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Week 5 Cribbage Results

Joan Snow continues to reign supreme on this week's cribbage scoreboard. Of course, it helped Joan that her three closest competitors, Harry Parsons, David Slade and Heather MacDonald, all went home winless. Following Snow in the Legion's Tuesday night Crib Addicts play was Tina Latassa, Paul Clark, Heather MacDonald, Harry Parsons, Ben Conway, Betsy Nickless, David Slade, Jim Chabot, John Bubrowski, Everett Morss, Hala Makowska, and Jim O'Neill. Crib Addicts play every Tuesday at 6 p.m., and all skills are welcome.

Can You Smell the Cider Donuts?

The 2024 HarvestFest/Carnival is finally here, this weekend, Oct. 18 to 20. Made possible by the Manchester Essex Athletic Boosters, the public carnival at Masconomo Park will raise funds for local sports programs at MERSD. Last year, despite challenging weather, the event was a big success thanks to organizers Emily McCavanagh and Tyler Pinstein. This year promises ideal temperatures. Expect a family friendly weekend with the same community carnival feel of last year (think fairway, rides, games) along with expanded "harvest fest" activities for kiddos and their parents. That means apple cider donuts, a harvest photo booth, beer garden, food trucks and harvest games. Finally, two weeks ago we wrote that Josh Pinstein, Tyler's brother, was an event organizer. We'd like to confirm that it is, indeed, Tyler who has been working hard with Emily on behalf of the Boosters for this incredible event.

Gardens of the Gilded Age

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, the North Shore Horticultural Society continues to celebrate its 125th year with a lecture by Jana Milbocker entitled "Gardens of the Gilded Age" at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 62 School St. in Manchester. Come down and learn about the grand, glorious, and brilliant garden styles crafted for estate spaces toward the end of the 19th century. Some of the properties that will be highlighted in Milbocker's lecture are those of the Vanderbilts, Roosevelts, and Carnegies.

Indigenous Trading in Colonial Era at Museum Lecture

Also on Thursday, Oct. 24, the Manchester by the Sea Museum lecture will host Thomas (Spirit Tree) Green, a Neponset band of the "Massachusetts" descendant for a lecture on the interaction and trade between European and Indigenous traders. 6:30 p.m. at the First Parish Hall on Chapel Street.



Die Wurst Comes In "Dee Best!"

Weather was no match for Sunday's 15th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, with eager spectators braving cold and "spitty" rains at Manchester's public boat launch behind Town Hall to cheer on homemade cardboard racing boats with names like the "SS Gnarwhal," "Kiss My Grass," and "Tipsy." But in the end, it was "Die Wurst" that won First Place, seen here manned by Adrian Argento and Taylor Hwong. In the end, an epic day of raucous fun.

See full results and photos, Page 5.

Preparing for the MBTA Zoning Vote

By Gregory T. Federspiel

As we get closer to the November 18th Special Town Meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the high school, more and more citizens are starting to gather information on the articles that will be before voters. As stated before, the main attraction of the meeting is proposed zoning that aims to bring the Town into compliance with the state's "MBTA 3A" requirements.

As people do their due diligence on the proposals it is worth looking at some of the broader issues and concerns that are in play. Going back to the origins of the new law, state legislators and housing advocates were and remain very concerned about the high cost of housing and the negative impact high housing costs can have on the economy.

This is a national, state and local issue. They choose to address this desire for more housing by focusing on zoning near transit stations, requiring towns with transit stops to allow multi-family housing as a by-right use meaning the use cannot be subject to a special permit though it can still be subject to site plan review.

It is not hard to see that, in Manchester, the majority of homes are very expensive single-family homes. The median home value is over \$1.2 million. We typically see a handful or less of new homes constructed annually and most of these are rebuilds of a teardown. There is very little opportunity for young families to move into town or for empty nesters to downsize and remain in town. We are seeing this tight housing market play out in our demographics. The most rapid growing cohort of the population is



those over 65 and student population has been shrinking. A call for a more diversified housing stock was one of the highlights of the Town's recently adopted Master Plan.

Understandably, there is a very strong desire to maintain the character of the community. These concerns have been at the forefront of much of the work of the MBTA Task Force and the Planning Board as they craft proposed new zoning. They have focused on zoning areas of town that already are developed with the majority of the areas consisting of small lots. This results in a lower net number of potential new housing units and avoids large structures. In addition, the new zoning comes with design standards that requires new construction to fit into the look and feel of existing buildings in Manchester. All told, only 37 acres of land out of a land mass in excess of 5,100 acres is impacted by the proposed new zoning. But change is change and residents should make sure they are comfortable with the protections the planners have proposed.

The law requiring the new zoning stipulated as the penalty for non-compliance the withholding of certain state grants. There is some confusion over what these grant totals for Manchester have been and could be going forward due to the state adding more grants to the list that could be withheld. We know that grants to the Manchester Housing Authority would be withheld as well as MassWorks and Housing Choice grants. We are told that the MassWorks grants include the funds that we have received from the Seaport Economic Development Council and the recently re-established library construction aid. The Town has grant applications before both of these entities.

To some people, these amounts are not important enough to risk what is viewed as detrimental to the character of the town. Others view the millions that we have received over the years as an important incentive to comply (the larger grants have been the recent MassWorks grant of \$3.5 million for the water and sewer line

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extensions to the Limited Commercial District, numerous Seaport Economic Development grants for harbor improvements totaling over \$1 million and MassWorks funds for dredging at \$500,000).

This is an area where reasonable people can disagree and is really secondary to the main issue of creating a more diverse housing stock for the community. In terms of tax impacts, a 1% tax increase generates about \$300,000.

The new law is the subject of a case before the state's Supreme Judicial Court. The Attorney General filed the case against the Town

of Milton for not complying with the law when voters rejected the new zoning after it had been approved by the town's representatives (Milton does not have an open town meeting.) Some residents believe Manchester should hold off voting on the proposed zoning pending the outcome of this court case. This request has been put to the Select Board who ultimately control what goes on Town Meeting warrants. Legal opinions vary on how the Court will rule but the basic law will likely stand though some of the guidelines promulgated by the state agency responsible for implementation of the law may be revisited. The Select Board feels that Manchester should proceed and if some of the rules change that impact our proposed zoning, changes can be made at a subsequent Town Meeting.

There is a lot to consider as we get closer to decision time at the November 18 Special Town Meeting. All voters are encouraged to become familiar with the wealth of materials available on the Town's website under "MBTA Zoning."

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 19 Oct		65°	42°
Sunday 20 Oct		68°	45°
Monday 21 Oct		63°	51°
Tuesday 22 Oct		69°	53°
Wednesday 23 Oct		58°	54°
Thursday 24 Oct		56°	50°
Friday 25 Oct		56°	47°

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, October 21
6 p.m.

Essex School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 22
6 - 8 p.m.

The Move: Molisse to William Raveis



Almost a year ago, a subtle change took place on Central Street in Manchester. Molisse Realty Group, a familiar name in local real estate started by Brian Molisse, began operating under a new set of signs bearing the name "William Raveis Real Estate." Unlike other acquisitions, there were no grand announcements or celebrations. It was a quiet change. By design. This week, read the story on how it all came together. **Page 8.**

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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).



William Siderewicz

William Siderewicz, 74, of Manchester-by-the-Sea, passed away peacefully on August 13, 2024 at Mass General Hospital, in Boston. Bill (or Billy) was born on July 7, 1950 in New London, CT, the son of Gladys Sadowski and Anton (Tony) Siderewicz. He is survived by his cherished wife of 52 years, Chris Kinney of Manchester-by-the-sea, and two children and their spouses; Jonathan and Teagan Siderewicz of South Hamilton, and Katie Siderewicz and Alex Weare of Ipswich, his grandson who he adored greatly, Rory Siderewicz, and 3 brothers and a sister, Joe Siderewicz, Bob Siderewicz, Stephen Siderewicz, and Caroline Siderewicz. He was predeceased by his parents Gladys and Anton.

Bill loved everything life had to offer. He enjoyed being an outdoorsman. He loved fishing, camping, and going to the beach. He also thoroughly enjoyed being on the water where he was most comfortable in a boat somewhere, probably exceeding the speed limit, or with a fishing line trolling behind. He could always be found watching his favorite hockey team, the Boston Bruins, on the sidelines of his son's lacrosse games, or at any of his daughter's horse shows. Bill was an avid sports fanatic and passed that on to both his children.

Bill and his wife Chris welcomed two children after 19 years of marriage, Jonathan and Katie, and were well on their way to a beautiful life together. Before kids, Bill and Chris loved to travel, checking numerous beau-

tiful destinations off their bucket list; Hawaii, Switzerland, and London to name a few. Eventually, Jonathan and Katie were included on these adventures of a lifetime which created everlasting memories that were sacred and cherished to Bill.

A brilliant, talented, dedicated, hard-working entrepreneur. Bill excelled in academics; specifically, science & math. Earning his first Masters in Environmental Engineering from Cornell University and his second Masters, an MBA, from Northeastern University. Bill created a life for his family that was comfortable while filling everyone's heart with joy, laughter, respect, kindness, self-value, and most importantly, love. There was never a project, or object, or problem that he couldn't fix. Bill made friends very easily and always saw the good light in people. His special gift was his ability to find humor in all things, and he was extraordinarily good at really connecting with people. He was a family man, and his favorite place to be was at their beautiful home in Manchester or on island time on Nantucket with the ones he loved most. His love affair with the island lasted more than 44 years, eventually becoming his family's "Ferry Tale".

A Naval Reserve Veteran, a son, a brother, a loving husband, an adoring father, and the most special grandfather (Jaja), Bill was a man that was everything to everyone, making anyone he encountered or spoke with more comfortable, more joyous, and a better human being. He was well loved, and loved well, and most definitely will still be living his fun and adventurous life up in the sky waiting for all of us to join him one day.

Wendy Ann Smith

Wendy Ann Smith of Manchester-by-the Sea passed away peacefully on October 12 after a difficult pulmonary disease. During her time at the Kaplan Hospice House, she was continually surrounded by loving family and friends. She will for-



ever be remembered for her kind and gentle spirit. Even towards the end of her life, she maintained an incredibly positive attitude and was a beloved patient to all that cared for her.

Wendy was born in Seattle, WA 1941, the first child of Stuart and Olive Yeaton. At a young age the family moved to Pennington, NJ where she grew up. She attended Miss Fine's School (now Princeton Country Day) and then went west to the University of Colorado where she loved skiing and served as President of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She graduated cum laude with a degree in Education in 1963.

During a holiday break from college and while studying at the Princeton University Firestone Library, she met Ralph Christian Smith, a student there. Ralph would become the love of her life for more than 60 years.

Their life together began after Ralph's graduation from Princeton and his continuing studies at Harvard (MA) and Northwestern (MBA), and ultimately for three years in Bolivia. At every stop Wendy was involved in her teaching career, most enjoyably at the American Cooperative School in LaPaz as a first-grade teacher. By this time, they had their two special children, Carrie and Tim with them. While in Bolivia, she never missed an opportunity to expose her children to the life and culture they were living in.

Ending up back in the US, the family settled in Manchester-by-the Sea, MA where she began teaching at the Brookwood School. Her family had a short time living in Nashville, TN where she taught at the University School. Once again, Wendy delved into everything that Nashville had to offer exploring different parts of the state and getting to know local art and music. Three years later, the family returned to their home in Manchester where she once again taught third grade at Brookwood and

later went on to become the beloved Head of the Lower School. Throughout her career she was loved and admired by students, teachers and parents.

A wife, mother, sister of many talents she most enjoyed gardening, having her lovely home filled with indoor and outdoor plants and flowers (even a Ficus tree). She loved sailing and boating with family and all events at the Manchester Yacht Club, especially the marriages of her two children. Her knitting was legendary. Most recently, she became part of the Seaside Knitting group creating sweaters and blankets for those in need. During her spring vacations, she was also a pro on the fly rod for bonefish in the Yucatan with fishing friends.

Wendy was an accomplished pianist as well. After a teenage recital at the Westminster Choir College in Princeton she turned to bow only to see Albert Einstein in the audience applauding... now family lore.

Wendy's pride and joy was her family including each of her beloved dogs. After retirement, she was the daytime caregiver for her two grandchildren spending their days reading, exploring Ipswich, MA on foot, and attending playgroups. She celebrated 60 years of marriage this past August, her 83rd birthday in January with her entire family including her brother and sister visiting, and always looked forward to family celebrations and holidays together.

In addition to her husband Ralph, Wendy is survived by her children Tim Smith (Janet) and Carrie Woodruff (Tom) in Ipswich, MA; grandchildren Jack and Addie Woodruff; brother Tom Yeaton (Valerin) in Ireland; sister Joan Seamon (Hal) in Virginia and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations in Wendy's memory may be directed to the Ipswich Public Library where she spent countless hours with her grandchildren exposing them to reading and classic children's books and literature. Ipswich Public Library - Board of Trustees (George Gray)/Director (Nora Blake) 25 North Main Street Ipswich, MA 01938.

A Remembrance and Celebration of Wendy's life will be held for family and friends on Saturday, October 26th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Manchester Yacht Club.

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MBTS, OCT. 12—34 Pine St, Sat, Oct 12th, 9 am - 4:30 pm. (No Early Birds please.) Dining room, Bedroom, Living room, and Porch furniture, crystal, china, silver, etc. Cash or Venmo only! 10/17

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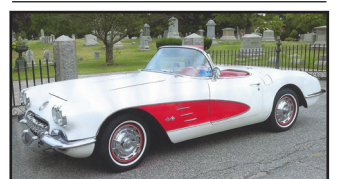
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MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES | OCT 18

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
1:27 a.m. Bennett St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:08 a.m. School St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:51 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 8:39 p.m. White Beach, suspicious activity, secured/checked.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
1:41 a.m. Tuck's Point Rd., suspicious activity, spoken to. 2:38 p.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint, notification made. 3:38 p.m. Mill St., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 9:27 p.m. Norwood Ave., fire alarm, fire confirmed.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
3:57 a.m. White Beach, sus-

picious activity, spoken to. 10:18 a.m. Beach St., animal complaint, secured/checked. 2:58 p.m. Bridge St., traffic hazard, secured/checked. 7:34 p.m. Tuck's Point Rd., suspicious activity, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
9:13 a.m. Lincoln St., animal complaint, notification made. 11:10 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 5:16 p.m. Lincoln St., animal complaint, no action taken. 10:47 p.m. Old Essex Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
6:31 a.m. Raymond St., animal complaint, assisted

as needed. 2:40 p.m. Smiths Point Rd., alarm, secured/checked. 6:05 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, no action taken. 10:10 p.m. Route 128SB, erratic operator, notification made.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
6:17 a.m. School St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:06 p.m. Norwood Ave., disturbance, spoken to. 6:10 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle crash, criminal application.

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It was a special cross country trip for the descendants of Benjamin Crowell, who came from California last week to visit Crowell Chapel in Manchester. The Gothic building was a 1905 gift from Susan Crowell who donated it in her brother's name. Benjamin had left Manchester for Colorado to seek his fortune. He struck gold, and sent needed money back home to support his sisters who ran a boarding house. Here, sisters Alicia "Lee" Crowell Newman and Cyndy Crowell Cotton pose for family.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

Open Sundays

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

Mystery Book Group

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

Cookbook Club

Saturday, October 26 from 12-1 p.m. October's pick is D'iasporican: A Puerto Rican Cookbook" by Illyanna Maisonet. This month we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15) by sharing these Puerto Rican recipes. Please register online so we know how much cutlery to have on hand.

Job Search Help -10 Essential Ways to Avoid Job Scams (Virtual)

Monday, October 28 from 2-3 p.m. Over the years, job scams have become more complicated and complex. Technology's advancement allows scammers to appear as hiring managers, employers, career professionals, and recruiters to lure them into fake job opportunities,

scamming them for money and private data. By being proactive and informed, you can avoid becoming a victim.

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults (Virtual)

Monday, October 28 from 7-9 p.m. MBTS's Head of Adult and Reference Services, Maddy, will be your Game Master for this two-hour session.

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.

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

WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO – 1934

Before a large holiday crowd, Story High and Rockport High battled to a scoreless tie last Friday morning. It was an ideal day for football with a brisk wind blowing. The American Legion Auxiliary celebrated their 13th anniversary Thursday evening of last week by having the members of Frank B. Amaral Post as their guests. A supper was served at 6:30 p.m. and this was followed by a social evening.

75 YEARS AGO – 1949

The two major highway projects in town, at this time are progressing nicely. At the Lily Pond, Superintendent of Streets, P. Edward Sweeney and his men are doing a fine job of resurfacing and this road is expected to be open to two-way travel in about a week. A Manchester boat, "Petit Manan", owned by Nathaniel Clapp of Prides Crossing was stolen from its berth off the Yacht Club, Tuesday evening of last week and recovered in Marblehead.

60 YEARS AGO – 1964

A Children's Concert will be presented at the Memorial School on Saturday, October 24, at 11 a.m. by Natasha Lorenz, the proceeds to be used for the new Children's Room at the Manchester Public Library. It was a happy bunch of high school ball players, coaches, cheerleaders and fans, following a 28-0 conquest of Cardinal Cushing Academy of West Newbury.

45 YEARS AGO – 1979

The league-leading Browns and the second-place Crickets were big winners in the men's Monday evening bowling league as they each produced 34-8 victories. The Browns bombed Table Four while the Crickets chewed up Al's Café. Memorial School staff used Wednesday's release day to review and discuss the revised health education curriculum. Nurse Susan Malter gave the staff a personal health questionnaire to evaluate their own health risk factor.

30 YEARS AGO – 1994

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has rejected a request for additional time to examine the possibility of utilizing the Beverly-Salem Water Board's treatment plant instead of constructing a new water treatment plant for the time. The PTO Playground Committee recently received approval and funding for the purchase and installation of a new swing set to be located between Memorial School and the Brook Street playing fields.

15 YEARS AGO – 2009

Manchester Firefighters will host a Railroad Training Drill on Sunday, October 18, 2009. The training exercise will simulate a collision between a motor vehicle and an MBTA tram at the Sea Street Crossing. On October 18, 2009, there will be a Community Open House to tour the new Manchester Essex Middle and Upper School. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to share in viewing the exciting new building.



SELECT BOARD UPDATE

Select Board Meeting: The Select Board will meet on Monday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Hydrant Flushing: DPW Hydrant Flushing will begin on October 21 and will occur Monday through Wednesday from 8 p.m. - 12 p.m. over several weeks until complete. If you experience cloudy water, run a cold tap until clear.

MBTA Zoning: The Planning Board will host a Public Hearing on October 28 at 7 p.m. to discuss MBTA Zoning. Meeting details be posted to the Town website. Stop by the information table at the Harvest Carnival on Oc-

tober 19 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

Leaf Collection: Black Earth will offer curbside leaf collection during the weeks of November 18 and December 2. Please place leaves in bags on your curb on your collection day.

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.-3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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18 Fri	12:13	10.7	12:31	11.7	6:35	-0.7	7:10	-1.3	6:59	5:57
19 Sat	1:04	10.5	1:19	11.8	7:23	-0.6	8:02	-1.3	7:00	5:55
20 Sun	1:55	10.2	2:07	11.6	8:11	-0.2	8:53	-1.0	7:01	5:53
21 Mon	2:47	9.7	2:58	11.1	9:01	0.2	9:46	-0.5	7:02	5:52
22 Tue	3:43	9.2	3:51	10.5	9:52	0.8	10:40	0.0	7:04	5:50
23 Wed	4:41	8.7	4:49	9.9	10:45	1.3	11:36	0.6	7:05	5:49
24 Thu	5:42	8.4	5:51	9.3	11:42	1.8			7:06	5:47



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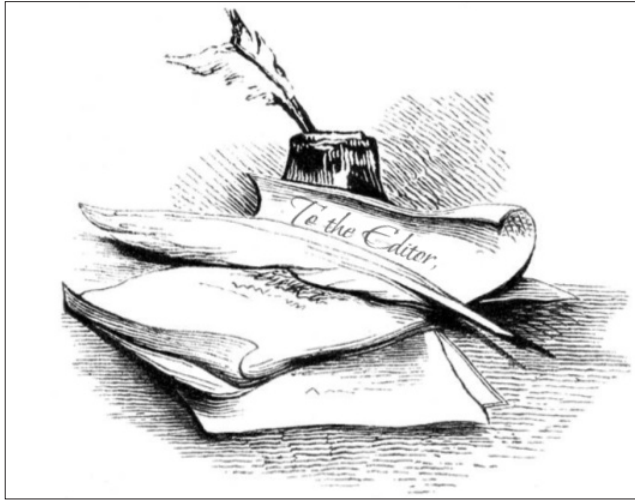
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True, Honest, Human Discourse vs. Dangerous Online Anonymity

To the Editor,

The upcoming vote on MBTA Zoning is an important one for our town. As we tackle this issue as a community, it's important that we all carefully consider all of the facts before us and especially the sources they come from. In particular, I am concerned about anonymous sources and misinformation.

We live in an age of social media, which has drastically changed the communication landscape. Sure, a person posting anonymously on social media or on a website might be a concerned MBTS resident with sincere intentions trying to engage with the issue and still feel safe. It's scary and stressful to engage on these platforms. However, it could be possible that the anonymous person is just trying to stir up trouble.

How do we know this person doesn't live in another town, state, or even country? It could also be possible that the anonymous person is actually just a troll or a Russian bot. Of course, people, trolls, and bots can all post anonymously on the Internet and town Facebook page. It happened just recently.

It's up to each individual reading this to decide for themselves whether or not they trust these unknown entities or whether they trust their neighbors and fellow community members.

I know who I trust. I trust my fellow residents when I can put a face to a name. I know that even if we disagree, we can respect each other's opinions and engage in healthy dialogue based on facts and continue to live with respect side by side. Even if we disagree, we can show up, in person, to a forum, hearing, or a public meeting to learn and share our thoughts, opinions, and fears face-to-face to be a part of the dialogue.

Even if we disagree, we can respect the efforts of our elected town officials, volunteers, who are trying to find a way forward for this town so that we can keep our state

grant money, protect the town's character, and create housing opportunities at different price points - something our town desperately needs. These elected officials answer to Ethics Laws, Open Meeting Laws, Freedom of Information Act and other standards that hold them accountable. They are the opposite of anonymous.

When we can trust each other and engage in a respectful, healthy dialogue, we can see each other around town and feel a sense of community, not tension. In my opinion, this is what has and will keep our democracy and our MBTS community strong.

Lindsay Banks
Manchester

43 Reasons to Go Blue in November, and Counting

In the aftermath of the Biden-Trump debate I was experiencing quite a bit of anxiety. The only thing I was certain about was the need to defeat Trump.

I decided I would write a list of all my reasons, one each weekday, on Facebook. That was July 3 and there was much speculation whether Biden would persist or quit, so I just said "Vote Blue" at the end of each post. At that point I thought I'd have roughly 90 weekdays until the election, so I labeled the posts, "My 90 Reasons to Defeat Trump and Vote Blue."

I shortly realized that the Facebook format made brevity impossible and it was awkward to list references so that any reader could see where I came up with various bits of information. So, I also posted the same "Reason" on a website (blog). There, I could expand with additional information, add videos in some cases, and list all of the sources I used. This also added to the amount of time spent on each reason from one to two hours to sometimes more than a day.

Then came Biden's decision to quit, his endorsement of Kamala Harris, her hurried and effective cementing of delegate support, followed by the joyful Democratic Party Convention. I changed the tagline to "Defeat Trump and

Vote Harris/Walz."

But getting five articles written each week was way too optimistic. It's not that there would be any difficulty writing hundreds of reasons to defeat Trump, given the time, but I have accepted my own limitations.

So far, I have written 43 "Reasons."

I guess it will be a bit more than 50 by the time I quit on November 5.

If you are curious, you can read the list and/or articles at RichardGoutal.com

Richard Goutal
Manchester

A Voice From Elm Street

Where are all those MBTS folks who put up pink STOP SLV! signs?... the folks who raised millions of dollars to hire attorneys and purchase the Powder House Lane apartment complex to try and block the SLV development from going up?

Many of us are concerned this development will be ugly; will be seen from Rt 128; and will also endanger wildlife, a municipal water supply, etc.

Where are all those We-Love-Manchester folks now? ... now that the state legislature has been hoodwinked by an association of high-end developers, itching to get their fingers into prime real estate land in MBTS, Rockport, Marblehead, Milton and other high-end suburban towns?

Under these developers' 3A "MBTA" mandate... our hand-appointed seven-person subcommittee (all of whom plan on continuing to live peacefully on Bennett Street, Tucks Point Rd, Masconomo, Old Neck, Washington, etc.) have been quick to earmark a few of MBTS' less-fancy streets for high rise apartment houses and parking garages. Why?

According to our current town administrator ... It's all about more state grants! Here is his latest plan!

Our "administrator" has actually drafted a plan to commercialize/develop Reed Park (that grassy area on Beach Street with benches overlooking our quiet harbor... next to the railroad tracks)

Our administrator's waterfront expansion goal includes moving the town's few working lobstermen's boats away from their current moorings on Morss Pier to build more docks for out-of-town boaters, plus a harbor master office?! In fact, he (aka The Town?) has already applied for two Special Permits from the Planning Board for this expansion; without our selectboard bothering to survey the town re: our interest in commercializing OUR town harbor!

But wait! The state says we can only receive this grant to commercialize/expand our town harbor if we allow the MBTA big- box housing mandate to pass on November 18th!

Always remember - the more grants Manchester receives; the more fiscal responsibility and often additional compensation a town administrator or manager receives. Is this why our town administrator keeps trying to grab every grant that comes down the pike? I do not think

the majority of Manchester wants to see our town turned into a new and improved Manchesterport-by-the-Sea, where parking lots are plentiful, and tourists outnumber residents many days of the week!

Meanwhile... do not be fooled by talk about the MBTA mandate encouraging low-income housing. In fact, this new housing mandate specifically says that senior housing; studio and one bedroom apartments "cannot be counted" in the additional 171 units and parking garages that the MBTS subcommittee has said will be allowed to be built in, around, and on top of the 164 housing units that currently exist on a portion of Pine St, Morse Ct, Elm Street and in the current Powder House Apartment area... including, at some point, the town pond behind the fire station. Yes!! These mandated two+ bedroom luxury units, with their handy parking garages, will be perfect for those wanting to retire here or enjoy Manchester during the summer season.

If this mandate passes on November 18th, property owners in and around Pine, Elm and Morse Court will watch neighbors sell their properties for VERY high prices to these happy developers, Am I being too dramatic? Listen up!

Last week the Massachusetts Ethics Commission forbade two Gloucester Ward Councilors from participating, let alone voting, in the city's recent vote on their MBTA housing mandate. Councilor-at-Large Jeff Worthley and Ward 3 Councilor Marjorie Grace both own property in one or more of Gloucester's MBTA targeted neighborhoods. The Commission therefore forced them to RECUSE themselves from voting with the rest of Gloucester's ward councilors. They were prohibited from representing their constituents when it came to a vote on the MBTA mandate. Why?

The Ethics Commission told the two councilors they would have a conflict of interest if they voted, as they could substantially benefit financially if the mandate passed!

On the flip side... under this mandate, what happens to your home's current value when the two houses across the street at, say, 30 and 34 Pine Street, with a combined lot size of 1.3152 acres, are sold to a developer who will by right be able to build a minimum of 15 units, perhaps 20, along with the mandated 1.5 parking spaces per unit? Clearly this developers' dream housing mandate is going to create nasty divisions among and between MBTS neighbors and neighborhoods.

It is critical that town residents look at the big picture. It is important to understand this kind of mandate can only be happening in 2024, when it appears we no longer have national, state, nor local government by and for the people.

If we, as a small town, cannot muster a simple majority to say "NO" to this most recent government mandate... and ride out this storm ... as we have chosen to do with the SLV development, how will we respond when faced

with additional mandates when they come sliding down the pike?

Breaking News!!! Norton Selectmen just voted "NO" to this mandate; North Reading, Middleboro, Milton, Holden and East Bridgewater town meetings also voted NO to the MBTA mandate. Meanwhile...earlier this month the Massachusetts Superior Court heard testimony re: Milton's refusal to accept the MBTA mandate. The court will now issue its opinion within 120 days, upholding or rejecting Milton's town meeting vote to block this MBTA state housing mandate.

Manchester should therefore NOT HAVE A TOWN VOTE until the court's opinion is issued. WHY? If the majority of our town meeting votes on November 18th to accept this mandate...we will be stuck with the mandate. Hence; it makes sense to postpone the November 18th town vote until AFTER the court renders their decision on whether towns, such as Milton and Manchester must follow the MBTA mandate or not.

To request Yellow SaveMBTS yard sign: www.savembs.org; or join MBTA Multifamily Zoning Communities on Facebook.

Susan Wadia-Ells
Manchester

Proposed MBTA Zoning: an Irreversible Blow to Municipal Sovereignty

There are several things that concern me deeply about the MBTA 3A ruling. Until the present, we have had sovereignty over our city's zoning. In Gloucester's 401st year, seven city councilors have decided that the state should now take over that role in historic downtown Gloucester, thus transferring the sovereignty of Gloucester's downtown zoning to unelected bureaucrats who reside all over the state, and who have no investment in our city.

Have you ever gone from being a renter of an apartment or a home, to becoming an owner of a home? Once able to purchase a dwelling that was yours, you felt a sense of relief and joy. No longer could a landlord raise your rent or ask you to leave because the residence was now needed for the landlord's family members, or it was up for sale.

I have had that very experience in Gloucester three times prior to my buying my condo in 2006. My buyer's broker had asked, "Where do you want to look for a home?" "Gloucester," I replied. "Where else?" she asked. "Gloucester." I had invested my heart in this city, and finally had been able to purchase my home here. There were no more landlord unexpected requests to move again. My fate was no longer left to whims of others, but it was now in my hands. Why would we give up the sovereignty of our Gloucester zoning to an absent landlord?

3A MBTA zoning is not about ownership of condos and homes. It is about the creation of multiple family apartments with multiple bedrooms, to be allowed by State Right, not Gloucester Right. As the law was written, 3A did not include affordable, Senior or Veterans Housing. The city of Gloucester

has apparently submitted a request to include affordable housing, but that request has not been assented to or answered by the state as of this time.

Our city council has spent the last two or so years, figuring out where they were going to relinquish land sovereignty of our city to the state. I have asked to see the studies councilors have done to determine the costs of additional police, fire, teachers, medical workers, water availability in a drought etc., as a consequence of the addition of conceivably thousands of new residents. The answer? Crickets. Two of the city councilors, decided in the last week before the vote, that they should recuse themselves for personal concerns. I live in Ward 3. I did not have representation for the vote that gave the state my Ward, in addition to Ward 2. Wow! I want representation. Shouldn't we all have that right?

We can have representation by choosing to sign petitions that are being distributed by Gloucester citizens at public places around town. Those petitions request that, we the people, be able to vote as the people, on changes to our zoning that could forever fundamentally alter our city and our lives. If they zone it, they will build. If they build it, they will come. Then what?

Beverly Johnson
Gloucester

Sara Lewis, Ph.D. is the Keynote at MECT Annual Meeting

MECT is delighted to present Sara Lewis, Ph.D., the keynote speaker for our 2024 Annual Meeting. Lewis is a biologist and professor emerita at Tufts who has spent the past 30 years studying firefly behavior, ecology, and evolution. She currently coordinates global firefly conservation efforts as co-chair of the IUCN Firefly Specialist Group. In addition to writing scientific articles, Prof. Lewis has given a TED talk and has written popular articles for Scientific American, CNN, The Guardian, and National Wildlife, and has been featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and BBC. She is the author of Silent Sparks: The Wondrous World of Fireflies. Join us for an entertaining journey and fascinating look into their luminous lives! The MECT Annual Meeting takes place on November 3, 2024 at 5 p.m. at Riversbend Restaurant, 35 Dodge Street in Essex. We'll have a short Annual Meeting to elect officers and trustees, and to present 2023 financial results, 2024 activities and updates, and to discuss our plans for the future. Then we'll turn it over to Professor Lewis! We look forward to gathering with our community and sharing this upbeat and fascinating lecturer. Riversbend Restaurant in Essex is generously hosting us. Enjoy their wood-fired pizza, courtesy of our sponsors, and a cash bar. Please register for this event online. Sincerely,

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Manchester Essex
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Halloween Party

By Tom Kehoe

Halloween is fast approaching - are you ready to celebrate?

The pumpkins are appearing all around the town and the houses are being decorated,

the gymnasium entrance (entrance closest to Summer Street). Look for signs directing you to the entrance.

When you arrive at the party, sit down for a slice of pizza and a drink. After seeing your friends, pick-up a goodie bag filled with trick-or-treat goodies and then put on a Glow-in-the-Dark necklace before leaving to con-

tinue to trick-or-treat around town. "Be seen on Halloween" is the safety motto for 2024 and the necklaces will help to keep the children safe. The party is sponsored by the Halloween Committee. Anyone who would like to make a donation to support the cost of the party is encouraged to send a donation to Manchester Halloween Committee, P. O. Box 1422, Manchester, MA. 01944. If you are planning on attending the party, please consider bringing some cash or a check you can drop into the donation pumpkins to help defray the cost of the party. Hope to see you at the Memorial School on October 31st.

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~ Kurt Vonnegut ~

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Cardboard Boat Regatta: Charmed at 15!



A throng of eager spectators braved cold and “spitty” rains on Sunday for the 15th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta behind Town Hall to cheer on homemade cardboard racing boats with names like the “SS Gnarwhal,” “Kiss My Grass,” and “Tipsy.”

In the end, “Die Wurst” (Adrian Argento and Taylor Hwong) took First Place who finished in 46.52 seconds. Second and third place went to father-daughter Akshay Patel (“Cocktail,” 51.83) and Aashika Patel (“Mocktail,” 54.04). The Patels are regatta veterans, and Akshay is a highly competitive, consistent top performer. This year, he learned his daughter, herself a veteran racer and now a teenager, is just as tough. Aashika’s time this year made her 3rd place overall as well as 1st place in the youth category. Brian Sollosy won the “Catastrophe” award (a.k.a., “the big sinker”) as he gallantly swam his rig most of the way in sub-optimal waters.

The Hofeldt family (Bob, Kim, and Summer) and the rest of the Float or Die team that organizes this race every



year rose to new heights of success.

Kim’s reported highlights this year included the MBTS Fire Dept.’s rivalry with the Police Dept.; Evan Olsen’s boat, “Float or First Die Float” and its superhero-like engineering that enabled it to compete four years in a row (!); and Becci Sollosy winning Best Design and “Crowd

Favorite.” (“Bluey” and the Fire Dept. came in a close second.)

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ME Golf Completes Stellar Regular Season, Readies for Postseason

Team Update

As of Wednesday morning, the Hornets advance to the State Finals by finishing 3rd in the D3 Sectional at Stow Acres! Gray West leads us to victory with a medal tying round of 75.



Advancing to the state finals! It's Hornets Varsity Golf, under the able coaching of Bill Melvin. From left, Jake Zschau, Jack Lawler, Graham Lewis, Capt. Jack McCavanagh, Capt. Gray West, Matt Graeter, Matt DeOreo, and Connor Dickson. *Courtesy Photo*

By Jason Brisbois

This fall will be a hard one to top, even for a team that was itself hard to top during the 2024 regular season.

The Manchester Essex golf team just completed one of its best seasons in recent memory, finishing up with a record of 12-2, just a hair behind rival Hamilton-Wenham for the top spot overall in

the Cape Ann League. In a season filled with highlights, the Hornets' 176-162 win over Newburyport on October 9 is one of the most impressive. Every Manchester Essex golfer scored 24 points or better

to earn a rare win over one of the better golf programs on the North Shore. "That was our biggest point total in a long time," explains golf coach Bill Melvin. "Newburyport is a perennial Div.

2 power, to knock them off is a real big deal for our team. They are always a good golf team, so for us to beat them we must be playing well at the right time." One day later, the Hornets

finished the regular season with a 169-137 win over Georgetown. Jack Lawler scored 32 points, team captain Gray West scored 30 and Matt DeOreo finished with 29 points.

"I'll remember how this team continued to get better throughout the season and gained confidence," explains Melvin. "They really stuck together when they went through a bit of adversity, regained their composure and finished the season strong. They have lots to be proud of."

Lawler, West and DeOreo were set to join team captain Jack McCavanagh, Graham Lewis and Jake Zschau for the state sectional tournament in Stowe on October 15, the team's first foray into postseason play.

"Those are the six who are going to represent the Hornets based strictly on their scoring average for the season," says Melvin. "All six are playing terrific right now. They have a chance to finish in the top three, and the top three advance to the divisional state finals at Foxboro Country Club."

After the sectional meet, Lawler and DeOreo will compete on behalf of their team in the Cape Ann Cup on October 18. "They're playing really well right now, and have just as good a chance as any of the other teams going," says Melvin.

ME Cross Country Readies for Postseason Meets

By Jason Brisbois

The regular season is over for the Manchester Essex cross country teams, and now comes the postseason push.

Both Hornet squads will compete in the Cape Ann League Championships at Wrentham Developmental Center on October 26, followed by the MIAA State Divisional Meet in Fort Devens on November 9. If successful there, then the next step will be the State Championship at Fort Devens on November 16.

The girls' team should be particularly encouraged for the postseason after finishing up with a winning record.

"The girls' team with a 3-2 record has had a good season so far," explains Manchester Essex cross country coach Steve Whittey. "Sabine Cooper has been running well all season and hopes to make the All-Star team for CAL again this year. River Silva has improved greatly over last year and had a personal record (PR) at Twilight, and Kalin Bennett has been an awesome surprise as a freshman running fourth on the

team. Whitney Turner and Hayden Remington had season bests at Twilight."

While the boys' team hasn't had quite the same level of success as a team, the Hornets have come close in a number of meets this season, including tight losses to Ipswich and Lynnfield to open the season.

"The boys' team with a 1-4 record are underrated," says Whittey. "After losing the first two meets by one point, it was going to be tough to have a winning season. Hamilton Wenham has been dominating the CAL and Amesbury has a good team."

Despite the overall regular season record, the boys' team has seen some impressive individual performances in 2024.

"Henry Stevens has been having a great year and has been competitive in every meet," says Whittey. "Lyal Cunningham has been a solid second run and just ran a PR at the Cape Cod Twilight Invitational. Gus Hall and Isaiah Nicastro have contributed greatly as freshmen."

Another encouraging development for the Hornets is



The ME cross country team met their opponents, Amesbury on Senior Day at Ravenswood Park in Gloucester. From left, the senior runners are Henry Stevens, Henry Chadbourne, Libby McKinnon, Sabine Cooper, Whitney Turner and Hayden Remington. *Photo Paul Clark*

that reinforcements could be on the way just in time for the postseason meets. "Getting a solid fifth run-

ner will be key in the championships we have going forward," explains Whittey. "Senior tri-captain Henry

Chadbourne has been injured most of the season but is now healthy and ran a PR at Twilight. Matt Ala and James Alo

have both performed well as fifth runners in different races and also both had PRs at Twilight."

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Hornets Nest



Ella Arntsen and keeper Madi Cook guard the Hornets goal in Mondays' home game against Marblehead. ME took the loss 0-2 and are 5-5-2 at this point in the season. Next, they are scheduled to play Rockport Tuesday the 15th. *Photo Paul Clark*

Girls Soccer

Manchester Essex Girls' Varsity soccer competed in an away game against Lynnfield High School on Tues-

day the 8th with the result of a 5-1 loss. Lynnfield had three goals in the first half with Manchester Essex's only goal coming in the sec-

ond half from a speedy Meg Hurd breakaway. Unfortunately, it was not enough to put a halt to the Lynnfield offense, which generated over 20 shots on net. Madi Cook had 16 saves for the Hornets in net.

Field Hockey

Field Hockey has had a busy week this week! On Monday, we tied Essex Tech 1-1. Maya Frangioso scored the lone goal. Despite leading most of the game, we weren't able to put one more in the back of the net to edge out a win. Against Triton on Wednesday, we won 4-1. Abby Kent earned her first hattrick of the season! Kiernan Day's quick stick put the first goal in the net early on in the game. We're excited to face a strong Sandwich team tonight at 4 p.m. Overall, we've ranked 4th in the D4 MIAA Power rankings and 1st in the CAL Baker standings. We're looking forward to improving over the next two weeks, cleaning up our play and showing up to games with lots of energy and effort. Shout out to junior Abby Kent for being ranked top scorer by the Salem News!

The Hornets golf team finishes the season at 12-2 with a couple of wins against two solid Division 2 opponents, Newburyport and Georgetown. In the Newburyport match, Jack Lawler scored an impressive 34 points, while Captain Gray West carded 30 points, and Jake Zschau and Matt DeOreo scored 29 in the 176-162 victory. The following day, the Hornets closed out the season with a 169-137 win over the Royals of Georgetown. Jack Lawler had 32 points, Captain Gray West had 30 and Matt DeOreo carded 29 points in the victory. Tomorrow (October 15), the Hornets travel to Stow Country Club to play in the Division 3 North Sectional tournament. A top 3 finish in the sectional will put the Hornets in the state finals next Monday at Foxborough CC.

CROSS COUNTRY

Manchester-Essex Cross Country finished their regular season against Amesbury. Celebrating our 6 seniors' last home meet were Sabine Cooper, Whitney Turner, Hayden Remington, Libby McKinnon, Henry Stevens and Henry Chadbourne.

Golf

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Town Administrator's Report

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

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 warrant at its next meeting.

Floodplain Bylaw Revision Webinar
The Building Inspector and TA participated in the subject webinar on September 26, 2024. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is revising flood maps for our area that will become effective in mid-2025 and the Town's floodplain overlay district bylaw will need to be revised at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2025. The webinar covered the process and timeline for changes and personnel at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) will assist the Town in developing a revised draft of the Town's bylaw that will conform to FEMA's new requirements and revised map numbers.

Open Space Residential Development Proposal Meeting
The Board and TA attended the subject meeting, hosted by the Planning Board, on October 2, 2024. The Town has an Open Space Residential Development (OSRD)



bylaw that allows a property owner to reduce lot sizes (translating to more lots as compared to a standard subdivision), and leaving large areas of open space intact. The bylaw has been in place for many years but no property owner has ever taken advantage of it, until now. The Planning Board took comments and questions officially from the Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works, Board of Health, and Open Space Commission and allowed others in attendance to also provide input. The applicant will continue to work with the Planning Board and will produce a Preliminary Subdivision Plan and a Definitive Subdivision Plan over time. The Planning Board will have the OSRD subdivision proposal reviewed by a private consultant at the applicant's expense.

Intermunicipal Agmt. for Eastern Essex Regional Public Health Coalition
At the last meeting, the Board voted to consent to joint representation of several communities represented by KP Law with respect to the review of the subject

intermunicipal agreement (IMA). KP Law completed its review of the proposed document and a final version has been developed for consideration by the board of selectmen in each of the participating communities. Final approval of the IMA is pending approval by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) since DPH provides the funding for the Coalition's services.

Quarterly Review of Executive Session Minutes
Chairman Perea has conducted her quarterly review of the Board's unreleased executive session minutes and has not identified any new minutes suitable for release.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Causeway Study Update
At the last meeting, the Board discussed a draft scope of work developed by the Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a study of how future sea level rise and increased storminess will make flooding of the causeway more frequent in the future. The MPO is in

the process of formalizing the scope of work into a standardized and more detailed format and we expect to see that in the coming weeks. We remain hopeful that MPO will fund the scope of work using Federal money once it has been produced.

Great Marsh Barriers Restoration Project Grant Proposal Update

As the Board may recall, the Town is a partner in a grant proposal that was hoped to eventually be evaluated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as part of NOAA's Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Competition. The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) is the lead applicant for this proposed project and submitted a Letter of Intent that included input from all project partners including the Ipswich River Watershed Association (IRWA) and Essex, Ipswich, and Gloucester. NOAA has announced that the Letter of Intent that was submitted has been recommended by NOAA reviewers for the development of a full proposal. Importantly, if funded, the project contains a component facilitating direct coordination of a state highway stream crossing (Castle Neck River) between CZM and MA DOT, calling specific attention to the need to plan for sea level rise at the State transportation level. This report is available at www.essexma.org on the morning after any regularly scheduled Essex Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

LIBRARY NEWS



Children at Story Hour enjoy meeting baby chicks. (Courtesy Photo)

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

Storytime with Jackson
Wednesday, October 30 at 6 p.m. Hear stories, eat cake and meet Jackson in his Halloween costume, feel free to wear yours.

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.

Spooky Bones & Creepy Crawlies
Tuesday, October 29 at 4 p.m. for age 5-11. Meet Professor Bugman and explore real bones and skeletons from endemic Massachusetts animals, or hold and pet some of the biggest bugs you've ever seen.

Birthday Storytime with Jackson
Wednesday, October 30 at 6 p.m. Hear stories, eat cake and meet Jackson in his Halloween costume, feel free to wear yours.

STEAM & Stories
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.

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, OCTOBER 7
7:37 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, other.
12:31 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
3:11 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
8:55 p.m. Route 128NB, directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
5:59 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.
12:15 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
4:36 p.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checked.
7:09 p.m. Eastern Ave., suspicious activity, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
6:19 a.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checked.
1:05 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.
4:00 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed.
8:56 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, no action taken.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
6:28 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.
2:05 p.m. John Wise Ave., theft, assisted as needed.
6:23 p.m. Southern Ave., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.
8:50 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., suspicious activity, spoken to.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
7:11 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, assisted as needed.
10:25 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.
2:05 p.m. John Wise Ave., erratic operator, spoken to.
7:27 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., suspicious activity, citation issued.

ESSEX SENIOR LIVING | Oct 16

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.

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

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

door 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.



On Wednesday October 9th, the Hornets golf team met Newburyport at the Essex County Club. ME took the match 176-162. Pictured here with their folks are from left to right; Ian Campbell, Jack Lawler, Robbie McLaughlin, Henry Swerdloff and Matthew Graeter.

Photo Paul Clark

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The girls lost 35-21 with Sabine Cooper finishing a close second place. The boys lost 32-25. Henry Stevens ran a personal best 17:10 for second place behind Amesbury's Josiah Fugate who set a new course record of 16:46.

On Saturday the teams competed in the Cape Cod Twilight Invitational. Every runner who completed one of the races we had runners in either ran a Personal Record (PR) or a Season Best (SB).

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A Quiet Transition and a New Chapter: Molisse Realty to William Raveis

By Erika Brown

Almost a year ago, a subtle change took place on Central Street in Manchester. Molisse Realty Group, a familiar name in local real estate, began operating under a new set of signs bearing the name “William Raveis Real Estate.”

Unlike other acquisitions, there were no grand announcements or celebrations. It was a quiet change. By design.

William Raveis Real Estate (pronounced “RAVE-is”), a family-founded and family-run firm, has been a prominent player in the real estate industry for nearly 50 years, but it’s remained under the radar on Cape Ann. Not elsewhere. Originating from Fairfield, Connecticut, the company operates across nine states, including Massachusetts, and continues to be led by its founder, William Raveis himself, and his two sons.

Holding Out for the Right Fit

The acquisition of Molisse Realty by William Raveis was not a rushed decision. Brian Molisse spent more than two decades building his eponymous business. Starting from a single office in Hanover, Ma., Molisse expanded to five locations, including the Manchester office, which opened eight years ago.

Brian was a hands-on manager, known for his commitment to the community and his team. His focus was on steady, incremental growth, reinvesting in his business and maintaining a stable team of agents. It was a tight office with a real local feel, and it stayed that way, even after the team moved in 2021 to a larger, renovated office on Central Street.

As Cape Ann’s real estate star rose, Molisse began receiving offers to sell his business. Despite tempting bids from larger, global firms with big resources, he held out, seeking a partner with the right cultural fit and values he had established. When he met with William Raveis and his sons in 2023, he found the perfect match. By the end of that year, the sale was finalized.

Brian Molisse’s decision to partner with William Raveis was driven by more than just financial considerations. The family-run nature of the firm, along with its integrated services, made it an attractive choice.

“Brian had opportunities, but it never felt like the right fit,” said Margaret. “This one



Members of the Manchester William Raveis team. From left, Camille Nagle Murphy, Margaret Maher Sheehan, Jessica Tully, Deb Payson, and Tracy Aguila-Ramos. Photo: Kris McGinn

did, and it shows. We’re still here, and we’re still focused on serving our community.”

Despite the change in ownership, familiar faces at the Manchester office remain. Agents like Margaret Maher Sheehan and Jessica Tully, who were there from the beginning of Molisse, made the jump to William Raveis. There’s also Vicki Lauber and Shelley Delaney, both longtime local agents. And there are new faces such as Kelly Schmidt from Wenham, and Camille Nagle Murphy of Magnolia, who moved to Cape Ann from Boston’s western suburbs during Covid, who add to the blend of experience and fresh perspectives.

“We wanted to ensure that our agents and clients would be in good hands,” said Jessica Tully. “With William Raveis, we have the resources of a larger firm without losing the personal touch that’s so important in real estate.”

For Margaret, who has

been with the Manchester office since its inception, William Raveis represents an opportunity to grow while maintaining the local feel that clients have come to trust. And for agents like Camille Nagle Murphy, who relocated to Cape Ann during the COVID-19 pandemic, joining William Raveis felt like a natural progression. She worked with the firm’s Lexington office before moving to Cape Ann and jumped at the chance to reconnect with a company she respected.

“Real estate is about helping people navigate one of the biggest decisions of their lives,” said Murphy. “Here, I can do that in a way that feels supportive and client focused.”

For everyone, the operating ethos of their new owner is familiar. But there are marked differences as well that are welcome.

For instance, William Raveis regional managers, like Deb Payson who oversees

the company’s Marblehead, Reading, and Manchester locations, are prohibited from selling real estate. This policy removed internal competition, said Payson, and fosters a collaborative environment.

“It’s a smart approach. We focus on supporting our agents and ensuring they have the tools they need,” said Payson. “It’s a unique setup, and it works well because it allows our team to focus on what matters most: serving clients.”

And because of its history and deep pockets, the company is able to offer expansive services that complement real estate sales, like offering mortgages, or insurance products that make transactions smoother. There’s also its affiliation with Luxury Portfolio International, which allows William Raveis clients to tap a network of more than 200 luxury brokerages global exposure, particularly for high-end properties.

Looking Ahead

As the Manchester office approaches its one-year anniversary under the William Raveis banner, there is a sense of continuity and growth. The office remains next to J. McLaughlin and Style Snoop on Central Street, and the team continues to serve local clients with the same care they have always shown.

Margaret Mayer Sheehan notes that the rental market remains tight, with high demand and limited supply. This trend has given her insights into broader market movements. “From the rental market, I get a sense of when people are moving, downsizing, or just transitioning in general,” she explained. “That knowledge helps me understand what’s going on in the sales market.”

While the day-to-day operations may not have changed significantly for locals, the partnership with William Raveis brings new opportunities. A big area lies in the

A year into new ownership shows a lot. For everyone, the operating ethos of their new owner is familiar. But there are marked differences as well that are welcome.

firm’s technological tools, and that’s something Molisse couldn’t replicate. The Raveis “Purchase App,” for instance, allows clients to manage real estate, mortgage, and insurance needs if they’re needed, in one place. It’s a tech-savvy approach that would have been out of reach for a small, independent brokerage.

The transition from Molisse Realty to William Raveis Real Estate reflects a broader trend in the real estate industry, where local expertise meets the resources of a larger network. For Cape Ann residents, it means more options, more services, and the same familiar faces guiding them through buying or selling their homes.

As William Raveis celebrates its 50th anniversary, the company’s expansion into markets like Cape Ann signifies its commitment to growth while staying true to its business roots. For Brian Molisse and his team, it’s the start of a new chapter, one that promises continued success and community engagement.

To add a kicker to the story of one company purchasing another, there’s the fact that Brian Molisse was asked by the Raveis family to remain, not as a consultant assuring a smooth transition, but as a permanent regional manager overseeing two of his former offices on Boston’s South Shore as well as a third location, William Raveis in Hingham. That’s highly unusual in acquisitions where former owners step away, and it speaks to the mutual alignment of goals between the two companies.

Maybe that’s why, in an industry where change can be marked by disruption, the transition from Molisse Realty to William Raveis has been decidedly smooth. Different, and yet for locals, pretty familiar. And that’s a good thing.

Two Hopkinsons, Making Their Way

By Erika Brown

The Cape Ann Museum has begun the painstaking process of pack-

ing up its original downtown campus on Pleasant Street to make way for an historic, \$18 million modernization and renovation that will begin in

December. During the renovation, the museum will operate from its Museum Green Campus.

On Tuesday, a cherished



On Tuesday, the Cape Ann Museum packed up “Three Dancing Girls,” by Manchester’s Charles Hopkinson as it empties its Pleasant Street home to make way for an \$18 million renovation. Here, Assistant Curator Leon Doucette and Jennifer Hale carefully remove the work from the wall to be prepared for shipping. Photo Paul Clark

item in the museum’s permanent collection, “Three Dancing Girls” by Manchester painter Charles Hopkinson was packed up and readied for its own renovation. The oversized oil painting has been prominently hung at the top landing of the museum’s main stairs. Earlier this year CAM announced it had purchased the piece, which had been on loan to the museum since 1997.

Now, before placing the painting into storage, *Three Dancing Girls* will be shipped to a restoration house for expert care.

“For the Hopkinson, in addition to removing some regular surface grime, the

treatment will importantly address some active paint flaking, as notable canvas distortions indicate that structural treatment of the painting is warranted at this time. This is a multi-phased series of treatments including unframing the work and documenting its current condition. By then securing and stabilizing loose and flaking paint with an appropriate adhesive work will then be focused on removing surface dust and accretions,” said Oliver Barker, CAM director. “The work will eventually be given a new stretcher to better support the painting in preparation for returning it to the newly revitalized CAM

Galleries in spring 2026.”

Hopkinson was a prolific 20th century portrait painter who worked with John Singer Sargent, among many others. He graduated from Harvard, then went on to attend the Art Students League in New York and the Académie Julian in Paris. He became a highly successful portrait artist, completing over 350 commissioned portraits between 1920 and 1950.

After years of international travel, Hopkinson returned home and married his second wife, Elinor Curtis. He spent his summers working from the Curtis estate,

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Cape Ann Symphony Musicians Unleashed Concert Series

Cape Ann Symphony proudly announces the opening of the 2024/25 Musicians Unleashed Concert Series with Bluegrass and Beyond, on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 3 p.m. at The Unitarian Universalist Church, 10 Church Street, Gloucester. The ticket price for Bluegrass and Beyond is \$40 for adults. Call CAS at 978-281-0543 or go to www.capeansymphony.org to purchase tickets. Premiering in 2019, the Cape Ann Symphony's Musicians Unleashed programs are small intimate chamber concerts performed by members of the Cape Ann Symphony at unique performance venues on Cape Ann. Musicians Unleashed concerts have become a wonderfully popular series with an overwhelmingly enthusiastic audience response. "The Musicians Unleashed Series gives our musicians and our audience members an opportunity to connect in a more relaxed intimate setting," points out CAS Board President John Todd, "Bluegrass and Beyond is a terrific start to the concert series! The lively afternoon features a wide range of music and showcases not only instrumental skills but vocals. The musicians will all be singing and playing fiddle, bass and guitar!"

Bluegrass and Beyond is an intriguing blend of American and international Bluegrass, country and folk music played and sung using violin, guitar and bass instruments. This afternoon of fiddle, guitar and bass as well as vocals

"Musicians Unleashed" has become a wonderfully popular program from Cape Ann Symphony, and it gives locals a pared-down format in surprising venues.

features CAS Concert Master Scott Moore, fiddle, vocals; Erica Pisaturo, fiddle, vocals; George Clements, guitar, vocals; Charles Clements, bass, vocals playing a program of creative and varied compositions. The performance takes place Saturday, October 26 at 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 10 Church Street, Gloucester. Ticket prices for Bluegrass And Beyond are \$40 for Adults.

Info and tickets at capeansymphony.org.

The Bluegrass and Beyond concert features Charles Clements, bass, Concert Master Scott Moore, fiddle, George Clements, guitar, and Erica Pisaturo, fiddle. *Courtesy Photo*

Women's Fund of Essex County Receives HAWC's 2024 Community Partner Award



At the HAWC "Working to Heal" awards breakfast. From left, Helisa Castillo, PhD, AWC Board President, Trish Moore, Co-President, The Women's Fund of Essex County, Wendy Roworth, Co-President, The Women's Fund of Essex County, and Sara Stanley, Executive Director, HAWC. *(Courtesy image)*

The Women's Fund was selected for its dedication to fostering a safe and supportive environment. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and HAWC ("Healing Abuse Working for Change") kicked it off on October 3 with its annual Breakfast to Heal. During the event, HAWC Executive Director Sara Stanley presented their Community Partner Award to Beverly, MA-based

The Women's Fund of Essex County. The award recognizes an organization whose exceptional dedication and impact have significantly advanced the cause of ending abuse and supporting survivors in the community. Stanley said that Women's Fund of Essex County and its Co-Chairs Trish Moore and Wendy Roworth have, "demonstrated unwavering com-

mitment, remarkable leadership, and tangible results in fostering a safer and more supportive environment for all." The Women's Fund of Essex County connects the community - individuals, businesses, foundations and others - to local non-profits who support the well-being

and achievement of women and girls. Over the past 20 years, The Women's Fund has provided \$3.2 million in grants to more than 150 organizations across Essex County. Moore said, "This award is not for us, but for all the donors who help the Women's Fund complete its mission to provide financial support Essex County nonprofits that improve the lives of women and girls. HAWC plays a vital role in these efforts and The Women's Fund is happy to support their work. We are overjoyed and humbled at receiving their Community Partner Award."

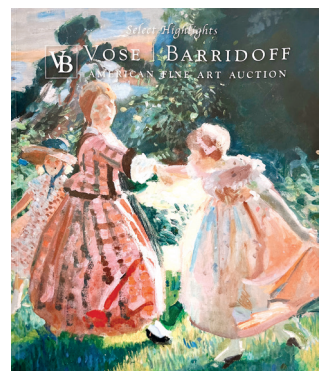
HAWC provides services to survivors of domestic abuse residing in 23 cities and towns on Massachusetts' North Shore in order that they may make informed, independent decisions about their futures.

The Women's Fund of Essex County will be celebrating its 2024 Grantees on Thursday, October 17 at its Grantee Celebration Breakfast, in Danvers at Danversport, from 7:30-9 a.m.

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"Sharksmouth." Painting by the ocean, he often used family members and the picturesque surrounding landscape as inspiration for his oils and watercolors. Completed in 1915, *Three Dancing Girls* captures three of his daughters, Harriot, Mary, and Elinor, dancing on the lawn of the Manchester homestead.

Meanwhile, at the Lenox Hotel in Boston this past Sunday afternoon, Vose Galleries and Barridoff's American Fine Art Auction featured a smaller version of *Three Dancing Girls* at its auction alongside works by distinguished American artists, including Winslow Homer, William Trost Richards, Jane Peterson, Alex Katz, Wolf Kahn, and many more. Called "Three Dancing Girls (Ladies Chain)," Lot 14 was a smaller version (23" by 25.75" completed on a wood panel) that Hopkinson completed before moving to complete his final piece. After a



Vose catalog for its auction in Boston on Sunday prominently featured a smaller "study painting" by Hopkinson, who prepared for the large, final painting in 1915. It brought a record price.

Photo: Erika Brown

fierce and exciting battle of bids, it was taken home by a local Cape Ann collector, the highlight of the auction with the afternoon's highest hammer price.

So nice to know the painting will stay close to its home on Cape Ann.

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.
 ~ Ronald Reagan~



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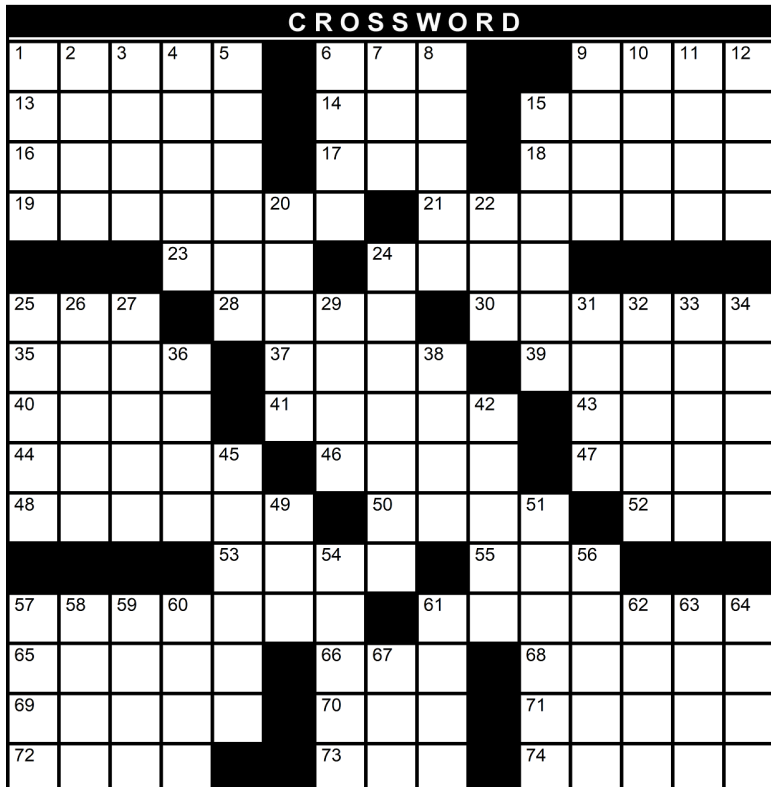


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St. John the Baptist Church - Saturday Vigil Mass-5 p.m.

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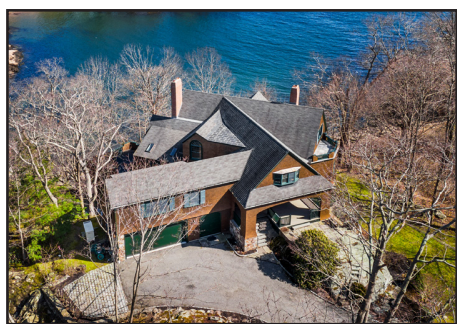
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My Father-In-Law Has Terminal Cancer. What Do We Tell the Grandchildren?



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

The good news here, if there is any, is that the word “cancer” does not need to strike the terror in us that it used to. Many forms are, of course, very treatable, and across the spectrum of cancer diagnoses, there is room for hope and optimism. However, in those heartbreaking scenarios where recovery and cure are not in the cards, we need to develop language around what is happening that informs but does not terrify. How exactly do we do that?

Step One: Take inventory. How much do the children already know? Has the word cancer come up in conversation? If they have heard you in the car, on the phone, or in conversation at home, they know more than you think they do. In the absence of information, children may “fill in the blanks” from their collective experience and imagination. They could create an extreme and unlikely scenario or minimize what they see, contributing to their angst.

Step Two: Identify the difference between a cold, the flu, strep throat, and a serious life-limiting illness. In my decades of hospice work, I learned that even teens and young adults could have significant anxiety about “how sick is sick.” Identify the illness: “Grampa smoked cigarettes for most of his life. He tried to stop many times, but the damage was done. He is now struggling with lung cancer, and his treatment worked in the be-

ginning. He was getting a little better, but the treatment isn’t working anymore.” You are creating a space of safety for your children by clearly identifying where this illness came from (although we may not always know), helping them not to fear that everyone and anyone is a potential victim. They know that sickness comes and goes. They “catch” something, and then they recover. Make a special point to clarify that there is sickness that we recover from and, much less commonly, sickness from which we cannot heal.

- Step Three: Know your audience.**
- What are the children’s ages and developmental levels?
 - Does your child have issues with anxiety? How does your child respond to stress and fear?
 - What is the relationship with the grandparent? Do they live in California and see the kids once a year or so, or do they live next door and are a part of your children’s daily lives?
 - Have the kids visited during hospitalizations? Have they witnessed the impact of the illness?
 - Have you had preliminary conversations with them about “sickness?”

Consider how your child processes difficult information in general. Soft stepping may be a temptation here. While the truth should be told very tenderly and carefully, not being honest may lead your child to feel lied to. If you present a picture that is more hopeful and less honest, the death will come as more of a shock and may have a damaging impact. If you have been sharing posi-

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fied truths about Grampa’s condition, ask some questions about their level of understanding. “Do you think Grampa is getting better? If so, tell me what you see that makes you think that. Do you believe Grampa is getting sicker? If so...tell me what you see.”

Step Four: Empowerment. Since we can’t change Grampa’s health, what can we do for him? This introduces the “quality of life” concept. Depending on age and development, children’s involvement in the end-of-life process can be profoundly important for Grampa and everyone in the family.

Provide the canvas and the opportunity for your child to engage. “What do you think would make Grampa happy today? A game of checkers, a hand-made card, flowers, ice cream, or iced coffee? We could go over for a visit, watch a TV program together, and have hot chocolate.” What you are modeling and facilitating is finding your power in a situation you find unacceptable. This is not boot camp. In fact, it is the opposite...It’s another deep dive inside.

You are teaching invaluable lessons. Even when we are afraid and sad, we are not powerless. Small acts of kindness often have BIG

results. Our children will likely face some of the same heartache and difficulty in the real world. What an opportunity to shepherd them through this, demonstrating that we as parents are willing to have open conversations, share our own sad feelings, and begin the conversation that is always the case...it’s both/and.

“Yes, he has this illness, and we sure wish he didn’t. He had treatment that helped him for a while. He doesn’t feel well again, and now we can show him how much we care.” A quick Amazon search will give you dozens of great options for children’s books that tackle the subject of serious illness. Don’t forget, we have a remarkable resource (right here on the North Shore) in Care Dimensions of Danvers.

Fortunately, the conversation is evolving, as is our understanding and approach to including children in the end-of-life experience. As always, garner the resources of those you trust and admire who may have walked this path already. As painful as this is, it affords us an opportunity to introduce our children to the concept of **what we can do** instead of focusing on what we can’t.

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.

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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

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 - emailoffice.fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link.

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

Book Group monthly, October 28 “The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride. Open to all.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE



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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.

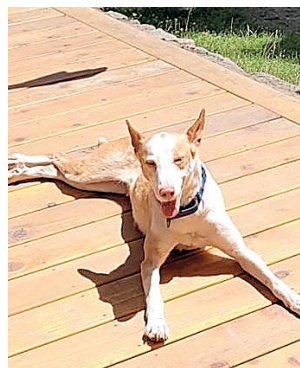
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed new Section 9.4, to create a new Community Housing Overlay District that would allow as-of-right multifamily housing in accordance with Section 3A of the Zoning Act (MGL Chapter 40A) subject to site plan review by the Planning Board, and to 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.

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

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Amethyst is a 4-year-old Portuguese Podengo Mix, weighing about 35 pounds, in foster care who is looking for her forever home. Her foster family says she eats well, loves treats, sleeps when tired, does her business outside, knows how to walk on a leash, listens to basic commands and loves to cuddle. Amethyst is part of the Extended Stay Program and her adoption fee has been reduced to \$100 to help her find a home more quickly; she is also available for Foster to Adopt to ensure a smooth transition to her forever home. Visit www.capeanimalaid.org for more information about Amethyst and all the other animals waiting for homes here at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.

The Hornets huddle up before “tackling” Ipswich in a home game on Friday at Hyland Field. ME prevailed 27-0 against the Tigers. The Hornets next meet rival Hamilton Wenham at home on Friday. The boys are 4-1. They have outscored their opponents 145-65.

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