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**BRIEFLY**

**Cribbage Finale**

The season's "Cribbage Queen," Joan Snow, was finally overthrown in a head-to-head match against "Cricketeer" Paul Clark. Paul took home the Crib Addict title and trophy with his 3-2 win on Tuesday. Following Clark was Joan Snow, Heather MacDonald, Tina Latassa, Bob Torkildsen, Ben Conway, Jim Chabot, Billy Bell, John Bubrouski, Harry Parsons, Betsy Nickless, Michela Hirnak, Everett Morss, Jim O'Neill, David Slade, Hala Makowska, Jeanne Stanton, Tom Grady, Chuck Nicol, and Adigail Symes. League picks back up in 2025. Congrats to all!

**MBTS CPC Grant Cycle Open**

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has put the word out to residents and town organizations that Sunday, Dec. 1 is the deadline to apply for CPC funding. Grants are available for Historic Preservation, Community Housing, Open Space and Recreation. The CPC will bring all recommended projects before voters at Manchester's 2025 Annual Town Meeting in April. Applications and info can be found on the town's website.



**RIP Chris Glass**

Sadly, it has come to our attention that Chris "Bubba" Glass has died. Chris was a lifelong aviator who flew helicopters for the US Army during the Vietnam War and then for decades in the private sector serving Boston Medflight and global clients. Old timers will remember that Christ also ran Glass Taxi in Manchester in the 1970s and, more recently, he piloted the harbor launch boat service for nearly a decade. Read the obituary, **Page 2**.

**... Never Too Early**

It's holiday fair season already! On Nov. 16 at the Magnolia Library, the Women's Community Club of Magnolia will host its annual Holiday Fair featuring a bevy of local artisans offering great, local gift options from beautiful jewelry, different types of art, knitted items and more. Includes a silent auction, raffle prizes, baked goods and lunch. Come on down!

**Last Call! Gems From the Archive**

Manchester Cricket's Editor Erika Brown and Assistant Editor Paul Clark will present "Gems from the Cricket Archive," as part of the Manchester Cultural Council and the MBTS Library's fall speaker series. Thursday, Nov. 7 at Crowell Chapel from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fun, informative, and free.

## Tourney Win is Familiar Territory for ME Field Hockey

By Jason Brisbois

It's all very familiar, but that doesn't make it any less impressive.

Two years ago, the Manchester Essex field hockey team played in the Div. 4 State Final. In 2023, the Hornets made it to the final four of the tournament. It's 2024, and once again, the Hornets just finished up a near-dominant regular season, earned a high seed (fifth overall in a field of 32) in the Div. 4 tournament bracket.

Therefore, it shouldn't come as much of a surprise - if not a foregone conclusion - that the Hornets began this year's tournament run with a 6-0 victory over 28-seed Sturgis Charter East on November 28. Judging by recent history, this means that more tourney wins likely to come in the near future.

"Dare I say it's an expectation?" asks ME field hockey coach Courtney Brown regarding her team's consistent success in the tournament year after year. "It's all those things - relieving to move forward, exciting to get a big team win in, and yes, it's an expectation for ME field hockey to land high in the power rankings and dominate early in the playoffs. We're all about playing one game at a time, but long term we have big goals of going as far as possible in the tournament."

The win was the sixth shutout in a row for the Hornets, going back to the regular season.

"It's our entire team defense," explains Brown.



Summer Demeo scrambles for the ball in last week's 6-0 MIAA tournament win against Sturgis Charter East.

Photo: Paul Clark

"We're able to stop nearly all of their offensive momentum because our press is so strong. We've worked hard to have patient and sharp sticks on defense.

She adds: "I also attribute it to our team's energy and attitudes. They are highly motivated and play hard, especially in playoffs because our season is at stake."

Kiernan Day scored a pair of goals in the win, with five different players scoring goals. Also of note was the play of some Hornet team members getting their first-ever taste of tournament action.

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ernan Day for earning two goals; also, Logan Rushing, Katie Crompton, Emma Hickey, Maeve McCardle and Cordelia Riggs for seeing time in their first playoff games and staying confident and strong," says Brown. Fittingly, the Hornets'

next playoff opponent will also seem very familiar: Manchester Essex was slated to face fellow Cape Ann League member Ipswich on Nov. 6 (Manchester Essex Regional High School, 7 p.m.) in the Sweet 16. The Hornets swept their regu-

lar season series with the Tigers, beating Ipswich by twin 1-0 scores in both home and away contests.

"Playing - and beating - a team for the third time is going to be a challenge, but one we're up for," explains Brown. "Ipswich's strength is their goalie, and we're focused on moving her and peppering her with diverse shots. We need to be relentless on net and tight all over the rest of the field. Emotions will definitely be high against Ipswich as they're our local rival. We're focused on playing poised and with high energy to get it done."

## An Early Look Ahead at Facility Needs

by Gregory T. Federspiel

The MBTA 3A zoning debate has included a fair amount of interest in grant funds that the town has and may receive as well as what future large capital projects are needed. Nailing down precise figures is always a challenge when trying to forecast up to 25 years into the future but to gain a better understanding of the financial stresses facing the Town, staff are working with the Finance Committee and the Select Board in developing a plausible roadmap for making needed major facility improvements in addition to the annual capital projects the Town typically undertakes.

We have made significant progress over the last 10 years making overdue infrastructure improvements, but there is still much more to be done. Over this period, capital expenditures have exceeded \$50 million, with more than half of this for the new elementary school. While



these investments have been significant, the pace may well have to pick up over the course of the next 25 years or so given the remaining backlog and the added pressures of climate change and new regulatory requirements.

A new project that has jumped to the front of the line is the need to remove PFAS from the Town's drinking water. The EPA very recently set a much lower threshold for these chemicals in public water supplies. Depending on whether we will need to build a new structure at the

Gravelly Pond water treatment plant to house the new filtration system, PFAS related expenses could top \$25 million.

The old DPW garage is some 60 years old and is inadequate to meet the Department's needs. Preliminary studies indicate the most cost-effective approach would be to build a new garage and offices for the Department up at the old compost site off Upper School Street. Cost estimates are in the \$20 million range. Additional investigations of the site are under-

The Essex Elementary School replacement project was accepted into the state's MSBA program and work has begun to determine the best option for the school. Assuming that a new school is the final recommendation, Manchester's share of the project

is likely to be up to \$30 million.

Manchester's sewer plant lies at a low point in town. It is right next to the harbor and much of the plant is actually underground, below existing sea level.

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**Weekly Weather Chart**

Saturday 9 Nov		54°	38°
Sunday 10 Nov		48°	30°
Monday 11 Nov		60°	45°
Tuesday 12 Nov		55°	50°
Wednesday 13 Nov		53°	50°
Thursday 14 Nov		52°	49°
Friday 15 Nov		52°	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**  
MERSD No School  
Monday, November 11

**MBTS**  
Harbor Management Task Force  
Hybrid Meeting - Town Hall  
Wednesday, Nov 13, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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High flying dancer Jenelle Ford wowed the crowd during the 13th Night of Stars performance at the MERHS auditorium. The show featured 32 acts and was appreciated by all who attended. (Photo Paul Clark)



# Obituaries

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

## Christopher R. Glass



Christopher R. Glass, 77, affectionately known as "Bubba", a lifelong resident of Manchester-by-the-Sea passed away on October 30, 2024, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington. He was born in Marblehead on October 18, 1947, to his late parents Frank & Edna May (Devine)

Glass. Bubba was raised and educated in Manchester-by-the-Sea and graduated from Manchester High School with the Class of 1966.

Like so many of his generation, Bubba enlisted and served in the United States Army. He began his lifelong career in aviation flying helicopters during the Vietnam War. After receiving his honorable discharge, Bubba continued to serve the greater good of mankind and flew helicopters for Boston Scientific and Boston Med Flight. In a completely opposite direction from the sky, his other devoted passion was towards the sea, he worked for many years at the Manchester Yacht Club as a launch driver. A local fixture in Manchester harbor, Bubba was known for shar-

ing his love for Manchester Harbor through teaching new launch drivers or assisting boaters with anything relating to matters of the harbor. "Go ask Bubba, he'll know."

Bubba was a member of a handful of fraternal and civic organizations in Manchester; the Mason's Lodge, The American Legion, the Manchester Club, the Elder Brethren of Manchester and the Manchester Essex Grid Iron Club. Widely known for his great sense of humor, he was also a selfless, gentle and a kind soul who loved his family, friends, and the town of Manchester.

Bubba, the beloved patriarch of his family, was the proud father to his five children; his son Christopher Glass & his wife Cathie of Manchester, his daughter Elizabeth Glass & her husband Paul Queior of New Zealand, his son Jonathan Glass of Manchester, his son Nicholas Glass and his wife Daron of Essex, and his daughter Jennifer Glass, also of Manchester. He was also

the cherished grandfather of his nine grandchildren; Ava, Gavin, Joseph, Christopher Jr., Nicholas, Olive, Nell, Mikey, and Axel. Bubba is also survived by his five siblings; his brother Frosty Glass & his wife Anne of Medway, his brother Richard Glass of Durham, NC, his sister Wendy Glass & her husband Hoppy Hopkins of Asheville, NC, his sister Terry Panagos & her husband Chris of Houston, TX, and his sister Edna May Glass of Santa Fe, NM. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Bubba was preceded in death by his son-in-law Michael Schmorrow.

Funeral: To honor Bubba's wishes, all services will be private. Please consider a memorial contribution in Bubba's memory to the Hooper Fund, www.hooperfund.org. Arrangements under the direction of the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly. Information, condolences, and directions at www.campbell-funeral.com.

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# MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES | NOV 8

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
1:26 a.m. Summer St., suspicious activity, assisted as needed. 3:55 p.m. Lincoln St., animal complaint, no action taken. 5:16 p.m. Central St., harassment, report to follow. 8:29 p.m. School St., disabled MV, assist as needed.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
6:52 a.m. Washington St., MV crash, assist as needed. 11:57 a.m. Newport Park, welfare check, secured checked. 12:28 p.m. Ashland Ave., property damage/vandalism, spoken to. 8:19 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious activity, GOA.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
6:33 a.m. Forest St., fire investigation, fire confirmed. 8:04 a.m. Raymond St., animal complaint, other. 2:46 p.m. Newport Park Rd., house lockout. Assist as needed. 8:44 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation, false.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30**  
1:10 a.m. Ashland Ave., police invest/follow up, assist as needed. 9:39 a.m. Rosedale Ave., agency assist, notification made. 10:04 a.m. Beach St., MV stop, verbal warning.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**  
9:13 a.m. Old Essex Rd., police alarm, secured/checked. 11:34 a.m. School St., MV stop, arrest. 12:59 p.m. Vine St., property lost/found/returned. Notification made. 8:25 p.m. Beach St., disturbance, GOA.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**  
10:31 a.m. Summer St., suspicious activity, assist as needed. 3:21 p.m. Elm St., fraud/scam, spoken to. 11:10 p.m. Bridge St., animal complaint, assist as needed.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
2:57 a.m. Boardman Ave., police/alarm, secured/checked. 1:25 p.m. Summer St., MV stop, verbal warn-

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With rising seas and bigger storms, the plant either needs significant protection - eventually tall new seawalls around it - or be relocated. The former could cost in the \$25 million range while the latter is likely in excess of \$70 million if undertaken mid-century. In the meantime, we are making improvements to better protect critical electronics, etc. from flooding.

Both the Fire and Police Stations also face flooding threats and neither facility was built for the current number of staff in each department. The police station is especially undersized and antiquated for today's needs. A new public safety facility is targeted for the mid-2030s at a projected cost of \$25 million.

Additional improvements are needed to protect properties and roads from severe flood damage including increasing the size of culverts, existing revetments and seawalls. We have \$6.5 million secured for the first major culvert replacement project, the Central Street dam/culvert. The long-range forecast shows some \$45 million more for similar projects. While that seems like a large number, just to better protect Ocean Street and Raymond Street could cost more than this.

Renovation and expansion of the Manchester Public Library is also being pursued. A request to the state for \$150,000 in grant funding to pay for design work is pending. If awarded, the Town would also be eligible for construction dollars up to \$3 million or so. These funds require compliance with the MBTA 3A zoning law.

All these mentioned projects come to approximately \$200-\$250 million. Hard choices will have to be made as this is too big of a burden for taxpayers to absorb even with bonding and spreading projects out over 25+ years. We will also continue to pursue grant funding wherever possible. The Town has a strong track

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record for successful grant applications. Over the past 10 years over \$20 million in grants have been secured. Of this total, \$6.2 to \$8.5 million would have been withheld if the MBTA 3A compliance requirement were in place (the range is due to just using the four grants mentioned in the law versus the expanded list of grants in the subsequent state guidelines.)

In the immediate future, there is the pending library application that is subject to 3A compliance as well as a grant to be submitted for the rebuilding of the Rotunda (\$2.9 million dollars in two grants that are both subject to 3A compliance per the guidelines) and a \$4+ million dollar dredging project for which we will seek \$2 million in MassWorks grant funding which also requires compliance.

Lots of numbers to be sure but the take-away is that the Town faces significant needs for facility and infrastructure projects that will require as many funding sources as possible to bring them to fruition and provide the municipal services residents require.

## PRE-TOWN MEETING NOTICE

Please take notice that a Pre-Town Meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2024 to discuss the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 18. This will be a virtual meeting. Join the Zoom meeting:

Meeting Link:  
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81136007750?pwd=61aFnb0FptR aFlrRala702HF0FrCj9.1

Meeting ID: 811 3600 7750  
Passcode: 439084  
Dial-In: +1 646 558 8656 US

This notice with the link above will be posted on the moderator's page on the Town website.



The purpose of the Pre-Town Meeting is to consider procedural questions and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Town Meeting. We will not discuss the substance of articles. I encourage Town officials and sponsors of articles to attend, and all residents are welcome. The meeting will

begin promptly at 9 a.m., so I ask that everyone join a few minutes early.

Those who are unable to attend the Pre-Town Meeting and have questions about procedural issues are welcome to call me at 978-526-4229, or to send me an e-mail message addressed to awilson@spyrockhill.net.

Alan Wilson  
Town Moderator

## HANDOUTS FOR TOWN MEETING

Although the warrant for the November 18 special town meeting is short, we anticipate a high level of interest in proposed zoning amendments to comply with the state mandate that MBTA communities have at least one district permitting multifamily housing as of right. Because of this high interest, complexity of the issues and diverse opinions, residents may want to prepare written handouts for the meeting. Any handouts must be submitted to the town moderator awilson@spyrockhill.net and town clerk townclerk@manchester.ma.us no later than November 12, 2024. There will be a table for handouts in the lobby where voters check in. Handouts that are not submitted by that date

will not be permitted on the table, nor may they be distributed during the meeting. With a high turnout expected, we will have seats for as many as 1,300 voters. Those preparing handouts should bear this in mind when making copies.

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Recently, students from Manchester's Magic Years Cooperative Nursery School headed out for a big trip "across town" and arrived for a visit to the Manchester Fire House for a field trip. A future with these cuties? Pretty bright ...  
Photo: Elizabeth Harrington

## A Short Guide to Town Meeting

by Alan Wilson, MBTS Town Moderator

Manchester's Special Town Meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 18, at the Manchester Essex Regional Middle-High School in the gymnasium, with additional seating in the auditorium if needed. If you have never been to town meeting, please consider coming. Citizen participation makes town government work.

This guide provides a brief explanation of what town meeting does and how it functions. Residents with questions are welcome to call 978-526-4229 or send an e-mail addressed to awilson@spyrockhill.net.

### What is town meeting?

Town meeting is Manchester's legislature. The meeting sets the town's budget, appropriates funds and enacts the town's governing laws - called By-laws. The Select Board on the other hand, heads the town's executive arm. Manchester has an "open" town meeting, which means that every registered voter is entitled to participate in debate and cast his or her vote. Some larger towns have "representative" town meetings: there, every voter can speak, but only elected town meeting members can vote.

Town meeting itself is governed by several provisions of state law, a section of Manchester's By-laws, and by traditional practices applied over many years, including those set out in a guidebook for moderators called Town Meeting Time. The Select Board may call "special" town meetings at any time, with prescribed notice to the voters. The Select Board also sets the warrant, a compilation of all the "articles" or subjects to be addressed at the meeting. Since publication of the warrant gives legal notice to the voters of the subjects to be discussed, no action may be taken at the meeting that is not covered by a warrant article.

While the Select Board writes most of the warrant articles with assistance from the administrator and town counsel, citizens may also submit articles for consideration. For the annual meeting, the Select Board must include citizen-sponsored articles stated in a petition signed by at least 10 voters. For special meetings, however, citizen petitions require 100 signatures for the article to be included. Citizens seeking to sponsor a warrant article often consult with the moderator or town administrator to make sure it's in the proper form.

### How does town meeting work?

The moderator presides over the meeting, manages the discussion of warrant articles, rules on all procedural issues, and is required by state law to declare the result of votes. The moderator's ruling on matters of procedure is final - under the relevant statute, there is no appeal. Moderating therefore requires scrupulous fairness to the participants and giving all those who wish to speak an opportunity to do so, while simultaneously keeping the proceeding moving as efficiently as reasonably possible.

The meeting takes up the articles in order as they appear in the warrant, unless the meeting decides by majority vote to alter the sequence. Articles are not self-starting, however, but require a motion and a second. The article may be fairly general, but the motion must propose specific action and may differ from the article. It must be close enough, however, that a voter who read the article in the warrant would not be surprised by the action voted under it. For example, if the article proposed to buy one police car for \$25,000, a motion to buy five cars for \$125,000 would be out of order. The question is whether the motion is "within the scope of the warrant," and one of the moderator's tasks is to decide whether each motion passes this test.

Any registered voter may speak at town meeting, provided he or she is first recognized by the moderator, and may offer a motion under an article. Non-residents, including non-resident town employees, may also attend the meeting with the moderator's permission. Once a motion is made and seconded, another voter may move to amend the motion, provided the proffered amendment is also within the scope of the article. Our rules provide that only one "main motion" and no more than two amendments may be before the meeting at the same time. The purpose of this rule is to avoid the confusion that might result from too many proposals pending simultaneously. The meeting may close debate by a two-thirds vote - the process to do so is called the "motion for the previous question."

The last step in the process is voting. Manchester's town meeting now votes electronically, using handsets similar to a TV remote. Electronic voting means that every vote is a secret ballot, affording privacy that many residents find desirable. An explanation of how to use the handsets is on the moderator's page on the town website and will be published in next week's Cricket.

Most actions require a majority vote, but some, including borrowing, transfers of land, and most zoning amendments require two-thirds; other measures require greater "super-majorities." Part of the moderator's job is to know which quantum of vote applies to each type of action, and to explain these procedures to the voters. After acting on all the warrant articles, the meeting votes to "dissolve." Once dissolved, that meeting cannot reconvene.

Please plan to attend town meeting. Town meeting is interesting - and fun. It is also important. This is where we, as neighbors, govern our town on issues that directly affect our lives. It is the essence of democracy and of community.



### SELECT BOARD UPDATE

**Town Hall Closed:** Town Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. All trash, recycling and compost collection will be delayed by one day. Thank you to our Veterans.

**Special Town Meeting Voter Registration:** The deadline to register to vote at the Special Town Meeting is November 8. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

**Planning Board Meeting:** The Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details are available on the Town website.

**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.

**Child Care at Special Town Meeting:** Free childcare will be provided at the Special Town Meeting by Parks and Recreation. Registration is required on the Parks and Recreation website.

**CPC Application Deadline:** Applications for Community Preservation Act Funds are due on December 1. Applications and more information about CPA funding may be found on the Town of Manchester's Website.

**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.-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 election in Manchester this year was one of the liveliest at the polls seen for years, and despite a most disagreeable afternoon and copious rainfall, a steady flow of ballots continued up to closing time, when a total of 1235 was rung up on the register out of a total registration of 1414.

Last Saturday the Story High Eleven played Punchard High at Andover. The Green and White was greatly outweighed in this game but put up a game fight before bowing down 34-0.

### 75 YEARS AGO - 1949

At its annual meeting held Monday evening in the Selectman's room, Town Hall, Miss Mary Burke of 98 School Street, was elected president of the Manchester Youth Center, Youth Council. Miss Burke is a senior at Story High. Work has started at Summer Street next to the Essex County Club entrance, for a new housing development. Present plans call for a six-home development.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Monday evening the American Legion Post 113 of Manchester presented a set of historical flags to the Memorial School. The flags will be used in the teaching of history and for the annual Flag Day program.

Last Saturday members of Boy Scout Troop 3 worked with members of the Conservation Commission making trails and putting up signs in the Powder House Hill Reservation. There will be a major trail through the Reservation with side trails leading to places of special interest.

### 45 YEARS AGO - 1979

The Manchester High School football team beat Southeast Regional last Sunday by a score of 18-0 with 3 first half touchdowns. The Hornets improved their record to 4-4 while Southeast's dropped to 1-6. The cross-country teams left school early Wednesday the 31st to get to the Cape Ann League meet with enough time to look over the course. The meet was held in the Bradley Palmer State Forest and was three miles long. The course seemed to be the true "cross-

country" course.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1994

The mountain has been climbed and the championship is home in Manchester. With great fan support, the Junior Hornets C team travelled to Gloucester and overcame a strong charger team in a 9-0 victory. The Manchester Woman's Club will hold their monthly meeting on November 15 at the Congregational Chapel. Guest speaker will be Katerina Gates, member of the MWC will lecture and show slides of Christmas in Williamsburg.

### 15 YEARS AGO - 2009

The Cricket Press, Inc. is pleased to announce the opening of The Gallery at the Cricket. The walls of the main lobby have been transformed and will now display the fine art of local residents. The 5th Annual Green & White Breakfast sponsored by the Manchester Essex Rotary Club will be held Saturday, November 2, 2009 from 8-10 a.m. at the NEW Manchester-Essex Regional High School Cafeteria.



Manchester voters who showed up at the Memorial School polling station Tuesday got the night off from cooking after doing their civic duties, thanks to a gourmet grilled cheese food truck parked at the exit. The truck was arranged by Leading Ladies, the local non-profit aimed at widening engagement by women in public issues.  
Photo: Erika Brown

### Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀	
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8 Fri	3:39	8.2	3:45	9.5	10:04	1.9	10:47	0.8	6:25	4:28
9 Sat	4:36	8.3	4:45	9.4	11:03	1.8	11:44	0.8	6:26	4:27
10 Sun	5:37	8.6	5:51	9.3			12:04	1.5	6:27	4:26
11 Mon	6:39	9.1	6:59	9.4	12:41	0.6	1:07	1.1	6:28	4:25
12 Tue	7:40	9.7	8:04	9.6	1:38	0.4	2:09	0.5	6:30	4:24
13 Wed	8:36	10.4	9:05	9.7	2:33	0.1	3:09	-0.1	6:31	4:23
14 Thu	9:30	11.0	10:03	9.9	3:27	-0.1	4:07	-0.6	6:32	4:22

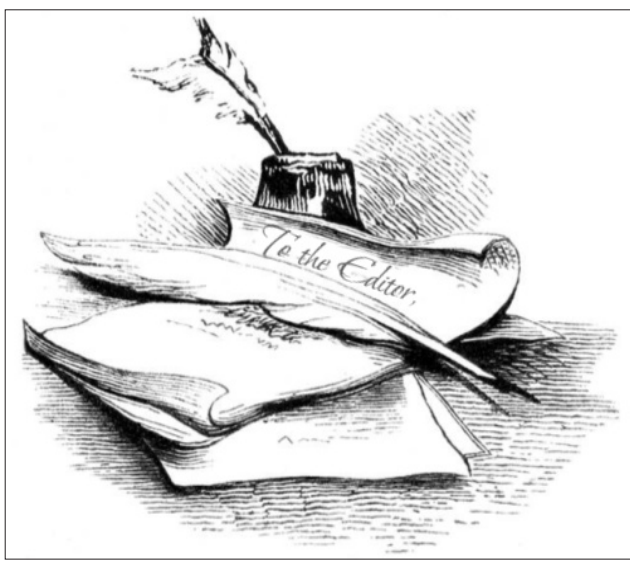


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## Essex Was Built by Small Business. The Town's Proposed Zoning Could Kill It

To the Editor,

On October 23rd, the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce sponsored a meeting hosted by the Riversbend Restaurant in Essex. At issue were the zoning proposals on the warrant for the fall town meeting as well as obvious anti-business policies of the current town officials. The meeting was attended by about 30 business owners, other interested parties as well as Selectwomen Ruth Perrine, Alva Ingaharro and Planning Board Chair Lisa O'Donnell.

Essex is in the third year of an absolute moratorium on new or expanded commercial enterprises anywhere in town. You don't get much more anti-business than that. Additionally, the Selectmen have limited the entertainment options for our restaurants which has hampered their ability to attract patrons or effectively host weddings and functions. The original moratorium was pushed by the Planning Board as a necessary measure to allow time for them to craft zoning bylaws that would stop and prevent disruptive businesses from destroying our residential neighborhoods.

Now, after three years, the Planning Board is proposing about 20 pages of new regulations and residential maps that are in effect, a defacto continuation of the moratorium. The maps delineate two residential districts, a "Village Residential District" and a "Rural Residential District." In the "Rural" district, which encompasses the vast majority of land in Essex, no new businesses will be allowed. Expansion or changes of pre-existing businesses will be limited by permitting and regulations that could be more restrictive than the historical use of the property.

New businesses or changes to existing businesses in the "Village" district would be limited and regulated by pages and pages of regulations that will allow the Planning Board to subjectively decide if the proposed use "fits" with the neighborhood. These requirements are onerous enough to discourage anyone from investing in a business anywhere in town.

Most of the businesses in our neighborhoods are also the homes of the business owners. Many of these operations exceed "Home Occupation" regulations, but have peacefully coexisted with their neighbors for years. They are a benefit to our community. Many of these "home entrepreneurs" have served on our fire department and other town

positions. We should not be discouraging them.

The new bylaws create a new "Business or Commercial Districts." Rather the maps leave a few comparatively small islands of land within the residential districts designated as "General Use" which could be either business or residential. Given the astronomical value of residential real estate and the current hostility toward business, creating a new business would be a suckers bet. All this in a Town whose area is dominated by the Great Marsh, wetlands, conservation land and inaccessible, undevelopable land. Only a tiny fraction of land is used or available for commercial development.

In the original justification for the moratorium and these new bylaws, the Planning Board stated that, "While the Town has primarily been a rural residential community, in recent years there has been more interest in bringing business and industrial enterprises to the Town. While Town officials are in favor of growing the Town's business and industrial base, new business and industrial enterprises are not always in harmony with existing residential uses. This has led to an increase in complaints concerning noise, traffic and other impacts from such uses in residential neighborhoods. Given the rate at which such new business and industrial development has been occurring, time is needed to study the issue..."

These are the board's own words from the warrant article. Yet, at the Chamber meeting, when asked what prompted this zoning initiative, Town officials could only think of one example. This was about a misguided individual who proposed a wedding venue on Island Rd. to the outrage of the neighbors. But it was a moot issue, because the property in question was limited in use by a conservation restriction which prohibited a wedding or other commercial venture.

So, Town officials falsely led the Town's people to believe that there was an onslaught of businesses infiltrating residential areas. Lisa O'Donnell admitted this during her planning board forum on September 25, 2024. In response to a question from Mike Dyer, she stated "Let's be honest, it is allowed now but it just doesn't happen. When was the last time someone bought a home and turned it into a business?" Yet she insists that the moratorium was necessary despite not being able to outline and quantify these occurrences and now propose bylaws that will basically codify the moratorium by putting enough roadblocks in place to discourage new or expanded

existing businesses.

We already have bylaws that can limit intrusive business operations if properly applied.

They were supposed to "study" the issue. Instead, they issued surveys and held sparsely attended forums which basically invited residents to designate their own area as residential regardless of pre-existing businesses in the same area. What is the point in designating an area as residential when there are several long-standing commercial operations right across the street? This process was unscientific and ignored the need for a prosperous business community to subsidize our growing residential development. A more scientific and responsible approach would have been to designate every lot with frontage on Routes 133 and 22, as commercial based on access, and the availability of water, sewer and high-voltage electricity.

The history of Essex is one in which businesses were scattered about Town in small enterprises which supplied the needs of the ship building operations from steel and brass fittings to cabinetry, rope and lumber. As the shipbuilding slowed, these local mechanics converted to supplying parts for housing or manufacturers like Sylvania, GE or the United Shoe. These small businesses are what make Essex a vibrant community where you can get almost anything you need without leaving Town, even on Sunday.

At the Chamber meeting, a show of hands demonstrated almost universal opposition to these measures. Please join us in voting against these onerous, unnecessary regulations that threaten to fundamentally alter our beloved Town.

**Ed Neal**  
Essex

## Grants Will Fund Badly Needed Infrastructure Upgrades: Support MBTA Zoning

The idea of change is challenging.

It is my belief that both our elected and volunteer committees have always used a measured and thoughtful approach when making recommendations and decisions for our town. The MBTA Zoning Task Force has been no different. The group has worked diligently and respectfully within the complex challenge of balancing housing needs and the intricacies of the state law while minimizing the change to the look and feel in our town.

Our community has a responsibility to join in making choices that both protect the character of the spaces we all enjoy along with what will best help move the town forward with the opportunity for some diverse housing for new families and/or our elders.

I am a lifelong resident and feel comfortable with the work that has been done to create the zoning districts that will be least impactful. Our community faces infrastructure updates that will carry considerable costs, as those that were here before us. A cost that without any amount of grant funding will place pressure on many to continue to live here as taxes will rise to maintain all the services that we are accustomed to. My parents' generation --built schools, the water/sewer treatment plants, paid for early dredging of the harbor, and much more along with maintaining the beauty in our open space. It is our turn to make the most prudent decisions for those that want to continue residing here and those that would like the opportunity to live here and enjoy all the beauty and comforts that our little town by the sea provides.

I encourage everyone to review the work of the MBTA Task Force, all of which can be found on the town's website ([manchester.ma.us](http://manchester.ma.us)), ask members questions and attend the Special Town Meeting on November 18.

Respectfully,

**Muffin Noonan Driscoll**

**Healthy Town Finances, School District Demos Should Mean a "Yes" for MBTA Zoning**

I plan to vote yes in support of MBTA Zoning because I want to continue to see healthy town finances, small class sizes, and depth and breadth in learning experiences for the students of MERSD.

Manchester Memorial has the capacity for more students. It was built with a capacity of 335 and current enrollment is 285 students. At the 10/15/24 School Committee meeting, Superintendent Beaudoin stated that she felt that the school could absorb 100 or more students in addition to what is there now. The recent Finance Committee Fiscal Analysis predicted that the increase in school age children from MBTA Zoning to be somewhere between 50-90 students.

MERSD continually ranks as one of the top school districts in the state because class sizes are low and the school offers specialized courses. Recent allocations of teaching staff based on enrollment and budget meant that, other than first grade and Pre-K, there are only two classes per grade and class sizes have ticked up recently at Memorial. Memorial was built to accommodate three classes per grade level. An increase in the number of students at Memorial might require hiring more teachers, which would cause class sizes to go back down. Adding or maintaining current enrollment means that student interests, learning profiles, and the grade levels of new and existing residents could add teachers, programs, or specialized courses. Dropping enrollment would shrink programs or necessitate cutting courses or even teachers.

Failure to comply with MBTA Zoning would result in the loss of state grants for town projects like harbor dredging and raising the rotunda. The loss of these state grants means that we either let our infrastructure decay or use taxpayer funds to cover the lost grant money (\$4.5 million for 2025-26 alone). Taxes go up 1% for every \$300,000. Down the line, town residents will be forced to make hard choices about what to prioritize and when or how much to raise taxes. In that climate, the town would still need to find ways to pay for the excellent education that MERSD has historically provided to students, balancing cuts in services against Proposition 2.5 overrides. It is vital we ensure our town finances can continue to support the excellent education MERSD has historically provided.

Support our public schools by voting yes on MBTA Zoning at Town Meeting.

**Lindsay Banks**  
Manchester

## "Save MBTS"??? - Vote "Yes" on 3A Zoning Bylaw Changes

The real danger to MBTS in the 3A zoning issue is in not making the changes now proposed by the Planning Board, by voting no. We had a very smart group of people take a close look at it, and they have made a very clever proposal, which will meet the State's requirements, yet protect the character of our Town.

If we fail to vote for this proposal, the consequences could be severe and long-lasting. The State will file a lawsuit against the Town as they have against Milton, which will be expensive to defend, and if we lose, which is likely, we will lose State funding for several expensive infrastructure projects which are upcoming. We're talking millions of dollars here.

Additionally, as I understand it, in their lawsuit against Milton, the State is also demanding that Milton lose the ability to turn down any building permits for multi-family housing, and that the State appoint someone to rewrite Milton's zoning by-laws.

Furthermore, voting "no" may well be held against us in our upcoming legal battle with SLV on the 40B.

Here's the question. Do we control our own destiny by voting yes, or do we take a chance, with a potentially disastrous downside, by voting no.

The risk/benefit analysis says vote "Yes."

**Jon Jaques**  
Manchester

## A Voice From Elm Street

I ran the numbers on those folks who identified themselves in last week's edition of The Cricket as proudly displaying those green signs saying: VOTE YES TO MBTA MANDATE on their personal or investment property lawns. The results are interesting:

\*None of these 61 individuals appears to live in any of the targeted neighborhoods that may soon see parking garages along with a two, three or four-story apartment building that will be constructed "by right" across their street.

\*Over half of these folks are over 55 years of age, while one-third of this Green Group are over 70 years old. Sadly... since 2021, once that COVID shot mandate was issued, the Office of Social Security now tells us that the average lifespan of US males has fallen from 76.04 in 2019 to 74.12 in 2023. In this same time period, women's life expectancy dropped from 80.99 down to 79.78; the largest drop in US life expectancy in a century. Whom or what, pray tell, is this over-70 group trying to protect?

Meanwhile ... NONE of the 61 individuals in the GO GREEN group are in their twenties or thirties. Is it possible that the few young families who are able to live in Manchester today would like to see Manchester remain a community of 4,000 people ... instead of 8,000 once those 70+ folks are gone?

If any of the members of the GO GREEN group is worried that their taxes will increase if we "just say no to this housing mandate," it is important to realize that Manchester has one of the lowest tax rates in Essex County (\$9.35/ thousand). It is also important to realize that our tax rate was decreased by 10.35% this past year. Meanwhile ... Wenham residents currently face a \$15.66 tax rate, while Hamilton rings in at \$15.11/ thousand and Essex is now at \$13.32.

Finally, an important question: How much money has Manchester received from the state in the past few years from the four grant categories, included in the MBTA law, that will be denied us in the future if the majority of town meeting members vote NO on this forced housing mandate? Here are the figures:

#1: A \$100k grant to study the idea of decommissioning our waste water plant and building housing on the site (behind town hall by the railroad tracks). The study said the plan was not feasible.

#2: A \$500k grant to dredge our harbor that required the town to pay half of the cost (500k) for the 1-million-dollar project. Happily, if Manchester agrees to become a Federal Navigation Port (FNP) again, any future dredging will be done by the Army Corp of Engineers ... at no cost to the town!

#3: A recent \$3.5 million grant to extend town water and sewer out to the new Cell Signaling Technology (CST) facility. But... did you know that CST executives agreed to cover this \$3.5 million cost, until our town administrator volunteered to apply for this state grant to cover the cost!

In closing, I want to encourage each person in the current GO GREEN group to reconsider their stance. Since some individuals in this group are pillars within our local Quaker Meeting and Congregational Church, I would ask you to remember (Matthew 7:12). Do unto others as you would have them do unto you and Mark 12:30-31, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Please remember that those of us who live in the now-MBTA targeted/UNSAFE neighborhoods and pay the same tax rate as you, deserve the same protection as you who reside in the SAFE neighborhoods of Manchester-by-the-Sea.

**Susan Wadia-Ells**  
Manchester

## Manchester's MBTA Multi-Family Zoning As-of-Right Planning Board Public Hearing: No Good

I attended the Manchester's Planning Board Public Hearing on MBTA Multi-Family Zoning As-of-Right Hearing this past Monday and found it to be somewhat informative.

I just couldn't help but think of Vizzini in the Princess Bride movie when I saw and listened to the town's planner.

I also immediately pictured innocent, glibly smiling Opie from the Andy Griffith Show and Mayberry when I listened to, I guess, the town's manager and supposed grant "expert". Anyway, enough nostalgia. At the hearing it became obvious that the Planning Board, Finance Committee & Select Board had spent some time and effort in putting forth their plans to meet the 3A requirements being voted on at the upcoming town meeting (11/18/2024).

At the hearing, there was Town Counsel and Consultant Emily Innes to try and address the residents' legal questions. However, apparently some citizens still had serious concerns about street parking, traffic issues, whether existing zoning restrictions in the designated zones would hold up to requested waivers, the financial loss or gain of the future possible but not guaranteed grants, and the actual projected analysis of the cost of 3A.

I am not really sure that these concerns were adequately addressed especially when considering the upcoming court's legal decisions on the Milton case and other related suits. In addition, the Financial Committee did an exhaustive and tedious analysis on the projected costs, benefits and negatives of accepting 3A. It must have taken a great deal of time and effort. Nevertheless, they used the town's past historic growth pattern as a basis for their calculations.

In my very humble opinion, I believe that premise was simply wrong. It is well known that the State is applying a great deal of immediate pressure to all of the 177 MBTA communities to build now. This is obviously on display from all the threats coming from the Governor and Attorney General. The State suing Milton for simply voting against the State's wishes is even more evidence that the State is going to try to force this building frenzy on all of us whether it is wanted or not. If this pressure is effective, Manchester will be seeing a much rapider increase in family friendly housing units than the Finance Committee could ever even imagine.

On a somewhat different thought, I keep hearing about so many grants being promised to so many towns if they accept 3A. I even heard of some towns getting grant approvals without even submitting the required paperwork. I don't know if this is true but since I have heard this from a few separate sources, I believe it may be worthy of investigation by a fearless and dedicated news reporter.

In any case, where is the State getting all of this money to be offering these numerous and grand grants? If I am not mistaken, I read an older news article stating that the State is approximately \$1.5 billion in the red that they are admitting to. I asked Emily Innes, the Consultant at the meeting, how is the state able to offer these grants when they have such a difficult financial situation. She said that no one has asked her that question yet.

Although there were other questions that probably needed addressing, the controlling of these proposed zones is a very important issue. Do you want your local elected Zoning Board or some State bureaucrats in charge? That is the question.

Most of the Planning Board believe that the existing zoning requirements and site reviews of some type will be enough to maintain some control by Manchester. However, once a zone is provided and accepted, the State can arbitrarily change the zoning requirements without authorization from Manchester. If Manchester fails to meet the new requirements, they will fall out of compliance. Once out of compliance, the town would be subject to lawsuits from the State, contractors and developers.

In conclusion, it is obvious that Manchester's government worked on this issue and the residents should recognize and appreciate their efforts.

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# 13th Annual Night of Stars Talent Show Sparkles Brightly

**Community Talent Show raises over \$25,000 for Manchester Essex Schools**

By Betsy McKeen

The stars were sparkling on Saturday at the Spaulding Education Fund's 13th Annual Night of Stars Talent Show. This year the gala production featured 52 performers from throughout the community, in 32 acts. The show was led by Masters of Ceremonies Josh Cohen and Alessia Omari, and was produced by MERSD teacher Tyler Garofalo and Stage Manager Cate Vendt.

Students from all four MERSD schools showcased their talents, including MERHS Senior Maria Rising, who has performed in all 13 Night of Stars shows! The audience was treated to several impressive family acts; a kid rock band; ballet and jazz dances; a performance by the high school a capella group The Soundwaves; a sneak peak of the upcoming MERMS/MERHS musical Shrek; the return of Night of Stars Alumni Simon Rubin, currently a junior at Gordon College; and other fabulous talents!

The Spaulding Education Fund was delighted to host the 13th year of the talent showcase, which is its largest fundraiser of the year. The Spaulding Education Fund is an independent, non-profit organization supporting



programs that enhance the MERSD curriculum beyond the tax-supported budget. With the generous support of attendees and sponsors, this year the fundraiser exceeded all expectations, raising over \$25,000 for the organization.

A special thank you was noted to the large team of volunteers who helped produce the event, from ushers and stage assistants to audio-visual specialists and janitorial staff. Concessions were provided by the MERHS Model

UN Club, a Spaulding Education Fund grant recipient.

"This year, we were thrilled to showcase 32 amazing acts! We're incredibly grateful to our sponsors, performers and their families, and to the supportive community filling the auditorium tonight. I couldn't be prouder of our team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to elevate the show to new heights this year," said SEF Steering Committee Member Wendy Brady, who spearheaded the

event. "Thank you to the performers for sharing their talents with us and thank you to our community for their unwavering commitment to supporting our school district," added Brooke Orr, SEF Steering Committee Co-Chair.

Night of Stars sponsors included: Orthodontics of the North Shore, A. Lyons & Company, BoSoma Dance Company, Cell Signaling Technology, Inc., Dunkin' Donuts of Essex/the Serpa Family, Grand Banks Building Products, Red Barn Architecture, Boyd Builders, Kelly Jeep Chrysler, Mayer Tree Service, Amy Kingman Consulting, Arjuna Capital, Bonaccorso & Associates, Cape Ann Savings Bank, LandVest, Shell RKPT, Skintensive, The James Pub and Provisions, Michelle James Salon, Pediatric Health Care Associates, and Wenham Sports Stop.

Spaulding Education Fund is wrapping up its annual fundraising appeal. To



make a tax-deductible donation, learn more about how Spaulding Education Fund supports local schools, or see photos from the show, visit [www.spauldingeducationfund.org](http://www.spauldingeducationfund.org). School staff or students wishing to apply for a grant from SEF will find an application on the website when the spring grant cycle opens shortly.

**Betsy McKeen** is a parent of an MERSD student and a board member of the Spaulding Education Trust.



# For Troop 3, a 4,000-ft Summit and a WWII Bomber Crash Site

By Clarinda Bradford

On the last weekend in October, Manchester's Troop 3 Scouts went on an incredible backpacking trip in the white mountains of New Hampshire to hike a World War II bomber crash site and hike the 4,000-ft summit.

The Troop left at 4 p.m. and after a couple of hours full of singing the Moana soundtrack they arrived at a local pizza place where they ate dinner and left once more for a local campsite. After arriving, they realized they had to pivot their plan slightly, and the boys had to move to a separate campsite, because of a slight issue with too many people. After their resolution, everybody quickly set up tents and went to bed.

The Scouts woke up bright and early at about 5:30 a.m. Once they packed up tents and filled their stomachs with breakfast burritos and hot chocolate, they were off to hike to their next "camp site," which really was just a random patch in the woods, all while wearing their heavy 30-40-lb backpacks.

The Troop re-set up camp, packed their daypacks and left for their first day hike. After plenty of snacks, singing, and on and off showers, they stopped for lunch near the top and continued climbing until they reached the bomber crash site. The



On their annual Bomber Backpacking Trip, Troop 3 scouts stop to take in the views of this waterfall.

Photo: Donald Hall

site was an incredible experience with fragments of the old U.S bomber strewn about and the Troop mar-

veled at the bravery of the rescue team that saved most of the lives of the captain and crew. After a swift

descent the troop warmed up with soup and then had a delicious dinner of salmon and tortellini. Then

they all gathered around the campfire, roasted marshmallows and talked about their day. The Scouts shared their roses and thorns and then read a few poems all while in the comforting warmth of the fire. They went to bed, bellies full and warm.

The next morning the troop woke up to snow and cold. It was also a member of the Troops birthday! The group packed up, ate oatmeal and left for the trailhead where they drove to their second day hike and left the bags in the car. The hike was most of the Troops first 4,000-footer in New Hampshire of many to come. The hike was fun and entertaining with a beautifully rewarding view at the top where the Troop ate lunch and rested for a while. It took about 3 hours and 30 minutes to reach the summit of the mountain. As they made their descent they reflected upon their trip and talked about their home and school experiences. Once they made it to the cars they started their long car trip.

Tired and hungry the Scouts arrived at the scout house and put away tents and other supplies. They shared their overall roses and thorns before departing to their individual houses. Overall, the backpacking trip was an amazing experience that those from Troop 3 will remember for the rest of their lives.

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# ME Football Looks Ahead to Postseason

By Jason Brisbois

With the MIAA tournament field now set, Manchester Essex football coach Joe Grimes feels his team's best is yet to come.

"The regular season was a good one for the Hornets and I feel like we earned the number nine seed in the playoffs," explains Grimes. "I thought we played tough all year and made the most of opportunities. However, I think we still haven't played our best football quite yet. We've had moments that show what we are capable of, but we haven't put together that complete game just yet. I'm really hoping some of those lessons we learned this regular season will help us in the playoffs."

The Hornets will get their chance to do so soon enough, and they will need to be at their best to beat Gardner in their Round of 16 matchup on Nov. 8 (Gardner High School, 7 p.m.). The Wildcats were a perfect 8-0 during the regular season and earned the eighth seed and the home field advantage for Friday's first round playoff game.

"We don't know a ton about them, but they are undefeated and have scored a lot of points," says Grimes. "We'll see their film and come up with something good to slow them down and put some points up



Manchester Essex Hornets Varsity Football team on Monday at Home. (Photo: Paul Clark)

against them."

The Wildcats have been prolific on offense all season, and Manchester Essex will need to figure out a way to put the clamps on the explosive plays that have been the team's bread and butter in 2024.

"They are certainly explosive and are really good at exploiting

mistakes and short fields," explains Grimes. "There aren't many teams in the state that scored more than them so keeping the lid on their offense will certainly be the key.

At the other end of the field, Gardner's defense brings an imposing presence to the field on every down. "On defense they are big and

physical," says Grimes. "It will not be a picnic to line up against them. We'll have to bring our best effort with us to Gardner if we want to come home with a 'W.'"

Manchester Essex (5-3) will be looking to turn its fortunes around after losing a couple of competitive contests to close out the season, in-

cluding a tight, 16-14 loss to Amesbury in the season finale.

"It was a close one," Grimes says of the Amesbury game. "It was a ground-and-pound game that felt like it was going to come down to the wire from the beginning. Amesbury is a very solid team, and we knew coming into it that we were going to have to play mistake-free to come out with a win. Unfortunately for us, we came up a little short and Amesbury was able to execute just little better at a couple key moments."

Some of the positives from the loss include yet another stellar game from quarterback Zach Hurd (67 yards and a touchdown through the air, 105 yards a touchdown and two-point conversion on the ground), while guards Joe Glass and Walker Valeo were able to spring Hurd, Conrad Garfield, Noah Cohen and Gabe Magee for key runs.

"Zach Hurd, once again, led us on offense with over 100 yds on the ground and a couple key conversions on third down through the air," explains Grimes. "Our guards, Joe Glass and Walker Valeo, did a great job getting into the second level and clearing out space for Zach and the other backs. On defense, the Brennock brothers - Cian and Caiden - held down the D-line while Gabe Magee played terrific at outside linebacker."



## ME Girls Soccer Hopes to Keep Up Momentum in Postseason

By Jason Brisbois

At the start of the season, the Manchester Essex girls' soccer team faced a number of unknowns: How much would the returning talent and experience on the field translate into wins and losses? How would the transition to a new coach go? Could this group repeat or even build upon an appearance in the Sweet 16 of the Div. 4 tournament in 2023?

With the regular season now in the books and 2024 tournament play beginning with a Round of 32 home game against Milbury on

Nov. 6 (4:30 p.m. @ MERHS), those unknowns are now known, and the questions have been answered. The returning (and newly added) talent and experience meshed quite well with new coach Scout Grifoni, and the results were an 11-5-2 record and a top ten (ninth overall) seed in the tourney.

"It's been a rewarding experience coaching this group," explains Grifoni. "What sticks out about this season is the commitment to growth and wanting to be better every day. We are able to learn from wins and losses and that's helped us develop a better understanding of who we are

and what works for us. Just seeing the growth has stuck out the most."

That growth was evident following losses to Lynnfield and Marblehead in early October, after which the Hornets won six shutout games in a row to close out the season.

"I feel Lynnfield was the turning point for us," says Grifoni. "We had other moments in this season that forced us to self-reflect about who we are and the kind of team we wanted to be. These girls were able to take a really tough loss and look at it objectively in order to identify trouble areas. For me as

a coach that game felt like a blessing in disguise. I will always remember the back-to-back equalizers in the final minutes of Georgetown and Newburyport from this season. Pure grit"

That grit is important, as well as a defense that knows how to put the clamps on the opposition (goaltender Madi Cook has been stellar in those final few matchups) and a strong transition game. Grifoni is hoping that momentum will carry over to the postseason this week against Milbury.

"They have played some tough opponents this season," Grifoni says of Milbury. "We don't take any game for granted and are focusing on ourselves and how we execute. Nothing is guaranteed past Wednesday's game for both teams so we have to play with a lot of heart to win."

### Boys Soccer Begins Tourney Play This Week

The boys team began its tourney run against 28th-ranked Joseph Case on Nov. 11 at Manchester Essex Regional High School (4:30 p.m.). The Hornets finished the season with a 14-3-1 record and have won games thanks to the impressive ability to possess the ball for long periods of time, frustrating the opposition.

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However, again in my very humble opinion, there are some very serious questions that have still not been addressed adequately and the legal issues surrounding 3A should be settled before any town fully accepts this disputed and controversial "law."

**John T. Kolackovsky**  
Rockport

### MBTS Halloween Committee "Thank You"

The Halloween Party at the Memorial School was a very busy location with families with children of all ages dropping in to start their Halloween evening. The weather

made for a great night to trick-or-treat around town. Pizza, drinks, goodie bags, glow-in-the-dark necklaces and snap bracelets were available for all. The evening would not be possible without many people who worked together to plan and run the event. A huge THANK YOU from the Halloween Committee to the following:

- The MERSD for the use of the Memorial School;
- Kitchen workers Lillian Muise, Muffin Driscoll, Kathy Dainton, "Doc" Dainton and Charlotte Towle;
- Crews at the MFD for assembling the goodie bags and delivering them to the school;
- Park and Rec Committee

members Olga Hayes and Karlee Blaisdell for handing out the necklaces, and; Manchester Police Chief Fitzgerald, Lt. McCoy and Manchester Fire Chief McNeilly for dropping in and assisting at the party.

Special Thanks to Liz Swanson and the crew at 4 Beach Gifts & Goodies for the donation of all the penny candy that went into the goodie bags and Cheryl Marshall, Park and Recreation Director, for co-sponsoring the event and for assistance in planning, promoting and running the event.

An event like this makes all believe in the power of many people coming together for others in the community.

Thanks to all involved.

The party depends on donations to keep it happening. If you usually send in a check or make a donation at the party, we can use your financial support. If your family enjoyed the party, please consider sending in a donation. You can drop of the donation at the Parks and Recreation Office in Town Hall or send a check to Manchester Halloween Committee, P.O. Box 1422, Manchester, MA 01944 to keep the tradition alive.

Thanks again,

**Tom Kehoe, for the Halloween Committee**

### Thank You "Town" Workers

I'd like to thank all the Manchester Dept. of Public Works workers for all their help at Tuck's Point this year. Frank and the crew came to help me whenever I asked this year. The seaweed was non-stop this year, and they always came to help make Tuck's a beautiful place. What a "TOWN" we live in. You all deserve a "tip of the hat!"

Hugs and kisses,

**Cindie Lou Rezza**  
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## Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
of November 4, 2024  
Report covers from October 19,  
2024 to November 1, 2024

### Commencement of Work for new Town Clerk

The Board offered the current Town Clerk in Ipswich the Essex Town Clerk position at a meeting held on October 25, 2024 and she has accepted the Board's offer. Amy Akell will begin work in Essex on November 12, 2024. Current Town Clerk Holly Dash has resigned effective November 8, 2024. Retired Town Clerk Pamela Thorne will be available to provide orientation to Ms. Akell.

### Sale of Allen Properties at Public Auction

The Zekos Group conducted a public auction of the Allen properties on Southern Avenue on behalf of the Town on October 24, 2024, in the Town Hall auditorium. The auction was well attended and a total of 14 individuals registered as bidders. The highest bid was \$420,000 from Julian Balili and first and second deposits of \$10,000 each were provided to the Town. Town Counsel is presently in the process of setting up a closing for the transaction.

### Filed Sub-bid Results for Public Water Supply Well Improvement Project

Filed sub-bids for the subject project were due on October 28, 2024 and a total of three sub-bidders submitted sub-bids within the two trades meeting the sub-bid threshold. General bidders will consider the use of the submitted sub-bids and general bids are due on November 4, 2024. It is possible that the Board may be asked to award a contract to the lowest responsive general bidder at the present meeting under a separate agenda item. However, it is likely that even the lowest bid will require additional Town funding at the Fall Town Meeting in order to exercise the bid add-alternate that the Town is interested in pursuing.

### Annual Loss Control Review and Discussion

Our account manager from our insurer (the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association - MIIA) visited Town Hall on October 31, 2024 to discuss the Town's coverage. During our meeting, we reviewed policy changes that MIIA has implemented for all insureds and discussed whether the Town wants to explore a lower deductible for property claims.

### Monthly Pothole Log

The Department of Public Works forwarded to me the pothole log for the month of October. The log is intended to document rapid repair of any potholes that have been reported on Town roads. No potholes were reported during October.

### Repair of Downtown Boat Launch Ramp

A resident reported during the week of October 21, 2024 that the Town boat launch



ing ramp in downtown Essex likely has a major pothole in it that is hanging up trailers and making it difficult for tow vehicles to safely retrieve boats. The Town Administrator (TA) contacted the Harbormaster and he agreed that repairs are necessary prior to the next boating season. We also contacted the Conservation Commission and was advised that this matter requires, at a minimum, the Town to file a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) with the Commission to determine the necessary scope of permitting under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Rivers Protection Act.

The Department of Public Works did have an active Order of Conditions for blanket maintenance of this type but it recently expired and the Superintendent of Public Works will likely submit for renewal by filing a new Notice of Intent (one step up from a RDA). The Harbormaster will coordinate any necessary repairs with the DPW once any necessary permitting has been renewed.

### Field of Dreams Sprinkler System Winterization

Our irrigation contractor winterized the sprinkler system at the Field of Dreams on October 24, 2024.

### Memorial Park Restrooms Seasonal Closure

The public restrooms at Memorial Park have now closed for the season (as of November 1, 2024). The facility will reopen as of April 1, 2025.

### Manchester Essex Rotary Club Town Update Session

The TA attended a meeting of the Manchester Essex Rotary Club in Essex on October 23, 2024. From time to time, the Club invites the TA to speak at a regular meeting to provide an update on Town projects and initiatives. Members had an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. Major topics of interest included the Essex River dredging project, proposed zoning bylaw changes, and the upcoming Fall Town Meeting.

### Cape Ann Caucus

The TA attended the subject meeting sponsored by the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce on November 1, 2024, along with

all three selectmen. The meeting featured updates on projects and initiatives in each of the five communities (Ipswich is included), along with updates from State legislators. Other topics of discussion included zoning with respect to adjacent public transit access points, possible MBTA service expansion, Ballot Question 2 (proposed elimination of having to pass MCAS), and marketing communities as destinations.

### Review of Draft Fall Town Meeting Motions

The Board signed the Fall Town Meeting warrant at the last meeting and we have prepared draft motions for the Board's consideration.

### MVP 2.0 Webinar

The Town is a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) community and had a MVP plan approved by the State in June of 2018. The plan made the Town eligible for MVP Action Grant funding and the Town benefited from several successful grants. The State is now rolling out MVP 2.0 which provides funding for a facilitator to help better understand social justice issues in the community. A "seed" project will also be funded that will focus on an area of equity that the study turns up as being important in the community. Essex does not have any officially designated environmental justice (EJ) areas but does have climate-sensitive populations, such as senior citizens. The State is requiring all communities to eventually go through the MVP 2.0 process to remain eligible for future grants. The State has already completed a pilot round of MVP 2.0 and the first official round begins this fall. However, Essex will not be prompted to undergo the process until the grant round that begins in the fall of 2025.

### Gloucester Coal Tar Pollution Environmental Settlement

A predecessor company to National Grid improperly disposed of coal tar adjacent to and under Gloucester Harbor many years ago. National Grid has completed the clean-up of that site and also had to pay about \$5M for environmental restoration projects. The settlement does not necessarily require restoration work to occur in Gloucester

Harbor and the money has been designated for environmental restoration work in any of the four Cape Ann communities. Eligible focus areas that may be of interest to Essex include marsh hydrology restoration, eelgrass restoration, shellfish enhancement, roadway stream crossing improvements, and the Alewife Brook/Chebacco Lake (from a diadromous fish passage perspective).

Selectmen Phippen and the TA attended an introductory meeting hosted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) - collectively known as the Trustees - on October 29, 2024 to learn more about the process. The Trustees will be accepting project ideas through an on-line platform through December 19, 2024 and there is no limit to the number of ideas that any one entity can submit.

### Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Organization Technical Assistance

As the Board may recall, the Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) of the Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Organization (MPO) has conducted traffic counting in various locations in Essex. MPO was in the process of finalizing a scope of services for potential future solutions for the Essex causeway on Route 133 as sea level rise is predicted to flood that area more often. MPO has determined that the organization will, in fact, move forward with actual implementation of such a scope and Selectman Phippen and the TA participated in a call with CTPS personnel on October 30, 2024. Generally, CTPS is looking to engage the business community and others as a feature of the project and is hoping to hold an in-person public input event in Essex in early December.

### Town Administrator Leave

The TA was out of the office, on leave, for portions of the day on October 22, 23, and 28, 2024.

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

T. O. H. P. Burnha  
Public Library



Jim Parks of "Wingmasters" shows one of the many birds he and Julie Anne Collier care for in this past weekend's "Native American Artifacts & Birds of Prey" program at the Essex Library.  
(Courtesy Photo)

### Library Closed

Monday, November 11 the Library will be closed for Veteran's Day.

### 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. The library will close early at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13 for a staff development event. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### Armchair Travel through the 'Stans' of Central Asia with Abigail Fitzgibbon

Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m. No registration necessary.

### Community Book Group

Monday, November 18 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of *The Gifted School* by Bruce Holsinger.

### 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.

### 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.

### Leaf Zetangle Mosaics for Teens

Friday, November 22 at 3:30 p.m. for Grades 6-12. Enjoy an afternoon of art, cider and muffins.

### Thanksgiving Crafternoon for ages 4-10

Monday, November 25 at 4pm while supplies last.

### Virtual Event: Native Nations & The Beginning of the United States (1100-1860)

Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m. Register for the Zoom link to view live or to receive the event recording.

## ESSEX POLICE NOTES

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:42 a.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 2:11 p.m. Choate St., fire investigation, false alarm. 2:39 p.m. John Wise Ave., erratic operator, spoken to. 4:19 p.m. Rocky Hill Rd., animal complaint, assist as needed.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

1:14 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assist as needed. 9:53 p.m. Martin St., welfare check, assist as needed. 10:45 p.m. Pine Ridge Rd., abandon/false/disconnect/open, spoken to.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:54 a.m. Belcher St., agency assist, assist as needed. 6:29 p.m. Prospect St., police invest, arrest.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:34 a.m. Southern Ave., abandon/false/disconnect/open, no action taken. 12:27 p.m. animal complaint, notification made. 12:33 p.m. Brook Pasture Ln., traffic hazard, GOA. 11:43 p.m. Manning Ave., BOLO, notification made.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

1:02 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 10:42 a.m. Brook Pasture Ln., traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 12:25 p.m. John Wise Avenue, erratic operator, GOA. 2:40 p.m. Winthrop St., fire wires down, assist as needed.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1:04 a.m. Western Ave., brush fire, fire confirmed. 9:42 a.m. Main St., m-stroke, transported. 2:48 p.m. John Wise Ave., traffic hazard, notification made.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1:20 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 5:11 a.m. Winthrop St., fire alarm/co. fire false. 10:01 a.m. Turtleback Rd., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 10:35 a.m. John Wise Ave., police - citizen assist, secured/checked.

## Essex Locals| November 8

### 115 Years Ago - 1909

Wednesday morning was the coldest of the season thus far. The thermometer, indicating 20 degrees above zero at 7 a.m. The ground froze and ice thicker than window glass formed. During the day it warmed up a little the thermometer at 12 noon showing 50 degrees above zero.

### 90 Years Ago - 1934

All the public schools had a holiday last Friday to allow the teaching force to attend the Teacher's Convention being held in Tremont Temple, Boston.

## ESSEX SENIOR LIVING | Nov 8

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!

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

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

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

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

### Monthly Events

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

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# In the Driver's Seat 2024 Toyota Tundra: Stacking Up

By Steve Schutz

The Toyota Tundra is a full-size pickup truck built in America—in San Antonio, actually—and designed to compete with the Chevrolet Silverado and Ford F150. Believe it or not, it has been in continuous production since 1999, and it continues to compete head-to-head with the “big boys.”

It should be noted that, while the Tundra does indeed compete with Ford and Chevy, it has a way to go before it's, “there.” Here's what I mean: in 2023 Toyota moved just 125,185 Tundra pickups, while Ford sold over 700,000 F-series trucks and Chevy found buyers for more than 400,000 Silverados, so Toyota has a way to go before they're fully competitive with their U.S. competitors. I think that's because full-size pickup truck buyers are more brand loyal than sedan, SUV, or crossover customers, and I'd add that Ford and Chevrolet along with their dealers have figured out how to consistently give their pickup buyers what they want.

Interestingly, before Toyota named their large pickup truck the Tundra, it was the T100. Back in the late 1990s

they actually planned to name its successor the T150, but Ford objected strenuously, and Toyota switched the name to the Tundra.

Since breaking into the full-size pickup market has historically been difficult for foreign brands—Nissan just discontinued their large Titan after 20 years!—Toyota has been smart and patient.

For starters, they decided to build the Tundra in the United States rather than Japan. And not just the U.S., but Texas. Texas loves full-size pickup trucks, so manufacturing Tundras there was a smart move because many plumbers, home builders, contractors, drywallers, ranchers, farmers, electricians, etc. etc. etc. want to buy a pickup truck that's built by dudes like them.

I'm going to assume that all readers understand that the Tundra is roughly the same size as the aforementioned F150 and Silverado and has a similar engine and transmission.

The thing about full-size pickups, which is different from most other vehicles, is that they go from similar foundations to almost anything you might want. In other words, once you choose



a truck and its powerplant, each brand will allow you, need encourage you, to choose among many different options and configurations until you find the truck that's just right for you. Whether you need something to haul your junk to the dump, or a truck that can carry four dudes, lawn mowers, rakes, and weed eaters around, or you're a city slicker who wants a Lexus in the shape of a pickup, Ford, Chevy, Ram, and Toyota will sell you that, and it's probably already on the dealer's lot.

For the record, the Tundra

offers three powertrain options, all of which are based on a twin-turbocharged 3.4-liter V-6 engine. In the base SR model, the engine puts out 348HP, higher trim Tundras produce 389HP, and the third option is a 473HP hybrid. All use a nice 10-speed automatic transmission. Tundras equipped with four-wheel drive come with a part-time setup, but there's no full-time AWD system like those offered in rival trucks.

Driving the Tundra is a pleasant experience because Toyota, like its competitors, focuses on driving comfort,

and the long wheelbase and soft-sprung suspension combine to make the Tundra really good on the interstate. So good, in fact, that despite driving for two hours on the highway through a torrential thunderstorm I felt completely comfortable and safe.

I always think the same thing when I drive a full-size pickup: highway driving is great, toodling around in town is fine, and parking sucks.

The Tundra's interior is nice, and my top-of-the-line press car's Capstone version featured semi-aniline leather

upholstery, walnut interior trim, acoustically laminated side windows, and a head-up display. Analog gauges and a small driver-information screen are standard, but higher trim levels like the one I drove include a larger (and better) 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster.

Double Cab Tundras are available with either a 6.5- or 8.1-ft bed while the longer crew cab (CrewMax) can only be had with 5.5- or 6.5-ft beds. Opting for the shorter cab won't affect front-row comfort but reduces rear-seat legroom from 41.6 inches in the CrewMax to just 33.3 in the Double Cab.

The 2024 Toyota Tundra is a really good pickup that, in my opinion, should sell about the same number as Ford and Chevy do. It's at least as good and adds excellent Toyota quality and resale value to the mix.

Plus, it's made right here in America, which is cool.

**Stephen Schutz** has covered the automotive world for more than 30 years as a syndicated writer and podcast host. Read his column monthly in *The Cricket*.



## Action Inc. Unveils Renovated Headquarters on Gloucester's Main Street

Action Inc., the Gloucester-based non-profit human service agency, has completed the renovation of its building at 180 Main Street and has reopened its main office to clients and residents.

Originally built as a Woolworth's department store in 1936, this massive undertaking included a complete revitalization of the first-floor space to create “No Wrong Door,” a fully accessible, integrated service and resource center which houses Action Inc.'s Community Services, Housing Services and Fuel Assistance (HEAP/LIHEAP) programs.

Action Inc. created a new welcoming reception area to greet community members seeking assistance. Additionally, the agency replaced its elevator, which provides access to the basement-level Riley Education & Training Center and second-floor administrative offices. A new energy efficient HVAC system was installed after the installation of new roofing. Waterproofing work to improve the basement Education & Training Center was completed on the Main Street side of the building and will be completed on the Pleasant Street side in November.

All visitors will now be welcomed by our Front Desk Specialists at the new easily accessible, street-level entrance. Through the agen-

**The community non-profit that helps locals with housing and living assistance services underwent a major renovation of its headquarters in Gloucester earlier this year.**

cy's centralized client intake and appointment scheduling system, clients will have streamlined access to all Action Inc. services.

Action Inc. is implementing an online inquiry form to enable community members to more easily request assistance, along with automated appointment reminders via text or email.

“The decision to relocate and consolidate these departments is driven not only by agency growth, but more importantly, by our commitment to improving the client experience, streamlining operations, fostering a more collaborative and integrated approach to service delivery, and ensuring that services are accessible to all individuals,” states Erin George, Action Inc.'s Division Director of Program Services.

During construction, the Community Services and Housing Services programs relocated to temporary office space where they continued to meet with clients.

The biggest shift is the move of the HEAP (Fuel Assistance/LIHEAP) program

from its longtime home at 47 Washington Street. “The building where we were previously located is not accessible to anyone with mobility challenges so this move will be a much-needed improvement,” says Jennifer Schmorow, Director of Fuel Assistance. “Plus, we are excited to be working side by side with the Housing and Community Services teams to assist clients with accessing benefits.”

Allison Lex, Chief Operating Officer adds, “Action Inc. is eager to welcome the Cape Ann community into our new space and hopes these changes result in an improved experience for people who look to us for assistance. This project was a team effort, and we'd like to express our gratitude to our construction partners at Studio NDP and J Calnan & Associates. We would also like to thank the City of Gloucester and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for providing grant funds to support these renovations.”



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# LIBRARY NEWS



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This week at the library is a busy one, an event at Crowell Chapel, Hearthside Book Group, Read With Winston, Lego building fun and more.

## Library Closed Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day

The library will reopen on Tuesday 11/12 at its normal hours. Many of the library's free digital resources are available from anywhere 24/7. Visit [manchesterpl.org/resources](http://manchesterpl.org/resources) and use your library card to access.

## November is Novel Writing Month

As the weather cools many return their attention to fin-

ishing or starting their novel, screenplay or chapbook of poems. Come to the library and enjoy a dedicated writing zone, with a jar of prompts to keep you inspired and snacks to fuel your word count goals. Check out the library's virtual writing group, Shut Up and Write every Thursday from 10 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Attend a writing intensive on Tuesday 11/19 from 5-7 p.m. with librarian Maddy Willwerth.

## For Kids and Families: Read to Winston

Thursday, November 13 at 3:30, 3:45, 4 and 4:15 p.m. Susan Durkin and Winston, a Certified Therapy Dog, are looking forward to hearing

stories read by YOU! Reading with a certified reading dog helps to build confidence with a safe, nonjudgmental partner. Sign up for a 15-minute appointment and make sure to bring a favorite book or allow time to pick out a just right book at the Library. Perfect for kids in grades K-5.

## Winter Hibernation with Hands on Nature

Saturday, November 23 at 11 a.m. -12 noon. How do your favorite animals spend the winter? Join us as we learn how animals survive the coldest months of New England. We will learn about hibernation, migration, and

the amazing adaptations animals have for surviving our harshest temperatures. Bring a stuffed animal and create a cozy little hibernation den to take home! Register online or call 978-526-7711 for this event.

## Lego Time

Mondays at 3:30-4:30 p.m. Drop-in, unstructured Lego building fun! Come with friends or come to make new ones, this program is for kids ages six and up.

## For Teens

TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Earn community service hours while having fun planning events for your friends and the community!

## For Adults

### Diversity Matters: "Worm: A Cuban American Odyssey"

Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. November's Diversity Matters book group's pick is a graphic novel "Worm: A Cuban American Odyssey" by Edell Rodriguez. Please join wherever you are in your reading. This event is a hybrid event and you can attend via Zoom or in-person. Please register below if you would like the Zoom link.

Physical book copies are available at the circulation

desk and as an eBook on the Libby app. Sign up for Libby for free with your library card. Email [mwillwerth@manchesterpl.org](mailto:mwillwerth@manchesterpl.org) for more info and to get connected to the group.

## Migration Marvels with the Mass Audubon (Virtual)

Wednesday, November 13 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. All registrants will receive the recording via email within 48 hours of the program.

When considering bird life, it's essential to understand their expansive migration patterns that span multiple countries, seasons, and habitats. Unfortunately, migrating birds face increasing challenges every year as breeding, stopover, and winter habitats are impacted by human development and climate change. Explore some of the local bird species that undertake particularly extraordinary migrations and how we can help preserve the variety of critical stopover habitats along their routes. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library. Register online or call 978-526-7711.

## Cookbook Club: Barefoot Contessa

Thursday, November 14 at 12 noon-1 p.m. The Cookbook Club meets once a month to share recipes from a cookbook off our library shelves. November's

pick is any cookbook by the Ina Garten, otherwise known as the Barefoot Contessa. Register for a recipe from any of Garten's many cookbooks. Please register so we know how much cutlery to have on hand. Email [mwillwerth@manchesterpl.org](mailto:mwillwerth@manchesterpl.org) with any questions.

## Perfume Making and Mocktails Party

Saturday, November 16 at 2-4 p.m.

Discover the art of perfumery while creating your own unique perfume that is perfectly blended to reflect your individual personality, style, and preferences. Mocktails will be served to cleanse the palate and add to the ambiance.

For anyone interested in perfumery or simply enjoying good company while trying something new! You will have the option to make a perfume or cologne for yourself or a loved one! Everyone leaves with two travel size bottles of their own unique perfume.

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# How's Your ANXIETY Level?

The extreme worldwide drama continues...on steroids. You name it: unrelenting war and violence, the suffering of the innocent, and Mother Nature's fury. The planet feels enraged.

## The "life compost machine" regularly produces hardship, struggle, unexpected conflict, and chaos.

Recent history serves as a reference point. Most of us alive now did not experience the rationing of World War II. Most of us did not learn how to hide under our school desks in case of a military attack. Most of us have not lived in fear. Most of us have had confidence in our societal infrastructure. Most of us have been able to cope, to find a way.

Though our "power" is often limited, managing what "the machine" throws at us makes all the difference. As it turns out, I have certain self-protective mechanisms, varying degrees of armor, activities of distraction, and the ability to tune out. These are working to a degree, but not nearly well enough.

We are all given to our natural "knee-jerk" reactions and emotions - what immediately jumps out at us in any given situation. We kid ourselves if we think that anyone is exempt. Our body's emergency hormones flood our nervous system, pushing us right into the rabbit hole.

Anger, rage, fear, depression, angst, hopelessness, or helplessness...they are on display. Spend 30 minutes in a grocery store parking lot, put on your Margaret Mead anthropology hat, and you are in for a treat. All the boxes checked in one stake out!

## Since the "\*\*\*\* machine" doesn't stop, what are our options?

We must get out of the way. We hide, avoid, restrict, and



evade. We disappear into a Netflix series or our 24/7 busy boxes...the phone. We waste hours upon hours numbing our fried neurons. The relief we seek will not come outside of ourselves.

Scary news: WE are the relief. Sometimes, I liken it to being "on fire." I'm just not sure which corner to hit first with my magic fire extinguisher. This is an emergent experience-breaking news and all that. It's time to get serious about our inner and outer reactions and responses.

## If you are "of an age," your life has had cycles.

Big, bold changes, times of quiet, death, loss, birth, and gains. Rick Steeves took me on a weekend trip to Sicily via PBS. Their unique position between Europe and Africa led to numerous and serial dominations by the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and Normans. They were "sitting ducks," as it were. I see a connection.

We like to focus on the stamina of the human spirit,

and I celebrate that with all my gusto and passion. However, there is another side to the coin. We do ourselves a huge disservice not to accept the flip side. Trust me when I tell you this...It shows up in mental health crises, worsening chronic illnesses, and substance devastation. There is no free lunch. What are we to do?

## First

Be honest. "I'm having a lot of new anxiety lately. I feel as if I can't focus like I used to. I'm exhausted much of the time. I'm snippy and on edge. I'm worried about everything."

We are not meant to handle crises alone. Isolation makes everything worse. We are built for support and community. If you are angry, rather than joining the angry mob for support, maybe you dare to think, "How would I like to feel? What would I like my mood to be? My outlook? My hope for the future? What do I want my children/grandkids to take away from how I managed this crazy time?"

## "You don't need to accept every invitation to every crisis you are invited to."

If you are really lucky, your personal world is experiencing plenty of upset during one of the most frightening and uncertain times in modern history. Get one world disaster, and we will throw in a personal disaster for free! It's a pre-holiday special no one asked for.

## Second

Articulate your feelings to

yourself, your journal, your friend, your neighbor, and your therapist. Get them out. Feelings are derived from input. Sometimes it goes like this: Thoughts, Feelings, Response. And sometimes in a nanosecond. SLOW IT DOWN. OK self: this News Clip, Phone Call, Facebook Post, and Argument have had their way with me. I now think...X, and X has led to feelings of panic. HARD STOP.

## Third

Feelings do not go away on their own. If they are fed, they will grow. Don't forget the miracle of our bodies. We breathe automatically. This is the thing that keeps us alive, and we don't even control it. Our body's response is directly in sync with our emotional experience.

I love the old saying, "Get ahold of yourself." I usually think of it as a verbal slap in the face, but I said it in an entirely different tone. What a loving grandmother might say tenderly is how we might speak to ourselves: hand over heart, deep breaths, and closed eyes.

## Extreme self-care

Yes, we talk a lot about self-care. For some of us, sitting to drink our tea before it goes cold is a challenge. Going to bed when we are tired is the same thing. Saying no to a social opportunity that we "should" do is hard. Ask your body, your mind, and, dare I say, your spirit, what you need. Where are you now? Inventory.

## Conclusion

Since we can't stop the machine, we accept that we can only control our response. Whatever the machine offers—world disasters, family crises, or a sense of hopelessness—we have a choice. When do we step back, breathe, and let the dust settle? Not as often as we should. You get one nervous system; treat it with TLC. I'm right there with you on this one. Good luck.

## LEGAL



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## Office of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 20, 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 Applications

Application of 329 Summer Street, LLC (Edward P. Scott), for a Special Permit under Sections 7.2, 5.3, and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law for the conveyance of a portion of lot 1 to Applicant's parcel at 329 Summer Street. The Application is a request for a Special Permit to expand or extend an existing non-conforming side setback to allow for the conveyance of land at 329 Summer Street, Assessor's Map 6, Lot No.

8 in District D filed with the Town Clerk on October 15, 2024.

Application of John and Leslie Gurley, 12 Boardman Avenue, for a Variance under Sections 5.3 and 12.3.3 of the Zoning By-Law to construct additions to enlarge the main suite and kitchen spaces due to the shape of the lot. The proposed addition will cross into the required setback by 1.6' at 12 Boardman Avenue, Assessor's Map 24, Lot No. 23 at 12 Boardman Avenue in District E filed with the Town Clerk on October 15, 2024.

Application of 19 SPR Nominee Trust (Meridith Pasquesi), 19 Smith's Point Road, for a Special Permit under Sections 2.0, 4.2, and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law to build a swimming pool on the existing residential lot. Prior to demolition, a swimming pool was on the property, the swimming pool will be situated at the rear of the house at 19 Smith's Point Road, Assessor's Map 20, Lot No. 16 filed with the Town Clerk on October 15, 2024.

Application of Lynn Marshall, 7 Highwood Road, for a Variance under Sections 5.3 and 12.3.3 of

the Zoning By-Law to connect the existing garage and existing house by a covered walkway that would make them a single structure to the main structure setbacks; request relief from the side setback requirement of 20' at 7 Highwood Road, Assessor's Map 29, Lot No. 32 filed with the Town Clerk on October 15, 2024.

Application of Christopher and Christine Comparato, Trustees, 9 Proctor Street, for a Special Permit under Sections 2.0, 7.2, 4.2 and 12.5 to allow razing and reconstruction of a non-conforming single-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot and to allow for construction of a permanent in-ground swimming pool at 9 Proctor Street, Assessor's Map 16, Lot No. 42 filed with the Town Clerk on October 15, 2024.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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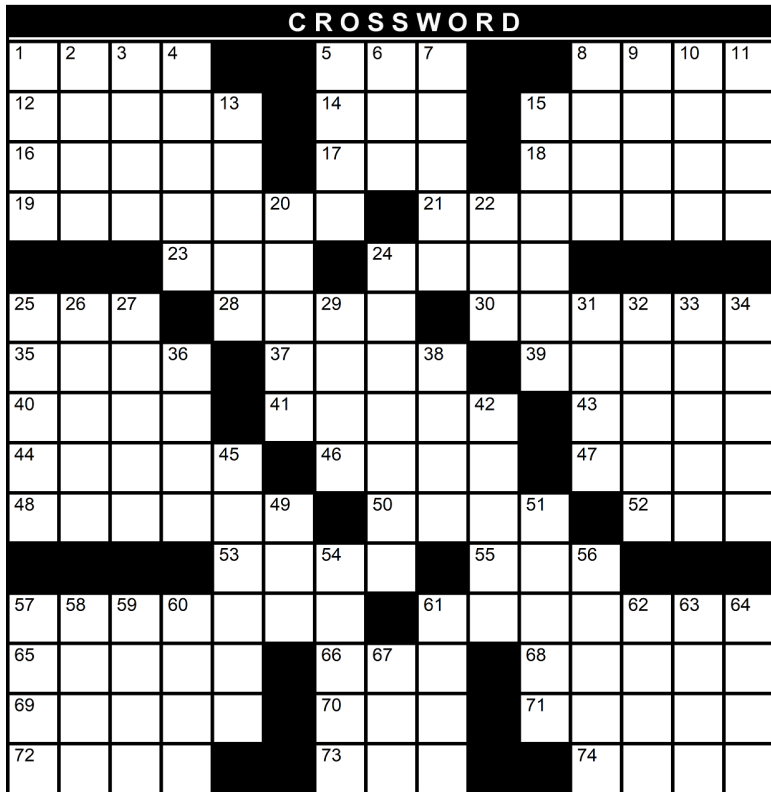


# Puzzle

THEME: FAMOUS ACTORS

**ACROSS**

1. QA's focus, pl.
5. "Swan Lake" steps
8. Evite request, acr.
12. Long stories
14. Final, abbr.
15. Opposite of neo-
16. Synagogue scroll
17. Poseidon's domain
18. One-eighty
19. \*Mary Poppins and Maria von Trapp
21. \*Vivian Ward and Erin Brockovich
23. Kum Ba follower
24. Cry out loud
25. Stolen, slangily
28. Greek salad cheese
30. Popular clubs of the 1970s
35. Chimpanzees, e.g.
37. Porcine fat
39. Great divide
40. Cat o'how many tails?
41. Podium, pl.
43. Dead against
44. Work the dough
46. Urban haze
47. Manner of walk
48. Parlor piece
50. Riyadh native, e.g.
52. Sixth note
53. Common fairway club
55. Brewed beverage
57. \*"Red" Redding and Nelson Mandela
61. \*Ricky Bobby and Buddy
65. Beat the Joneses
66. Outrage
68. Adjust, as laces
69. Tears violently
70. Anointment liquid
71. Talks and talks and talks
72. a.k.a. Operation Neptune



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73. "Just kidding!"

74. Billy Joel's "\_\_\_ Always a Woman"

**DOWN**

1. Between Phi and Kappa
2. Second word in a fairytale
3. Encircle
4. Like Freddy Krueger, e.g.
5. Boot-wearing feline
6. Draft pick
7. Impolite look
8. Miles per hour, e.g.
9. Insult

10. Between bleu and jaune

11. Connection between brain and spinal cord
13. Bundle of wheat
15. Like certain libraries
20. Pup
22. Hemingway's "The \_\_\_ Man and the Sea"
24. Railyard worker
25. \*Forrest Gump and Jimmy Dugan
26. Offer two cents
27. Doctrine
29. New Mexico town

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Solutions on Page 11

31. Deep pile carpet
32. Atlantic Ocean/Pacific Ocean waterway, e.g.
33. Ostium, pl.
34. \*Violet Crawley and Minerva McGonagall
36. Center of authority
38. "The New Look" main character
42. September stone
45. Phobos' brother, Greek mythology
49. Time period
51. \*Catwoman and "Jinx" Johnson

54. Vidalia one
56. Regions
57. \*Han Solo and Indiana Jones
58. Wished undone
59. Europe's highest volcano
60. \*Nelson, star of 8 films with Jeanette MacDonald
61. Matted wool
62. Write on tombstone, e.g.
63. Facebook button
64. More is \_\_\_?
67. Duran Duran's 1982 album

# Religious Notes

**First Universalist Church of Essex**  
59 Main St, Essex, MA  
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**Cornerstone Church**  
We gather for worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. and welcome you to join us for a time of studying the scriptures and praising the Lord. Other ministry updates and details can be found on our website, [www.CornerstoneNorthShore.org](http://www.CornerstoneNorthShore.org).

**Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule**  
The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:  
**Sacred Heart Church** - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as [www.mecatholic.org](http://www.mecatholic.org).

**St. John the Baptist Church** - Saturday Vigil Mass-5 p.m.  
Sunday Mass-10 a.m.  
Please go to our website: [www.mecatholic.org](http://www.mecatholic.org) for Sacramental Information as well as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

**Mary Greek Orthodox Church**  
8 Lafayette Road,  
Ipswich Mass.  
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# Giardia Infection in Dogs and Cats: Human Potential



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

Giardiasis is an intestinal infection in humans and animals caused by a microscopic protozoan. It is a simple one-celled parasitic species, not a worm, bacteria, or virus. The parasite occurs worldwide and is a common cause of "Traveler's Diarrhea" in people. Outdoor enthusiasts who inadvertently consume contaminated water may develop "beaver fever," another name for giardiasis in people. Other examples of protozoan parasites that can cause enteric (intestinal) disease are Coccidia, Cryptosporidia, and Toxoplasma. Giardiasis can be a significant cause of illness, especially diarrhea, in animals and people. However, most dogs infected with Giardia do not have diarrhea, vomiting, or any other signs of illness. At the Manchester Animal Hospital, we routinely test for Giardia in pets presented with diarrhea.

Clinical giardiasis causes diarrhea by intestinal malabsorption and hypersecretion. Diarrhea can precede organism shedding. Typically, shedding occurs within 5-12 days in dogs and 5-16 days in cats post infection. Clinical signs are more common in young or immunocompromised animals. Some infected animals are asymptomatic. While many infected dogs and cats are asymptomatic, acute small bowel diarrhea is common. Stools may be liquid to semi-formed and normal in quantity. Frequency of defecation is usually increased. Acute or chronic large bowel, and chronic small bowel diarrhea may also occur. Acute or chronic vomiting and fever are rarely noted. Diarrheic stool often has a pale, mucoid appearance. In severely affected patients, dehydration, poor body condition, and lethargy may be noted. Abdominal discomfort may be evident

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in some patients.

Animal-to-person transmission is thought to represent a very small percentage of cases. Human infection is associated with ingestion of Giardia spp. via contaminated water or food; person-to-person transmission; or animal-to-person transmission. The most common method of infection in humans is drinking contaminated water. The zoonotic potential of giardiasis is controversial. It is unclear how much dogs and cats contribute to human infections. Technically, certain strains of Giardia spp. are considered potentially zoonotic; however, studies indicate that human infections are more frequently associated with strains that rarely infect dogs and cats.

Prevalence rates vary in dogs. A study of 16,114 symptomatic dogs seen at veterinary clinics in the USA showed a prevalence rate of 15.6%, as determined by an in-house SNAP ELISA test. Giardia spp. have been found in fecal samples of up to 30% of shelter dogs. Many of these samples were from asymptomatic dogs. Overcrowded and unsanitary conditions can increase the risk of infection. Younger animals are more likely to be infected, and infection is often more severe in young animals. No gender or breed predisposition has been reported. Some animals are asymptomatic or clinical signs are self-limiting. Diarrhea is the most common clinical sign. Many symptomatic

patients continue to eat well and maintain a normal energy level, although abdominal discomfort may be notable. For severely affected dogs, anorexia, weight loss, and lethargy may occur. Severity is often worse in patients with concurrent gastrointestinal parasitism, other illnesses (e.g. inflammatory bowel disease), or debilitation.

The primary goal of treatment is to abolish clinical signs. Elimination of giardial infection can be difficult, so a cure is often considered a secondary goal. Cure can be difficult because of resistance of some Giardia spp. strains. Multiple drugs or multiple attempts at therapy may be necessary to affect a cure. In some cases, giardial infections are subclinical and treatment may not be necessary. Otherwise, healthy animals can shed the organisms, with little evidence to suggest that shedding predisposes to disease. Treatment of asymptomatic patients may be indicated in some cases, particularly if a high zoonotic risk exists (e.g. immunocompromised person in the household).

Overall prognosis is good because infected dogs may be asymptomatic and clinical signs are not often severe. However, some animals have infections refractory to treatment, and others may become reinfected.

Hygiene is important when working with infected animals or feces. Wear gloves and wash hands frequently. Dispose of feces immediately. Bathe infected animals to remove feces from the hair coat. Do not allow animals to drink from contaminated food or water sources.

Infective cysts can survive in the environment for extended periods of time. Cysts can be inactivated by boiling, steam, or desiccation, and they are susceptible to common disinfectants. Quaternary ammonium compounds appear to be most effective.

Phenolic compounds are also effective but require longer contact times for cyst inactivation. Other disinfectants may be effective when used at higher temperatures. Cysts are resistant to chlorine disinfectants.

A vaccine against Giardia spp. has been licensed in the United States for dogs and cats but it has not been shown to prevent infection. The vaccine has been rarely used to reduce shedding of cysts. It is not recommended by the American Animal Hospital Association. Manufacture of the vaccine has also been discontinued.

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Because it is difficult to differentiate assemblages and cross-species transmission is possible, it is reasonable to consider any animal infected with Giardia spp. to potentially be infectious to people. Basic hygiene and handwashing must be practiced when handling any infected feces. Children and immunocompromised individuals are at higher risk for infection and may require isolation from infected pets.



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

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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Monthly Book Group, Nov 25 discussing Table for Two by Amor Towles.

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PLANNING BOARD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. for a new application submitted by Christopher and Christina Comparato of 9 Proctor St for a Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.4 (Earth Removal and Filling) of the Zoning By-Law to allow the removal of more than 20 cubic yards of material from the "Setback Area" of the lot and the deposit of more than 100 cubic yards of material in the "Interior Area" of the lot. Location: This is a hybrid meeting. The Public is welcome to join the Board in Room 5, Town Hall or on Zoom. Zoom meeting information will be posted in the November 25, 2024 Planning Board public meeting agenda.

Sarah Hammond-Creighton,  
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