manchester. Today, Bob laughs that he was making about \$25/week and his wife, Christine, was the manager at the White Rainbow in Gloucester; they loved it. Before long, the band took off.



The Robert Ellis Orrall band's 2022 album, "467 Surf And Gun Club."

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ME Football Ready for Divisional Challenge After Snuffing Out Brighton



Gang tackle! Count the white helmets (5) on and around the Brighton runner during Friday's home game at Hyland Field. The Hornets showed up to play and delivered a 50-8 win against the Bengals. ME stands at 3-1-0 for the season.

Smith scored rushing touchdowns, while Nick Glass and Satchel Rubin also provided rushing attempts.

"That is one benefit when the score gets out of range early is that we get to mix in second string guys that haven't seen too many reps this year," explains Grimes. "We've been in three tight games leading up to this so we really hadn't tapped the bench too much but it was awesome to see those guys get varsity reps and have some success."

He continues: "In particular, Josh Smith was able to get in the endzone after missing his entire sophomore year with a broken leg. He's been working his tail off to get back in football shape and hasn't seen many varsity offensive reps but he did a good job out there on Friday when called upon."

The Hornets are hoping to find similar success in their next game, a home contest against Cape Ann League foe Ipswich on October 11 (6:30 p.m., Hyland Field).

"They are coming in hot after their first W of the season and we expect them to come shooting out of a cannon on Friday," Grimes says of the Tigers. "Even though we just re-joined the CAL, we've played Ipswich almost every year going back years, so we have familiarity with their schemes and personnel, which helps. They are well-coached and play tough and showed a healthy balance between run and pass games against Essex Tech -- which we'll need to defend with toughness and discipline -- but I think our boys are up for the challenge."

Manchester Essex is 3-1 heading into the Ipswich contest, and a strong focus on the fundamentals has been key to the team's fast start. The Hornets will need to keep that up against the Tigers, who were winless prior to picking up their first victory of 2024 by beating Essex Tech by a 28-19 score on October 4.

"We need to play with discipline and play our brand of football," explains Grimes. "In every game I ever coached, the team that blocks better, tackles better and takes care of the football is always the team with the best chance to win, and that should be the case Friday night. Despite their record, they are very capable of pulling out a win against anyone who underestimates them and we're preparing for a great battle come Friday."

By Jason Brisbois

As the turnovers quickly turned into points, the Manchester Essex football team's game against Brighton quickly turned into a rout.

"We were the beneficiaries of a couple early turnovers that put us on a short field on two of our first three possessions, which helped us get a number on the board quickly," explains Manchester Essex coach Joe Grimes. "That always is a good thing and it allowed us to really lean into our game plan and set the tone for the first half."

By halftime, the Hornets were up 34-0 primarily thanks to that dominating defense and opportunistic offense. Offensive/defensive linemen Chris Glass and Nate Powers pulled triple duty, sparking the defensive push up front to help create turnovers, blocking for a handful of different players to help keep possession of the ball on offense and chipping in to buoy the kicking game on special teams with senior captain and usual kicker Cian Brennock out of the lineup for the evening.

"Cian Brennock missed



Cheer Squad greets the Manchester Essex Hornets football team as they enter the field for their match up with Brighton. (Photos Paul Clark)

the game with an injury and Chris and Nate did a remarkable job filling Cian's shoes," says Grimes. "There were some really great plays made by the defensive line led by Chris Glass and Nate Powers."

The lopsided, 50-7 victory over Brighton gave Grimes a chance to dive into the depth chart on the roster and get everyone involved. Freshman Nick Glass also helped out with kickoff duties in the

win, forcing two touchbacks. On offense, 10 different players carried the ball on the ground, including rushing leader Gabe Magee (80 yards and a touchdown), Conrad Garfield (65 yards, touch-

down), Zach Hurd (54 yards), Jacob Zachareas (39 yards), Kevin Heim (33 yards) and Noah Cohen (30 yards, including one touchdown run and one touchdown reception). Andrew Cahill and Josh

Hornets Nest

Field Hockey

Field hockey had another stellar week, with wins both against Amesbury (6-0) and

Gloucester (2-0). We are proud to be 8-1-1!

Against Amesbury, we came out strong despite play-

ing on a grass field, which typically slows down our momentum. Goals were scored by Fiona Flynn, Kiernan Day (2), Maya Frangioso, Sarah Broadbent, and Katie Crompton. We're incredibly proud to have had 5 different scorers in this match! Also shout out to Maeve McArdle for her performance in net this week, both in the 2nd half against Amesbury (0 shots) and in our full game against Gloucester while senior captain Brigid Carovillano was on a college visit.

Against Gloucester, we overcame a difficult and scoreless first quarter, scoring 2 goals in the 2nd quarter within minutes. Abby Kent and Laila Mears both had incredible goals. Abby's came from dribbling through 3 different defenders and smashing it by their strong GK. Laila's sharp stick earned her the deflection. Recognition is due for Hannah Davis and Kiernan Day for their strong sticks, essentially halting Gloucester's transition play after play. As a team, we played with poise, confidence, and skill. We are look-



ME Hornet Kiernan Day charges the Essex Tech goal on Monday night's home game. The tight challenging game ended with a tie against the Hawks, 1-1. As of press time ME is 8-1-2 with 8 shut outs..

Photo Paul Clark

ing forward to a big week of

games next week!

Silva 8th, Whitney Turner 9th, Kalin Bennett 11th, and Hayden Remington 12th. Gage Desmond and Aubrey Blazard made great improvements in their times. Hornets host Amesbury in their final dual meet on Wednesday at Ravenswood Park.

In the Hornets Nest runs weekly, with contributions from the Hornets coaching staff.

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Cross Country

Despite the Generals' overwhelming victories, the Hornets still ran well at last Wednesday's Cross Country meet. The boys lost 44-15 and the girls lost 45-16.

Scoring for the boys were Henry Stevens 6th, Lyall Cunningham 8th, Gus Hall 9th, Matt Ala 10th and James Aloï 11th. Scoring for the girls was Sabine Cooper 5th, River

ESSEX ECHO.

Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of October 7, 2024
Report covers from September 21, 2024 to October 4, 2024

Essex Council on Aging Town-Wide Community Needs Survey

The Council on Aging (COA) is conducting the subject survey in conjunction with the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston, a project funded by the Community Compact Grant Program. The COA is working to get a much better sense of community needs associated with aging and will use the results of the survey and the overall study to plan for the future. The survey may be accessed at www.essexma.org/coasurvey.

Housing Production Plan Kickoff Meeting Summary

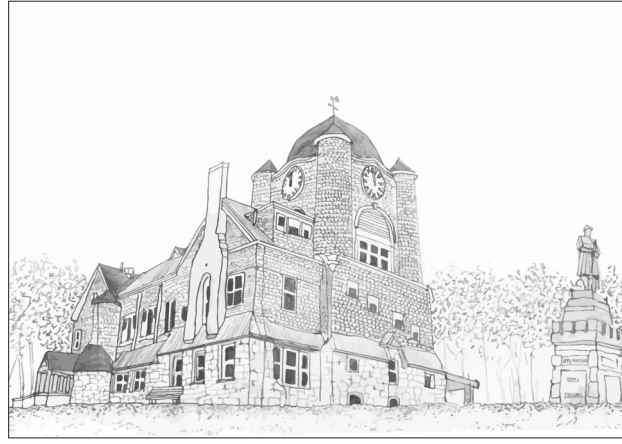
Chairman Pereen (who also chairs the Essex Affordable Housing Trust), Town Planner Valerie Massard, and the Town Administrator (TA) participated in an initial meeting with personnel from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) with respect to the development of a Housing Production Plan (HPP) for the Town on October 2, 2024. A HPP is a strategy for developing affordable housing in line with Chapter 40B of the General Laws. The HPP will help Essex to: understand local housing needs and demand; identify development constraints and opportunities; develop a vision for future housing; and demonstrate progress towards affordable housing production. The Trust is utilizing funds from its own account for the project and MAPC is contributing \$5,000 in in-kind technical services.

At the kickoff meeting, we established that I would give MAPC personnel a tour of the Town on October 8, 2024 and that MAPC personnel will also attend a meeting of the Essex Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) on October 10, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall. MAPC will go over the process and goals with the AHT, including discussion of project branding, convening of an expert panel, and community outreach strategies. Eventually, the HPP must be officially approved by both the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

Recommendation: Board discussion as necessary. B. Computer Systems

Safety Committee Meeting Summary

The TA participated in the subject meeting as a member of the Committee on September 26, 2024. Chairman Pereen was also in attendance. The meeting featured a discussion with respect to the successful grant from our insurer to fund a portion of our new Network Video Recorder at the police station and new video surveillance system at the Centennial Grove. A number of training goals were discussed and we will again attempt to get our insurer's driving simulator back to Essex for hands-on



fire, police, and DPW training.

Essex River Dredging Project Pre-Construction Conference Summary

Selectman Ingaharro, Chief of Police Francis, Harbormaster Fialho, and the TA participated in the subject conference on September 27, 2024. The Army Corps of Engineers hosted the conference at the Essex Town Hall and reviewed project expectations with personnel from the selected dredging contractor. The contractor (Atlantic Coast Tug & Marine) explained that work should commence on or about October 11, 2024. Work will proceed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Work lights will be visible on the river at night and limited noise (mostly the humming of generators and diesel engines) is expected.

The official public notice has appeared in the Gloucester Daily Times and has also been posted at the Town website and several Facebook feeds. The contractor intends to clear some shallow spots on the way in from Ipswich Bay to Essex Harbor. Work will most likely begin in the harbor, since the organic dredge spoil from that area has to go to an approved offshore disposal site (25 miles away) and the contractor would like to make those long trips during the best weather conditions. The contractor will likely then work out toward the mouth of the river, where dredge spoil will be sandy material, which will be disposed of at a nearshore site off of Annisquam. The contractor will complete all Federal work prior to any private marina work (if the contractor is separately hired by the marinas for private work).

Third Bid Attempt for Improvements to Public Water Supply Wells

As the Board is aware, the Town already went out to bid for improvements to its three public water supply wells twice in the past (second attempt pared down the scope) and bids were above the available funding. The project scope has been pared down again and the project has been put out to bid for a third time. The pre-bid conference will occur on October 16, 2024 and filed sub-bids are due on October 28, 2024. General bids are due on November 4, 2024 and the Board will consider awarding a contract that evening. It is likely that the available funding

will cover the base bid items and that additional funding would be necessary to cover one or both of the bid alternates. Depending on the pricing received on the alternates, it is possible that the Fall Town Meeting could approve Town funding to augment the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that will be covering the base bid (and a portion of the alternates).

Generator Enclosure Latch Replacement

The original latch bar on the Town Hall generator enclosure door (about seven years old) sheared off and the door was no longer able to be latched. As such, the TA removed the original latch hardware and installed a new latch system.

Memorial Park Restrooms

The TA has reminded the police department and our Town Property Custodian that the Memorial Park restrooms will be open only Thursday through Sunday during the month of October and will close for the season on November 1, 2024.

Conomo Point Seasonal Coordination

We have made arrangements for our marine contractor to remove for the season the ramp, float, and seasonal water access stairs at the Conomo Point Park and the Selectmen's Assistant will have the portable toilet at Conomo Lane removed by November 1, 2024.

Centennial Grove Seasonal Coordination

The YMCA will remove the swim float at the Centennial Grove Beach and the DPW will move the float upslope for the winter. The Selectmen's Assistant will have the portable toilets at the Grove removed by November 1, 2024. The TA will make arrangements with our plumbing contractor to winterize the Grove cottage after October 15, 2024 and our sprinkler contractor will winterize the Field of Dreams irrigation system on October 24, 2024. The DPW will winterize the summer water lines at the Grove in the near future.

Quarterly Facility Self-Inspection Checklist

The TA completed the subject checklist for the Town Hall during the week of September 30, 2024. The checklist is intended to identify and correct any safety issues that are found. Other de-

partments complete similar inspections of other Town buildings and findings are discussed at quarterly Safety Committee meetings. This quarter, the TA commented on our repair to a basement window and the replacement of a latch on the generator enclosure.

Folsom Pavilion/Centennial Grove Update

Chairman Pereen and the TA visited the Centennial Grove along with Economic Development Chair Harris and Folsom Pavilion project coordinator and benefactor Dan Mayer on October 4, 2024. The Folsom Pavilion is almost complete and may soon have at least a temporary occupancy permit to allow use for the rest of this season. Mr. Mayer has continued to remove dead trees and has coordinated the planting of new trees using trees paid for by Scott Energy. He has also coordinated site grading and access and the Grove is shaping up very well. Construction of the post and beam restroom facility that will be located adjacent to the Folsom Pavilion will commence this fall and Mr. Mayer will also coordinate that effort.

Auditor's Field Visit

The Town's municipal auditor, Powers & Sullivan, had personnel on site in the Essex Town Hall during the week of September 23, 2024 to conduct field work associated with the fiscal year 2024 municipal audit. The Town Accountant and TA provided the team with numerous documents and participated in various interviews.

Great Marsh Resiliency Update and Legislative Briefing

Selectman Phippen and the TA attended the subject event in Ipswich on September 30, 2024. The event was coordinated by Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Kristin Kassner and featured overviews from various organizations working on innovative projects to project the Great Marsh from seal level rise and future storminess. Area State legislators also provided their perspective on the importance of these efforts and Governor Healy and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll were both present to offer remarks. Selectman Phippen and the TA discussed the progress that DEP regulations have made recently with the DEP Commissioner and the TA was able to speak directly to the Governor with respect to the Town's goals for coastal resiliency.

Continued Review of Fall Town Meeting Warrant

The TA has revised the draft Fall Town Meeting Warrant in accordance with the Board's guidance from the last meeting. The Planning Board has developed its first draft of proposed articles concerning definitions, permitted uses, and zoning districts as well. The Board will consider the signature of the

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library



Weekly Pre-School story hour kicked off with stories and a craft about possums. Children were all smiles. (Courtesy Photo)

Library Closed

Monday, October 14th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Library open Saturdays

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

All About Bats with Mass Wildlife (Virtual)

Thursday, October 17 at 7 p.m. Register for the Zoom link.

Haunted Lighthouses of New England (Virtual)

Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. with Jeremy D'Entremont, President and Historian of the American Lighthouse Foundation.

Pet Loss Grief Support

Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. Join certified Pet Loss Grief Support Specialist Maria Andrews, to find validation and support as you grieve, or anticipate, the loss of a pet. No registration required. Feel free to bring photos or mementos of your loved one.

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, October 28 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "The Heiress" by Rachel Hawkins.

Regional Social Worker

Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon in the first-floor meeting room. Free, private, and confidential, learn about resources, gain strategies and skill to assist in stress reduction and management. No appointment necessary.

Messy Glue Ghosts

Thursday, October 24 at 4 p.m. for teens, grades 6-12. Join us to make your very own ghost.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

No report.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

No report.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:50 a.m. Lufkin St., property damage, report to follow.
11:46 a.m. Eastern Ave., suspicious activity, secured/checked.
1:20 p.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle crash, report to follow.
10:53 p.m. Southern Ave., parking complaint, spoken to.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:57 a.m. Southern Ave., agency assist, assisted as needed.
12:17 p.m. Eastern Ave., welfare check, spoken to.
2:23 p.m. Pleasant St., erratic operator, gone on arrival.
7:47 p.m. Western Ave., utility request, notification made.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:34 a.m. Story St., selective enforcement, assisted as needed.
1:07 p.m. John Wise Ave., theft, assisted as needed.
5:22 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, arrest.
8:24 p.m. Haskell Court, welfare check, secured/checked.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:22 a.m. Eastern Ave., animal complaint, other.
12:52 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, public assist.
2:25 p.m. Water St., parking complaint, spoken to.
11:07 p.m. Chebacco Terrace, male with chest pain, transported to hospital.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:27 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.
9:38 a.m. Main St., parking complaint, parking enforcement.
4:29 p.m. Tree Hill, fire alarm, fire false.
7:26 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

ESSEX SENIOR LIVING | Oct 11

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

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

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

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

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

Fitness Fun with Gil: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: Start your day 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 regis-

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

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AT HOME NOW: Are ADU's 4U?



By Jen Coles

I have long been obsessed with discovering how people live in small spaces. One year for my birthday, I dragged my husband and four young children to the RV show at the convention center in Boston. And I wasn't even really in the market for an RV. I thought the kids would enjoy popping into all these little dwellings, but they really weren't. And soon enough my kids were on the sidelines holding soft pretzels and popcorn while my then-husband drank a beer. They were just waiting me out.

And don't even get me started on house boats! Along the marsh side of Ipswich, the landscape is just littered with them. Some of them completely homemade—just a shed on a raft made with old oil tanks welded together. And others look like they belong on a lake in the Midwest—kind of kitschy and cool in a tri-level, 1960's type of way. And still others look like full throttle homes - with gingerbread detailing, generators, kitchens, and a large back deck. Do their sheets get damp at night, I wonder? Do their kids wear life preservers just all the time? Would you feel cooped up if you were on it for a weekend, even with the views?

I digress, but you can now imagine my excitement when Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) became a hot topic in Massachusetts. Starting this February, recent legislation will allow all single-family homes to build one, if they meet the requirements. Hey, that's right around the corner! Undoubtedly, there are still more questions than answers on how this will all pan out, and I can't begin to shed any light on the policy end of things, but I can on

their design and construction. I mean, it's almost like having a houseboat in your backyard, right?

But let me first qualify that by saying that ADU's can be lots of things. In my head I always think of them as cute little freestanding units, but they don't have to be that. They can be accessory apartments, in-law suites, granny flats, a basement or garage conversion, or an attached addition to your existing home. They are related to the Affordable Homes Act and are meant to provide relief to the housing shortage. They can't be more than 900 square feet, and they are not to be used for short-term rentals. Other states have used them, California most notably, and have found them to be successful so their popularity is spreading.

This will be welcome news for you homeowner's that have had to carefully refer to that additional space in your basement as an in-law or an au-pair suite. Yup, you could have them, but zoning prevented you from ever renting them. But don't start writing that Zillow listing yet. Make sure you understand what's involved with getting an occupancy permit for that rental. Safety standards must be adhered to, especially the need for two egresses which can trip-up some existing basement or attic apartments.

As a designer, I've worked on building out small spaces more and more in recent years. They are fun to work on, in a sudoku-puzzle sort of way, because they can be tricky for sure. I can sneak bed space in easily enough, but kitchens and bathrooms are more challenging. And I guess my biggest take-away from that experience is that you are actually building a house. It may be a small house, but it's still a house.

So, all the sub-contractors



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you need for a full-sized house, (plumbing, sewer, electric, HVAC, insulation, roofing, siding, etc.) you will still need for this cute, little, it's-no-big-deal, it's-practical-a-shed, ADU. And because of this, they are surprisingly expensive to build. So, it sometimes comes down to, how bad do you want it? Because even though it sounds fun and easy, you may be surprised by how long it will take for that rental income to offset the construction costs.

But everyone's situation is different. Maybe you are an empty-nester, and you are the one who will be living in the ADU while renting your larger home, which will in turn pay for your warm weather escape down south.

Or maybe your young family has grown to the point that you absolutely need an ADU to use as a home office for now but will rent it down the road. All that sheds a new light on your ADU financials.

Are there lower cost alternatives? Well, ADU's are a hot topic on the internet, and for a low investment you can buy yourself a set of plans suitable for permitting. You'll of course need to be an intrepid do-it-yourselfer, and it's not something I would take on. But some of you will ... and will undoubtedly succeed.

Also, there are prefab options. They run the gamut on cost and on how much is included. For instance, some of the larger shed companies

are promoting their wares as ADU's. But many of those come as just a framed shell (otherwise known as a shed,) so once again there's still lots of work involved with getting it up and running.

But keep googling, because they also sell these ready-to-assemble kits. You can even buy them from Amazon or Wayfair, and their computer-generated pics make them look ok, I guess. But for my money, here in New England, I would buy something sturdy. I would probably choose a reputable, prefabricated company that guarantees an airtight finished product, complete with a kitchen and bath. No kits for me, I would want it turn-key and ready to go. Luckily there are plenty of those companies to choose from.

And let's quickly talk about prefab homes, because I think they get an undeserved bad rap. True they once represented the cheapest way to put up cookie-cutter house

after cookie-cutter house. But many companies have come a long way—you just have to find the right ones. Their designs can be varied and well-thought out. And there is something to be said (especially in New England) for building the bulk of your home in a controlled, indoor environment with craftsmen that do nothing but work on these particular houses all day long. Plus, they are in a position to negotiate good prices for their supplies and many of them use environmentally friendly products.

The turnkey, prefab ADU's come in all shapes and sizes. From shingled New England-style to Scandinavian-style A-frames, to some that are just made of glass and steel. You just have to figure out what's right for you. Additionally, try looking up "prefab park models." It's an interesting little niche market of companies building cottage/cabins for campgrounds and national parks.

But all that said, the question still remains, will a prefab unit be cheaper than one that is stick-built? Well, by the time you use a reputable prefab company, do the site work, get it installed, and hook it up to all its services? I guess I would tend to say, usually yes—it will be a little less expensive. But probably not the savings you anticipated. Because at the end of the day, you are building a house. It may be a small house, but it's still a house.

And by the way, if anyone hears about an ADU expo at the convention center, please let me know. I'd be all-in. And if I see you there, I'll spring for the popcorn and beer.

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In the Drivers Seat Mercedes E-Class: A Changing of the Luxury Sedan Guard?

By Steve Schutz

The Mercedes E-Class was updated just last year, and it continues to be a great choice for upscale customers looking for an understated luxury sedan that's safe and provides a very good driving experience in all circumstances.

For many years I would describe the E-Class as "the" go-to car for successful professionals just entering their peak earning years—think 42-year-old attorney who just made partner.

While that was true about 10-20 years ago, I don't think it's the case anymore as that demographic has almost completely turned their back on sedans and moved to SUVs and crossovers. Don't believe me? When's the last time you saw an attorney who just made partner buy a sedan? It's been a long time for me, and probably for you too. These days I'd put my money on a Porsche, BMW, or Rivian SUV rather than a BMW 5-series or Mercedes E-class.

It's a shame really. Mid-size luxury sedans like the Mercedes E-class are still excellent vehicles after all, as I re-discovered during my time with the latest E450.

There are two E-class sedans available for 2025, the entry level E350, which starts at around \$63,000 and the more lux E450 which maxes out at just under \$75,000.

Under the E350's hood is a turbocharged 2.0-liter, four-



The 2025 Mercedes E450.

Courtesy image

cylinder engine that pairs with a 23-HP electric motor for a combined 255HP. The E450 model gets a similar hybrid setup for its turbo-charged 3.0-liter inline-six, which brings the total to 375HP. Car and Driver says that the hybrid systems reduce turbo lag and smooth the operation of the auto start/stop system, and I'd say that's right.

Fuel economy is 24 MPG City and 33 MPG Highway for the E350 and 22/31 for the E450.

An adjustable air suspension is optional and replaces the steel-spring arrangement

that comes standard, but both setups provide impeccable ride quality and good handling. I'd skip the more complicated air system and its added complexity, honestly.

Rear-wheel steering (RWS) is also available, and it noticeably improves maneuverability in tight spaces. I had to drive my test car through a tight parking garage and found RWS to be very helpful.

The E450 is an excellent daily driver, which has always been the case for E-class cars and is an important reason that they've historically been

so popular. Running errands in town, ferrying friends to a restaurant for dinner, and zipping along the highway are no sweat for this car. And driving an E-class will always be better than wrestling with a similarly priced SUV. Plus, parking is significantly easier in a mid-size sedan than in an SUV or pickup truck.

The only downside of the E450 driving experience in my opinion is that it's a 1990s car in a 2020s world, which means that you'll usually be surrounded by SUVs and trucks, and that can be claustrophobic.

Despite its relatively di-

minutive size, the E450 sedan retains all of the safety bonafides for which Mercedes is famous. Obviously, I didn't have the "opportunity" to try out any of Mercedes' myriad safety features during my time in the E450, but I appreciate that automatic braking, latest-tech airbags, a time-tested safety cage, and much more are all present in every Mercedes E-class sedan.

So is plenty of luxury, particularly inside the cabin. China is Mercedes' biggest market these days so their preferences matter more than ours, which is

why there's plenty of bling throughout the E450's interior. Ditto for prominent mood lighting (in a variety of colors that you can configure yourself) and tech galore.

I wish there were more buttons and less touchscreens in cars these days but, sigh, Chinese (and younger American) luxury car buyers have spoken, and driving a modern car is becoming more and more like interacting with your phone.

Before we wrap this up, we should touch on the new E-class' exterior design. Bling in the form of prominent badging and extroverted front and rear light housings are present (for the reason noted above), but so is, interestingly, an attempt to tie Mercedes' most mainstream sedan visually to its controversial all-electric EQ sedans. The E-class now looks rounder than it did before, and its grille is smaller and less expressive. Presumably some of that is to optimize aerodynamics, but I think part of it is the stylists at Mercedes trying to say, "hey, how ugly can the EQ models be if they look a little like the new E-class?"

The new 2025 E-class sedans bring all the luxury, driving goodness, and safety you expect from Mercedes and adds lots of tech and efficiency. It's a shame most buyers at this price point will choose more boring SUVs or crossovers instead of one of these excellent sedans.

Daisy's Beach Day at Singing Beach A Fundraiser for Manchester's Comfort Dog

Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA - The Manchester Police Department is kicking off dogs on the beach season with a special community fundraiser for Daisy the Comfort Dog on Monday, October 14 from 1 PM to 4 PM at Singing Beach. Dogs are not allowed on Singing Beach until October 15 each year however, the Town has given special permis-

son for dogs (and owners) to access Singing Beach a day early for a \$10 donation per canine.

All proceeds from this event will go towards the cost of taking care of Daisy such as veterinary needs, food, supplies, and training. Daisy's care is funded entirely through community donations. Tickets can be purchased online at manchester.ma.us/465/Town-Bills. Please

put "Daisy's Beach Day in the memo field and bring your emailed receipt to the event. Tickets purchased at the beach on October 14 will be cash or check only. Please note: Dogs are only allowed on the beach for the duration of the event on October 14. No dogs before 1 PM and no dogs after 4 PM.

Daisy, a 10-month-old yellow labrador, was adopted by the Manchester Police

Department in April 2024. She lives with Officer Andrea Locke who is the SRO (School Resource Officer) at the Manchester Essex Regional School District. Daisy is currently in active service and provides general support for the students, faculty, and staff of MERSD, as well as the town's senior population. The K-9 also will serve as a department ambassador during community events.



Daisy, the Manchester Police Dept. comfort dog. Courtesy image



Senior Sammy Bothwell celebrates his goal against Amesbury. The Hornets took the match 5-0 against the Red Hawks. Putting ME at 7-2-1 at this point in the season. (Photo Paul Clark)

PUBLIC NOTICE



Town Hall
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SELECT BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on proposed amendments to the Manchester-by-the-Sea Zoning By-Laws.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. The Planning Board will meet in Room 5, Town Hall. The Public is welcome to join the Board in Room 5 or on Zoom. Zoom meeting information will be posted in the October 28, 2024, Planning Board public meeting agenda.

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed new Section 9.4, to create a new Community Housing Overlay District that would allow as-of-right multifamily housing in accordance with Section 3A of the Zoning Act (MGL Chapter 40A) subject to site plan review by the Planning Board, and to amend the Zoning Map of Manchester-by-the-Sea to incorporate the Community Housing Overlay District Maps. There are four proposed overlay districts. The proposal would also amend Section 2.0 ("Definitions") by inserting several new definitions into the Zoning By-Laws.

The Proposed Community Housing Overlay District Zoning By-Law, the proposed Overlay District Maps, and the proposed amendments to Section 2 ("Definition") of the Zoning By-Laws are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and are available for inspection and review during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, and on the Manchester-by-the-Sea website.

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Oct. 11, 2024 MC
Oct. 18, 2024 MC

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

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

New Application

Application of the Carlos Delgado, 21 Rockwood Heights Road, for a Special Permit under Sections 5.3, 7.2, and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law to reconstruct the house and extend an existing encroachment into the side setback, at 21 Rockwood Heights Road, Assessor's Map 32, Lot No. 126 in District C filed with the Town Clerk on August 29, 2024.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Public Hearing Notice

The Manchester Board of Health will be holding a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 24, 2024 to review proposed amendments to the existing "Environmental Tobacco, Marijuana, Electronic Delivery Regulation" and "Regulation Prohibiting the Manufacture, Sale, or Distribution of Synthetic Cannabinoids" Copies of the existing regulation and proposed amendments are available on the Town website: www.manchester.ma.us as well as at the Manchester Board of Health Office (Town Hall 10 Central Street Manchester, MA). The proposed updates and amendments include division of the existing regulation into the following separate regulations:

- 1.) Regulation Restricting Sale of Tobacco Products
- 2.) Regulation Prohibiting the

Manufacture, Sale, or Distribution of Synthetic Cannabinoids

3.) Regulation Restricting the Sale of Marijuana and Marijuana Products

4.) Regulation Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces and Other Places

Members of the public are welcome to participate in the hearing, which will be begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2024 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room #5 of Town Hall and by Zoom meeting platform. The Zoom link will be made available on the Town website www.manchester.ma.us. Anyone with questions may contact the Board of Health office at 978 526 7385.

Peter Colarusso, Chairperson
Manchester Board of Health

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- 14. Invoice qty.
- 15. Fox crime drama, 2005-2017
- 16. *Baseball player's representative
- 17. Pastrami's partner
- 18. With irregular edge
- 19. *Last year's World Series winners
- 21. *Brave contender
- 23. Certain tray content
- 24. Fail to mention
- 25. Nocturnal flyer
- 28. Team homophone
- 30. *Last year's MVP Corey __
- 35. Iranian monarch
- 37. Proactiv target
- 39. "Superman" star
- 40. Head of family
- 41. Button-up or button-down
- 43. Singles
- 44. Graduates
- 46. Symphony member
- 47. *Number in a baseball lineup
- 48. Say again
- 50. Brezhnev's country
- 52. PST plus three
- 53. Mouth off
- 55. Brewed beverage
- 57. *Fall __
- 61. *Two-time World Series MVP winner in 1970s
- 65. Two under on one hole in golf
- 66. Brewed alcoholic beverage
- 68. Grind down
- 69. #72 Across, in the olden days
- 70. *2003 World Series winner or Marvel leader, Stan
- 71. Plural of #62 Down

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- 72. Eject
 - 73. __ excellence
 - 74. Noise of contempt
- DOWN**
- 1. 1984, e.g.
 - 2. Pond plant
 - 3. Right to a property
 - 4. Polynesian kingdom
 - 5. Affirm to be true
 - 6. TV's "Storage __"
 - 7. Comedian Schumer
 - 8. Iron setting
 - 9. Bora __
 - 10. Any day now, formerly
 - 11. Superlative of better
 - 12. Not in port
 - 15. Loud singer
 - 20. Actress __ Perlman, pl.
 - 22. __ the season!
 - 24. Double-decker
 - 25. Wilde of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" fame
 - 26. Blue or gray swimmer
 - 27. Drink like a cat (2 words)

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Solutions on Page 11

- 29. Reply from a tunnel
- 31. Eon, alt. sp.
- 32. Robin Williams in "Aladdin"
- 33. 0 and 2, e.g.
- 34. Set to zero
- 36. *Touch to score
- 38. Son of Aphrodite
- 42. T in Ferrari TR
- 45. Uses #53 Across
- 49. __ Chi
- 51. Break for Congress
- 54. Dandruff manufacturer
- 56. Ohio city
- 57. __ pit
- 58. Nordic native
- 59. Malaria symptom
- 60. A whole bunch
- 61. Crowd's derision
- 62. Performer's time to shine
- 63. Aroma
- 64. Egg holder
- 67. Grazing field

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serve!

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as www.mecatholic.org
 Sunday Mass-8:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church - Sat-

urday Vigil Mass-5 p.m.
 Sunday Mass-10 a.m.

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Heartworm Disease

PETS AND PEOPLE



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

Heartworm disease causes lasting damage to the heart, lungs and arteries, and can affect the dog's health and quality of life long after the parasites are gone.

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets in the USA and many other parts of the world. It is caused by worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs.

In Manchester-by-the-Sea, even though we have treated cases over the years, we have not been one of the states where it has been common. However, recent events have modified my view. Over the last several years there have been several horrific natural disasters. Puerto Rico was devastated by two hurricanes and several southern states experienced natural disasters of epic proportions.

The sequel to these events is the migration of a multitude of dogs that have come to us for adoption from geographic areas where the disease is more prevalent. As an example, following Hurricane Katrina, 250,000 pets, many of them infected with heartworms, were "adopted" and shipped throughout the country.

The dog is a natural host for heartworms, which means that heartworms that live inside the dog mature into adults, mate and produce offspring. If untreated, their numbers can increase, and dogs have been known to harbor several hundred worms in their bodies. Heartworm disease causes lasting damage to the heart, lungs and arteries, and can affect the dog's health and quality of life long after the parasites are gone. For this reason, prevention is by far the best option, and treatment—when needed—should be administered as early in the course of the disease as possible.

The mosquito plays an essential role in the heartworm life cycle. Adult female heartworms living in an infected dog, fox, coyote, or wolf produce microscopic baby worms called microfilaria that circulate in the bloodstream. When a mos-

quito bites and takes a blood meal from an infected animal, it picks up these baby worms, which develop and mature into "infective stage" larvae over a period of 10 to 14 days. Then, when the infected mosquito bites another dog, cat, or susceptible wild animal, the infective larvae are deposited onto the surface of the animal's skin and enter the new host through the mosquito's bite wound. Once inside a new host, it takes approximately six months for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms. Then, once mature, heartworms can live for five to seven years in dogs and up to two to three years in cats.

Because of the longevity of these worms, each mosquito season can lead to an increasing number of worms in an infected pet.

In the early stages of the disease, many dogs show few symptoms or no symptoms at all. The longer the infection persists, the more likely symptoms will develop. Active dogs, dogs heavily infected with heartworms, or those with other health problems often show pronounced clinical signs. Signs of heartworm disease may include a mild persistent cough, reluctance to exercise, fatigue after moderate activity, decreased appetite, and weight loss.

As heartworm disease progresses, pets may develop heart failure and the appearance of a swollen belly due to excess fluid in the abdomen. Dogs with large numbers of heartworms can develop sudden blockages of blood flow within the heart leading to a life-threatening form of cardiovascular collapse. This is called caval syndrome, and is marked by a sudden onset of labored breathing, pale gums, and dark bloody or coffee-colored urine. Without prompt surgical removal of the heartworm blockage, few dogs survive.

Many factors must be considered, even if heartworms have not been a big problem in your local area. Manchester may have a greater incidence of heartworm disease than you realize—or you may unknowingly travel with your pet to an area where heartworms are more common. Heartworm disease is also spreading to new regions of the country each year. Stray and neglected dogs and certain wildlife such as coyotes, wolves, and foxes can be carriers of heartworms. Mosquitoes blown great distances by the wind and the relocation of infected pets to previously uninfected areas also contribute to the spread of heartworm disease.

The fact is that heartworm disease has been diagnosed in all 50 states, and risk factors are impossible to predict. Multiple variables, from climate variations to the presence of wildlife carriers, cause rates of infections to vary dramatically from year to year—even within communities. And because infected mosquitoes can come inside, both outdoor and indoor pets are at risk.

For that reason, the American Heartworm Society recommends that you "think 12": (1) get your pet tested every 12 months for heartworm and (2) give your pet heartworm preventive 12 months a year.

Heartworm disease is a serious, progressive disease. The earlier it is detected, the better the chances the pet will recover. There are few, if any, early signs of disease when a dog or cat is infected with heartworms, so detecting their presence with a heartworm test administered by a veterinarian is important. The test requires just a small blood sample from your pet, and it works by detecting the presence of heartworm proteins. The Manchester Animal Hospital processes heartworm tests

right in our hospital laboratory while others send the samples to a diagnostic laboratory. In either case, results are obtained quickly.

If your pet tests positive, further tests may be ordered. All dogs should be tested annually for heartworm infection, and this can usually be done during a routine visit for preventive care. Following are guidelines on testing and timing:

Annual testing is necessary, even when dogs are on heartworm prevention year-round, to ensure that the prevention program is working. Heartworm medications are highly effective, but dogs can still become infected. If you miss just one dose of a monthly medication—or give it late—it can leave your dog unprotected. Even if you give the medication as recommended, your dog may spit out or vomit a heartworm pill—or rub off a topical medication. Heartworm preventives are highly effective, but not 100 percent effective. If you don't get your dog tested, you won't know your dog needs treatment.

For a variety of reasons, even in regions of the country where winters are cold, the American Heartworm Society is now recommending a year-round prevention program. Dogs have been diagnosed with heartworms in almost every county in Massachusetts. Mosquito species are constantly changing and adapting to cold climates and some species successfully overwinter indoors as well. Year-round prevention is the safest, and is recommended. Many of these products are also de-worming your pet for intestinal parasites that can pose serious health risks for humans.



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

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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Worship and Sunday School continues this Sunday, 10 a.m. led by Rev. Katherine Schofield and Dr. Herman Weiss with the First Parish Choir

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