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ME Rotary Club Annual Raffle Fundraiser is Open for Business

Early notice here. The Manchester Essex Rotary Club has opened its annual Fundraiser Raffle. A total of 300 tickets will be sold for \$100 each beginning now. Winning tickets will be drawn on the day of the club's Annual Kentucky Derby party in May 2025. Cash prizes include a \$7,500 grand prize (oh, my!), a \$1,000 second prize and a \$500 third prize. That's better than a one in 100 chance to win, and it's all in service of a local charity. Interested in purchasing a ticket? Contact Jen Doane of the ME Rotary Club's Fundraising Committee: jendoane2014@gmail.com

After Rains, Essex Lifts Temporary Ban on Open Fires

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.



RIP Bruce MacDonald, Former Manchester Fire Chief

Sadly, it has come to our attention that Bruce MacDonald, Manchester's former Fire Chief, has died. MacDonald was 40 years into his tenure at the Manchester Fire Dept. in 1996 when he was named Fire Chief. He was a seasoned S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Safety) program teacher and had fought all of Manchester's major fires, beginning in 1957 with the woods fire and including the 1989 10-alarm Manchester Marine fire, the 1991 Renaissance Farm fire, the Allen house fire, the Scott Oil Garage fire, the Janisch house fire, the Fraser house fire, and the Cooke house fire. The photograph above of MacDonald with local children ran in *The Cricket* just as he was named by the Board of Selectmen to the role of Chief. Read MacDonald's obituary, Page 2.

2025-26 MERSD Kindergarten Registration Open

It's time to for MERSD Kindergarten registration for students headed to Manchester Memorial School and the Essex Elementary School (EES). Children age five before Sept. 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.



A brutal arctic surge was predicted for all of Massachusetts this past weekend, which did not bode well as locals looked ahead to outdoor holiday events scheduled for Manchester and Essex. Alas, the region dodged plunging temperatures and frigid winds and events like Christmas by the Sea and the Manchester Woman's Club's Lighting of the Friendship Tree at the Manchester Town Common, seen here, went off Sunday without a hitch. The Common was bustling with attendees, eager to celebrate the season and enjoy cozy hot chocolate and each other. More photos of the weekend, Page 3.

Preliminary Budget Presentations

By Gregory T. Federspiel

While only December, work on the upcoming budgets for Fiscal Year 2026, which begins July 2025 and goes through June 2026, is well underway. Voters will review and approve these budgets at the Annual Town Meeting on the fourth Monday in April. The School Committee presented their preliminary budget on Wednesday, December 11. The Town's preliminary budget will be presented at a joint meeting of the Select Board and the Finance Committee on Monday, December 16. Check the Select Board's agenda for the expected time.

The last few years have seen a return of inflationary pressures. While these pressures have eased lately, municipal budgets tend to lag behind and we find ourselves often trying to catch up to new costs. This is partly due to the long lead time between crafting proposed budgets and when the budgets are in play.

We are planning for expenditures now that will not be happening for up to 18 months from now. Getting



these projections right is always a challenge.

A major factor facing both school and town budgets is the return of double-digit cost increases to health insurance. Medicare supplemental plans for retirees will increase 20 percent this January. While we are hoping increases in active employee plans will be lower starting in July, they are projected to be at least 10 percent higher. This increase, coupled with contractual commitments to modest wage increases, puts the combined new Town and School budgets above the amount of revenue we

can raise within the cap of Proposition 2 1/2. In other words, taxes will likely have to increase by more than 2.5 percent to continue to provide the same level of services as are provided currently.

The challenge is particularly acute for the School District. School operations are more "people intensive" with pay and benefits making up the lion's share of total costs. Any significant cost savings are found through managing staff head count, but staff deliver the programming residents' desire.

Making the District's bud-

geting process even more challenging is the student enrollment shift which requires Essex's share of the total budget to grow. The reverse was true a while back but not quite as dramatic. Working through these challenges and still planning for a new Essex Elementary School in the next few years will require a great deal of effort and dialogue between the two communities.

For town operations, we are in a better position with more options for efficiencies and cost savings. The proposed preliminary budgets for operating and capital expenses will require a 1.8% percent tax increase for next year (assuming a typical increase to the School District's budget not the expected higher increase). We are able to take advantage of shifting dollars from higher-than-normal capital expenditures this current year toward operating expenses next year which is helping to keep the increase lower than normal. Most all departments are proposing a "status-quo" budget keeping services and staffing at current levels.

The biggest challenge for the Town will be financing

expensive facility needs and climate resiliency projects over the coming decades.

There is the Essex Elementary School already mentioned plus the need for a new DPW garage, upgrades to our water plants to remove PFAS, continued replacement of 100+ year old water pipes and old sewer pipes that let in too much rainwater, a public safety complex that is out of the flood zone, etc.

Work is underway on a schedule that gets these projects done in a systematic way while trying not to overburden taxpayers.

Department leaders have worked hard to develop their proposed budgets for next year and beyond with capital needs. But much work remains on both the Town's and School District's budgets.

Between now and the end of March, the Finance Committee and the Select Board will scrutinize these proposals to come up with a final recommended budget for voters to consider at the Annual Town Meeting.

Public input during this time is welcome, starting at the meeting coming up on December 16.

Santa's Annual Firetruck Tour of Manchester is Here

The annual fire truck tour of Manchester-by-the-Sea with Santa Claus will take place starting at 12 noon on Sunday, December 15. This will probably be the last public appearance by Santa prior to returning to the North Pole and resting for his big around-the-world trip on December 24.

Santa's ride will be escorted by engines from the Manchester Fire Dept. and a cruiser from the Manchester Police Dept. and visit all of Manchester. Listen for the siren and come out to the curb to see Santa and he will give a special treat (animal crackers) to all kids.

Santa's tour will leave the fire station promptly at noon. Those who would like to see Santa early are encouraged to arrive at the fire station at 11:45 a.m., where they may greet Santa, give him a letter, or some cookies and send him off with a big wave and cheer.

This special tradition is co-sponsored by the Seaside Fireman's Club of the Manchester Fire Dept. and the American Legion Amaral Bailey Post # 113 and marks over 65 years of giving to the community through this event.



Santa's Route

Leave the fire station at 12 noon and proceed to Central Street, turn right on Elm Street, travel Elm Street and Saw Mill Circle and return to Central Street.

Turn right on Central Street to Bennett Street; Bennett Street to the end and turn left on Bridge Street. Bridge Street to Pine Street, Pine Street to Newport Park ... (Continued on page 5)

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 14 Dec		45°	26°
Sunday 15 Dec		48°	43°
Monday 16 Dec		47°	40°
Tuesday 17 Dec		46°	41°
Wednesday 18 Dec		44°	41°
Thursday 19 Dec		45°	40°
Friday 20 Dec		44°	40°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

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

Essex BOS
Monday, December 16
6 p.m.

MERSD
SC Meeting (TBD if needed)
Tuesday, December 17
6 - 8 p.m.

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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).

Bruce MacDonald



Bruce A. MacDonald, 87, of Manchester, MA passed away in the early hours of Wednesday December 4th, 2024 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. Son of the late Alexander and Alice (Patch) MacDonald, and widower of the late Marcia (Thompson) MacDonald with whom he shared 51 years of marriage, Bruce was a lifelong resident of Manchester.

Bruce was a civil servant in it's true meaning. At age 18 in 1955, he joined the US Navy and served for 8 years as a Tin Can Sailor aboard destroyers, culminating in his

participation in the Cuban Missile Crisis assigned to a ship patrolling the Caribbean around Cuba and the Bay of Pigs.

Upon discharge from the US Navy, Bruce joined the Manchester Fire Department in 1963, serving the Town until his retirement in 2001. During that time, he worked his way through the ranks, eventually being named Chief of the department in 1997. He was a graduate of North Shore Community College Fire Science and Technology program and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Before being named Chief, he was instrumental in unionizing the department members and served as a department EMT.

While serving on the fire department, he worked many part time jobs including insurance inspector, carpenter, library custodian, and estate caretaker. His true passion was woodworking and eventually started his own company, Seaside Woodworkers. He took on many small projects for members of the community and was very passionate and meticulous about his final product.

Upon retirement, Bruce continued his Seaside Wood-

worker business, joined the grounds crew at the Essex County Club, and rekindled his passion for vegetable gardening. The most important part of retirement was joining the volunteer group at the WWII destroyer, Cassin Young, located next to the USS Constitution at the Charlestown Navy Yard. This group of volunteers became his best 'shipmates' in retirement. Their weekly gatherings were very important to him where many of the world's problems were solved.

Bruce's attention to detail made him excellent in the vegetable garden where every year, he grew way too much product and Bootstraps of Beverly and The Danvers People to People Food Pantry were the beneficiaries. It was here that he met his new best friend and fellow widower, Pauline Crampsey. They became very close and worked together in their respective gardens and took adventures all over New England, laughing all the way.

Other organizations that Bruce was involved with over the years include, but are not limited to, many local and state fire chief's associations, Manchester Lodge A.F. & A.M., Aleppo Shriners, Tin Can Sailor Association, USS Cassin Young Crew, American Legion Post 113, Seaside Fireman's Club, The Manchester Club, and Troop 3 BSA. He also served on the Manchester Housing Authority for many years. He

was also a supporter of many charities including Wounded Warriors, Francis Ouimet Caddie Scholarship Fund, American Diabetes Assoc., American Cancer Society, Disabled Veterans, among others.

Bruce was a proud family man, with family being the nucleus of his being. He was very proud of the many accomplishments of his sons and grandchildren. Bruce is survived by his sons, Bruce A MacDonald Jr and his wife, Janet Parisella of Danvers and David A. MacDonald and his wife Kathleen of Peabody. Three grandchildren, Brian, Kathryn, and Timothy. Bruce was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Marcia (Thompson), sister Carol, and brothers William and Robert.

In lieu of Flowers, please make donations in his name to Seaside Fireman's Club Scholarship Fund, Manchester Club Scholarship Fund, The Plummer House for Boys in Salem, USS Cassin Young Association, Bootstraps of Beverly, The Kaplan House in Danvers, or the charity of your choice.

His funeral service will take place at the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot St. Beverly, MA on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment to follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Manchester, MA. Information, Directions, Condolences at www.CampbellFuneral.com.

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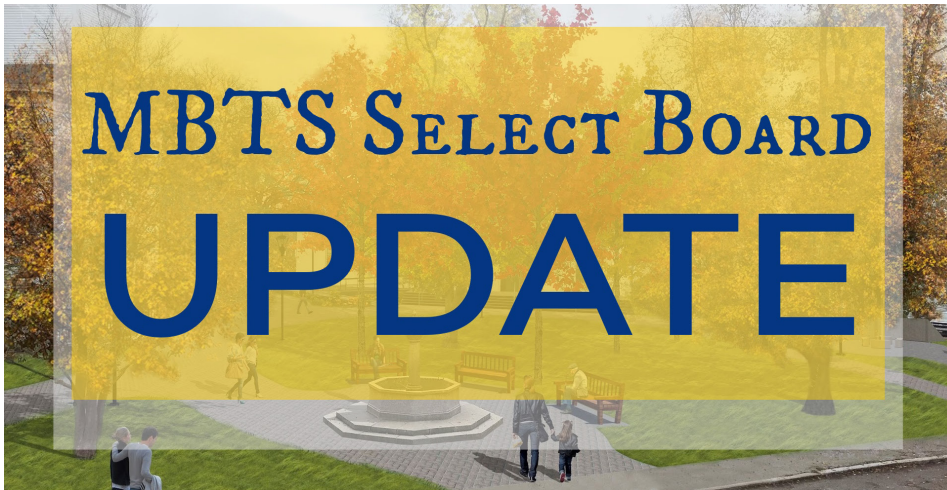
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SELECT BOARD UPDATE

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

Select Board Meeting: The Select Board will meet with the Finance Committee on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the FY26 Budget. Meeting details can be found on the

Town website.

Blasting Notice: Cell Signaling Technology (CST) has informed the Town of blasting starting on December 12 and continuing with one blast per day through December 22. Blasting will occur during the non-commuting hours of 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Town Hall Holiday Hours: Town Hall will be closing early at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, closed Wednesday, December 25, closing early at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, and closed on Wednesday, January 1.

Curbside Tree Collection: Black Earth will collect Christmas Trees during the weeks of January 6 and 13. Remove all decoration and leave on curb until collected.

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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WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO – 1934

The Selectmen's Party for children to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday, December 22nd is rapidly becoming known and the Selectmen have just received word from Santa Claus that not only is he coming but Mrs. Santa Claus as well.

On Tuesday, December 12, at an assembly of the high school pupils after morning exercises, Officer Andrews of the state police gave a very instructive and interesting talk on the care needed to avoid accidents.

75 YEARS AGO – 1949

Mrs. Clifford Doane of Beach Street was the lucky winner of a bushel basket of Goodale's selected apples, it being awarded as a door prize at the military whist party held in Essex recently.

A white blanket was deposited in Manchester on Wednesday afternoon, it being the second blanket of the season. Superintendent of Streets P. Edward Sweeney and his crew kept abreast of the storm and the roads were nearly bare all the time.

60 YEARS AGO – 1964

The Board of Selectman Tuesday night unanimously voted to appoint a commit-

tee of three members to take whatever steps are necessary to investigate the rates, quality and service provided to the Town of Manchester by the Manchester Electric Company.

Manchester police officer Alexander F. Bachry will be among the graduates of the 36th training school of local police officers conducted at the State Police Academy in Framingham.

45 YEARS AGO – 1979

Fred R. Lane, Manchester's Town Accountant for 26 years, was honored last Thursday evening by his fellow Town Hall employees, relatives and friends at a Testimonial Dinner held at the Surf.

The smoke-out conducted on November 15th in the High School was a great success. Kids who had pledged not to smoke stuck to their vows and continued not smoking through the 16th.

30 YEARS AGO – 1994

The Board of Selectman is exploring the possibility of returning the historic streetlights to the downtown area. As the Town celebrates its 350th anniversary, the Board felt that installing historic light poles with energy efficient lights would be a fitting tribute to the Town's history and a lasting legacy for the future.

The Manchester Jr. Sr. High School Student Council, the Manchester School Cafeteria and the Friends of the Manchester Council on Aging will sponsor an annual Christmas Dinner for the Senior Citizens of Manchester on December 10.

15 YEARS AGO – 2009

Pay as You Throw is having the desired effect on trash disposal in Manchester. October was the first full month of the program and the tonnage data indicates a significant cultural change in our



Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				RISE	SET
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT		
13 Fri	9:08	10.8	9:48	9.0	3:01	0.3	3:53	-0.4	7:03	4:11
14 Sat	10:03	11.2	10:44	9.1	3:56	0.3	4:51	-0.8	7:04	4:11
15 Sun	10:55	11.3	11:37	9.1	4:50	0.2	5:44	-0.9	7:04	4:12
16 Mon	11:45	11.2			5:41	0.3	6:34	-0.9	7:05	4:12
17 Tue	12:27	9.1	12:33	11.0	6:31	0.4	7:20	-0.7	7:06	4:12
18 Wed	1:15	9.0	1:20	10.6	7:18	0.6	8:05	-0.4	7:06	4:13
19 Thu	2:02	8.9	2:06	10.2	8:05	0.8	8:48	0.0	7:07	4:13

community.

On Sunday, December 6, the Friendship Tree was lit once again. For the past 46 years the Manchester Woman's Club has sponsored the lighting along with the help of the Buy a Bulb program instituted in 1992.

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Holiday Weekend in Manchester



From the Holiday Stroll on Friday, the Jingle Bell Walk on Saturday to the Lighting of the Friendship Tree on Sunday, this year's Christmas by the Sea was a great time for all. Thanks to everyone and every group that made this year such a success!

Photos Paul Clark, Erika Brown



Winter Queen's Emporium

DECEMBER | 14 & 15 | 12-4 PM

First Parish Church, 3 Chapel Lane, MBTS

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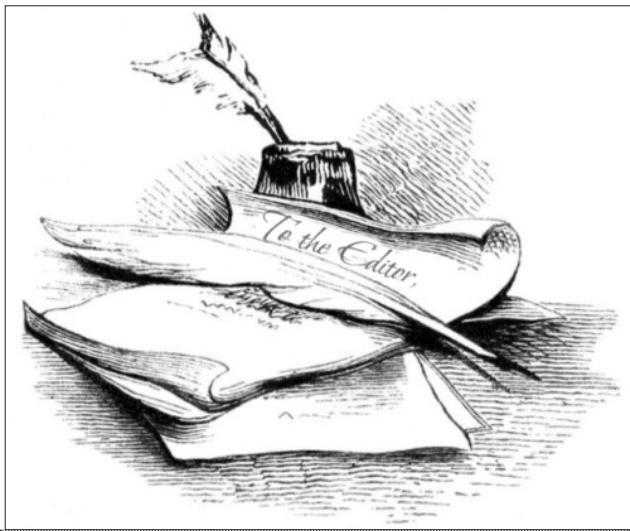
Make your own Christmas or Hanukkah decoration.

We hope to see you here!

Saturday, December 14th
9am – 11am

Cape Ann Savings Bank
17 Beach St., Manchester-by-the-Sea





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Thank You MBTS ConCom, Planning Board, for Cell Signaling Special Permit Approval

To the Editor,

It's hard to believe that it has been more than two-and-a-half years since Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly to modify the zoning in the area around a 40-acre, former gravel quarry off Atwater Avenue. This support from the Manchester community allowed Cell Signaling Technology to pursue the development of our new headquarters and to begin the local land-use approval process before the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

I am happy to share with you, if you do not already know, that the Planning Board recently voted to approve Cell Signaling's application for a Special Permit. We are proud of this milestone and we are excited to begin the construction of our new headquarters. You can find out more about the project, including our land reclamation and sustainability efforts, at www.cstoldquarry.com. Going forward, we will maintain this website to update the community on the progress of our construction efforts.

Throughout the numerous approval processes, our project received welcome support from many within the community, as well as from town officials and board members. Together, we worked through the many facets of a complex plan to reclaim a difficult site

with the goal of creating a world-class, sustainable research facility. On behalf of the entire development team and my associates at Cell Signaling Technology, I want to thank the community of Manchester-by-the-Sea for its support and encouragement.

Earlier this year, community leader and Planning Board Chair Ron Mastrogiacomo sadly passed away. I want to acknowledge Ron's long service and his leadership. I also want to thank new Chair, Sarah Creighton, and all the members of the Planning Board for working through a difficult situation seamlessly.

All of us at Cell Signaling Technology are excited about joining the Manchester community and we look forward to actively contributing to this wonderful town that I proudly call home.

Thank you again,

Michael Comb
President, Chief Executive Officer
Cell Signal Technology

Should the Business District Zoning Law be Changed

Preserving downtown shopping areas is crucial for any town's vitality. Unfortunately, the real estate feudalists developers will cash in wherever they see an opportunity.

I'm referring to the Cargo Unlimited building sale that will take prime business real estate away, adding more apartments to our downtown.

I have nothing against

developers, nor real estate agencies.

But, as a member of the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce for years, I got to understand the importance of small businesses and the struggles they have finding a suitable location, at a competitive rental price.

If a small zoning amendment were changed within the downtown district to read that, "Any new development has to include business space on the first floor."

What if developers approached all downtown businesses waving a big check in front of their nose, offering to buy them out, only to put another apartment building in its place?

This amendment should be enough to protect our downtown and should be enough to encourage new small businesses to flourish.

I believe our citizens would support this change, recognizing its value in maintaining a thriving downtown area.

Tom Grady
Manchester

An open letter to the Manchester Historic District Commission

As a resident of Manchester's historic district for the past two decades, I recently received a "Notice to Abutters/Commission's Waiver of Public Hearing," dated November 27, 2024.

I am now writing to object to the HDC's recent decision to waive a public hearing and go forward, allowing the installation of so-called "Wayfinding Signs" in four spots throughout Manchester's Historic District. As an abutter, I am requesting that the HDC hold a public hearing re: placing any such inappropriate signage within our historic district.

A public hearing on this proposal needs to be held for the following reasons:

The "Wayfinding Signs," as described in the Notice to Abutters' letter, clearly violate part D. SIGNAGE General Considerations within the HDC's 2023 Historic District Guidelines

Within the Historic District, there is an additional requirement to create signage which complements the architecture without creating visual clutter, and which reflects the historic use of signage in the Historic District ... Engraved wooden signs are appropriate in historic districts. Raised or carved letters are encouraged. Fonts should be

Serif ...raised, cove, or beveled sign edges are strongly recommended.

These proposed blue and beige aluminum "Wayfinding Signs," that would be erected on metal posts, violate at least four tenets of the HDC guidelines: 1) do not complement the nearby architecture; 2) create visual clutter; 3) do not reflect the historic use of signage in the Historic District; and 4) are not made of wood.

Finally, I question the reasons behind the DPW wanting to erect such signage at all, as they would merely indicate directions to Tuck's Point; Singing Beach; the Post Office; the library; Town Hall; shops and downtown. Anyone living in Manchester knows where these places are located. If the signs are wanted to direct non-residents, I question why residents would want the subsequent increase in out-of-town traffic, especially in summer, to be "spinning" the beach or careening through Tuck's Point, especially when non-resident parking is not available at both sites during the summer months and/or year-round!

While on the subject of the HDC's signage guidelines, let me also mention the continuing existence of the industrial park-type sign that continues to violate most of the HDC's past and current signage guidelines. This large sign is located within the historic district, between two historic buildings: 27 Central Street and 21 Central Street.

This billboard, with ELM STREET printed at the top, was introduced, designed, erected and financed by Windover Construction, with approvals by the Select Board and the HDC when Windover's corporate offices were located on Elm Street. Windover has long since moved their offices out of town, but their industrial park sign remains. The billboard currently identifies each Elm Street business, along with each company's logo. This orphan sign continues to violate the four earlier mentioned HDC signage guidelines, along with a fifth guideline re: banning corporate logos:

HDC Guidelines D. SIGNAGE General Considerations: ...Corporate logos did not exist at the time Manchester-by-the-Sea's historic structures were built and may disrupt its unique character. Corporate logos also hasten the transition to a suburban or urban appearance, overpowering the more subtle historic features of a build-

ing, structure, or district.

I would encourage HDC members to resign from the commission or to finally begin to enforce their own signage guidelines, beginning with rejecting the proposed Wayfinding signage. I would also encourage HDC to have the non-complying Elm Street billboard finally removed.

The HDC's recent decision to try and avoid a public hearing on these non-complying wayfinding signs means that Manchester's HDC continues to disrespect its own guidelines. So why exist? I would strongly encourage all MBTS residents to talk with Select Board members and HDC members and to attend the upcoming public hearing to voice your disapproval of such non-complying existing and proposed signage.

Please let us try to keep Manchester a beautiful quiet historic village... rather than create a tiny Newburyport-by-the-Sea; now a year-round mecca for traffic and tourists and an annoyance to its residents. These so-called Wayfinding Signs are clearly a move in the wrong directions for Manchester.

Full disclosure: during the past two decades I have been a member of the HDC on two separate occasions. I resigned from the HDC both times, as the majority of commission members, holding unlimited terms, continued to disregard their mandate to enforce their own guidelines.

Susan Wadia-Ells
Manchester

Thank You from Manchester Woman's Club

The Manchester Woman's Club wants to thank everyone who contributed to the lighting of the Friendship Tree on Town Green on Sunday December 8.

Bartlett Tree and Cicoria Tree Service strung the lights on the tree, and Dan Houde of Manchester Electric made them glow. All the departments of Manchester Town Hall supported our use of the Green for the afternoon, including Ann Harrison, Chair of the Select Board, who started the afternoon by welcoming everyone. The First Parish Church stayed open for the event and provides electricity. The Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce coordinated the Christmas-By-The-Sea weekend, three days of community activities which lead up to the tree lighting. Essex Radio and

Television provided sound. The Manchester Masonic Lodge brought the cocoa, and Mrs. Claus brought the candy canes. The Cricket provided support throughout November when we were raising funds to keep the tree lit. Jean Spencer provided technical support; Dallas Raleigh and Justin Mason transported equipment; programs were printed by Daily Printing in Beverly Farms. And Daisy the Comfort Dog and her handler, Officer Andrea Locke, were guests of honor.

The program before the lighting featured music and dance students from several local schools. Three groups from Ballet de Mar Dance Studio performed, under the direction of Lauren D'Ambrosio, Artistic Director. The Manchester-Essex High School Band performed under the direction of Harry Wagg. Fiona Dooley led the Manchester-Essex Combined Elementary School Chorus. The MERHS Chorus and the SoundWaves a cappella group performed under the direction of Ben Icenogle. And Tyler Cummins wrote and accompanied a new composition that was sung by Maggie Whitman; they are both students at MERHS.

Many committees of the Manchester Woman's Club worked to produce the event. Sue McDermott ably performed as Mistress of Ceremonies for the program.

Elaine Persons ran the Sponsor-a-Bulb Fundraiser with help from Eileen Morse, Joanne Donnelley, and Charlotte Minasian. Patricia Fenton organized the installation and removal of the lights. Valerie McAskill installed the greens on the Town fountain with assistance from Joanne Donnelley, Dyane Coteau, Christine Gauthier-Kelley, Holly Gavin, and Katherine Keith. The group that served the hot cocoa included Joanne Donnelley, Lori Dumont, Dorothy Sieradzki, Katherine Keith, Eileen Morse, Sheila Roy, and Charlotte Minasian. Mrs. Claus was supported by Peggy McDermott. Shirley Preston and Wendy Thomas were ushers at the event. Publicity was handled by Charlotte Minasian, Joanne Donnelly, Dorothy Sieradzki, and Jean Spencer.

Thanks to all the friends, relations, town folk and organizations that have contributed to the success of this project. It takes a village! Thanks again to everyone!

Pam Spencer
*Festive Program Chair,
Manchester Woman's Club*

LIBRARY NEWS



The Teen Loft's ugly sweater cookie event last early release day was a total FAIL. Kidding, it's just that the nearly 30 students who participated did some decorating that was a little too artful to really be called "ugly".
Courtesy Photo

This week at the library there is Holiday Chair Massage, Community Game Night, Diversity Matters Book Group, Virtual Haunted Experiences and much more.

Holiday Hours

The library will be closing early Tuesday, December 24 at 1 p.m. and will be closed Wednesday, December 25. The library will close early Tuesday, December 31 and will be closed Wednesday, January 1.

Create/Make for Adults: Felt Flowers

Saturday, December 21 from 2-3:30 p.m. We will craft felt flowers to us on garlands, gifts and wreaths. Please register so we can plan for adequate materials. This program is designed for adults.

Mystery Book Club

Friday, December 27 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This December we are reading "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman.

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.

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 p.m. We will email you the exact time of your session within that hour. This event is for over 18 years only. Wear comfortable clothing.

Haunted Experiences (Virtual)

Wednesday, December 18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Do you wish spooky season lasted all year? Join us for this Zoom interview with Amy Hollaman, Regional Director at Thirteenth Floor Entertainment Group, and Jeff DePaoli, host of "That Halloween Podcast", as they talk all about the 13th Floor Holiday Haunts with an emphasis on "Krampus: The Fright Before Christmas" in Denver.

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 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.

Mindfulness Meditation at the First Parish Church

Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. Evening meditation happens weekly at 5 p.m. except for the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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, January 14 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Earn community service hours while having fun planning events for your friends and the community.

Community Game Night

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

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Let's Dance!

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with New England Art for Literacy which honed the alignment with the education curriculum and dance -- and she created Math and Science Matters a movement program focusing on basic physics and numbers. She then worked with an educator in western Massachusetts who was teaching about energy. Hooper created a program where the dancers used material and fabric balls to depict and experience kinetic energy; this ultimately became a piece performed by the dance company. All of this has informed her dance curriculum. Now, older dance students may find themselves creating a proper paragraph, with a beginning, middle, and end, complete with the exciting bits here and there -- all through movement and dance. And for the littles, they have the movement of color, from one to the next, through stepping and jumping. Of course, in addition to all of this the dance school has excellent academic instruction in ballet, tap, jazz, Irish step, modern, hip hop, and adaptive dance. As far as the youth dance company goes, it is quite intensive and rigorous, with dancers practicing for 8-12 hours per week for 10 months out of the year. The dancers do not participate in competitions, but rather focus on a deeper progression that is much more extensive; this sets BoSoma apart from other dance schools.

All of which brings us to this weekend. If you would like to see the BoSoma Youth Company for yourself, they have a marvelous and delightfully eclectic holiday performance lined up in the form of their Holiday Spectacular at **Shore Country Day School** in Beverly.

Performances take place at 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. For tickets visit the BoSoma website.

By Kris McGinn

At some point in most parents' lives they will have a child come to them and ask for dance lessons. Not every child, but lots. And so it is that with delight, dread, or something in between, we all strap in

for the requisite round of ballet or tap or jazz lessons complete with leotards, recitals, and, if they don't shake it early, competitions. Which is all fine and well, but what if, instead, your little one, or even your older one was asking to dance and ended up choreographing how energy

behaves. Or what it is like to be a cell. Or how the lines of a poem might be interpreted through physical movement. Sign. Me. Up.

Katherine Hooper, the dancer, teacher, and choreographer behind BoSoma (Boston Somatic Dance Company) has been right here in Essex

for ages. Her company began in Peabody in 2010 and after seven years had somewhere around 60 students. In 2017 Hooper moved the school to Hamilton and now, 14 years later, has over 700 students. In addition to the dance school and youth company BoSoma is also home to an

outstanding professional dance company.

Back in 2016 BoSoma was hired by the Peabody Essex Museum to dance amongst the sculptures of the Rodin exhibit, evoking the environment of his studio with bodies everywhere for inspiration. This connected Hooper

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and go around Newport Park and back to Pine Street, Pine Street to Woodholm Road and Woodcrest Road and return to Pine Street.

Pine Street to Walker Road and Highwood Road and return to Pine Street. Travel Pine Street to Crooked Lane to Rockwood Heights Road to the end. Turn right on Pine Street to Moses Hill Road and then return to Pine Street to Pleasant Street. Turn left on

Pleasant Street to Old Essex Road. Old Essex Road to the Plains and around the Plains. Turn right on Old Essex Road to Blue Heron Lane. Return to Old Essex Road and follow it to the end. Return to Pleasant Street and follow Pleasant Street to School Street. Turn right on School Street, School Street to Lincoln Street, Lincoln Street to Norwood Avenue, Norwood Avenue to Vine Street, Vine Street to

School Street, School Street to Burnham Lane to Sumac Lane and Friend Street. Return to School Street, to Brook Street, Brook Street to Norwood Avenue. Follow Norwood Avenue to Desmond Avenue, Desmond Avenue to School Street, School Street to North Street to Norwood Avenue. Turn left on Norwood Avenue and follow Norwood Avenue to Brook Street. Turn right on Brook

Street and follow to Summer Street.

Turn left on Summer Street to Harold Street, Harold Street to Forest Street, Forest Street to Loading Place Road to the end. Return to Forest Street to Ledgewood Road to Birch Street to Ancient County Way. Follow Ancient County Way to Forest Street and out to Summer Street. Turn left on Summer Street to Hickory Hill Road, go around

Hickory Hill Road and back to Summer Street. Summer Street to Raymond Street, Raymond Street to Magnolia Square and return to Summer Street. Turn right on Summer Street to Blynman Circle. Go around Blynman Circle and return to Summer Street. Follow Summer Street to Ocean Street, travel Ocean

Street to Summer Street and then to Sea Street. Follow Sea Street to Tappan Street to Beach Street. Turn left as Santa "spins the beach" and then returns to the fire station via Beach Street, Union Street and School Street.

Arrival back at the fire station about 2:15 - 2:30 p.m.!

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MPL Children's Events:

Stem Club
Thursday, December 26 from 4-5 p.m. Have some fun and learn a little science too, this group meets every third Thursday for grades 4-6.

Graham Cracker Gingerbread House
Saturday, December 14 from 2:30-3:30 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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Scouts Return to Mount Cardigan

By Adelaide Hall

Late last month, members of Troop 3 Scouts and their families all gathered at the delightful Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) lodge in Alexandria, NH for a weekend of fun that has become an annual tradition.

A critical component of this tradition is the Saturday hike of Mount Cardigan by scouts, parents, and sometimes even siblings. However, this important tradition would not have been made possible without the fundraisers that happen throughout the year, such as the beach parking fundraiser and the annual Christmas tree and wreath sales, which are going on now through December 15th.

The Saturday morning hike started after scouts and families enjoyed a delicious, energy-filled breakfast prepared and served by scouts. Hiking the 3,155 feet mountain was quite an adventure. While the base of the mountain was covered in slick leaves as it had finally rained the day prior, this changed as the hikers climbed higher.

As the scouts approached the summit, they were met with snowy trails which made orienteering much harder since many of the trail blazes were covered in snow. Just before the summit, hikers ate their pre-packed lunches which were much needed to stay warm. The hikers layered up and put on their microspikes to prepare for the final climb to the summit. The top of Mount Cardigan is a bare rock face with ice and snow, so the 40 mile per hour winds proved to be a challenge. Fortunately, everybody slowly advanced and once all hikers made it



Members of the Troop 3 Scouts and family pose at the top of Mount Cardigan in New Hampshire. The trip has become an annual tradition for the troop.

Photo: Donald Hall

to the top, they gathered underneath the fire tower for wind protection and a group photo.

One scout described feeling like a ragdoll when getting blown around in the winds. However, the feeling of standing at the top of Mount Cardigan was incredible, as were the views. It was many of the scout's

first-time hiking Cardigan, and it won't be their last or soon forgotten.

The scouts carefully descended with no issues, and after a round-trip total time of four and a half hours, the scouts and adults enjoyed homemade, hot chicken noodle soup and nachos, thanks to Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Donohoe. Later on in

the night, scouts served spaghetti with meatballs, salad, and fresh delicious bread prepared by Mr. Kehoe. For dessert, they had apple crisp with fresh apples that were from a local orchard. Scouts and families spent the rest of the evening playing games, one of which was the annual Binsky-Winsky Cribbage Tournament. Saskia Kuehne-

mund and Ms. Wynne faced off in the finals with a friendly and competitive victory by Ms. Wynne.

After a restful night, the scouts prepared, served, and enjoyed fresh blueberry muffins, breakfast sandwiches, and a delicious fruit salad, then headed back to Manchester, Essex, Gloucester, and Beverly to their homes

after another amazing stay at the AMC Cardigan Lodge. Whether it was someone's first time attending the Cardigan AMC or their tenth time, this year's trip proved to be another unforgettable and enjoyable experience for all who attended.

Adelaide Hall is a Tenderfoot Rank Scout of Troop 3

Gloucester Times Names Fall Sports Male All-Stars



Sammy Bothwell. Photo Paul Clark

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
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ME Sr. (soccer)

ALL STARS:
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Charlie Langendorf, ME Sr. (soccer)
Henry Stevens, ME Sr. (cross country)
Jack Lawler, ME Sr. (golf)



Jack Lawler. Courtesy Photo

Matt Deoreo, ME Jr. (golf)



Finn Birkeland.

(Photo Paul Clark)

HONORABLE MENTION (soccer); Hayden Spencer, Sr. (soccer); Jake Zschau, Jr. (golf).
Lyal Cunningham, Jr. (cross country); Imir Mustafa, Soph. (golf).

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Cape Ann Museum Announces its First Endowed Staff Position

The milestone donation will permanently fund the leadership curator role currently held by Martha Oaks

Four months after completing a successful \$18 million fundraising campaign before its 150th anniversary, the Cape Ann Museum announced a new donation that will fund its first named staff position as an institution.

The donation, made by Henrietta Gates and Heaton Robertson, will endow the museum's Chief Curator's position, a leadership role currently held by Martha Oaks.

Gates currently serves as chair of CAM's Board of Trustees.

"We are inspired to recognize the excellent work that Martha Oaks has done and



Henrietta Gates & Heaton Robertson.

Photo: Cape Ann Museum

continues to do for the museum and ensure that CAM will be able to attract and retain

top talent for this critical role in the future," Gates said. "Martha's commitment to

the museum, to excellence and scholarship has helped elevate CAM to one of the best regional museums in this country," said CAM Director Oliver Barker. "It is such a fitting tribute that in recognition of her expertise that the inaugural named position for the museum is one now held and so expertly stewarded by Martha Oaks."

The Chief Curator role was created in 2020 in honor of Oak's multi-decade commitment to stewarding the Museum and the art and history of Cape Ann as a singularly unique place.

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~ Arthur Miller ~

ESSEX ECHO.

Music at Annisquam Village Church *LUX: A Celebration of Light Amid Darkness*



The Lobster Cove String Quartet performing at the Annisquam Village Church.

Courtesy Photo

The Annisquam Village Church proudly announces the return of the Lobster Cove String Quartet for an evening of midwinter musical revelry on Thursday, December 19 at 7 p.m., at the Annisquam Village Church, 820 Washington Street Gloucester. Joined by guest soprano Theodora Nestorova, The Lobster Cove String Quartet presents *LUX: A Celebration of Light Amid Darkness*, featuring ancient airs and dances, Christmas carols familiar and obscure, contemporary favorites, and selections from Bach, Corelli, Charpentier, Borodin, Caroline Shaw, Ravel, Tchai-

kovsky, and more. The AVC Music Committee invites all audience members to a free post-concert reception. For further information, call: (978) 281-0376 or email: avchurch820@gmail.com. Admission is by donation (\$35 per adult, suggested).

Violinist, composer, member of the Lobster Cove String Quartet and AVC Artist-in-Residence Scott Moore looks forward to the concert: "This time of year means a lot of things to a lot of people. There's the magic of solstice time, the darkening of days, the liminality of a passing-away season, the feeling of all slipping away. There's

wood smoke and crystalline starlight, and the festivity of the holidays. There's uncertainty and apprehension as we await a new year. And so, we look inward; we find comfort in familiar patterns passed down from the deep past, and unexpected joys which reward our engagement with the present moment. And we rejoice that by joining together in music, we can share those moments with friends and strangers alike, with the ghosts of past and future. We remember that darkness cannot drive out darkness. We celebrate illumination, lux, light amid the dark. And we sing."

Founded in 2023, the Lobster Cove String Quartet is dedicated to presenting vibrant new music, and fresh takes on great music of all eras. The Gloucester, Massachusetts-based group aims to bring rare intimacy, fire, intellect, and soulfulness to the string quartet medium—curating unforgettable experiences and programs that obliterate the lines between classic and contemporary, art and pop, chamber music and back porch jam session. The members of the Lobster Cove String Quartet are Scott Moore, violin; Erica Pisaturo, violin; Brandon White, viola; and Alex Fowler, cello.

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Before 2020, Oaks served as curator of the museum from 2007 to 2019 and earlier from 1981 to 1990. In these capacities, Oaks organized numerous exhibitions exploring the history of Cape Ann and the artists who have lived and worked in the area including sculptors Walker Hancock and George Demetrios, and painters Marsden Hartley, Frank Duveneck, John Sloan, Milton Avery, Umberto Romano and Margaret Fitzhugh Browne.

She has also curated numerous thematic exhibitions exploring topics including the history of the Rocky Neck and Rockport art colonies during the mid-20th Century; women artists of Cape Ann; the Folly Cove Designers; the lure of the family-owned fishing ves-

sel; and the architectural firm of Phillips & Holloran. Oaks has also worked with many contemporary artists and artisans, curating exhibitions for painters Jeff Weaver, Roger Martin, Judi Rotenberg and Charles Movalli; printmaker Don Gorvett; organ and harpsichord maker Jeremy Adams; and furniture maker Jay McLaughlan.

"Henrietta's and Heaton's generosity is truly remarkable," said Oaks. "I am honored to assume this new position and look forward to continuing to serve the museum."

As chief curator, Oaks oversees the museum's collections team and is responsible for the care, development and interpretation of the museum's extensive collection including its li-

brary and archives and four historic colonial structures. Oaks has contributed to Fitz Henry Lane On-Line, a digital resource and catalogue raisonné focusing on American marine artist Fitz Henry Lane; and is currently overseeing the digitization of the museum's collections.

With this new gift to endow the Chief Curator position, the CAM-150 campaign, named in celebration of CAM's 150th anniversary, has raised more than \$21 million. "I am proud of what my colleagues have accomplished and humbled by the generosity and support of our community," said Oliver Barker. "CAM is where art meets life and life meets art and I sincerely hope that spurred by this momentum, others in our community will consider supporting this important

campaign initiative."

The CAM-150 campaign will allow the museum to undergo major renovations to its downtown facility, develop the four-acre Cape Ann Museum Green campus (CAM Green), and grow the museum's endowment.

Currently, the downtown campus is closed with renovations work having commenced in early December 2024. All programming and exhibits have since transferred to the CAM Green campus at 13 Poplar Street in Gloucester. The target date for the reopening of the Downtown campus is the spring of 2026. In 2025, the Museum will celebrate its 150th anniversary and CAM-150, so named to celebrate this anniversary, is scheduled to wrap up in the spring of 2025.

ESSEX SENIOR LIVING | December 13

The Essex Council on Aging (COA) offers a variety of events and trips for seniors. For further information or to sign up for an event, please call the Essex COA Office at 978-768-7932 or visit the Senior Center at 17 Pickering Street.

Recurring Events

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

Arts & Crafts: Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.: Are you artsy? Do you love to paint, knit, crochet, or sew? Do you like creating different projects? Join us with your own project or help with making items for the Friends Boutique.

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

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

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

Ga.m.es with Gil at the Senior Center: Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.: ALL AGES WEL-

COME, 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, Mon-

days & 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library



Teens spent an afternoon at the library enjoying a Blind Oreo Taste testing and sampling 10 different flavors. Courtesy Photo

Library Closed

The library will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday and Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1 for New Years.

Clutter Free New Year

Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. Register now for this virtual workshop with organizing humorist and bestselling author Jamie Novak.

Mini Golf at the Library

Saturday, January 11 from 2-5 p.m. for all ages. Register for a time slot now.

Holiday Slime

Thursday, December 19 at 3:30 for grades 3-5. Make festive slime to enjoy all season long. Registration is required as space is limited.

Wireless Hot Spot

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.

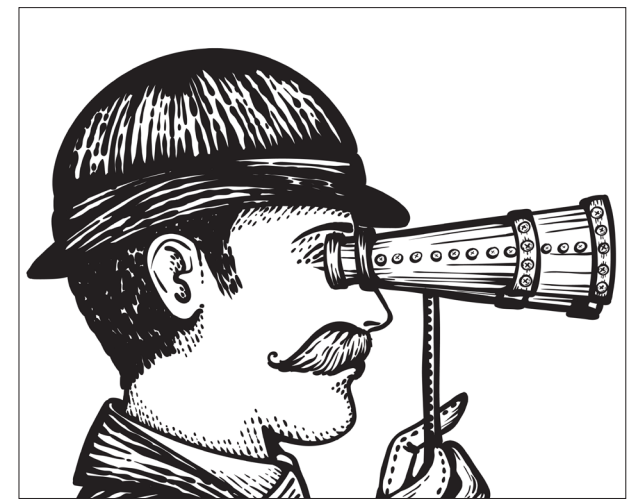
Regional Social Worker

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

STEAM & Stories

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, DECEMBER 1

9:59 a.m. Pickering St., property check, secured/checked.
1:05 p.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, other.
8:38 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.
10:42 p.m. Eastern Ave., fire alarm, assisted as needed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:52 a.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle crash, other.
11:33 a.m. Shepard Memorial Drive, suspicious activity, spoken to.
1:50 p.m. School St., motor vehicle crash, spoken to.
8:39 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

2:17 a.m. Winthrop St., parking complaint, parking enforcement.
12:53 p.m. Eastern Ave., fire wires down, assisted as needed.
3:27 p.m. Grove St., erratic operator, notification made.
10:53 p.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:57 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.
10:09 a.m. Main St., parking complaint, secured/checked.
2:40 p.m. Western Ave., community policing, secured/checked.
9:03 p.m. John Wise Ave., disabled motor vehicle, spoken to.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:34 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.
4:55 p.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.
8:13 p.m. Main St., utility request, notification made.
8:44 p.m. Western Ave., motor vehicle crash, arrest.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:15 a.m. County Rd., male fall, transported to hospital.
11:22 a.m. Main St., fire alarm, fire confirmed.
5:37 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
9:39 p.m. Main St., male unconscious, patient refusal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:51 a.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.
11:45 a.m. Eastern Ave., traffic hazard, other.
7:41 p.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked.
11:05 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, other.

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Boys Alpine Ski

*Home Games

01/09	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
01/14	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
01/16	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
01/23	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
01/28	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
01/30	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
02/04	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
02/12	*3:30	League Cham	Ski Bradford

Boys & Girls Indoor Track

*Home Games

12/14	12:00PM	Lynnfield	New Balance
01/07	5:00PM	Ipswich	New Balance
01/14	5:00PM	Amesbury	New Balance
01/28	5:00PM	Ham-Wen	New Balance
02/04	5:00PM	TBA	New Balance
CAL - Open			

Boys Basketball

*Home Games

12/17	*6:30PM	Ham-Wen	MERHS
12/20	*7:00PM	N Reading	MERHS
12/22	*1:00PM	Burke	MERHS
12/27	*1:00PM	Millbury Mem	MERHS
12/30	*6:00PM	Charlestown	MERHS
1/03	6:30PM	Rockport	Rockport HS
1/04	1:00PM	E Boston	E Boston HS
1/07	*6:30PM	Georgetown	MERHS
1/10	6:30PM	Essex Tech	Essex Tech
1/13	6:30PM	Ipswich	Ipswich HS
1/15	*6:30PM	Lynnfield	MERHS
1/17	6:30PM	Amesbury	Amesbury HS
1/20	*1:30PM	Triton	MERHS
1/24	6:30PM	Ham-Wen	Ham-Wen RHS
1/28	6:30PM	Pentucket	Pentucket RHS
1/31	*6:30PM	Rockport	MERHS
2/03	6:30PM	NBuryport	NBuryport HS
2/06	6:30PM	Georgetown	Georgetown MHS
2/10	*6:30PM	Ipswich	MERHS
2/13	*6:30PM	Amesbury	MERHS
Senior Night			

Girls Alpine Ski

*Home Games

01/08	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
01/13	*3:30	Haverhill	Ski Bradford
01/15	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
01/22	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
01/27	*3:30	NBPort	Ski Bradford
01/29	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
02/03	*3:30	Multiple	Ski Bradford
02/12	*3:30	TBA	Ski Bradford

Co-op B/G Swimming & Diving (Hamilton-Wenham)

*Home Games

12/17	*8:00PM	Ipswich	Gordon College
12/21	2:00PM	TBA	Peabody Y
12/22	5:30PM	Lynnfield	Peabody Y
1/03	6:30PM	Triton	NBuryport Y
1/11	2:00PM	TBA	Peabody Y
1/12	5:30PM	Lynnfield	Peabody Y
1/23	*8:00PM	N Reading	Gordon College
1/26	2:00PM	TBA	Beverly Y
1/29	7:30PM	Ipswich	Ipswich Y

Co-op Boys Hockey (Rockport)

*Home Games

12/11	5:00PM	NE Metro RVT	Wakefield
12/14	*5:00PM	Pentucket RHS	Rockport
12/16	*7:00PM	N Reading	Rockport
12/21	*4:00PM	Beverly	Rockport
12/23	*2:00PM	Lowell Tech	Rockport
12/28	3:00PM	Beverly	Beverly
1/04	12:00PM	Lynnfield	Lynnfield
1/08	*7:00PM	Triton RHS	Rockport
1/11	*6:00PM	Amesbury	Rockport
1/16	7:10PM	Shawsheen Tech	Billerica
1/18	3:00PM	Pentucket RHS	W Newbury
1/20	*12:00PM	Dracut	Rockport
1/22	*8:00PM	Newburyport	Rockport
1/25	*4:00PM	N Reading	Rockport
1/27	7:00PM	Dracut	Dracut
1/29	6:30PM	Essex Tech	Hathorne
2/01	*5:00PM	NE Metro RVT	Rockport
2/12	8:00PM	Amesbury	Amesbury

Girls Basketball

*Home Games

12/13	*6:30PM	Lynnfield	MERHS
12/17	6:30PM	Ham-Wen	Ham-Wen RHS
12/20	6:30PM	N Reading	N Reading HS
12/23	*12:00PM	Masco RHS	MERHS
12/30	12:00PM	Danvers	Danvers HS
1/07	6:30PM	Georgetown	Georgetown MHS
1/10	*6:30PM	Essex Tech	MERHS
1/13	*6:30PM	Ipswich	MERHS
1/15	6:30PM	Lynnfield	Lynnfield HS
1/17	*6:30PM	Amesbury	MERHS
1/20	6:30PM	Triton	Triton RHS
1/24	*6:30PM	Ham-Wen	MERHS
1/26	12:00PM	Burlington	Burlington HS
1/28	*6:30PM	Pentucket	MERHS
2/03	*6:30PM	NBuryport	MERHS
2/06	*6:30PM	Georgetown	MERHS
2/10	6:30PM	Ipswich	Ipswich HS
2/13	6:30PM	Amesbury	Amesbury HS
2/14	*6:30PM	Danvers	MERHS
2/18	1:00PM	Winthrop	Winthrop HS



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On The Waterline



By Bion Pike
Manchester Harbormaster

Greetings boaters. We're already heading into the holidays, and there's a lot going on to report from the Harbormaster's office iright now. Let's get to it.

Deputy Harbormaster
Andy Vanikiotis, Manchester's new Deputy Harbormaster, is halfway through his academy training and is really showing his leadership skills. The program wraps up in mid-February. We can't wait for him to get back lead us.

2025 Renewals!
Your 2025 mooring, slip, kayak and waitlist renewal forms should be in your inbox next week! If you have not sent your current registration or documentation your form will be incorrect. More work for everyone. Please make sure yours is up-to-date

A Note on Unregistered

Vessels
Dire times are coming! Un-registered vessels and expired registrations seemed to be on the rise this past summer. A number of tickets were issued by the police department, and the goal is to have zero next season. If your vessel is untitled, unregistered or undocumented do not put it on your mooring next season. Only legally registered vessels are allowed on Massachusetts waters. Any violation will mean the loss of your mooring. Zero tolerance next season.

You are responsible for your vessel the same as your car so check that registration and make sure it is current. There will be an early effort by the Police and Harbor departments to enforce this law. This applies to slip boaters and dinghies with motors as well as well.

Make sure you have submitted your updated information to the Harbor Department.

Quick Reed Park Update
Construction is underway on the new floats for the Reed Park expansion. If the weather co-operates 25 percent of the floats will be done next week. With luck pilings will go in next fall and the floats will be ready for placement. Construction has to happen now, especially since the summer is too busy!

Kayaks & Dinghies
A reminder that all kayaks and dinghies should have been off the racks and docks by December 1. Any kayaks or dinghies left will be removed at the owner's expense. If you do not have your stickers, please reach out and we will get them to you.

Per town regulation anyone with a kayak or paddle board on the town racks must take a safe boating course. You can take an in person or online class, your choice. No vessels will be allowed on the rack next season without proof of safe boating certification. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Marine Mammals
A beached whale, dolphin or porpoise should be reported immediately and left alone pending further instruction. Call the NOAA 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (866) 755-6622. Please leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Sea turtles in our region do not typically come ashore unless they are seriously debilitated. Call the 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (866) 755-6622. Seals belong on the beach. It's normal. What should you do if you spot a seal on the beach? Keep people and dogs 150 feet away from the seal. Does the seal look injured or unhealthy? If so, please call (866) 755-6622 or call the Harbormaster.

All marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This law makes it illegal to touch, disturb, feed or otherwise harass marine mammals without authorization.

Manchester Draw Hours Of Operation

In Manchester Harbor, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Bridge at mile 1.0 in Manchester shall operate as follows:

The draw shall open from Memorial Day thru September 30 from 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

From Memorial Day and from October 1 to November 1 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 6 p.m.

At all other times, the draw shall open on signal with at least four hours of notice. Call (617) 222-6114.

Towing Policy

Manchester Harbormaster only tows those vessels that are in immediate danger or present a potential environmental hazard. Please contact a towing or salvage operator should you need to be towed.

Towing Insurance

What happens when you breakdown or run out of gas or some other unforeseen event that ruins a perfectly nice boating day? If you are lucky enough to be in an area

where the community allows towing by the harbormaster help is nearby and probably free. Many communities including Manchester do not allow towing unless there is risk to life or property involved, otherwise you will pay large sums for towing service.

It would be wise to consider the purchase of towing insurance from your insurance company, Seatow or Tow Boat US. For a reasonable rate you will potentially avoid thousands in towing fees.

Harbormaster Hours

From December thru February, Harbormaster office hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hours will vary depending on training, Safe Boating classes and meetings. Feel free to call before coming to the office. Be vigilant and notify the harbormaster of any missing or off station aids to navigation. The latest Manchester Harbor Rules and Regulations are posted on the Harbormaster website.

Senior Highlights | Dec 13

There is a lot set to happen with the Council on Aging (COA) in the coming weeks. Check them out here, and for on any of these great trips or to reserve your seat on the van, please call 978-526-7500.

MARKETSTREET -- LYNNFIELD

On Wednesday, December 18, the COA is pleased to offer a trip to Market Street in Lynnfield. This open mall has plenty of stores to shop in as well as several places to

have lunch such as Wahlburgers, Alchemy (formally from Gloucester), Otto's Pizza and more. The van will start picking up seniors at 10:30 a.m. Return is expected around 2 p.m. For further information or to sign up, please call the COA office at (978)526-7500.

Ninety-Nine Restaurant

On Friday, January 3, the COA is offering a trip to the Ninety-Nine Restaurant. Enjoy a wide variety of

American fare at reasonable prices. There is something for everyone. The van will start picking up seniors around 11 a.m.

Cape Ann Lanes

On Wednesday, January 8, the COA is pleased to offer a trip to Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester. Enjoy a few strings of candlepin bowling. No experience needed. Get some exercise and have fun and laughs in return. The costs are \$3 per person

per string, \$3 shoe rental. The van will start picking up seniors at 10:30 a.m.

COA to Walmart

On Friday, January 10, the COA van will be going to Walmart in Danvers. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m.

Mangia, Meatballs, & Murder

The COA is pleased to present The Delvena Theatre Company's production of Mangia, Meatballs, & Murder! at the Chapel, on Wednesday, January 15, at 1 p.m.

Who dunnit? An exciting, live, comedic, interactive murder mystery performance set in Luigi's Ristorante featuring Lynne Mouton, Joseph Zamparelli and Fran Baron in multiple roles. Come put your "super sleuth" on - having much fun along the way. Token prizes will be awarded. Coffee and Italian pastries will be served.

Mangia, Meatballs, & Murder! is supported in part by a grant from the Manchester Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Trevor W. Kaity Joins Beauport Hearing

Hearing Partnership LLC announced that Trevor W. Kaity has joined the Beauport Hearing Care team. Kaity comes into this new role quite naturally. He grew up in a family with hearing loss, and he understands through lived experience how that reality impacts every-day communication and relationships.



Kaity is a student member of the International Hearing Society and holds his Apprentice Hearing Instrument Specialist License from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health.

Beauport Hearing Care's licensed training specialist Judi Hodge Bergeron said, "We are very happy to grow our family owned and operated business by bringing another family member into our Magnolia clinic." wTrevor is the fourth member of the family to join the clinic staff.

Hearing Partnership co-owners David and Judi Bergeron expect their new specialist will help support a growing scope of products and services the practice offers. In the meantime, training includes working in various practice roles such as

patient care coordinator.

David Bergeron, said, "Trevor comes into his new role with compassionate know-how to talk with people that have hearing loss. This is a real asset that patients have already mentioned."

"I am excited to join my family's hearing healthcare practice," said Kaity. "Growing up in a home affected by hearing loss encouraged me to help others struggling with similar issues. I am especially looking forward to helping younger generations break the stigma and take action to protect their hearing or treat hearing loss and tinnitus."

LEGAL NOTICE

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, all and singular the premises 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

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 Mortgagee, 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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17. Armed conflict
18. In a heated manner
19. *Highest grossing movie based on Broadway musical
21. *Time's 100 World's Most Influential People cover model in 2024 (2 words)
23. "___ and the City"
24. Not exciting
25. Accident
28. Rani's dress
30. Talking points
35. Aflame
37. Spanish sparkling wine
39. Slang for money
40. Velum, pl.
41. *November 5th 2024 winner
43. Short for "and elsewhere" (2 words)
44. Met's offering
46. River in Bohemia
47. Queen of Hearts' pastry
48. *Super Bowl winners in 2024
50. Visi ___ or Ostro ___
52. The Alan Parsons Project's "Eye in the ___"
53. ___ of passage
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57. *Miley Cyrus' Grammy-winning Record of the Year in 2024
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 74. Support person

2. All over again
3. *MV ___, cause of 2024 Baltimore bridge collapse
4. Long stories
5. Tends a fire
6. Obscene
7. Spermatozoa counterpart
8. Lost, in Paris
9. *Olympic Gold winner Katie Ledecky's "court"
10. Dead against
11. Explore by touch

12. Maisie Williams' "Game of Thrones" character
15. Hello, in Haifa
20. Dead-on
22. Last month
24. Disclose
25. Wreaked state
26. Bet's predecessor
27. Pileus, pl.
29. Like steak order
31. Maya Angelou, e.g.

32. Itsy-bitsy bits
33. *Caitlin of college basketball
34. Gin and grapefruit juice cocktail, a.k.a. ___ dog
36. Scarlet O'Hara's home
38. Speaking platform
42. Dinklage or Townshend, e.g.
45. Again but differently
49. Elton John's title
51. Shenzi of "The Lion King"
54. Russian rulers, pre-1917

56. Tedium
57. "One ___ Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
58. Classroom pests
59. Elliptical
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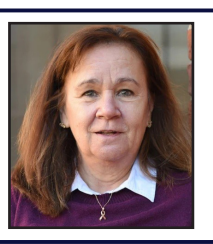
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What's Your 2025 Resolution?



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

After decades of making and swiftly breaking resolutions to eat better, move more, and procrastinate less, let's take a different approach this year.

Many who care for an aging loved one are well acquainted with the complexities, the ever-changing landscape, and the prevailing atmosphere of vulnerability. One thing we do not want to occur due to our interventions and help for those we love is...resentment. It might not be immediately noticeable, but when you prioritize the needs of your aging relatives and, as a result, miss important events for your school-aged children, miss your own medical appointments, or turn down social opportunities for yourself and your family because your help is required elsewhere, the resentment can creep in.

Caring with resentment can be harmful and may be sensed by your loved one, even if it's never explicitly mentioned.

We have all heard, "You

are so busy. I hate to have you fussing over me." We may feel various things about our needs (guilt) and frustration about caring for those we love. This isn't a recommendation to stop caring; rather, it serves as a "resolution" to lighten your load. By doing this, the time you spend together is clear of any subtext that may have a negative vibe. What measures can we implement to improve their quality of life, address their needs, and alleviate some of the pressures their situations place on us as caregivers?

The greatest gift we can offer our aging loved ones is meaningful time.

What is the most important use of your time with, and concerning, your loved one? These areas can include attending medical appointments, coordinating medications and weekly pill box filling, maintaining home safety, coordinating services, and doing something fun with quality face-to-face time! If you regularly spend time grocery shopping or cleaning for your loved one, consider delegating these tasks. While they would

likely prefer your assistance for various reasons, including the companionship and familiarity you provide, many seniors are distanced from the hectic lifestyles of those in the 'working world,' alongside the demands of children and other family members.

Broadening the caregiving team, bringing in the needed support, taking a little off your plate, and knowing that your loved ones have more than you to "count on" is a "win-win" for everyone. If private pay services are beyond what's affordable, reach out to the local Council on Aging in your community. If affording services is not the issue, and you are hesitant to bring in help, think about why. What's the barrier?

Seniors' needs increase as time goes on. Bringing in extra help decreases the dependence on you and opens the door to developing other trusting relationships that you may rely on for many years to come. Try setting up a system to get a few non-essential things off your plate, perhaps in a gradual manner that your loved one can more easily tolerate.

This will enable you, as the caregiver, to offer your generous support with less pressure, allowing you to give more wholeheartedly.

Go ahead and have a piece or two of pie, and tell everyone your New Year's Resolution is to take the best care of your loved ones—and yourself.



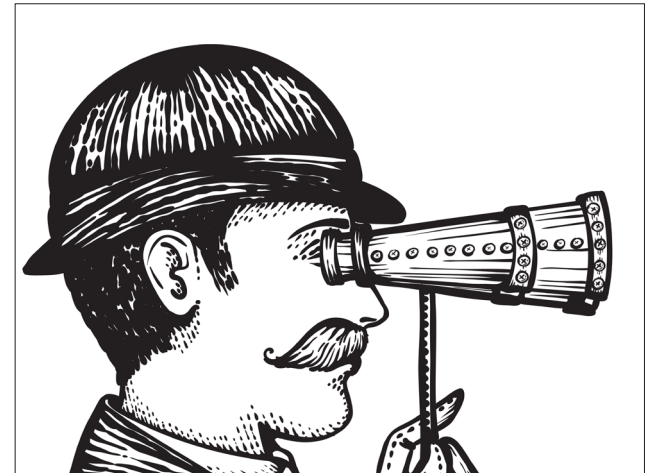
Joanne MacInnis, RN, is the founder and president of Aberdeen Home Care, Inc., of Danvers, a concierge private duty home care agency in business since 2001. With 35 years of nursing practice, management and administration experience focused on home care and hospice, Joanne and her team specialize in advising and supporting families addressing the elders in their lives retain dignity and quality of life.

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:26 a.m. Beach St., suspicious activity, spoken to.
4:27 p.m. Beach St., parking complaint, parking enforcement.
6:49 p.m. Summer St., traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 10:46 p.m. Pine St., citizen assist, other.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:24 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle crash, assisted as needed. 12:36 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed.
7:48 p.m. Desmond Ave., animal complaint, other.
11:33 p.m. Cobb Ave., alarm, other.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

1:15 a.m. School St., selective enforcement, other.
7:59 a.m. Bridge St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:54 p.m. School St., motor vehicle crash, report to follow.
5:38 p.m. Powder House Lane, fire alarm, fire false.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:13 a.m. Bridge St., suspicious activity, spoken to.
9:26 a.m. Old Neck Rd., suspicious activity, spoken to.
4:42 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.
8:39 p.m. Allen Ave., fire structure, fire false.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:32 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle lockout, assisted as needed. 12:15 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. 2:52 p.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, arrest. 7:32 p.m. Lincoln St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:29 a.m. Lincoln St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 11:06 a.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 2:01 p.m. Pine St., theft, assisted as needed. 6:13 p.m. Bridge St., agency assist, assisted as needed.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:44 a.m. Arbella St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 2:17 p.m. Pine St., citizen assist, other. 6:09 p.m. School St., selective enforcement, other. 8:33 p.m. School St., selective enforcement, other. 11:05 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, other.

Religious Notes | Dec 13

First Universalist Church of Essex

59 Main St, Essex, MA
Sunday services 10 a.m. and coffee hour after service
Visit our website for more events & info: <https://www.uuessex.org/>

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. If you have any special needs or concerns, please let us know! We're here to serve!

Emmanuel Church

19 Masconomo Street, Manchester
Christmas Eve Services
December 24, 2024 All are welcome!

2:30 p.m. - A thirty-minute, family-friendly service of favorite carols and the Christmas story.

4:00 p.m. - Traditional service of Lessons and Carols.

6:00 p.m. - Candlelit, festive Eucharist service with homily and carols.

Luther Zeigler, Minister, Priscilla Walter, Organist

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:
Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as www.mecatholic.org

Sunday Mass-8:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

- 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 Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.
Church services, with Father Christopher Kolentsas, are held each Sunday.
Sunday's Divine Liturgy, with 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, Advent, 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.
Book Group, potluck and used book exchange, 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, at 6 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

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

December 31, 4-6 p.m. Bingo and Burgers, open to all, free.

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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PUBLIC NOTICE



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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

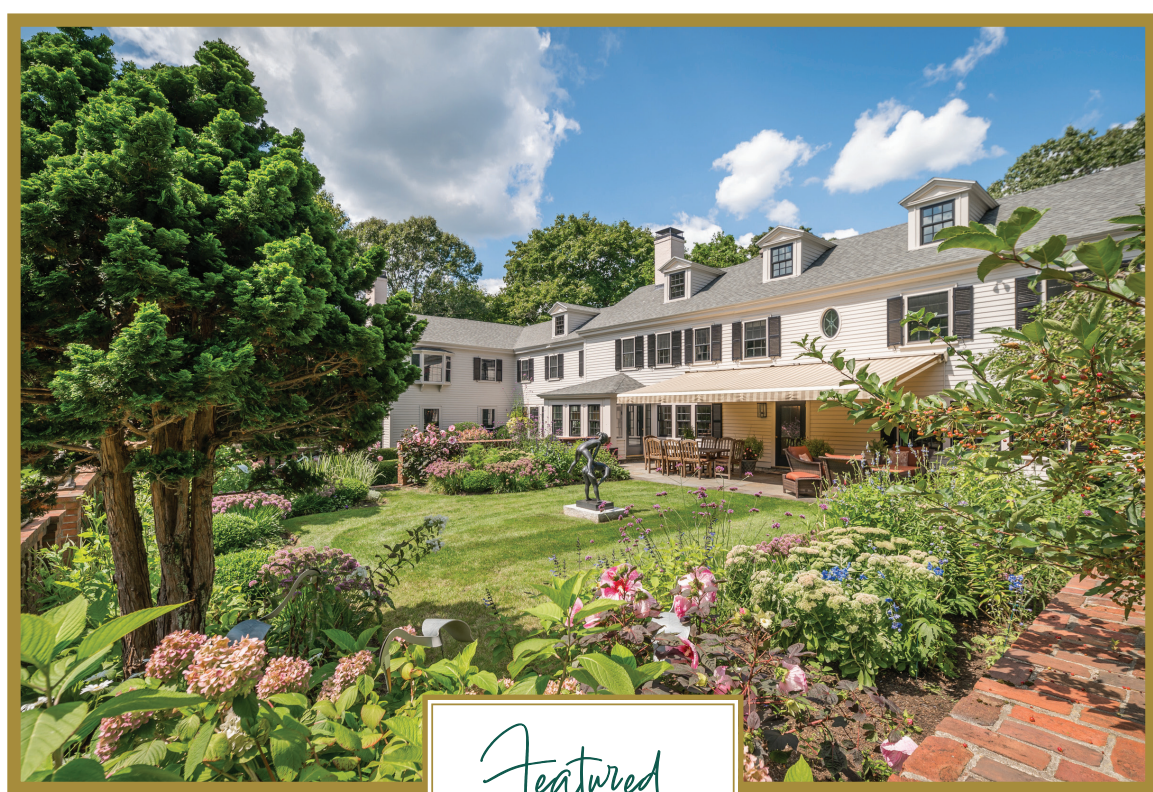
Public Comment is welcome. For more information see the agenda on the Town website.

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

December 6, 2024 MC
December 13, 2024 MC



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BEVERLY FARMS

\$2,797,000 | Fabyan & Filias Team

Move-in ready! Turn-of-the-century updated 5+ bedroom Colonial on 3.8 acres. Chef's kitchen, pub room, library. Inground pool, tennis/pickleball court. West Beach Permit. Near train, Rt. 128.



\$2,150,000 | Alle Cutler & Ed Dick
Develop 17+ acre parcel, zoned limited industrial, with over 975 ft of frontage on Route 1. Previous plans approved by town, land has been cleared and some drainage areas have been excavated.



\$1,700,000 | Ida Doane
Former B & B near restaurants and shops with 7 bedrooms, front & back porches, large kitchen, living room and dining room. Additional carriage house with 2 studio units. Views of marsh and river.



\$1,499,000 | The Lopes Group
Exceptional 5-bedroom, 2 full-2 half-bath home has nearly 6,000 sf of fully renovated living space. Gourmet kitchen, walls of glass in front-to-back living areas. Finished lower level, new roof, HVAC.



\$649,900 | Dan Meegan
Charming 2-family ideal as investment or future home. 1st floor 2-bed unit and 2nd floor 3-bed unit. Separate updated gas heat system and gas hot water tanks. Ample parking. Near MBTA, schools.



\$495,000 | Ann Olivo & Rick Marshall
Historic District. Beautiful 2-bedroom unit – each has ocean views - on top floor of newly converted building. Wonderful quartz kitchen open to living room with vaulted ceiling. 1-car parking.

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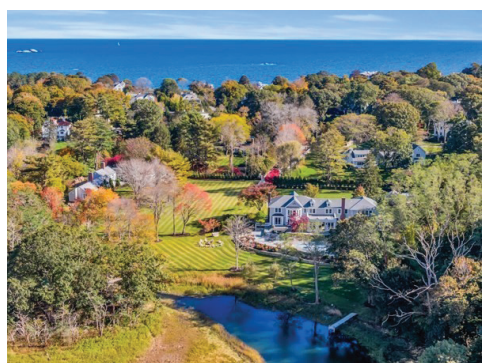
35 Central St Manchester | \$1,895,000
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624 Western Ave Gloucester | \$848,000
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The Hope and Lisa Team | Realtor | 978-808-5451