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Almost Here! Annual Holiday Dinner for Seniors at the Masonic Lodge

On Wednesday, December 11 the Manchester Masons will host its annual Holiday Dinner for seniors. This is a cherished event every year, when the Lodge cooks and serves a holiday feast to kick off the season. This event has been made possible for more than two decades by the generosity of the entire team at the Masonic Hall. Register for this free seasonal event, which begins at 4:30 p.m. with appetizers and dinner to follow. The Manchester COA van will be available for transportation to and from the Masonic Lodge. Make your reservation before Dec. 9 at (978) 526 7500.

MERSD Kindergarten Registration

Hard to believe it, but it's now time to think of 2025/2026 Kindergarten registration for students headed to Manchester Memorial School and the Essex Elementary School (EES). Children age five before September 1, 2025 are eligible to register for the 2025/2026 school year. Prior to registration, log onto mersd.org and select the "About Us" tab and complete the residency and enrollment forms. Once approved, parents and legal guardians may return the registration materials during the week of Feb. 10 to 14, 2025. Info about EES may be directed to Maggie Safrine (978) 768-7324. Info about Manchester Memorial may be directed to Maria Schmidt (978) 526-1907.

Essex Temporary Ban on Open Fires Lifted

With recent rainfall, the risks for wildfires have decreased across Massachusetts. Because of these factors, the Essex Fire Department will immediately lift the temporary ban on outdoor fires. A reminder that residents should still use extreme caution and common sense with any type of cooking or open fire. Open burning season runs from January 15 to May 1, and residents must obtain a permit from the fire department before engaging in this activity.

Hammond Castle Holiday Programs

Hammond Castle Museum will host its sixth annual *Deck The Halls* seasonal tradition that transforms the historic museum into a dramatic holiday experience. Running now through December 29th, this temporary exhibit encompasses the entire museum and features White Birch and Christmas trees, lush garlands, festive wreaths, and the glow of candlelight to immerse visitors in the magic of the holidays. Tours available daily from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., with the last entrance at 3:15 p.m. The museum will close early on December 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd to accommodate set up for special events.

Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce Division Holiday Parties

Every year each of the five towns in the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce celebrate their own, local holiday parties hosted at a local establishment. All are welcome. In Manchester, Boo Bird is hosting this year's party, Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. In Essex, head to Vita Bella Restaurant on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.



It's official - the holidays are here! This week we let you know who's new. In Manchester, it's Lavender & Moss, a floral shop that has truly decked its halls with holiday delights. In Essex, We Dream in Colour has opened a very merry new pop up right next door with outstanding holiday gift options. Read about both (Page 5), along with a comprehensive listing of local area holiday events starting this weekend. And, be sure to check out our Local Holiday Gift Guide (Page 8). (Photo: Kris McGinn)

Return to Form: ME Football Gets Turkey Day Win Over Essex Tech



ME Hornets posing with trophy after winning the Turkey Day game. From left to right; Carson Croft, Jarrett Croft, Coach Grimes, Cian Brennock, Sachel Rubin and Gabe Magee. (Courtesy Photo)

By Jason Brisbois

Manchester Essex football coach Joe Grimes was pleased with almost everything about his team's Thanksgiving Day game against Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical: The Hornets pulled out a 22-14 win in their final contest of 2024. The seniors on his team ended their high school football careers on a high note and Manchester Essex broke a three-game losing streak. Add in the fact that the game itself recreated a rivalry that extends back more than 100 years, a prospect that both schools were excited to revive, and this was a Thanksgiving that was almost perfect for Grimes and his team. There was one thing that the coach would change in future years, but it's one that's pretty much out of anyone's hands at any level.

"Overall, I think it was a great success," explains

Grimes. "If I could change one thing for next year in Manchester it would be: 50 degrees and sunny."

The coach was obviously referencing the windy, rainy weather that afflicted both teams and their fans on November 28. While the weather may not have been optimal, the Hornets didn't let it rain on their parade, overcoming some turnovers and jumping out to a 14-0 lead before halftime and staving off a comeback attempt by the 2-8 Hawks in the fourth quarter.

"We were able to weather the storm, both literally and figuratively," says Grimes. "It was raining most of the game, but Essex Tech also came out fast and tough on defense and took away the ball three times (two interceptions and a fumble). Those guys are well-coached and were fired up in their throwbacks and played a lot tougher than their record. They seemed ready to go for the new tradition and will be

ready for next Thanksgiving, I'm sure."

The win was a big one for the Hornets after Manchester Essex suffered a string of three close losses from the end of the regular season into the postseason. The victory helped to ensure that the Hornets would finish 2024 with a winning record (6-5 overall) and that the team's seniors would finish their high school football careers on a high note.

"You don't want to end your high school career on a sour note especially when it's been four years on the squad," explains Grimes. "A lot of growth happens in those years and it's really nice to see it end with a 'W.'"

Those seniors were instrumental in helping Manchester Essex get that "W." Senior tight end Jarrett Croft threw a touchdown pass to twin brother Carson for the first score of the game during the

Hornets' opening drive.

"Great moment for them but also a clutch play at a great time," says Grimes. "Wasn't going to be a lot of scoring in that weather."

"I'll remember the photos on Thanksgiving and the bus rides and the long days and all the help we get to put on a football season. At the school, in the press box, on the field or at home there are so many people who make it happen. I appreciate all of them."

Senior Gabe Magee closed out the scoring for Manchester Essex in the fourth quarter with a successful two-point conversion, while junior Zach Hurd continued to be a catalyst for the Hornet offense, scoring a one-yard touchdown run in the second quarter (Hurd hit Noah Cohen on the two-point conversion) and a 49-yard touchdown run in the fourth.

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 7 Dec		34°	24°
Sunday 8 Dec		41°	24°
Monday 9 Dec		46°	34°
Tuesday 10 Dec		51°	42°
Wednesday 11 Dec		51°	47°
Thursday 12 Dec		47°	43°
Friday 13 Dec		44°	41°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.

Gavel to Gavel
This Week's Town Meetings

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

Essex ConCom
Tuesday, December 10
7:15 p.m.

MERSD SC Meeting
Wednesday, December 11
6 - 8 p.m.

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LOAD 'EM UP!
Holiday tree sales at the Troop 3 Scout House kicked off Saturday on School Street. From left, it's Dante Bruno, Dean Campbell (former Eagle Scout and MERSD grad) and Ian Campbell (also an Eagle Scout) haul a big one. (Photo: Erika Brown)

Obituaries

Following a long-standing tradition, The Cricket publishes obituaries for our readers. Deadline, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. 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).

Lorraine Auwaerter Bullock



August 30, 1930 - November 27, 2024

Lorraine Auwaerter Bullock, 94, beloved wife of Anthony N. Bullock III died, Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 at home surrounded by her family. Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was the daughter of Mary (Niznik) and Jacob F. Auwaerter.

She graduated from Philadelphia High School for Girls at top of her class, where she also excelled at gymnastics. She went on to graduate from West Chester Teacher's College (West Chester University) in 1952 with a major in Health and Physical Education. From 1948-1952 she was a member of the Philadelphia Turnverein Gymnastic Club where she won many titles and was the leading candidate for the US Olympic team. Un-

fortunately, at the Olympic Trials she learned she was disqualified because she was considered a professional for being a Tumbling and Dance Instructor at Camp Canadensis for two summers. She continued her education with postgraduate studies at Temple University.

While at West Chester she met the love of her life, Anthony. The two were married January 10th, 1953. Their courtship blossomed into a marriage of 71 years with six children and moves from Cheyney, PA, to Philadelphia, PA, Fairfield, CT, Newburgh, NY, Dallas, TX, Lakewood, OH, Marblehead, MA, and finally settling in Manchester-by-the-Sea in 1968. With every move she immersed herself in the local community. While raising her children, she taught, she coached, she refereed, she volunteered and served on many civic boards, there was no "idol time" in Lorraine's life.

In 1975, she revived her teaching and coaching career in the Beverly School system. A dream opportunity became true when she was named head coach for the Varsity Girls Gymnastic team. In her second year at the helm, she helped lead the team from last to first place winning the Northeastern Conference Gymnastic

Title. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts in the school system, forced upon it, by the City of Beverly and a national recession, many teaching and coaching positions were eliminated, hers included.

The following year she joined the staff at Manchester Jr./Sr. High School. She became known as the "Super-Sub" (the students knew that when Mrs. "B" was the sub it was an actual class of learning). Her focus evolved into the Special Needs Education Program. The following are reflections from fellow teachers: "She was an island of calm and composure in our ocean of student chaos!"; "We were always astounded by her strength and fortitude. A wonderful role model for us all."; "She was considered a kind and caring teacher who always had a pleasant smile and caring tone."; "I have such fond memories of your mom being in my biology classroom, helping kids and taking notes for them. The kids would cluster around her. She could be counted on to remember exactly where we "ended up" last class and kept me on track!"; "Lorraine was truly respected and appreciated by her students and peers."

Lorraine was a talented seamstress making her own clothes, from dress suits to ball gowns. Making Halloween costumes for her children and grandchildren and with five daughters, was also the go-to-person for prom and bridal party dresses. Lorraine was active in many community associations and

clubs; Manchester Women's Club, PTA, Sacred Heart Church, Girl Scouts, Meals on Wheels and many more. She also was a force on the tennis court well into her seventies. And you could always find Lorraine with her beloved Tony watching school and sporting events of their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She continued to be the Hornet's #1 fan even when her immediate family wasn't on the roster.

Predeceased by her daughter Susan and husband Stephen Brenan. Her brother Edward Auwaerter and wife Lila, Fred Auwaerter and wife Jean, Sister-in-law Joan and husband Charlie

McShane. Leaves behind her children: Lorraine Schulte and (husband) Bernard, Marianne Coons and (husband) Loren, Deborah Brosch, Anthony IV and (wife) Kendra, Dee Wright and (husband) Doug. Grandchildren (16): Stephen, Elizabeth, Whitney, Charlie, Ben, Skylar, Taylor, Hunter, Anneliese, Nicole, Chris, Chanel, Christina, Alix, Ryan, Peter. Great-Grandchildren (12): Odessa, Arden, Paxton, Kaelin, Lochlan, Finnegan, Rowan, Grace, Celia, Lily, Lucy, Helia and their spouses, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th, 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 62 School Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944. Immediately following the mass, a reception to celebrate Lorraine's Life will be held in the Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall.

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
10:33 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:23 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.
7:10 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.
10:15 p.m. Beach St., suspicious activity, spoken to.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25
6:36 a.m. Bridge Street, alarm, secured/checked.
9:06 a.m. Central St., wel-

fare check, report to follow.
6:43 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:14 p.m. Boardman Ave., alarm, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
10:23 a.m. Beach St., alarm, secured/checked.
1:30 p.m. Rockwood Heights, animal complaint, notification made.
2:54 p.m. Brook St., animal complaint, no action taken.
10:24 p.m. Summer St.,

directed patrol, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
10:12 a.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application.
12:32 p.m. Pine St., selective enforcement, no action taken.
3:36 p.m. Victoria Rd., fire investigation, fire confirmed.
11:25 p.m. Ancient County Way, motor vehicle stop,

verbal warning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
9:07 a.m. Ashland Ave., parking complaint, vehicle towed.
2:14 p.m. Summer St., fire alarm, cleared, false fire.
9:25 p.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
10:19 p.m. Tuck's Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29
9:54 a.m. Harbor St., animal complaint, assisted as needed.
1:21 p.m. Summer St., suspicious activity, spoken to.
7:20 p.m. Lincoln St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.
10:11 p.m. School St., suspicious activity, spoken to.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30
12:50 a.m. School St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
1:11 a.m. Tuck's Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.
3:29 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed.
6:10 p.m. Central St., disturbance, report to follow.

Senior Citizen Lock Box Program Launched

The Essex and Manchester Fire Departments are pleased to announce the launch of a residential lockbox program. This initiative aims to provide firefighters with quicker access to seniors and disabled residents during emergencies when they may be unable to reach the door. By utilizing these lockboxes, we can minimize property damage that may occur if responders need to force open doors. More critically, this program saves valuable time in emergency situations by allowing swift access to individuals who may be incapacitated within their homes.

What is a lockbox? A lockbox is a compact, se-

cure metal container that is installed on or near a resident's door and holds a key to the home. This box is secured with a unique key that only authorized fire department personnel possess. The lockboxes are designed to be safe and durable and will only be accessed in emergencies; at no time will they be available to anyone other than emergency responders.

How does the program work? <https://youtu.be/1pMc453zLBE>

Residents interested in acquiring a lockbox should complete the application form found here: <https://mbtsfire.wpenginpowered.com/senior-lockbox-program/>. Homeown-

ers will need to create a spare key to place inside the lockbox.

What is the cost? Thanks to a grant from the Department of Fire Service, the Manchester and Essex Fire Departments are pleased to offer the lockboxes at no cost while supplies last.

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New Town Administrator Search Begins



By Gregory T. Federspiel

With my retirement coming up next summer, efforts to hire a new Town Administrator are getting underway. It will be 12 years since I came to Manchester, and the time has come for me to hand the position to someone new. I admit I am both excited and panicked about the prospect of retiring after working a 40+ hour a week job for over 40 years.

The Select Board is responsible for hiring Manchester's Town Administrator. The Board has contracted Community Paradigm Associates to help with the recruitment process. Paradigm is a leading recruitment firm working for Massachusetts communities to fill key leadership positions.

In this early stage, Paradigm staff are meeting with Select Board members and department leaders to gain insights into what qualities are needed in a new administrator. A profile of the position, the Town and its challenges will be crafted to be used as part of the recruitment process. Interested candidates will be sought in earnest during the month of January.

A Preliminary Screening Committee will be formed to conduct the initial screening of candidates. The committee, to be appointed by the Select Board, will consist of

the chairpersons of the Finance Committee, the Planning Board and the School Committee, two former Select Board members and two citizens at large. Former Select Board members and residents interested in serving should submit letters of interest to the Select Board's Office over the next couple of weeks.

The initial phase of candidate screening is done confidentially by the screening committee. This maximizes the number of potential candidates by allowing candidates to step forward to see if Manchester is a good fit for them and vice-versa while still comfortably maintaining their current position. The consultants will assist the screening committee in narrowing the list of candidates to three finalists. Once the finalists are identified, the Select Board will conduct public interviews and make a final decision. This is a similar process that was used in my hiring.

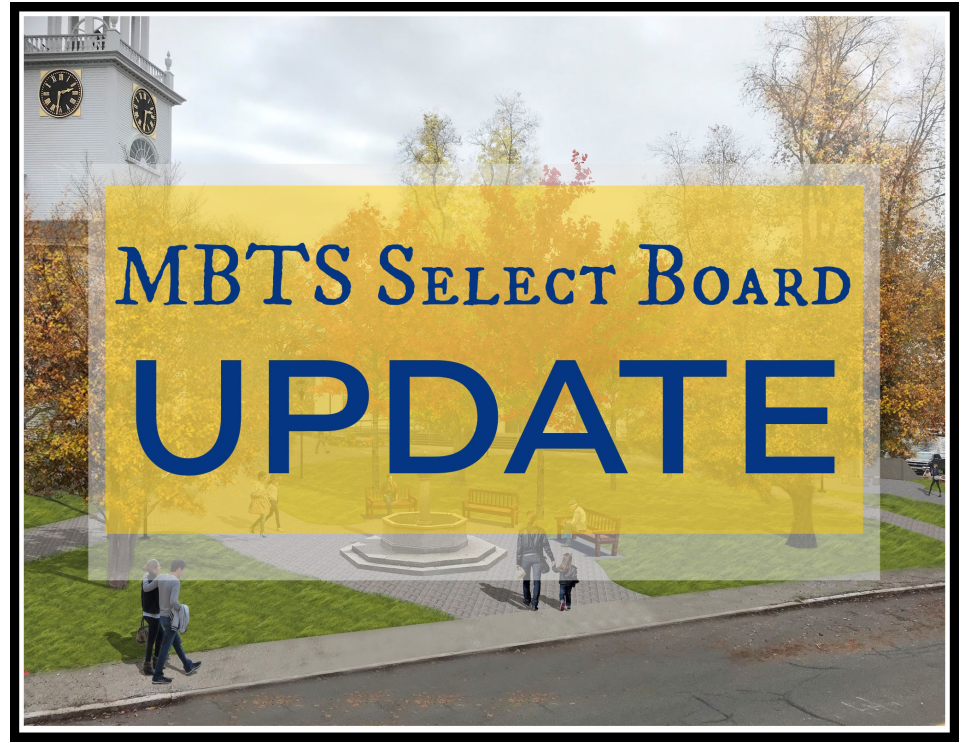
The screening committee will be active mostly during February and into March. Final interviews by the Select Board are likely to take place in March or April. The goal is to have a new Town Administrator under contract come May with a probable start date later in the summer as it often takes a few months before a new person can start.

A review of operations

and our structure also is taking place over the next few months. The Select Board chose Capital Strategic Solutions, a municipal consulting firm, to conduct an operations audit to see what improvements might be possible in the delivery of town services and in the organizational structure we have. As part of this review, the consultants will be looking at the use of technology to see if there are new tools that could improve services and efficiencies.

In addition to hearing from department leaders and the Select Board, the consultants would be interested in hearing from residents as well. Feel free to send to the Select Board Office suggestions for service improvements and insights you might have regarding how the Town can operate more efficiently and we will be sure to pass along your thoughts.

This grant-funded effort should identify changes that we can make both in the short-term (through the upcoming FY26 budget process) as well as longer-term by providing an assessment of current operations and a solid roadmap for a new Town Administrator to follow. I am not done yet! I will continue to work to serve the Town's best interests as we prepare for several transitions that are coming during the new year.



SELECT BOARD UPDATE

Town Tree Lighting: Join us on Town Common for the annual Friendship Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8 at 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a festive concert with hot chocolate followed by the tree lighting.

Seaside 1 Holiday Open House: The Seaside 1 Museum will be open on Sunday, December 8 from 2 p.m. until the tree lighting at 4:30 p.m. Come tour this historic fire house and take your picture on an antique fire engine. Free hats and treats for all.

Planning Board Meeting:

The Planning Board will meet on Monday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details will be posted to the Town website.

Blood Drive: Give the gift of life to someone this season by donating blood. The Board of Health is partnering with the American Red Cross and Amal Baily Post 113 to host a blood drive on Monday, December 9 from 12 noon-5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Santa's Fire Truck Tour: Santa will make his annual Fire Truck Tour around Manchester on Sunday, De-

ember 15 at 12 noon. When you hear the sirens in your neighborhood, come out to say hello. More details about the tour and the route can be found on the Town website.

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

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Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
6 Fri	2:32	8.6	2:35	10.0	8:54	1.3	9:33	0.1	6:57	4:11
7 Sat	3:21	8.8	3:28	9.8	9:46	1.2	10:23	0.2	6:58	4:11
8 Sun	4:13	9.0	4:25	9.6	10:42	1.2	11:16	0.3	6:59	4:11
9 Mon	5:10	9.2	5:27	9.3	11:42	1.0			7:00	4:11
10 Tue	6:10	9.5	6:34	9.1	12:11	0.3	12:45	0.8	7:01	4:11
11 Wed	7:11	10.0	7:42	9.0	1:08	0.4	1:48	0.4	7:01	4:11
12 Thu	8:11	10.4	8:47	9.0	2:04	0.4	2:51	0.0	7:02	4:11

ADVENT
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* Wednesday Evening Vespers, 6pm

SUNDAY DEC 8TH
2pm Christmas Carol Sing
3:30pm Friendship Tree Lighting

SATURDAY DEC 14TH & SUNDAY DEC 15TH
12p-4p Winter Queen's Emporium
Characters, decorations and a thrifty shopping experience for kids.

SUNDAY DEC 15TH
4pm Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols"
With Mary Jane Ruppert (Harp), and the FPCC Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY DEC 24TH
5p Impromptu Pageant and Candlelight Service
7:30p Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

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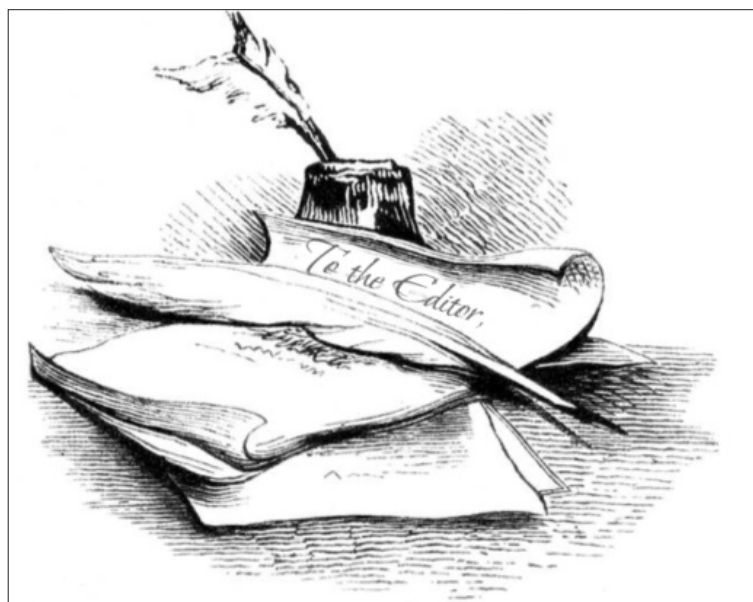
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A Thank You, and Clarification from Mark Glovsky

To the Editor,

Forty acres of quarried and stripped land will be restored and developed in an environmentally sensitive manner by Cell Signaling Technology, thanks to several years of hard work and thoughtful consideration by the Town’s Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Finance Committee, Department of Public Works, Town Administrator and numerous other Town employees and representatives. The project will yield years of positive returns for Cell Signaling and the Town. I am proud to have been part of the Cell Signaling team and most appreciative

of the fair hearing we have received. It should also be acknowledged that throughout the process, the thorough coverage of the Cell Signaling project by *The Cricket* was invaluable in keeping the Manchester community involved and supportive of our efforts. Additional information about the future Cell Signaling campus and construction updates may be found at cstoldquarry.com.

Sincerely,

Mark Glovsky
Attorney, Cell Signaling

P.S. It should be noted that, after three years, the Planning Board’s vote was a bit “anti-climactic,” not “anti-climatic.”

LIBRARY NEWS



Lots coming this week at the library, a Holiday Book Fair, Cookbook Club, a Holiday chair massage and a lot more. (Courtesy Photo)

Friday, December 6 from 3-8 p.m. Join The Friends of the Library Book Fair at First Parish Church Community Hall to peruse the hottest new book titles from the Beverly Farms Bookstore. Adult and children’s

books, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, cards and more. Twenty percent of sales will support The Friends of the Manchester Library.

Holiday Book Fair
Friday, December 6 from 3-8 p.m. Join The Friends of the

Library Book Fair at First Parish Church Community Hall to peruse the hottest new book titles from the Beverly Farms Bookstore. Adult and children’s books, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, cards and more. Twenty percent of sales will support The Friends of the Manchester

Library.

Knit Together
Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m. New to knitting? Start a simple project with needles and yarn provided by the library. Hoping to make some gifts for the holidays? Begin a new project or finish one you’ve

already started. Enjoy tea, cookies and company.

Cookbook Club
Tuesday, December 10 from 12 noon-1 p.m. Usually a cookbook off the library shelves, but December’s pick is a little different. Bring your favorite holiday cookie and a mocktail to pair with it. We will swap cookies and share mocktails. Feel free to attend and enjoy some cookies and sips even if you don’t have a cookie to share.

Holiday Chair Massage
Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Take 10 minutes to de-stress and enjoy a chair massage with local, licensed massage therapist, Matt Kurdt. Register for the hour when you can attend either 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or 12 noon. We will email you the exact time of your session within that hour. This event is for over 18 years only. Wear comfortable clothing.

Diversity Matters
Thursday, December 19 from 6-7 p.m. December’s pick is “We Refuse to Forget: A True Story of Black Creeks, American Identity, and Power” by Caleb Gayle.

Tai Chi: The Longevity Tree Tai Chi Location Changes
Every Wednesday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Manchester local Susan Halpern will continue her weekly Tai Chi class for ages 18 and older. The class will be moving locations as the weather changes and only those who have completed the Safety Release Registration Form on the library’s website, will get weekly location emails. Longevity Tree is part of the internal arts known in China as Qi gong. Qi gong means to cultivate energy with discipline. The Longevity Tree is a form that addresses the balance of mind, body and spirit, by combining movement, deep breathing, and alertness.

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

Mindfulness Meditation at the First Parish Church Meeting Room
Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-

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

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

For Teens:

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

TAB
Tuesday, December 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Will it Cookie?
Wednesday, December 11 from 12-1:30 p.m. How about taking Cheez Whiz on chocolate chip for a spin? Or hummus on Oreo? The library’s Teen Loft invites you to throw together our random assortment of fixins’ and decide for yourself - will it cookie? Edibility not guaranteed, but laughs are.

Community Game Night
Tuesday, December 17 from 4-6 p.m. All ages welcome, snacks provided.

MPL Children’s Events:

Pajama Storytime
Thursday, December 5 from 6-7 p.m. For children ages 4 and up with their families.

Graham Cracker Gingerbread House
Saturday, December 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. All ages. Come and make your own graham cracker gingerbread house.

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

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

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

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“We were able to jump out to a lead early and a couple stalled drives hurt their momentum early,” explains Grimes. “They battled back in the 4th and I’m

proud of my guys to keep their focus and finish the game. Hard-fought, physical game all morning and really what you love to see on Thanksgiving.”

Both schools seem to be keen on seeing this kind of performance between the two football teams on Thanksgiving in the future. The Hornets had traditionally played Georgetown on Thanksgiving since the 1990’s, but had to scramble to find a replacement in 2023 when the Royals didn’t have the numbers to field a varsity squad. North Middlesex was a last-minute add to give the Hornets a game on Thanksgiving Day, but too much distance and too little history existed between both schools to continue that as a new tradition.

The opportunity to pit Essex Tech and Manchester Essex football against one another was far more appealing after the schools returned to the Cape Ann League recently and were in need of a rival located nearby. Both schools have a history that goes back to at least 1918 - when Essex Agricultural School and Story High School (the previous monikers for the now regional schools) - giving the matchup some precedence as well.

“I hope this is the start of a long, long rivalry,” says Grimes. “We’ve got tons of respect for Coach Connors and the whole Essex Tech Athletics organization starting with TJ and Tara who help us set up the successful pre-game breakfast.”

Should the matchup repeat itself, many of the same Hornet players will be back to compete in it for a second year in a row. Manchester Essex will lose only five seniors as Magee, the Croft brothers, Satchel Rubin and standout lineman Cian Brennock will graduate in the spring.

“We’re only losing five to graduation this year.” They are a bunch of great kids. Cian Brennock (Sr. OL/DL) was a four-year varsity player and a three-year starter on both lines. His leadership as a captain has been wonderful and he’s made an impact that will be felt for years to come.”

The seniors and the returning underclassmen will have a lot to remember and learn

from now that 2024 is in the books.

“We had some great wins and some tough losses, but we had a very resilient group that always stuck together,” says Grimes. “They were very calm and focused in the meeting room, weight room and practice field regardless of the situation, week to week.”

He adds: “I’ll remember the photos on Thanksgiving and the bus rides and the long days and all the help we get to put on a football season.”

At the school, in the press box, on the field or at home there are so many people who make it happen. I appreciate all of them. It’s a huge effort and I’m so grateful for all of them.”



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Holiday Pop Ups: Lovely and Local

By Kris McGinn

Surely anyone making the turn off of Southern Avenue onto Main Street in Essex cannot help but notice, right there on the corner, the riot of delightful goodies filling the windows of We Dream in Colour.

The shop is a marvelous addition to Essex and has been for some time now. But the awesomeness of the shop and its owner Jade Gedeon could not be contained and this summer the magic spilled over into the space next door in the form of "New Cod on the Block" (a clever nod to both Cape Ann's fishing industry and Essex's connection to New Kids on the Block with local Jonathan Knight) which was positively brimming with sunny summer must-haves.

Now Jade and her team have revealed a new version of the shop as an enchanting holiday wonderland. From woodland creatures in the form of ornaments, vases, and greeting cards, to Moomins lip balm and adventure sets, to artisanal glassware, handmade pottery, and all manner of happy useful items (my favorite is a parakeet pocketknife); no stocking will go unstuffed. I challenge anyone to visit and not leave with some delightful and astonishingly perfect gift. Sparkling, whimsical, and endlessly stylish this evolving space has everything you didn't know you needed. All surrounded by the lovely presence of Jade, her sister Mika, and most of all her beautiful mother Monica. (Fun fact: in her home country of Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean, Monica ran a successful imports business and retail shop, so we know where Jade gets her sourcing chops from.)

From Dreams to Lavender ...

Another bit of sparkle has arrived right here in downtown Manchester. Locals Glen and Tracy Manos have opened Lavender & Moss right next door to the Laughing Gull on Summer Street. Tracy has been a florist for some time, working from home. Her husband Glen lovingly encouraged her to consider having her own shop. Tracy admits she was reluctant, but her husband and his father found the space on Summer Street and totally renovated it themselves with Tracy in mind.

And so it is that we have the delightful Lavender & Moss, with Tracy heading up all things floral and her daughter, Meggie, taking care of all things retail and marketing. The result is a fantastic new shop! Just outside the store you will find bits of holiday greenery and wreaths while inside, teapots, teacups, toys, gorgeous knitted hats and mittens, beautiful paper goods, felted wool ornaments and tree toppers, bath goodies, and all manner of lovely items for your home.

In the back, you will find Tracy and her flowers. She does arrangements that are positively stunning. The shop opened in April and quickly learned that its proximity to the train station made day-of arrangements and bouquets a must. They even have a flower bike with a basket on it filled with small bouquets they sell next to the train station. Inside the store you can purchase her heavenly day-of arrangements, but don't hesitate as they sell out daily.

So, as you head out this holiday, keep these two special, and new, spots in mind. Pop by Jade's place on your way to the Very Essex Christmas Celebration at the Essex Shipyard, 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, 12/6. On Sunday, head to the Essex Holiday Market, also in the shipyard from 11a.m. - 3 p.m. Or visit during the Essex "Shop Hop," 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, 12/12. Finally, back in Manchester, it's Christmas-by-the-Sea this weekend. Details here below!

CHRISTMAS-BY-THE-SEA

Starting this weekend, it's the holidays, especially with Christmas-by-the-Sea in Manchester and holiday shopping (with Santa!) in Essex.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5



Above, Meggie Moraes and Tracy Manos of Manchester's Lavender & Moss with their furry holiday helpers. Below, Jade Gedeon with her mother Monica at their new holiday pop-up next door to their mainstay, We Dream in Colour, in Essex. (Photos Kris McGinn)



Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce Manchester Division Holiday Party

5 - 7 p.m. | Boo-Bird (26 Central Street)

Food, friends, & cash bar - all are welcome!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

The Manchester Holiday Stroll & Downtown Open House

3 - 8 p.m. | Downtown Businesses, Manchester

Shop & Stroll around town, while enjoying refreshments at many shops, businesses and pop-up shops. Collect stamps in your Holiday Stroll Passbook and turn them in at Bravo-by-the-Sea by 8:15 p.m. for a chance to win one of two prizes: \$200 or \$100 in Greater Cape Ann Gift Checks. Details and Passbooks available at local businesses.

Manchester Library Cookies & Craft

3 - 5 p.m. | Drop in for festive fun featuring a winter craft, cookies, and cider!

Friends of the Manchester Public Library Holiday Book Fair

3 - 8 p.m. | FPC Community Hall Located behind Santander Bank

Join the Friends of the Manchester Public Library to

peruse the hottest new book titles from the Beverly Farms Bookstore! Adults' and children's books, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, cards, and more! Sponsored by Friends of the Manchester Public Library

Holiday Open House at Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum

Friday: 3 - 8 p.m.: Children's crafting program, generously made available by the Hooper Fund, and Passbook stamping. Holiday Cards on sale at the Museum. Open House program also includes Kids make Holiday Ornaments at Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum! Children's crafting program with Martha Chapman that will run from 3 - 8 p.m.

Parents' Night Out

5 - 8 p.m. | Cornerstone Church (20 School Street)

Drop your kids off in their Holiday Pajamas for an evening of fun activities, free pizza, and a showing of a holiday movie. Free for children ages Pre-K to Grade 5. Pre-registration is required at cornerstonenorthshore.org.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Jingle Bell Walk

1 - 3 p.m. | Masconomo Park

Santa will arrive at Masconomo Park by boat and lead the

Woman's Club | Hot Chocolate

donated by the Masons

It's an enchanting afternoon filled with festive cheer, music, community spirit, and hot cocoa generously provided by the Masons and served by Woman's Club members, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Claus will come by with candy canes for all! Enjoy a concert by the MERHS Band, Chorus and Sound Waves, Manchester-Essex Elementary School chorus, and a Ballet de Mar School student dance performance. After the tree lighting, Andrea Locke, the MERSD School Resource Officer, will arrive with Daisy, the town's comfort dog to enhance the spirit of the event.

Seaside #1 Museum Open House

2 - 4:30 p.m. | Town Hall Common (Inside)

Seaside #1 is a former fire station and police station for the town. All are welcome to drop in for a tour of the museum, find out about the two pieces of antique fire apparatus in the museum and sit up in the driver's seat of the 1902 Steamer Seaside # 2 for an excellent photo opportunity. Santa hats will be provided for those who want to take a holiday photo of their children or entire family. Light snacks will be provided for the youngsters.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Holiday Tea at Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum

2 - 3 p.m. | 26 Central Street

The Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum will host its annual Holiday Tea, with live music, caroling and delicious tea service. Free admission, but it's limited seating, so registration is required. Email info@MBTSMuseum.org or call (978) 526-7230. Please, also, send word if you can't make it after making a reservation, so someone else may enjoy your seat.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

A Ceremony of Carols at First Parish Church

4 p.m. | 10 Central Street

The First Parish Church Choir and the Somerville Chorus will together perform A Ceremony of Carols. Both choruses are directed by Dr. Herman Weiss, the First Parish Church's music director who organized the church's amazing (and popular) Messiah Singings for the last several years. This year, the new choral holiday program's singers will be accompanied by concert harpist Mary Jane Rupert with soloist Rebecca Shrimpton, as well as guest soprano Erin Mercuerio Nelson, under the direction of Dr. Weiss. The combined choral performance, which will also include a familiar Ukrainian composition, Carol of the Bells, and other selections, will climax with audience participation in a "carol sing" that encourages attendees to join in the singing. Free, but donations appreciated.



children in a parade around the park and then be available for pictures. There will also be crafts, face painting, a candy cane hunt, refreshments and a visit from Mrs. Claus! Sponsored by the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, Manchester Mother's Club, and Manchester Parks and Recreation Department.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Breakfast & Photos with Santa

9 a.m. - 12 noon. | Manchester Masonic Lodge (10 Church Street)

Breakfast: \$12 each - under 5 free

Community Carol Sing

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. | First Parish Church (Inside)

Sing traditional carols around the piano and a spirited and hilarious "12 Days of Christmas" immediately before the tree lighting. Wear a festive hat! Happening rain or shine.

Community Friendship Tree Lighting & Program

2- 3:30 p.m. | In front of Town Hall Common (Outside, rain or shine)

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Gloucester Times Names Fall Sports Female All-Stars

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: ABBY KENT
ME Jr. (field hockey)

ALL STARS:
HARPER BROOKS, ME Jr., (soccer)
BRIGID CAROVILLANO, ME Sr. (field hockey)
SABINE COOPER, ME Sr. (cross country)
SUMMER DEMEO, ME Sr. (field hockey)
MEGAN HURD, ME Sr. (soccer)
LIBBY LAWLER, ME Sr. (soccer)

HONORABLE MENTION
ME: Madi Cook, Sr. (soccer); Ava Dickerson, Fr. (soccer); Isabelle Donnellan, Sr. (field hockey); Laila Mears, Jr. (field hockey); Kiernan Day, Soph. (field hockey); Whitney Turner, Sr. (cross country); River Silva, Jr. (cross country)



Megan Hurd.



Summer Demeo.



Lilly Lawler.

Military Family Scholarships – 2024-2025

In an effort to make sure that we reach out to all military families with information about the many scholarships available for them, we have listed these below.

1. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 113 Scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to a MERHS student graduating from MERHS OR are a resident of Essex or Manchester graduating from Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School; must be planning to attend an institution of higher learning and be related to a Veteran. Both schools have the application available to you at your Guidance Department.
2. The following awards are available to all high school students graduating 2025 regardless of where they live or go to school.
3. National Education Awards: Go to: www.ALAforveterans.org/scholarships. Must have a Veteran in your family. These awards include two awards:
 - Children of Warriors National Presi-

4. Department of Massachusetts Scholarships: Go to: www.ALAforveterans.org/scholarships.
5. Annual Department Award
6. There are multiple awards available for Veteran families. Go to www.legion.org/get-involved/scholarships. We hope you will take the time to apply for as many as possible.

dent's scholarship The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
These applications are due March 1, 2025 -- Send to American Legion Auxiliary President: Michelle Baer, 12 Tappan St., Manchester, MA 01944, michelleannbaer@gmail.com for questions.



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MERMS Student Ambassadors Named



Morgan Holmes (left) and Thomas Chrzanowski (right) were selected to be Project 351 ambassadors. (Photo Courtesy Manchester Essex Regional School District)



Holmes and Thomas Chrzanowski will work with Project 351, a non-profit organization that empowers a youth-led movement for change.

Cities and towns across Massachusetts each elect a Grade 8 student or students who represent the qualities of kindness, compassion, humility, and gratitude, as well as an exemplary ethic of service.

Holmes and Chrzanowski were selected to be ambassadors out of all Grade 8 students by their team of teachers and administrators.

The pair will now enter the Ambassador Journey, a year-long service and leadership development program where they will create projects to serve the MERMS community through hands-on learning experiences and training.

Principal Maino and MERMS teachers describe Holmes and Chrzanowski as great students and leaders, "Thomas and Morgan represent what is best about Middle School students," Maino said. "They are compassionate and engaged leaders who want to make the world a better place. We love that Project 351 gives them an opportunity to be positively involved in their community."

Holmes and Chrzanowski will participate in a launch day training and spend a weekend completing service projects before incorporating their knowledge into initiatives that positively serve the community.

Superintendent Pam Beaudoin and Principal Joanne Maino are pleased to share that two Manchester Essex Regional Middle School (MERMS) students have been selected to be Project 351 ambassadors. Grade 8 students Morgan

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Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 2, 2024
Report covers from November 16, 2024 to November 29, 2024

Ordering of New Remote Desktop Connection Devices

The recent Fall Town Meeting appropriated funding for the replacement of the Town's current devices that make connection of our users to our remote desktop Windows servers possible. The Town Administrator (TA) has placed the order for the necessary equipment and will work on deployment after it is received.

Next Safety Committee Meeting

The Safety Committee will next meet on December 19, 2024 at 8 a.m. in Town Hall. Chairman Perren is usually able to attend remotely.

Update on Visit from Crew of USS Essex

The TA learned that the crew visit that the Board is interested in hosting will likely occur in late-April or early-May of 2025. The visit's organizer, Lt. Matthew Coffin, will be in touch with the Board this winter to provide highlights on what is being planned. I have provided Lt. Coffin with contacts for a variety of groups and organizations that the Navy continues to visit while here.

Scope of Services and Contract for Municipal Fuel Depot Design

After the Fall Town Meeting appropriated funding for the design of a municipal fuel depot, the TA contacted four design firms that have experience in this area. One firm's pricing was exorbitantly high, one firm's response required two redrafts after we discovered errors, another firm did not provide a proposal after the TA made initial contact, and the firm of Fuss & O'Neill agreed to provide a detailed scope of services within the available funding. The TA is hoping to have that proposal by meeting time and presently have an outline of what will be proposed.

Commencement of Seasonal Pipe Freeze-up Monitoring

Each year, personnel from the Police Department and the Department of Public Works enter Town buildings on weekends to verify that the heat is functioning, in an effort to avoid frozen pipes. The TA has provided the necessary log forms to the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Public Works and heat will be monitored in the Town Hall/Library, the Senior Center, the Public Safety Facility, the DPW Barn, and the Water Filtration plant through March of 2025. This activity is eligible for property insurance premium discounts under the MIA Rewards Program.

Provision of Evergreen Tree for Memory Tree



Event

As is usual this time of year, the TA arranged to have a large, cut evergreen delivered to Town Hall for use in the annual Memory Tree ceremony on the grounds of Town Hall December 5, 2024. Once the tree has been delivered, the Department of Public Works will erect it on the site.

Annual Request for Operating and Capital Budget Proposals

The Finance Committee will soon request fiscal year 2026 operating and capital budget proposals through the Town Accountant from all departments. Proposals are usually due by January 10, 2025 and the Board will have two meetings for proposal review between now and the submission deadline.

Planning for MPO Public Forum Concerning Essex Causeway

The TA participated in the subject meeting along with Selectman Phippen on November 26, 2024. The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is currently assisting the Town with a preliminary study of possible future solutions for increased flooding of the Essex causeway on Route 133. MPO will host a public forum as part of the study (which was to be held on December 4, 2024). However, MPO needs more time to research the issue and possibly discuss with various stakeholders prior to the forum (which will now be held sometime in January). The insights gained from the MPO study will be very important to include in MassDOT's application for Federal PROTECT funding to evaluate the issue in much more depth (see item K1).

Sale of Former Allen Properties Update

At this time, it is my understanding that the attorney for the highest bidder with respect to the sale of the former Allen properties on Southern Avenue is still

working to pull together the necessary materials for closing. Additional information may be available by meeting time.

Application for PROTECT Grant to Study Essex Causeway Flooding

As discussed at the last meeting, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) is interested in collaborating with both the Town and with the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on a PROTECT Grant application for a study of possible future solutions for the expected more frequent flooding of the Essex causeway. This application will follow on the heels of a preliminary study that is being performed by MPO presently, which will begin the formulation of some general recommendations (also see item H2). The Federal PROTECT grant (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation) will delve into the issue in more detail and perhaps will be able to assist with the selection of a favored future solution. Selectman Phippen and the TA discussed the prospect of a PROTECT application with DOT and MPO personnel on November 20, 2024 and DOT is anticipating being the lead applicant for the project. The deadline for grant applications is February 24, 2025 and it would be useful for the Board to authorize the Town's participation in the application, along with the authorization of the Chairman to sign any necessary documents during the application process.

Habitat Protection & Restoration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant

As the Board is aware, the Town is partnering with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) and the communities of Ipswich and Gloucester on a habitat restoration grant application under the BIL. One component of the

project is to better align future projects with roadway resilience planning by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT). The TA participated in a webinar on November 21, 2024 offered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with respect to best practices for BIL applicants. The webinar covered details concerning the application platform and important information about the application process.

Gloucester Coal Tar Settlement Project Ideas Update

As the Board may recall, Selectman Phippen and the TA have been working on some ideas for environmental restoration projects that could be funded in Essex from the Gloucester Coal Tar Settlement. To that end, we met with Gloucester's Community Development Director and Gloucester's Planning Director on November 25, 2024 to determine if there are project ideas that are possibly of interest to both Essex and Gloucester. City personnel are going to discuss the ideas internally and provide Essex with feedback. However, a number of possible projects initially resonated with them including: shellfish seeding, green crab drying for fertilizer, a thin-layer sediment placement pilot project, and additional alewife habitat restoration with respect to the Alewife Brook and Chebacco Lake. We expect to hear back from Gloucester soon and will approach the submission of project ideas accordingly.

Town Administrator Leave

The TA was out of the office, on leave, all day on November 22, 2024.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The office was closed on November 28 and 29, 2024, in observance of the subject holiday. This report is available at www.essexma.org on the morning after any regularly scheduled Essex Board

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.

ESSEX SENIOR LIVING | December 6

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, cro-

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

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

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

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

GA.m.es with Gil at the Senior Center: Wednesdays

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

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

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library



A little story hour friend enjoys a new book at the library. (Courtesy Photo)

Library Closed

The library will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Holiday Slime

Thursday, December 19 at 3:30 p.m. for grades 3-5. Make festive slime to enjoy all season long. Registration is required as space is limited. The holidays are coming, stop by the library to check out a Wireless Hot spot for travel or hosting company.

Community Book Group

Monday, December 16 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Cemetery of Untold Stories" by Julia Alvarez.

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.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:09 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., property check, secured/checked. 12:25 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 5:37 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:41 p.m. John Wise Ave., male sick, patient refusal.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:04 a.m. John Wise Ave., traffic hazard, secured/checked. 12:24 p.m. County Rd., disturbance, other. 2:33 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 9:04 p.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:22 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 11:46 a.m. Willow Court, male sick, transported to hospital. 6:11 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 8:55 p.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

2:08 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 12:00 p.m. Dodge St., suspicious activity, other. 1:12 p.m. John Wise Ave., community policing, assisted as needed. 9:46 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:01 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 11:31 a.m. Main St., motor vehicle complaint, gone on arrival. 5:29 p.m. Main St., erratic operator, verbal warning. 8:49 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

2:30 a.m. Eastern Ave., fire alarm, fire false. 10:42 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 6:06 p.m. Southern Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 9:20 p.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:58 a.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:47 p.m. Eastern Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 8:34 p.m. Belcher St., domestic, report to follow. 10:24 p.m. Centennial Grove St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

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Out Shopping, Right Now

Thanksgiving is in the rear-view mirror and now, it's a rush to get in your holiday shopping. The good news is this weekend, it's Christmas-by-the-Sea in Manchester and, in Essex, it's the annual Holiday Market. When you're done visiting Santa, get out to local stores and get your gift game on. All local retailers and artists. All good.

Oh, You've Been Good!



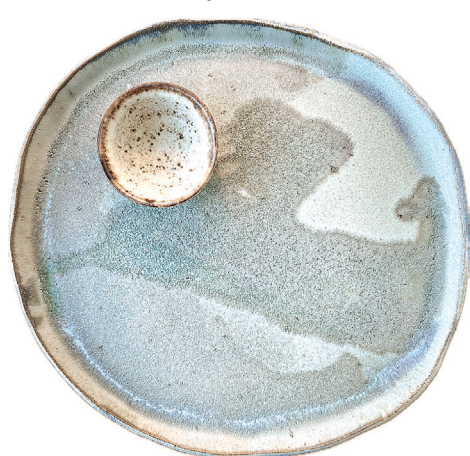
When you need to say it in gold, head for this stunning assortment of 14k and 18k yellow gold hand-engraved charms with diamond, sapphire and ruby accents, by designer Erica Molinari. With names like "punta alle stella" ("aim for the stars"), "amare" ("love") and "non ti scordar di me" ("forget me not"), why wait for Valentine's Day to show your love? Pictured, \$1,485-\$3,420, at **GLADSTONE**, 36 1/2 Union St., Manchester | gladstonejewelry.com.

For the Glamour Girl!



MAHRI staked out her eponymous jewelry store in downtown Manchester back in the early 1970s, creating unmistakable designs worn by generations of locals. Aimee Bode has certainly carried on her mother's creative touch. This stunning Boulder Opal is set in 14K gold, and accented with 12 brilliant diamonds. \$5,500, at **MAHRI**, 11 Beach St., Manchester | (978) 526-7241

Comfort of Clay



Local artist Paige Farrell began her career in hand-thrown pottery when she parlayed her love of wines (she is a wine consultant and writer) into a project making bespoke sake cups for clients and friends. Now her pottery has blossomed into a line of cups, plates, platters and bowls. Pieces start at \$24, at **Found Design Studio**, 67 Main St., Essex | (978) 890-7180 and shopatfound.com



Oh, So Sweet!

Harbor Sweets started in the 1970s as a boutique chocolatier in Salem and, after a change in ownership, the company can add "woman owned" to its "local" moniker. 4 Beach Gifts & Goodies prides itself on favoring local artisans and purveyors, so of course, the downtown Manchester store carries the Harbor Sweets line, which includes its classics like toffee "Sloops," and chocolate "Sand Dollars." Starting at \$24, at **4 Beach Gifts & Goodies**, 4 Beach St., Manchester | (978) 526-7333

Tres Ski Chic



This cozy set is perfect for the winter days flying down the mountain, or bounding downtown for a hot chocolate. Whatever your pleasure, do it in comfort and style with this chic sweatshirt from Z Style and knitted pom-pom hat from Panache. \$69 sweatshirt, \$28 hat, both at **Style Snoop**, 19 Central St., Manchester | (978) 704-9881

Foxy, Rabbit ... and Goat

Woodland paradise abounds with these quirky, hand-painted and lovely flower vases. Seen here, a fox, goat and bunny rabbit. Each measures 10-1/4"L x 5-1/2"W. They're the perfect size for displaying your favorite flowers or as a standalone piece. Vases \$48 each and metal flower stem \$20, all at **We Dream in Colour**, 166 Main St, Essex | (978) 594-1425



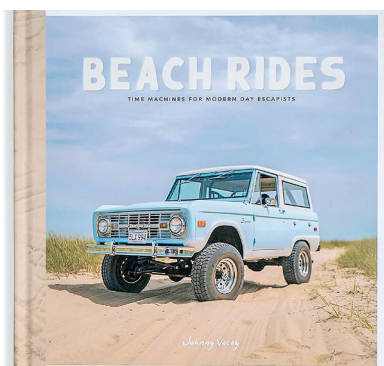
Strike the Holiday Match

This festive box of holiday extra-large matches are just the thing to tuck into a hostess gift this season. \$13, at **Found Design Studio**, 67 Main St., Essex | (978) 890-7180 and shopatfound.com



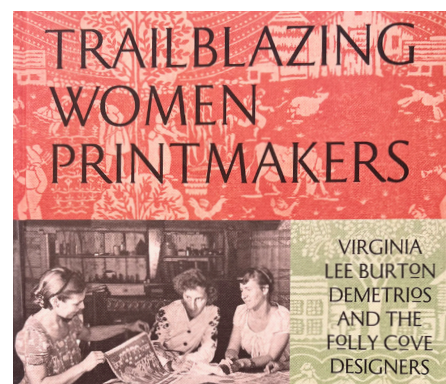
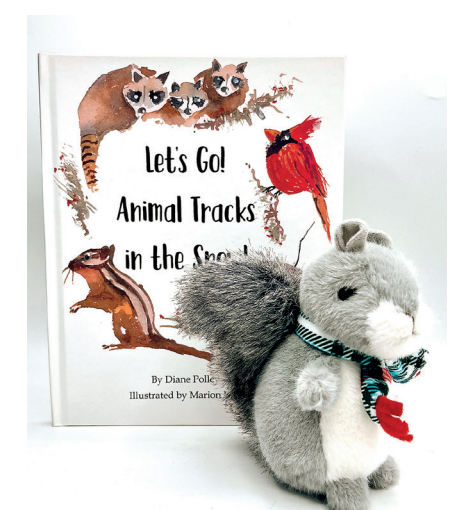
Gear Guy Gift

For lovers of vintage beach cars and trucks (you know who you are!) there's "Beach Rides," a coffee table book that photographs 21 vintage island cars and the people who drive them. Starting with vehicles from the 1950s, the stories showcase all the classics, from Jeepsters, FJs, Wagoneers, and Broncos to Defenders. \$125, at **Muzio Designs**, 55 John Wise Ave., Essex | muziodesigns.com



"Let's Go!" ... for the Kiddos

Now here's a charming story that brings youngsters into the outdoor world of wild little creatures who live in the great natural world outside. Written by Diane Polley, an Essex resident and illustrated by Manchester painter Marion Hall. Book \$20, stuffed squirrel, \$12.95, both at **Sea Meadow Gifts**, 7 Main St, Essex | (978) 768-3441



For the Love of Folly Cove

Anique dealer and designer Andrew Spindler is one of Cape Ann's foremost experts on the Folly Cove Designers collaborative, which operated a printing collective until the 1970s in Gloucester under the direction of Virginia Lee Burton. The story is extraordinary. \$35, at **Andrew Spindler Antiques**, 163 Main St., Essex | (978) 768-6045

Cheerful Standing Snowmen

This line of textile figurines are called "Sandy Pants" because they're filled with sand, and therefore can be stood upright on a shelf or mantel this holiday season. They come in holiday themes (hello holiday tree) but they also have special personalities, like (at the far right) "Pickleball Pete" who comes carrying his own racquet. \$28, at **Sea Meadow Gifts**, 7 Main St, Essex | (978) 768-3441



Winter Byrding

The grand age of exploration was kept alive in the 20th Century in part by Admiral Richard Byrd, the navigator and expedition leader with local ties who was the first Western explorer to traverse the Arctic Ocean and the Antarctic Plateau. This large 1950s-era earthenware bust of a penguin and her baby harkens to that time. \$2,100, at **Andrew Spindler Antiques**, 163 Main St., Essex | (978) 768-6045



For the (Actual) Birds

This solid 9" seed and nut wreath is almost (!) too pretty to feed to the birds. A delightful blend of seeds, nuts, and raisins in a solid two-pound wreath. Comes with a net to hang at your bird's favorite winter-feeding spots. \$20, at **Muzio Designs**, 55 John Wise Ave., Essex | muziodesigns.com



A Spot of Summer in Winter ...

This painting, "Winter" by artist Ana dos Santos brings a fresh floral burst into the holiday season. 10" x 13" acrylic, mixed media on canvas. \$450, at **Found Design Studio**, 67 Main St., Essex | (978) 890-7180 and shopatfound.com



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The Cape Ann YMCA Presents Holiday Delights

At Annisquam Village Hall

The Cape Ann YMCA presents Holiday Delights on December 13 at 7 p.m.; December 14 at 2 p.m. and December 15 at 2 p.m. at the Annisquam Village Hall, 34 Leonard Street, Gloucester. Set in Gloucester,

Holiday Delights is a festive mix of stories, songs and dance celebrating the special traditions of other cultures and families as seen through a young child's magical journey on Christmas Eve to discover what is truly important during the holiday season.

A Cape Ann holiday tradition, Holiday Delights is

conceived and directed by Gloucester native, award-winning professional actress and Harvard University graduate Heidi Dallin, the YMCA of the North Shore Theatre Specialist. Since the production's premiere in 2007 over 750 young people from Cape Ann and beyond have appeared in Holiday Delights through the

years. "It is so exciting each year to see these wonderful young actors tell the story of Holiday Delights! I am so fortunate to work with all of them! They are all working so hard and now they are part of this Cape Ann tradition entering its 14th year," said Holiday Delights creator and director Heidi Dallin.

"This year 10-year-old Carolyn Andrews plays Mistletoe, Mrs. Claus' Elf Assistant", continues Dallin, "Young Carolyn is excited to play the coveted role especially since her big sister Malia played the role in 2016. Malia is now a freshman at BU School for the Arts studying Acting. Holiday Delights is a family tradition on Cape Ann!"

The 2024 edition of Holiday Delights features the journey of a young girl who discovers the spirit and the joys of the holiday season as she faces the unhappy prospect of leaving her beloved hometown of Gloucester and

moving with her family to a new home in Michigan. Her special Christmas Eve journey helps her to realize and appreciate the importance of her family and friends as well as her own special holiday traditions. During her Christmas Eve travels with Mrs. Claus and the elves, she celebrates Hanukkah, travels back in time to turn of the century Gloucester to see her Italian Irish ancestors celebrate the holidays, and meets famous characters including The Cratchit Family from Charles Dickens' holiday masterpiece, A Christmas Carol and The March Sisters from Louisa May Alcott's heartwarming classic novel, Little Women.

The 2024 production has a cast of over 35 actors age 5 to 15 from throughout the North Shore including Gloucester, Rockport, Beverly, and Essex. Holiday Delights 2024 features Gloucester's Brae Gavin as Mrs. Claus and Gloucester's Aubrey Hamm as the young girl she takes on the life changing Christmas Eve journey. Gloucester's Carolyn Andrews and Beverly's Evie Swallow are Mistletoe and Peppermint, Mrs. Claus' loyal elf assistants. Beverly's Madelyn Swallow and Gloucester's Lillian Jamieson are also featured in the production as the supervisors of Santa's Workshop.

Holiday Delights Performances are December 13 at 7 p.m.; December 14 at 2 p.m. and December 15 at 2 p.m. at the Annisquam Village Hall, 34 Leonard Street, Gloucester, MA. For tickets call the Cape Ann YMCA at 978-283-0470.

2024 Buy-A-Bulb Sponsors

The Manchester Women's Club announced the following sponsors who have made donations in support of this year's Manchester Friendship Tree lighting, scheduled for this Sunday, December 8 starting at 3 p.m. All donations support the tree's operation and the club's charitable initiatives, including funding its annual scholarship to local graduating seniors.



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LEGAL NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
 Notice of License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
 Waterways Application No. 24-WW01-0025-APP
 Applicant: Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
 Project Location: 0 Beach Street (Parcel ID 16-0-34), 0 Reed Park (Parcel ID 16-0-36), Flowed Tidelands of Manchester Harbor, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Essex County
 Notification Date: December 6, 2024
 Public Comments Deadline: January 6, 2025
 Public Notice is hereby given of the Chapter 91 License Application by the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea to install a floating dock system for commercial vessels in Manchester Harbor, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Essex County. The proposed project has been determined to be a Water-Dependent Use project.
 The Department will consider all written comments on this License application received by January 6, 2025 (Public Comments Deadline). Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten (10) citizens or

more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five (5) citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located. A public hearing may be held upon request by the Municipal Official.
 Project plans and documents for the application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter 24-WW01-0025-APP in the Search Page in the "Record ID" field). If you need assistance, please contact alicedoyle@mass.gov or if you do not have access to a computer, please leave a voicemail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.
 It is recommended that documents and correspondence be filed electronically with the email address above when possible; alternatively, comments may be mailed to Alice Doyle at MassDEP Waterways Regulation Program, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.
 Posted to MNPA website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>
 December 6, 2024 MC

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given from Susan J. Gilmore
 to IndyMac Bank, F.S.B dated April 27, 2007, and filed with the Essex County Registry Southern District of the Land Court (the "Registry") at Document No. 478607, which mortgage was assigned to IndyMac Venture, LLC filed with the Registry at Document No. 505059, which mortgage as further assigned to Ralph G. DiGirolamo and Richard DiGirolamo, Trustees of the R&R Trust at Document No. 652057 and as noted on Certificates of Title Nos. 82177 and 70252 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of a certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in Manchester-by-the-Sea known as 9 Moses Hill Road, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00AM on the 2nd day of January 2025, at the mortgaged premises located at 9 Moses Hill Road, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, described in said mortgage.
 To wit:
 The land in Manchester-by-the-Sea with the buildings shown as Lot 55 on a plan of land entitled: "Plan of Land in Manchester, Massachusetts, Prepared for Reid and Janet Boynton, 9-11 Moses

LEGAL NOTICE

Hill Road, Prepared by LeBlanc Survey Associates, Inc., 161 Holten Street, Danvers, MA 01923; Dated: December 13, 2006; Scale 1"=30'.
 Said Lot 55 is shown on Land Court Plan #1449-3 and contains 30,005 square feet according to said Plan.
 All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on said Plan, as approved by the Court and filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of which is filed in the South Essex Registry District in Registration Book 448, Page 80512 with Certificate No. 80512.
 The above described land has the benefit of a right of way over lot 37, shown on plan filed with Certificate of Title 32808, being a way twenty (20) feet wide, as described in deed from Moses Hill Corporation to the Core House Corporation dated November 20, 1963, and filed as Document 108395 in said Registry.
 The above described land is subject to and has the benefit of a right of way over Moses Hill Road, as shown on said plan.
 The above described land is subject to the restrictions and provisions as described in an instrument given by Moses Hill Corporation dated January 6, 1961, and filed as Document 95706 in said Registry.
 See Approval as to Restrictions dated November 20, 1963, and filed as Document 108439 in said Registry.
 Said lot is conveyed together with a 1/30 interest in Lot 31 shown on Plan No. 14490-P* as described in Certificate of Title

No. 70252. *said plan filed with Certificate of 30184
 The above described land is subject to and with benefit of the restrictions and provisions described in an instrument given by Janet W. Boynton and Reid Boynton dated April 27, 2007, and filed as Document 482241 in said Registry.
 For title see Deed filed with the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds as Document Number 487563 with Certificate of Title Number 82177.
 Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid condominium fees, taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. No representations express or implied are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as-is".
TERMS OF SALE:
 One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be paid in certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of said sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Erik T. Potter, Esq., Potter

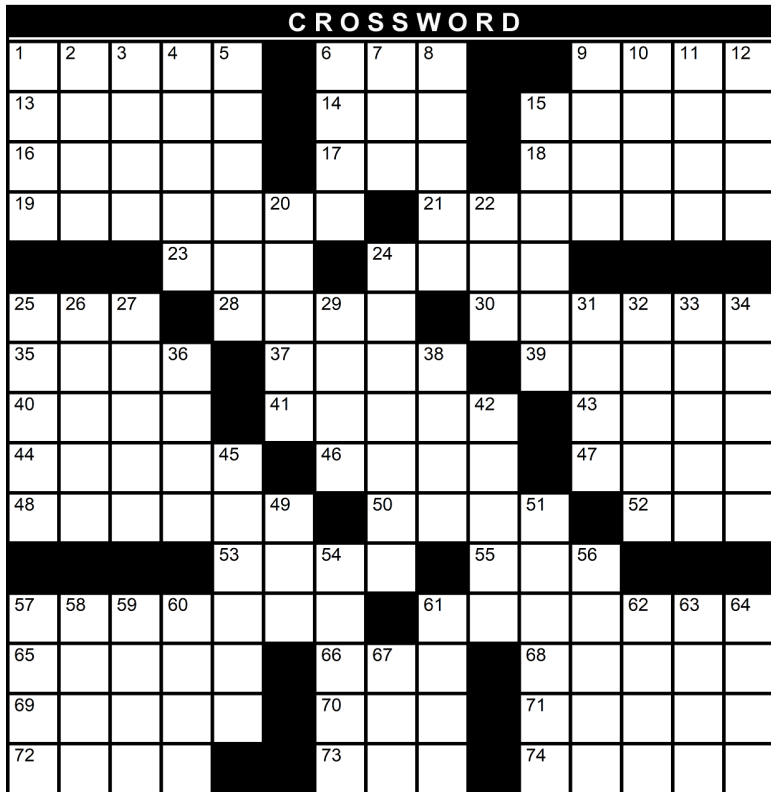
MacLellan LLP, 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The successful bidder of the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the Auction Sale. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
 Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.
 Present Holder of Said Mortgage:
 Ralph DiGirolamo and Richard DiGirolamo, Trustees of R & R Trust - c/o Erik T. Potter, Esq. Potter MacLellan, LLP
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THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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- 1. F, unit of electrical capacity
- 6. *Buche de Noël, e.g.
- 9. What influencers do?
- 13. Yemen's neighbor
- 14. Another word for Tokyo
- 15. Singer Ross of "Where Did Our Love Go" fame
- 16. Laundry room fire hazard, pl.
- 17. Much of it about nothing?
- 18. Furnish with a fund
- 19. **"A Bad Moms Christmas" actress Bell
- 21. *Tiny Tim creator
- 23. Tibetan ox
- 24. Khrushchev's domain
- 25. *Goo on real Christmas tree
- 28. Sketch
- 30. *Poinsettia's motherland
- 35. "___ Good Men", movie
- 37. Brussels' org.
- 39. Plant fungus
- 40. Reluctant
- 41. Klutzy
- 43. *It's beginning to look ___ like..."
- 44. Domains
- 46. Bog down
- 47. Oxen connector
- 48. Under epidermis
- 50. Mums' mums
- 52. Over, poetically
- 53. Alleviate
- 55. ___ Mahal
- 57. *Tanne in "O Tannenbaum" (2 words)
- 61. *It is feliz to Feliciano
- 65. Radioshow host: "Hello, you're ___"
- 66. Knot-tying vow (2 words)
- 68. Dispatch boat
- 69. Carthage's ancient neighbor
- 70. *Egg__
- 71. Oil lamp dweller



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- 72. Fishing poles
- 73. Bigheadedness
- 74. Painter Degas
- DOWN
- 1. Lore people
- 2. Mideast ruler
- 3. Hindu princess
- 4. Jittery
- 5. Farthest from point of origin
- 6. Ground beef description
- 7. Like Lemmon and Matthau together
- 8. Merchandise
- 9. Swim's alternative
- 10. Dwyane, once of Miami Heat
- 11. Any day now, to Shakespeare
- 12. Swerves
- 15. King's order
- 20. Increasing
- 22. Philosophy ending
- 24. Undo, as in strings
- 25. Green side
- 26. Before, in the olden days
- 27. J.M. Barrie's Pan
- 29. "Howdy, ___!"

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- 31. Internal picture
- 32. Meltable home
- 33. Singer Sam of "Twistin' the Night Away" fame
- 34. Weasel's aquatic cousin
- 36. **"Last Christmas" band, with !
- 38. Edible pod
- 42. Busybody, in Yiddish
- 45. Mountain range
- 49. Certain fraternity house letters
- 51. Cruel
- 54. Æle de la Cité river
- 56. Tripped the light fantastic
- 57. *Number of ghosts in "A Christmas Carol"
- 58. **"He's Just Not That ___ You", movie
- 59. Police's surprise
- 60. Habitual twitches
- 61. Not happening (2 words)
- 62. Minor bumper damage
- 63. "Heat of the Moment" band
- 64. Opposite of talker?
- 67. *The Grinch's Max

Religious Notes

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59 Main St, Essex, MA

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Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

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Sacred Heart Church - Saturday

Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as www.mecatholic.org

Sunday Mass-8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Mass-10 a.m.

Please go to our website: www.mecatholic.org for Sacramental Information as well as Parish Registra-

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Canine Life Stages



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

Every dog owner thinks that their dog is special. Guess what? We're all right.

Each dog is special and should be treated as an individual. Not only is your dog special to you, but she is special to your veterinarian as well. Every year improvements are made to the quality of the care provided.

This year, The Manchester Animal Hospital will introduce a test that just became available that has the capacity to detect cancer. A veterinary team considers your dog's life stage, breed, and various lifestyle factors so they can create a healthcare plan customized to meet your dog's unique needs, and the *American Animal Hospital Association's Canine Life Stage Guidelines* can be used as a guide.

Here are eight facts you need to know about the *AAHA Canine Life Stage Guidelines*.

Fact #1: Your dog will travel through four distinct life stages before reaching her final days.

- 1. Puppy**
Birth → 6-9 months of age (end of rapid growth)
- 2. Young adult**
6-9 months of age → 3-4 years of age (completion of physical and social maturation)
- 3. Mature adult**
3-4 years of age → Beginning of last 25 percent of estimated lifespan (breed- and size-dependent)
- 4. Senior**
Last 25 percent of estimated lifespan → End of life

A dog's life stage involves more than her age, since different dog breeds age at different rates. To discover your dog's current life stage, and to learn what should be

covered in every wellness visit with your veterinarian,

Fact #2: Visiting the veterinarian every 6-12 months is key to your dog's health, regardless of age.

Puppies will visit the veterinarian more often than their adult counterparts, as the veterinary team completes personalized vaccine protocols, prepares them to be spayed or neutered, sets a foundation for appropriate behavior and exercise, and monitors for congenital health problems.

Young adults should receive continuing preventive care, including appropriate protection against fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites. The veterinary team will address any behavior concerns and monitor their growth and development, including setting an appropriate body condition score (BCS) to help you keep your canine pal at a healthy weight so she will be less likely to develop osteoarthritis, breathing problems, and other future health problems exacerbated by increased body weight.

Veterinary visits for mature adult dogs will focus on maintaining good health through regular screening and testing, as well as monitoring weight, muscle condition, and mobility. When a dog enters her senior years, the veterinary team will work to identify any issues that may contribute to a decline in her health or quality of life through regular blood work and other health screenings, and they'll recommend adjustments in activity level and nutrition as needed.

Fact #3: The decision about when to spay or neuter your dog is no longer

black and white.

Emerging data suggests that pet owners and veterinarians should weigh the risks and benefits of spaying or neutering a dog between five and six months for small-breed female dogs, before six months for small male dogs, or after growth stops (9 - 15 months) for large-breed male and female dogs.

Fact #4: Your dog's surroundings may need to be altered as she ages.

Ensure rambunctious young dogs don't have access to potentially toxic items (and your favorite pair of shoes) and provide a crate with comfortable bedding and a favorite toy. Use pet gates and other items to keep puppies in the areas of your home where you know they're safe.

Senior dogs may struggle with mobility, so be sure to provide ramps or pet stairs when your dog struggles jumping to his favorite sleeping spots or getting into the car, add carpeting or another form of traction to slick hardwood or tile floors, and put a dog bed on the main floor of your home if your pet struggles to take the stairs to your bedroom.

Fact #5: Some diseases can be spread from your dog to your human family.

Parasites like roundworms, fleas, and ticks not only spread diseases to your canine companion—they also spread diseases to the people in your home. Protect your dog and your human family members—especially the young, old, and immunocompromised—from these diseases by ensuring your dog receives regular parasite preventives. Also, avoid feeding your dog raw meat, which can spread harmful bacteria throughout your

home.

Fact #6: Behavior problems lead to relinquishment and euthanasia of dogs.

One of the top reasons dogs are relinquished to shelters is behavior problems. Stay in close communication with your veterinarian during all life stages if you notice problem behaviors, like aggression or fear, in your dog.

Fact #7: Dogs should be vaccinated based on lifestyle.

While there are some core vaccines that every dog should receive, like rabies and distemper, others are given based on a dog's lifestyle. Your veterinarian will discuss your dog's risk factors to determine if she should receive noncore vaccines against canine influenza, Bordetella, leptospirosis, or Lyme disease.

Fact #8: A dog's oral health affects her overall health.

By three years of age, most dogs have some level of dental disease, which can lead to chronic pain and infection. During every stage of your dog's life, your veterinarian will evaluate her oral health and will recommend regular at-home dental care as well as periodic professional dental cleanings.

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



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Sunday's Divine Liturgy, with Father Christopher, starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a weekly sermon. All are welcome to attend.

First Parish Church

First Parish Church Manchester-by-the-Sea - a lovely place to start your week, join us for a moving message, beautiful music and community in the center of town -

Worship, 2nd Sunday of Advent, The Song of Zechariah, 10 a.m. led by Rev. Katherine Schofield and Dr. Herman Weiss with the First Parish Choir

Monday, Friends of the COA Senior Drop in, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Trustees Meeting - 6 p.m.

Tuesday Online Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m., join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone from wherever you are - email office. fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link.

Wednesday Advent Vespers December 11, 18, 6 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

December 8, 2 p.m. Carol Singing at the church before the Friendship Tree concert.

December 14 & 15, 12 noon-4 p.m., Winter Queen Emporium.

December 15, 4 p.m. Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols

December 24, 5 p.m. Impromptu Pageant open to all ages

7 p.m. Candlelight Lessons and Carols

St. John's Church

Worship:

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

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

Quaker Meeting

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

People in our community hail from the traditional tribal lands of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts now called Manchester, Gloucester, Beverly, Ipswich, Rockport, Salem, Lynn and Marblehead. Whether you have worshiped in other Quaker (Friends) Meetings or not, we welcome you to join us. If you are new to Quakers, someone will be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. Send an email to: northshorequaker@gmail.com. First Day School, our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You.

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Town of Manchester-by-Sea
Office of the
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,
Manchester-by-Sea, MA 01944-1399

John and Leslie Gurley request the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for proposed additions to a single-family residence with associated site improvements at 12 Boardman Avenue in Manchester-By-The-Sea. The project includes four minor building additions, reconstruction of a patio, installation of an in-ground spa, walkway, and outdoor shower. The proposed activities will occur within the 100-ft Buffer Zone to a secondary Coastal Bank.

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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Prescott Logan requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for site improvements associated with an existing single-family residence at 110 Bridge St in Manchester-By-The-Sea. The project includes the relocation of a driveway, landscaping, replacement for a garage, removal of a structure, renovation of a barn, construction of a fence, stream maintenance, and installation of native plantings.

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on December 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. for the discussion and possible decision on the removal of the following trees:

- 0 Windemere Park Extension - 3 Eastern White Pines, 1 -20", 1 -18" and 1 -16"
- 23 Lincoln Street - 20" Norway Maple

Public Comment is welcome. For more information see the agenda on the Town website.

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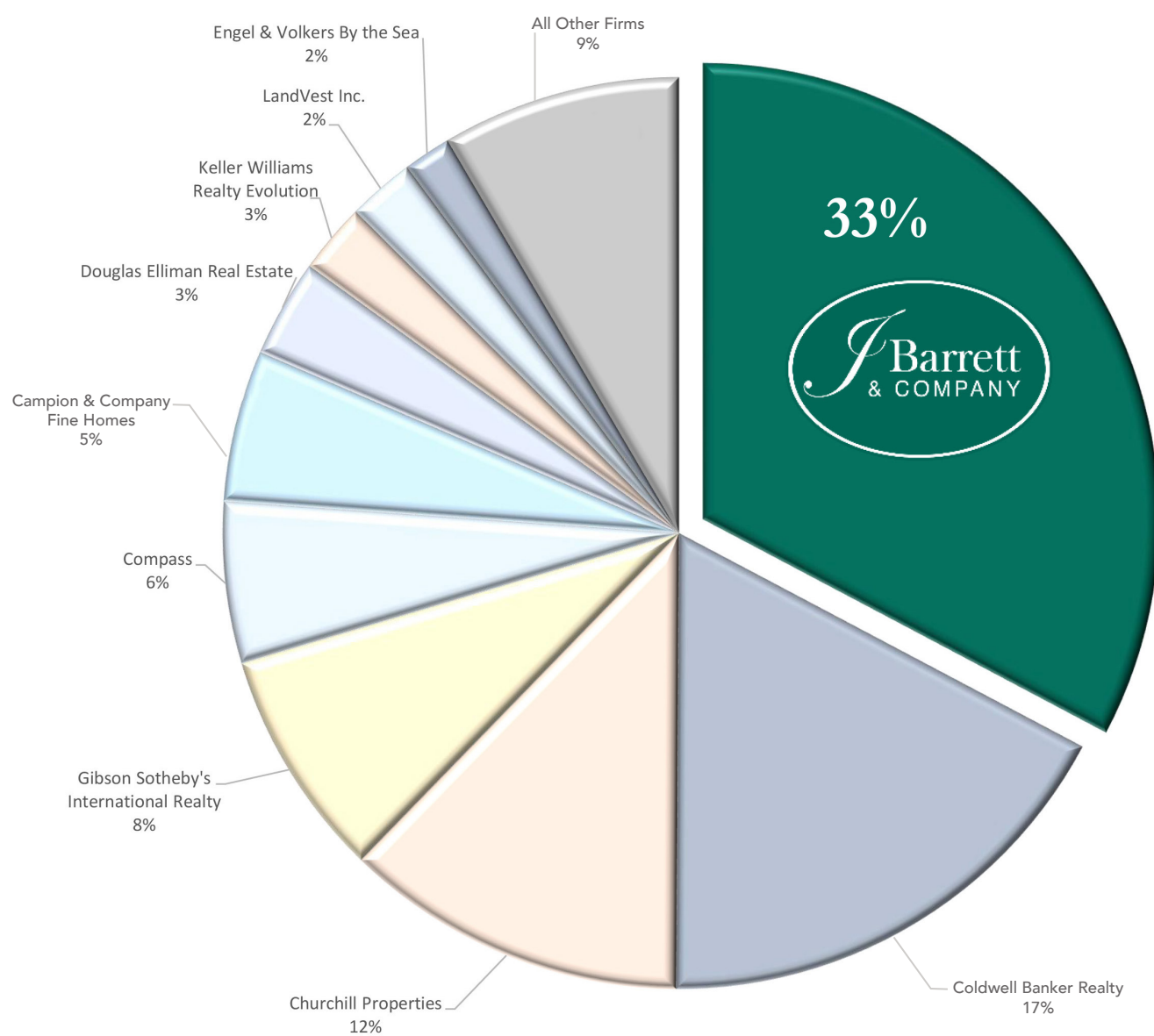
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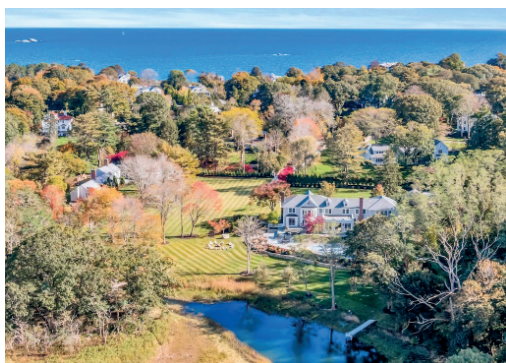
**35 Central St
Manchester | \$1,895,000**
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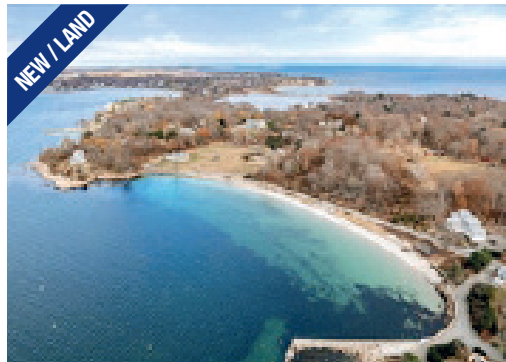
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**624 Western Ave
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**5 Elm Ave
Gloucester | \$1,800,000**
 Outstanding land opportunity on coveted Eastern Point. This prime parcel is beautifully positioned on Elm Avenue and has views of Gloucester Harbor, Dog Bar Breakwater and the distant Boston skyline. There is an approved 5-bedroom septic system in hand, with water and electricity at the street.
Scott Smith | Realtor | 978-879-9773



**147 Cherry St
Gloucester | \$850,000**
 This well maintained almost 3000 sq ft split level is perfect! Big bay window seat allows natural light to pour in to the fireplaced living room that opens to the dining area with stylish French doors. Gorgeous kitchen has plenty of cabinet and counter space and is open to the dining room and outdoor deck perfect for entertaining.
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