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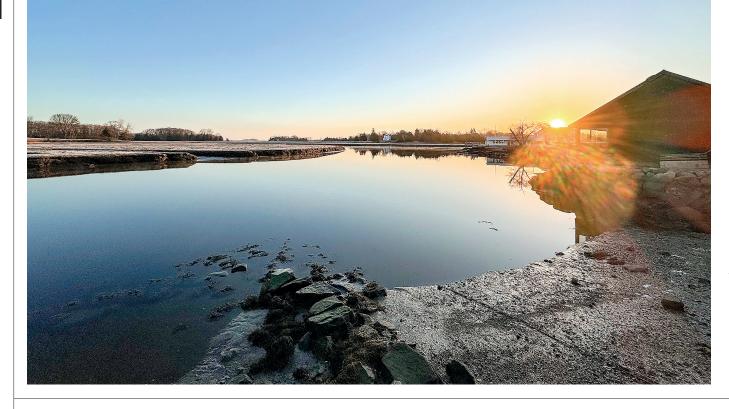
#### Get Ready for the **MBTS Legion Crib** Addicts

The opening of the spring season of the cribbage league at the Amaral Bailey American Legion Post 113 is coming up on Tuesday, April 8. The season runs for eight weeks, and all skill levels are welcome. This is a fun group that reports in weekly on all the dramaand, yes, there is drama–of weekly cribbage, from who got "skunked" to who is promising to be king (or queen) of the week. Every Tuesday, 6 p.m. at the Manchester American Legion Hall. Again, all skills are welcome. Come on down!

#### **Reminder:** April **Showers Bring** Woman's Club **Money Showers**

The Manchester Woman's Club's popular and successful fundraiser, the April Shower of Prizes calendar, is back and buying chances gets the club closer to its fundraising goal. Chances are one for \$10 and three for \$25. Buy early and often to get in on the drawings. Under the program, every day in April a winner will be drawn for that day's spectacular prize, donated by our generous members and many local businesses. The calendar includes fabulous prizes -- something to please everyone! There are 30 chances to win and calendars and entry forms are on sale Saturday mornings this month in front of the Manchester Post Office.

#### **Calling Young Creators: Creature**



SUNRISE, WEDNESDAY, 6 a.m.

All seems good with the world when you're looking at a view like this oneearly morning at the Essex River. (Photo: Kris McGinn)

## **Regional School Committee Approves \$32.6 Million Budget**

Essex faces override vote this spring

#### **By Jeff Pope**

he Manchester Essex School Committee approved a modified budget plan for fiscal year 2026 that will keep a principal at the Middle School. The vote was unanimous at Tuesday's meeting at MERHS.

The approved budget will be \$32,682,198, an increase of \$2,451,676 or 8.1 percent



Erin Greenwood, like many of the residents that spoke, urged the committee to keep a principal at the middle school.

Jessica Pino was one of several of the speakers who said they were new to town and that they chose to move to Essex or Manchester because of the quality of the schools. They were concerned that making cuts like eliminating the middle school principal was a step in the wrong direction.

A couple of the speakers also said that the loss of the facilities manager would lead to the deterioration of the school buildings.

Katie Vandi of 171 Western Ave., Essex, admitted that the schools needed more financial backing, but added that the cost of the schools increased the taxes for many

#### Sculptures at CAM

The Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester will host a familyfriendly free event, called "Creature Sculptures," inspired by the Manchester sculptor Katharine Lane Weems. The hands-on art program is happening on Saturday, March 30. Kids (and parents) will have the chance to explore sculpturemaking using a variety of fun materials, inspired by the museum's collection. Guided by local artists, participants can craft their own imaginative creatures to take home. Free for CAM members, or with museum admission. Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. at CAM's downtown campus, 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester. No registration required.

#### **Interested in Fancy Cookie Decorating?** This COA Event is For You

On Wednesday, April 9, the Manchester Council on Aging (COA) is inviting seniors to "channel your inner cookie artist" (oh, my) with the expert baker from "From Skratch Custom Made Cookies. The workshop will take place starting at noon at the Congregational Chapel in Manchester. Participants will be taken through, step by step, a variety of cookie decorating techniques – from piping to filling – and try their hand at both. \$5 per person, and space is limited to 20 participants. The COA van will begin picking up seniors at 11:45 a.m. Sign up by April 1. More info, call the COA, (978) 526-7500.

#### The Cricket's Home & Garden Book

It's springtime! This week, check out our annual 2025 Home & Garden Book supplement, featuring wonderful local stories that will inspire readers-container gardens, hardscapes, gardening for birds, interior design talent, smaller fix-its, local shopping, and more. As we said, the content is 100 percent local. In print, or online at thecricket.

more than the current budget.

It will mean a 7.29 percent increase in Manchester's assessment and an 8.79 percent increase in Essex's assessment. Manchester officials have said that the town would not need an override to cover the increase.

However, Essex officials have said that it would need an override of Proposition  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to pay for the increase. According to the school's calculations, the override would increase the average Essex tax bill by \$577 a year, or about \$48 a month.

Superintendent of School Pamela Beaudoin said the modified budget, one of four possible budget plans she presented at the meeting, would cover all the schools' contractual obligations, a 25.4 percent increase in the health care costs, the reduction of a facilities manager, reallocation of a full-time teacher to the middle school and Memorial School, and

In a tense MERSD School Committee meeting this week, members of the public had one last chance to weigh in on the final proposed budget. Photo: Erika Brown

> ing the district move than \$40,000.

During the public comment period, many residents of both towns spoke, calling for a budget that level-funded services.

"I implore you to help our residents to understand the crossroads our public schools find themselves at," said Sarah Stone of Manchester, "and the repercussions of not financially supporting the needs of our children."

She urged the committee members and the residents attending the meeting to spread the word about all the good things the local schools accomplish.

Lindsay Banks of 40 Forest St. said that it was unreasonable to expect school departments to stick to a 2.5 percent budget increase each vear.

"We have been fortunate that the district has been able to keep average budget growth under a very reasonable 3.5 percent these past five years," said Banks, but noted that with inflation, cost-of-living salary hikes, and huge increases in health insurance, even 3.5 percent increases were out of reach.

residents struggling to get by. "We need to find a path in the middle," said Vandi.

The other budget options that Beaudoin presented were a revised version of the budget presented at the March 4th meeting, which would cut the middle school principal, as well as the other reductions in the modified plan; a budget plan to get the towns' assessments to 3.5 percent but use additional reserved funds; and a budget plan using no reserves.

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#### Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 22 March		54°	$34^{\circ}$
Sunday 23 March	*	44°	$32^{\circ}$
Monday 24 March	-	$40^{\circ}$	$29^{\circ}$
Tuesday 25 April		48°	$34^{\circ}$
Wednesday 26 April		41°	39°
Thursday 27 April	*	$40^{\circ}$	36°
Friday 28 April	••••	$40^{\circ}$	36°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



#### **Gavel to Gavel** This Week's Town Meetings

open to the public. Public and 9 a.m.- 6:15 p.m. on Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30

Essex FinCom Monday, March 24, 6 - 8p.m.

Essex BOS Monday, March 24, 6 p.m.

MERSD Essex School Building Committee Tuesday, March 25, 6 - 8p.m.

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## **INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES** Embarking on the MBTS Facility Master Plan

OPEB fund.

#### By Chuck Dam

or years, the town of Manchester has assessed its facility needs and priorities. In 2023, the town completed the Facility Master Plan (FMP), incorporating studies conducted over the previous 20 years, including the town-wide Master Plan.

The first priority of the FMP is addressing the DPW facility at 85R Pleasant Street. The current facility, originally built decades ago (1976 to be exact), does not accommodate our equipment and storage needs, provide adequate workspace for employees, and comply with current safety and efficiency standards. Extensive evaluation deter-

mined that relocating DPW operations to 197 School Street is the best solution improving services, for working conditions, and sustainability as well as future Town needs.

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reserve funds and \$150,000

that won't be added to the

latest numbers from the

school's health care insur-

ance provider had dropped

from about a 27 percent in-

crease over the current bud-

get's health care costs, to a

25.4 percent increase, sav-

Beaudoin said that the

#### Responding to a Long-**Deferred Need**

The current DPW facility on Pleasant Street presents numerous challenges. The facility lacks the necessary storage for equipment and vehicles, forcing expensive machinery to be stored outdoors, resulting in accelerated wear and associated maintenance costs.

The current DPW Facility also does not have adequate maintenance bays, administrative space, or employee amenities, limit-

ing operational efficiency. Moreover, the site's proximity to residential areas has created noise, traffic, and operational issues.

As part of the FMP, the School Street site was identified as a suitable location for a new DPW facility, now that the compost operations have been relocated.

Unlike Pleasant Street, School Street is zoned for limited commercial development and has no direct residential abutters, making it a more suitable location for DPW operations. The site also allows for the construction of a purpose-built facility with modern infrastructure, ensuring that our DPW workers can operate efficiently and safely.

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Manchester Town Hall is hours are 9 a.m.- 4:45 p.m. Thursday. Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through

Monday through Wednesday

p.m.

## **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).

#### **David Buck** Truslow



David Buck Truslow died peacefully on March 13, 2025, at 88 years old. He was a beloved resident of Beverly, MA, and most recently Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. David was a dedicated member of the Manchester Yacht Club (MYC), where he once served as the Commodore, and a proud 50-year Cruising Club of America member. His passion for the sea led him on countless adventures, including cruising the New England coast-especially Down East-with family and close friends, as well as sailing in Canada, the Caribbean, Scotland, Ireland, and Spain. He competed in numerous races along the Eastern Seaboard, including multiple Newport to Bermuda Races.

David graduated from Boston University in 1960 and began his career in textiles before discovering his true calling as a mental health counselor in the 1970s. He played a pivotal role in the

founding of Associated Family Counselors, where he supported North Shore families for many years. Later in his career, he transitioned into management consulting, working closely with independent day schools.

He was predeceased by his high school sweetheart and wife of 50 years, Jo-Anne (Bagley), as well as his parents, James L. Truslow III and Anna Leigh Truslow (Kendall), and his brothers, Frank F. Truslow, James L. Truslow IV, and Godfrey G. Truslow. His three children survive him: Christopher Truslow and his wife. Sandy, of Standish, Me.; Leigh Scharfe and her husband, Alan, of Manchesterbv-the-Sea, Ma.; and Jessica Truslow and her husband, Art Trapotsis, of Arlington, MA. He also leaves behind seven cherished grandchildren-Christopher Hutchinson, Alex Truslow and his wife, Kira, Rebekah Scharfe,

Henry Scharfe, Nina Truslow, Nicholas Trapotsis, and Alexi Trapotsis-as well as two great-grandchildren, Delta Hutchinson and Anson Truslow. Additionally, David is fondly remembered by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A devoted dog lover, David had many canine companions throughout his life, particularly favoring the small, mischievous ones. He and Jo-Anne also shared a deep love for travel, exploring much of Europe, the Caribbean, and the Galápagos with their closest friends.

A celebration of David's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in his memory to the Manchester Sailing Association, P.O. Box 172, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944, or Cape Ann Animal Aid, 4 Paws Lane, Gloucester, MA 01930.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13** 

9:22 a.m. Bridge St., citizen

assist, public assist. 1:43

p.m. Summer St., alarm,

assisted as needed. 2:29

p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle

crash, other. 2:41 p.m. Sum-

mer St., traffic hazard, pub-

2:41 p.m. Pine St., selective

enforcement, other. 3:01

p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle

stop, written warning. 4:57

p.m. School St., motor ve-

hicle stop, written warning.

11:06 p.m. Pine St., motor

vehicle stop, written warn-

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

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## **MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES**

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

9:21 a.m. School St., fire alarm, fire confirmed. 4:47 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 6:16 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 10:00 p.m. Norwood Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

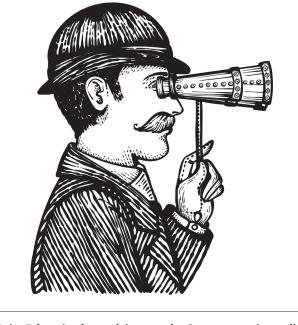
#### **MONDAY, MARCH 10**

12:11 p.m. Loading Place Rd., fraud/scam, spoken to. Old Essex **3:45** p.m. Rd., agency assist, spoken to. 5:15 p.m. Beaver Dam Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 9:39 p.m. Loading Place Rd., citizen assist, assisted as needed.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

8:42 a.m. Pine St., selective enforcement, secured/ checked. 9:07 a.m. Old Essex Rd., fraud/scam, report to follow. 1:47 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 6:06 p.m. Tuck's

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Point Rd., animal complaint, gone on arrival.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 11:13 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 2:46 p.m. Lin-

coln St., community policing, secured/checked. 6:02 p.m. Harold St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 10:11 p.m. Lincoln St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:21 p.m. Central St., harassment, report to follow. 4:43 p.m. Bridge St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 7:16 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 10:30 p.m. White Beach, suspicious activity, spoken to.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Town Meeting on Monday, April 28, while Essex holds its Town Meeting on Monday, May 5.

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First, the good news. For subscribers, classified ads are free (one listing / subscriber at a time, please ... and keep it to 25 words or so). For all others, submit your weekend sales, lost and found, for rent, help wanted, services, etc. to classifieds@ cricketpress.com or call us at 978-526-7171 and we'll take your payment over the phone. Cost: 65 cents/word the first week and 55 cents/word thereafter. Minimum charge \$12. Deadline for Classifieds Mondays, 5 p.m.

#### FOR SALE

ABOVE GROUND POOL-10 year old, 16' x 34' Gibraltar pool, needs \$5,000 of new brackets and liner, \$30,000 new, comes with HANDYMAN, MBTS-Handyman stairs, pump, filter, storage box widowed and do not use anymore. Will sell for \$5,000 if you come in great shape other than repairs and holds many memoires. ... TF

#### WANTED

CUSTODIAN, MBTS-Custodian wanted! First Parish Church Manchester is seeking a custodian for regular cleaning and event set-up in our Chapel building. The position is part time with mostly flexible work hours. Apply in person at 1 Chapel Lane (behind Santander Bank). 978-526-7661 x 1. .....

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Beaudoin said that the last two plans were not possible at this stage of the year.

Each of the members of the School Committee spoke about their budget preferences after Beaudoin's presentation. While some said the modified plan did not include everything they hoped for, all said they preferred it to the other options.

Committee member Theresa Whitman said she didn't agree with loss of a facilities manager and the reduction to OPEB account, but she would "hold her nose" and go with the compromise.

Chairman Committee Chris Reed said that the schools and the two towns need to work together.

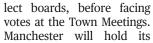
"We need to have a serious conversation about what a (budget) correction will look like," said Reed. This compromise "sets us up for a big decision next year."

Committee member Kate Koch-Sunquist said the committee needed to be "mindful of the increased cost to Essex residents... But if this doesn't pass, we're in a desperate situation."

Committee member Erica Spencer said that the schools have cut 15 positions in the past five years.

"We'll lose between 21 and 27 position if this budget doesn't pass," said Spencer, using numbers provided by Beaudoin. Several committee members said that they will need to work very hard in the next six weeks to make sure the school budget and the override in Essex are approve at the Town Meetings.

The budget now goes to each town for review by the finance committees and se-













It was a big night for Manchester at this year's 26th Annual Cape Ann Chamber Irish Sweepstakes, held last Thursday at The James Pub & Provisions in Essex. Left, Krystal Williams (pictured with Chamber 2025 President Jim Brown), manager of MBTS' Cape Ann Savings Bank, took home \$1,300 and the big \$10,000 grand winner was none other than Alan Gilson. Congratulations! (Courtesy images)

#### WHAT WAS HAPPENING

#### 90 YEARS AGO - 1935

The usual quiet and peace of the winter season was interrupted Sunday evening when the word was spread that burglars were again at work on the shore, the summer home of Harrison G. Reynolds, "White Lodge" off Forest Street being the object of their attacks.

A snow storm arrived Tuesday night depositing three inches of snow during the night, of the heavy, clinging variety which transformed trees and shrubbery into a scene like fairyland.

#### 75 YEARS AGO - 1950

One of the most severe storms of the season was that of last Monday evening and Tuesday morning when some six inches of snow fell, most of it coming in the early hours of Tuesday.

Tickets have been placed on sale for the Donkey basketball game which will be played at Legion Hall Saturday evening, April 1, between the Amaral-Bailey Post and the Manchester Old Timers.

60 YEARS AGO - 1965 The Cub Scout Pack 30 meeting held Tuesday eve-

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Future expansion opportunities are also being considered for public safety facilities at the School Street site.

There are several key benefits of the proposed new fa-

ning in the Memorial School auditorium was enjoyed by some 100 cubs, parents and friends as seven dens presented skits based on the theme of the month "South of the Border".

The first spring bird walk will take place Saturday, 9:30 a.m., corner of Washington Street and Norwood Ave. Pileated woodpeckers are our goal, but there is a good chance of seeing red-winged blackbirds and grackles that have already arrived.

#### 45 YEARS AGO - 1980

Four members of Boy Scout Troop 3 were presented with the covered Eagle Award at impressive ceremonies held Sunday in Masonic Hall. John R. Elder, Robert F. Hoff, Charles H. Sommerville and William A. Gates, who after 10 years of hard work and dedication, were to receive Boy Scouting's highest award. For the first time, all dogs must have rabies shots before they may be licensed April 1 under a change in state law. Owners must show a certificate to the Town Clerk or other dog licensing official.

**30 YEARS AGO - 1995** 

without disrupting residential neighborhoods. Traffic flow in and out of the site will be carefully managed to avoid congestion, and the facility will be designed with visual

design considerations, and construction variables. The current estimate reflects conceptual-level costs based on industry standards and best practices. We are also keeping an eye on funding oppor-

Voters will be asked to

vote on two changes to the

organization of Town Hall.

One article would create the

position of Town Administra-

tor. A second article would

create a Department of Mu-

nicipal Finance headed by a

announced an open compe-

tition to design a small park

at the tip of Masconomo

Park to commemorate the

350th anniversary of the

Town. Funds for the design

and construction of this park

have been donated by pri-

15 YEARS AGO - 2010

Cancer Society and Man-

chester Essex Regional High

School's Class of 2011 on

April 11th in a Spin for Hope.

This indoor cycling event is

a fundraiser that will benefit

cancer research along with

Manchester Essex Regional

High School's student news-

paper, The Independent, received second runner-up for

Excellence in News Writing

at the 40th Annual Greater

Boston High School Newspa-

per Competition held by Suf-

Come join the American

vate resources.

the junior class.

folk University.

The Board of Selectman

director.

#### **BOARD UPDATES**

**Planning Board Meeting:** The Planning Board will meet on Monday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Hazard Mitigation Survey: The Town is updating the five-year Hazard Mitigation Plan and is asking residents to take a survey to gather community feedback. Visit surveymonkey.com/r/6MZDR7Y.

Summer Jobs: The Town is hiring lifeguards, DPW help, and Parking Enforcement officers for the summer season. To learn more about these positions and how to apply please visit manchester. ma.us and scroll to the summer jobs icon.

Nomination Papers: Nomination papers for elected positions are due to the Town Clerk by April 1. Learn more on the Town website.

Dog Licenses: All current



will increase to \$35 in May.

All visitors and residents ages

12 to 65 need a tag to enter

Trash, recycling, and com-

post collection: Regular

Schedule. Please place curb-

side by 7 a.m. on day of col-

lection. Transfer Station is

open on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Satur-

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days from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

the beach.

dog licenses will expire on March 31. Renew today in person at the Town Clerk's office or online at manchester. ma.us/465/Town-Bills.

Rain Barrel Sale: Prepare for spring gardening with a rain barrel. Order deadline is March 23 and pick up is at the DPW Yard on April 5. Order today at greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/.

Singing Beach Passes: The 2025 beach tag sale will start on April 1 online or in the Parks and Recreation office. Tags will be sold at a discounted rate of \$25 each for

#### Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

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21	Fri	4:27	9.1	5:06	7.8	11:20	1.3	11:28	1.9	6:42	6:58
22	Sat	5:15	8.9	5:59	7.6			12:13	1.6	6:40	6:59
23	Sun	6:11	8.8	7:00	7.5	12:23	2.0	1:11	1.6	6:38	7:00
24	Mon	7:14	8.8	8:04	7.8	1:23	2.0	2:11	1.5	6:36	7:01
25	Tue	8:20	9.0	9:05	8.2	2:24	1.7	3:09	1.2	6:35	7:02
26	Wed	9:23	9.4	10:01	8.8	3:23	1.2	4:05	0.7	6:33	7:03
27	Thu	10:21	9.9	10:52	9.5	4:21	0.6	4:57	0.2	6:31	7:04



cility.

- Improved Efficiency and Safety The new DPW facility will include separate areas for material storage, vehicle maintenance, administrative functions, and employee accommodations. The addition of a wash bay with a water reclamation system will extend the lifespan of town vehicles, while updated maintenance bays will provide proper space for repairs. Modern ventilation, heating, and cooling svstems will improve air quality and working conditions for staff while also being more energy efficient.
- Adequate Equipment and Materials Storage The current DPW site lacks sufficient storage space. The new facility will have dedicated areas for storing sand, salt, and other essential materials, ensuring that they remain protected from the elements. Covered vehicle storage will reduce maintenance costs by preventing premature rust and weather-related damage. Note that previous cold storage area at the current DPW site was already demolished due to safety issues and never replaced.
- Reduced Community **Impact** The School Street location is well-suited to house DPW operations

buffers to minimize its impact on the surrounding area.

- Future-Proofing Our Town's Infrastructure Investing in a new DPW facility will not only address current needs but also considers other facility needs. The new site allows for potential expansions, including additional critical town functions such as Public Safety or other future municipal needs.
- Sustainability and Energy Efficiency The Town has prioritized sustainability in the design of the new facility, incorporating renewable energy options such as solar arrays, ground source heating and cooling, and energy-efficient building materials. These features will reduce long-term operational costs while aligning with Manchester-by-the-Sea's commitment to environmental stewardship.

#### A Considerable, but Smart Investment

The preliminary estimated cost of construction for the new DPW facility is approximately \$20 million. While a significant investment, it is critical to maintaining essential services that residents rely on daily. As with all DPW and Town projects, final costs will depend on available funding,

tunities such as state grants, infrastructure improvement programs, and partnerships with sustainability initiatives that may help offset some of the costs. An outdated facility results in inefficiencies, higher repair costs, and potential safety risks.

#### **Current Effort and Future** Involvement

The decision to invest in a new DPW facility on School Street is about more than just bricks and mortar-it's about building a stronger, more resilient Manchester. By prioritizing efficiency, safety, sustainability, and long-term planning, this project not only strengthens our town's public works services but also considers future initiatives such as Public Safety, housing, cemetery expansion, and/or open space.

Current DPW efforts include site surveys and conceptual layouts for future expansion. We will present these findings to the Select Board at a future meeting. All residents should stay engaged, ask questions, and support this necessary investment in the community's infrastructure. The FMP report referenced, as well as other information, is on the Manchester town website.

Chuck Dam serves as head of Manchester's Dept. of Public Works.



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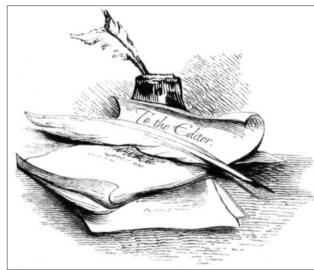
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#### A Closer Look at Tax **Burden from Proposed** MERSD FY26 Budget

#### To the Editor,

Much has been and will be written about M&E town budgeting and taxes. Property owners will weigh the costs and benefits of all public departments as Town Meetings approach, with a likely focus on the pain of rising tax rates, and particular concern for the School District's budget increase. I want, further on, to try to place our tax burden in some perspective. I'll not dwell at length on the

which I think is quite good. As regards this year's District budget, the one particular that stands out is insurance and other benefits, whose increase of \$1,375,131 is 60% of the overall bump for the schools. A hard nut indeed. So, this year's budgetary pressures do not arise from particular class offerings as has been suggested, but primarily from a 27% increase in health insurance premiums, for which the school committee has been unable to find suitable, less costly alternatives. One might hope for a national healthcare policy

merits of our school system,

to check these rising costs, but the tide appears to be running strongly against this idea.

As for the burden of our residential property taxes, there are lots of relevant data on the Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue, Division of Local Services website, including averages of single-family tax bills, family income, and property tax bills as a percentage of family income, for all 351 cities and towns in the State. So, I dove into these data to see where Manchester and Essex fall in, in terms of average household tax bills and the burden as a percentage of household income. (NOTE: using the most recent data, for 2024.) Statewide, the average annual tax bill by municipality runs from \$1,027 (Hancock) to \$25,464 (Weston), and the household tax burden runs from 4.1% (Rowe) to 40.7% (Amherst). Plainly, there are lots of confounding local factors like size of community, makeup of the school systems, income levels, nature of the housing stock, and locality (east MA vs. west MA, Cape and Islands, etc.).

So, I selected a more focused subset of towns:

1) in the eastern part of the State defined roughly by the I-495 belt; and

2) with fewer than 6,000 single family housing units, resulting in a data set of 109 towns.

 Manchester and Essex are on the small end of this spectrum with 1,611 and 1,002 units, respectively.

The findings for residential properties:

- Average tax bill in Manchester is \$15,649, 17th highest in the State and the 10th highest out of the 109 towns in the selected subset.
- Average tax bill in Essex is \$11,352, 44th highest in the State and the 28th highest in the selected subset.
- In the subset of selected east MA towns, the average household tax burden (property tax as a percentage of family income) runs from 5.1% (Dover) to 19.9% (Amesbury). Essex is at 8.9% and Manchester is at 6.5%, ranking 99th and 106th out of the 109 towns in the subset.

These measures are admittedly rough, especially when considering disparities of income between towns and within towns. For instance, the average tax bill in Dover is \$18,563, 9th highest in the State, but their average household burden is only 5.1%, lowest in my subset, because the average household income is \$361,388. For comparison, average household income in Essex is \$126,695, and in Manchester \$240,634. The most obvious and troubling disparity is the tax burden on "house poor" families in our towns, folks below these income averages whose property values and assessments have risen sharply over the years. Probably more than half of our taxpayers can absorb a substantial tax increase (though they might grumble about it), but for some the prospective rise will challenge the household finances.

Our Town Meetings will have difficult budgetary issues to address, the school district most of all, as it takes up more than half of all spending. As painful as those quarterly tax payments are, we should bear in mind that the excellence of our school system is a big piece of the quality of life here and our most important civic responsibility. It appears that we aren't out of line as measured by property tax burden, at least among our peer communities in eastern Massachusetts; in fact (if you can believe it), our average household burden is well down in the lowest quintile. Sorta good news, but no reason for complacency. Let's hope that our elected officials, District administrators and the teachers' union can work together toward finding more cost-effective solutions in the near future.

#### **Mike Dyer** Essex

#### A Vibrant Downtown **Manchester Requires** Vision

It seems-and I say seems because there hasn't been much other than rumor that I've heard-that the heart of downtown Manchester is about to have its most visible change since the creation of new housing and commercial units at 12 Summer Street.

What's rumored to be constructed are two single residence homes to replace Cargo Unlimited-right at the core of the town and constituting a good percentage of the town's entire commercial district. The developers have said they will propose plans that fall within permitted uses and conditions thus not triggering any public review.

Aside from the obvious curiosity to know what's planned, several questions present themselves for which town residents need answers from town government.

- Is there a town-wide vision for a vibrant downtown?
- What's the best use of this space for creating this vision?
- Is this vision in conflict with the developer's plans?
- How do our Bylaws influence the options for how it may be used? Would any design review be required?
- Does the town have any leverage with which to engage the developers in making their project supportive of the idea of a vibrant center.
- With a collaborative outlook and whatever leverage it has, has the town talked with the developers about the possibility of adding multiple housing units mixed with commercial space? Thanks,

**Axel Magnuson** Manchester

to share and play songs, learn techniques and form friendships.

Learn to Play Ukulele Tuesday, April 1 from 5-6 before the concert. SNHUG will use their slide show and 40 ukuleles to teach us all a few songs.

Plant Swap Saturday, April 5 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Why not swap plants with your neighbors? Bring the whole family to plant a seed and paint a pot during the plant swap.

ity Tree Tai Chi Location Changes Every Wednesday from 9-10 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.

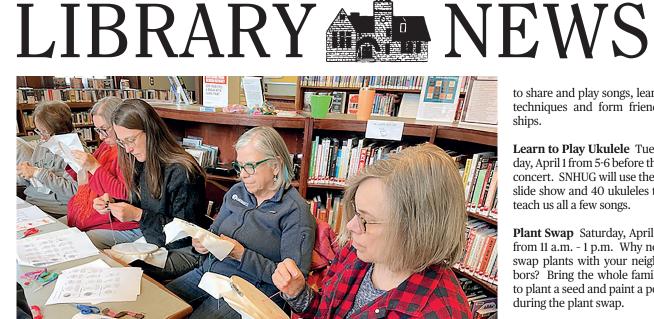
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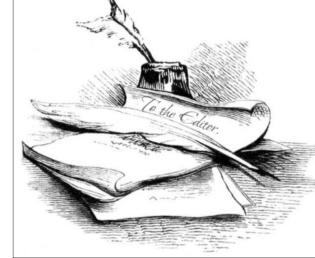
email or a phone number in case we need to cancel or change venues. Mindfulness Meditation at the First Parish Church Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. Evening meditation happens weekly at 5 p.m. except for the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Shut Up and Write (Virtual) Every Thursday from 10 a.m.-12 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







We had a full house for our last Create/Make for Adults in which we tackled embroidery stitches. Courtesy Photo

This week at the Library, we have Dungeons and Dragons for Adults, Community Game Night, Guinea Pigs and Rabbits and much more.

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults (Virtual) Monday, March 24 from 7-9 p.m. Whatever your level of experience come join us for a one-shot adventure. MBTS's Librarian Maddy Willwerth will be your Game Master.

Community Game Night Tuesday, March 25 from 4-6 p.m. All ages welcome and snacks will be provided.

Behind Their Screens: What Teens are Facing (And Adults Are Missing) Virtual Tuesday, March 25 from 6:30-8 p.m. Dr. Emily Weinstein and Dr. Carrie James, authors of the impactful book "Behind Their Screens: What Teens Are Facing (And Adults Are Missing)" will join us to share surprising insights from their latest research about teens and technology, as well as practical strategies for parents, educators, and other caring adults. This talk is perfect for anyone working with youth from 12-18.

Mystery Book Group Friday, March 28 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This March we are reading "The Law of Innocence" by Michael Connelly.

Hearthside Book Group Tuesday, April 1 from 4-5 p.m. We will discuss the book "Bunker Hill: a City, a Siege, a Revolution" by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Crowell Concert Series Tuesday, April 1 from 6-6:30 p.m. Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group's primary purpose is to provide a forum for area ukesters of all levels

MBTS Library's Second Annual Poetry Contest Ages eight to adult. Entries must be received by Monday April 14th at 5. Selected poets will read their winning poems at a special poetry reading and reception April 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. Winners will be pulled from the following age categories: 8-12, 13-17, 18- adult.

Manchester Seed Library Stop by the library to check out the new seed library. While supplies last, take home flower and vegetable seeds.

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.

Tai Chi: The Longevments 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.

Meditation Mindfulness at the First Parish Church Meeting Room Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. 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

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.

#### **MPL Children's Events:**

Rabbits and Guinea Pigs Saturday, March 22 from 2-3 p.m. Ages 5-10, registration required. Manchester's own 4-H club is visiting the library for a Storytime and meet their adorable furry friends.

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

Winter Storytime Wednesday's from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 0-3



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## For Scott Teague, Manchester's New Vet, It's Personal



A new vet in town. Dr. Scott Teague, the new owner of Manchester Animal Hospital on Summer Street, with a patient. Photo: Kris McGinn

#### By Erika Brown

**F** or three decades, Dr. Larry Lamb has been a fixture in Manchester, providing veterinary care to countless pets. Now, as he steps into retirement, a new chapter begins at Manchester Animal Hospital with Dr. Scott Teague taking over.

The pick was a highly personal one. Last summer, when Dr. Lamb hosted a regional veterinary association outing for colleagues at Tuck's Point, he and Scott Teague talked informally about their industry, and how it's changed to become bigger, and more corporate. Yes, bigger can mean better for tech advancements. But it's also something that could translate into less time and personal connection to the animals in their care.

"I saw something familiar in Scott, and that was a yearning for a local feel that comes from an independent animal hospital like ours," said Lamb. "We're really fortunate to have him in Manchester."

And it's true. Dr. Teague, a seasoned veterinarian on the North Shore, brings extensive medical expertise but also a strong philosophy of personalized, community-centered pet care.

A graduate of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine-coincidentally the same alma mater as Dr. Dr. Larry Lamb, who retired last month, said he saw something familiar in Dr. Teague: a passion for personal attention. "We're fortunate to have him in Manchester," he said.

Lamb–Teague had initially envisioned a career in veterinary medicine after being inspired by his childhood veterinarian in Rochester, NY. After his training, Scott came to Boston to work at the esteemed Angel Memorial Hospital. It's where he met his wife, Rachel, a fellow veterinarian. The couple has two teenage children.

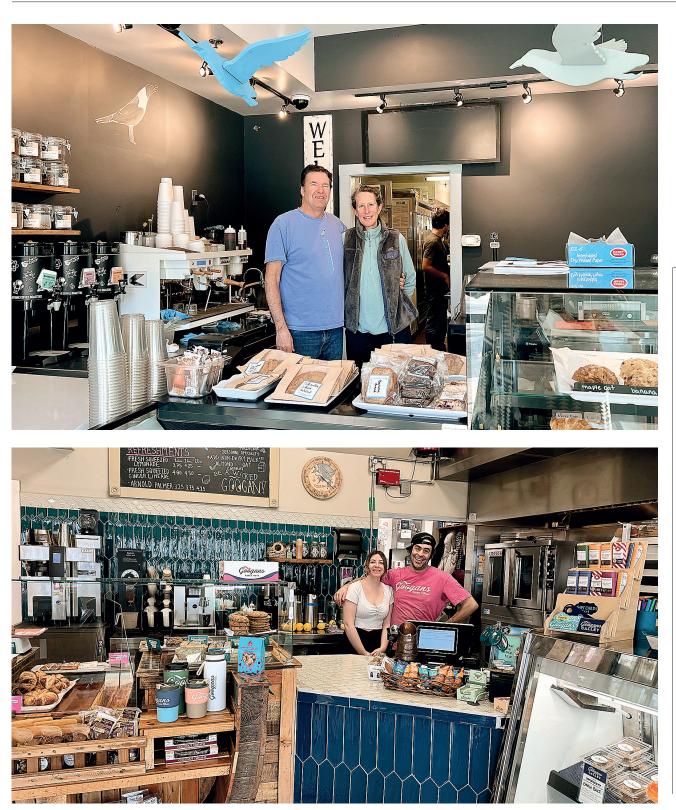
From Boston, Teague spent 16 years at Danvers Animal Hospital, a major regional center. In 2014, when the hospital was acquired by a corporate group, Teague stepped into a management role, ultimately becoming Medical Director and overseeing a team of veterinarians. The role offered a lot of professional growth, especially in business operations, but Teague saw the hands-on patient care and the personal relationships he loved so much falling away. It was unsatisfying; because that connection is what drew him to veterinary medicine in the first place.

Scott says he was drawn to Manchester Animal Hospital's independence, its deep ties to this community, and the opportunity to provide comprehensive, individualized care.

This return to basics makes sense, especially on Cape Ann. Pets have become full-fledged members of the American family, and pet healthcare reflects it. Ten years ago, pet medical insurance was rare; today, it's standard. Veterinary care has become more specialized, mirroring trends in human medicine. Corporate-owned veterinary groups have surged, often prioritizing efficiency over personalized attention.

"I wanted to be in a community where I could provide comprehensive medicine at a personal level," he said.

Teague's approach-offering thoughtful, unrushed care-represents a fresh buck of the trend toward "efficiency." Shaping Manchester Animal Hospital into a place that reflects his style of care will happen step by step, he says. The transition will take time. Right now, Dr. Teague is focused on getting settled, expanding the hospital's availability to five days a week, and gradually growing his staff. He's betting this will resonate with Manchester's pet-loving residents. And it's a bet that is likely to pay off.



## Local Spiffing Up!

These first months of the year can be a quiet time for local retailers and coffee shops, and in Manchester and Essex two shops used that time to temporarily close for light renovations. In Manchester (top), Laughing Gull opened this week after a three-week interior renovation. Here, owners Dede and Bruce Warren take a moment between customers to smile behind the Laughing Gull's new display counter. They're particularly happy about the efficiency upgrades to the kitchen. Then, at bottom, the folks at Googan's Galley in Essex pose in front of the restaurant's upgraded counter after a two-week renovation. Just in time for the new season's rush!



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## Unsolved in Rockport: Essex's Rob Fitzgibbon Revisits 1932 Murder in New Book

#### By Erika Brown

**I**t's a chilling true crime from 1932 Cape Ann. And it's getting a fresh look in a book published this week, *Murder in Rockport: Terror in a Small Town*, written by Rob Fitzgibbon and Wayne Soini.

The book dives back into two brutal and unsolved homicides that shook the quiet and insular town of Rockport back during the Great Depression. The murders left lingering questions that have never been fully answered.

This is the latest installment of local lore from Essex resident Fitzgibbon, who is both an amateur historian and TOHP Burnham Public Library trustee. He's tackled several colorful stories of Cape Ann's past in articles and talks–notably the story of Essex's infamous 19th Century Harvard-educated grave robbing physician, Dr. Thomas Sewell.

*Murder in Rockport* is Fitzgibbon's first book, and in 165 pages he and Soini reconstruct the events surrounding the crime, diving deep into archival records, old newspaper clippings, and law enforcement reports.

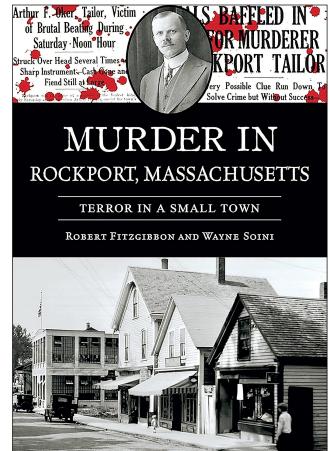
#### A crime that "shattered" Rockport's peace

Just based on the facts, it's a gripping story.

The body of a well-known local resident is discovered. Rockport, a small, close-knit fishing and artistic enclave that built its name on quarrying granite that was shipped all over the world to make statues in Washington DC and provide all the pavers for America's roadways (before the advent of automobiles, which ushered in concrete and halted granite pavers). It was small, well to do, and insular.

And like any small New England town with history, there were grudges and rifts between buckets of people. Among these groups who figure into the book are the Finns and the Swedes, two cultural groups that emigrated to America chasing work at the quarries.

When the body was dis-



The book explores theories that range from personal vendettas to organized crime connections, weaving in real-life figures from Rockport's past, including local police, town officials, and journalists who covered the case.

expanded to a state level, and another murder followed. Both murders remain unsolved to this day. It's a set of facts rich in local characters, back stories, and intrigue.

"This wasn't just a random act of violence," Fitzgibbon explains. "The circumstances suggest deeper layers–secrets, possible rivalries, and maybe even corruption that may have stymied the investigation."

#### Stepping back in time

Fitzgibbon and Soini's approach paints a vivid portrait of 1932 Rockport–its narrow streets lined with fishermen's cottages, its burgeoning art scene, and a community grappling with the hardships of the Great Depression.

And, against this backdrop, murder!

"I wanted to do more than just recount the facts," Fitzgibbon says. "I wanted readers to feel what it was The book explores theories that range from personal vendettas to organized crime connections, weaving in reallife figures from Rockport's past, including local police, town officials, and journalists who covered the case.

past, including local police, town officials, and journalists who covered the case. It also highlights the interesting role of early forensic science and how tech limitations (and hubris!) may have contributed to the case remaining unsolved.

Fitzgibbon and Sioni really



Rockport and MA State Police officers conduct a house search. (Image from the Boston Daily Record)



State troopers and Rockport police escort Warren Olsen to his fourth questioning. (Image from the Boston Post)

covered, it sent shockwaves through the town. And, not to give too much away, the murder was compounded by the investigative circus that followed. Law enforcement officials pursued various leads, but as the case

like to live in Rockport at that time and to understand the impact this crime had on the town's identity."

The book explores theories that range from personal vendettas to organized crime connections, weaving in real-



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shed light on the social fabric of the time in Rockport, and it's this part of the book that makes for interesting reading, especially for locals here on Cape Ann. It's truly revealing to see how the town responded to tragedy, and how the echoes of that crime haven't been forgotten.

Of course, these nuances will be lost to true crime enthusiasts seeking juicy details of a local tragedy in a tiny but important community.

Rob and Soini have worked for years on the book–diving into research, interviews, and archives. In 2023, the pair presented their research at the Rockport Public Library and, later that year, at Gloucester High School as part of the "Finn Fun Weekend," a celebration of the Finnish experience on Cape Ann.

The book is already gener-

ating buzz among local historians and true crime enthusiasts. "It's a fascinating piece of detective work," said Cape Ann historian Margaret Winslow. "Fitzgibbon has done a remarkable job uncovering details that have been buried for decades."

#### Book release, and a schedule of author talks

The book's official release is March 21, and Fitzgibbon will be hosting a series of book launch events around Cape Ann to support the launch. Notably, he'll be speaking on his home turf, at the TOHP Burnham Library on Thursday, April 3. Later that month, on Thursday, April 24 he'll be returning to the Manchester by the Sea Museum's lecture series (Fitzgibbon presented the story of Dr. Sewell in a well-attended lecture last year). Additional events are planned throughout Cape Ann.

People drawn to the true crime/unsolved mysteries book genre will love this book. But *Murder in Rockport* is also a must-read for anyone who are drawn to Cape Ann's rich history. It's rich, compelling storytelling. After all, who isn't interested in details of a crime that has remained in the shadows for nearly a century? Especially one that took place in our own back yard?

#### Murder in Rockport: Terror in a Small Town Author Talks and Book Signings

**Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:30-6:30 PM** -Sawyer Free Library, 2 Dale Ave, Gloucester (this event is full, so inquire about the wait list)

- Thursday, April 3, 2025, 7:00-8:00 PM -TOHP Burnham Library, 30 Martin St, Essex
- Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 6:00 PM - Bookshop of Beverly Farms, 40 West St, Beverly
- Saturday, April 12, 2025, 3:00-4:30 PM -Rockport Library, 17 School St, Rockport
- Thursday, April 24, 2025, 6:30 PM - Manchester by the Sea Museum, 10 Union St, Manchester
- Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:30 PM - Paper & String Books, 186 Bay Rd, South Hamilton
- Sunday, May 18, 2025, 2:30-3:30 PM - Lanesville Community Center, 8 Vulcan St, Gloucester



Police, detectives, and the assistant DA for Essex County reviewing the standardized questionnaire. (Image from the Boston American)



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#### **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 suggest-



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, Mondays & Thursdays, 12 noon (must be picked up by 12:30 p.m.): Monday meals provided by Open Door, Thursday meals provided by Senior Care. Please register two business days in advance - 978-768-7932.

#### **Monthly Events**

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



On Wednesday Manchester Essex celebrated Coach Lauren DuBois' 20th season at MERSD at our winter awards night. Former Photos Paul Clark Hornets players joined in the celebration.



## LIBRARY NEWS Library



Tim and Beth Walsh display their completed prints at the end of the Linocut Printmaking workshop with artist Brooke Lambert. (Courtesy Photo)

#### College Essay Workshop

Wednesday, March 26 from 6:30-8 p.m. Juniors, register and join instructor Tracy Stephens to learn strategies for writing a compelling college application essay.

#### Printmaking for Tweens

Monday, March 31, visit our website to learn times. Tweens, grades 6-8, register to learn the art of block printing with local artist Alyssa Miller.

#### **Community Book Group**

Monday, March 31 at 10 a.m. Join us for a discussion of "Bear" by Julia Phillips.

#### Local History Lecture and Author Event

Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. Join Rob Fitzgibbon and Wayne Soini as they discuss their newly-released book, "Rockport's Main Street Murder" and shed light on the 1932 murders that shook the seaside village.

#### **Community Rummikub**

Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. All are welcome, no experience necessary. Enjoy this popular game.

#### Intro to Ancient Greek, Level 1

Starting Thursday, April 10 from 4-5:30 p.m. and running for six sessions. Linguist Cindy Calder will introduce students to the basics of the Greek language. Textbooks are generously paid for by The Friends of the Library. Please register.

#### **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.

#### Weekly Story Hour

Wednesdays for Ages 0-2 at 9 a.m. Ages 3-5 at 10 a.m.

### ESSEX POLICE NOTES

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9** No report.

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 10**

## **SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS | March 21**

There is a lot set to happen with the Manchester 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.

#### Walking At the Bennett Center

It's indoor walking at the Bennett Center at Gordon College! This program is offered through the Hamilton - Wenham Recreation Department and is available to Manchester seniors. The walking pass is free of charge, but registration is required, both to enter the Bennett Center and to get a seat on the Manchester COA Van for transportation to and from Wenham. Please call the COA to register or for more information (978) 526-7500.

#### Lap Swimming Passes

Also, at the Bennett Center at Gordon College, enjoy a program designed for swimming laps in the Bennett Center's amazing Olympicsized swimming pool. This program is offered through the Hamilton - Wenham Recreation Department and is available to Manchester seniors. Registration is required but there is a charge: a lap swim pass is \$80 for 20 visits. You must register and receive a pass before participating in the program, and you must register with the

COA for a seat on the van for transportation to and from the center in Wenham. Call the COA office for info and registration.

#### It's a Mystery to Me ...

On Wednesday, March 26, the COA van will take our monthly "mystery ride." The van driver heads for an undisclosed establishment somewhere on the North Shore; it could be ice cream, pastries, sandwiches or all of the above and only the van driver knows! A little hint will be given, so all can be prepared! Pick-up will begin at 12 noon and return by 2 p.m. Info and register for van pick up, call the COA.

#### **Outback Steakhouse and** Walmart

On Friday, March 28, it's off to Walmart followed by lunch at the Outback Steakhouse. Both are in Danvers. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m. For further information or to reserve your seat on the van, please call the COA office at 526-7500.

#### **Cookie Creations with** Kristan

On Wednesday, April 9, the Manchester COA invites you to channel your inner cookie artist with Kristan, the creative talent behind From Skratch Custom Made Cookies.

We'll gather at the Congre-

gational Chapel at 12 noon, where Kristan will walk you through a variety of cookie decorating techniques from piping to filling – and you'll get to try your hand at both. Follow the sample designs provided or go rogue and create your own edible masterpieces! By the end of the class, you'll head home with four beautifully decorated cookies (if you can resist eating them right away). Cost is just \$5 per person, and space is limited to 20 participants. The COA van will begin picking up seniors at 11:45 a.m.

Sign up by April 1. More info, call the COA.

#### **Decoupage Eggs**

On Wednesday, April 16, the Manchester COA is pleased to offer a workshop on making Decoupage Eggs at the Chapel. Under the tutelage of Martha Chapman, enjoy some treats while you learn how to make these beautiful crafts, just in time for Easter. This class will start at 10 a.m., last approximately two hours, and is free of charge.

#### Lunch at the Maple Street Bistro

On Tuesday, April 29, the Manchester COA invites you to join us for a delicious lunch at The Maple Street Bistro, the student-run gem at Essex Tech Vocational

School in Danvers. You'll be treated to an entrée, salad, roll, beverage, and dessert all prepared and served by the talented culinary students. When you sign up, let us know your entrée choice:

- Salmon with tarragon velouté sauce, wild rice & honey-glazed carrots
- Chicken Scaloppine with mushrooms, asparagus & spring peas in a light sherry sauce, served with penne pasta
- Vegetarian option: a slice of quiche paired with a soup

The cost is \$17 per person. The COA van will begin picking up seniors around 10:15 a.m. for an 11 a.m. lunch reservation, with return expected by 1:30 p.m. Reserve your seat by April 23. For more information or to save your spot, call the COA.

No report.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

9:21 a.m. John Wise Ave., fire wires down, assisted as needed. 12:47 p.m. Spring St., property check, assisted as needed. 5:17 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, other. 10:29 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

6:50 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 12:45 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 2:57 p.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:21 p.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle crash, report to follow.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

1:37 a.m. Martin St., directed patrol, assisted as needed. 9:33 a.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 6:28 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 10:26 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/ checked.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8:04 a.m. Western Ave., community policing, other. 12:49 p.m. Main St., parking complaint, secured/checked. 5:16 p.m. Main St., harassment, report to follow. 8:59 p.m. Eastern Ave., male with abdominal pain, transported to hospital.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

9:05 a.m. Cogswell Court, male with breathing difficulty, transported to hospital. 12:57 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 5:46 p.m. Western Ave., fire investigation, fire confirmed. 7:36 p.m. Route 128SB, agency assist, assisted as needed.

#### Essex Locals | March 21

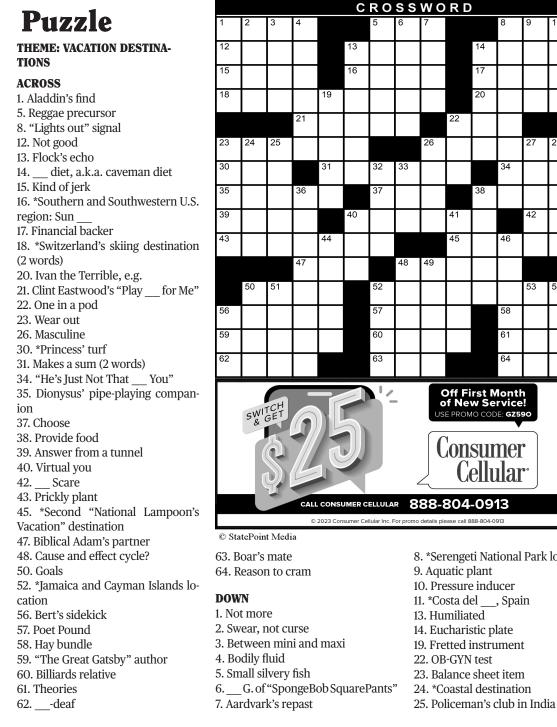
#### 115 Years Ago - 1910

Some 10 members of the Boys' Club of the Y.M.C.A. of this town visited the club at Ipswich Friday evening, returning home on the late car after a very pleasant evening.

#### 90 Years Ago - 1935

Considerable interest was shown in the annual Town Election Monday which centered principally in the election of the Board of Selectman which was the main contest and resulted in placing one new man on the board.





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#### Solutions on Page 11

41. Acrobatic move

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- 53. "At \_\_\_, soldier"
- 54. Charitable contribution
- 55. Hawk's aerie, e.g.
- 56. Time in NYC

## **Religious Notes**

#### **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.CornerstoneNorth-Shore.org. If you have any special needs or concerns, please let us know! We're here to serve!

#### **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 week-

ly 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 -March 23 Worship, 10 a.m. led by Rev. Katherine Schofield and Dr. Herman Weiss with the First Parish Choir. Church school children depart from worship around 10:15 a.m. for their own time of learning, crafting, sharing and playing.

Activity for the week in our Chapel Lane building --Sunday Monday, Friends of the COA Senior Drop in, 10 a.m.- 12 noon, coffee, conversation and games Lenten Book Group 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Meditation Group, by the library, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m. join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone Wednesday Lenten Vespers 6 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Thursday, COA Zumba 10:15 a.m. Friday, Figure Drawing 12 noon. Ballroom Dancing 6 p.m. Baptisms, weddings and rentals available 978-526-7661 x1 or office,fpchurch@gmail.com

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HURCHILL PROPERTIES

Cabot St, Unit 7, Beverly | 169 Bay Rd, Hamilton | 49 Union St, Manchester | 230 North St, Unit 2, Danvers 1666 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington | 127 Eastern Ave, Gloucester | 1 Merrimac St, Suite 6, Newburyport



**IPSWICH** 

Spacious 5BR Contemporary Colonial with guest house, heated 9-car garage, vaulted great room, chef's kitchen, and tower room with river views! \$2,875,000 | Karen Bernier | 978-807-5580



AMESBURY

Prime cul-de-sac location near NH border! This 2017 3BR, 2.5BA home features a fenced yard, deck, trails, open-concept kitchen, and more! \$875,000 | Holly Welch | 617-680-6999

ROCKPORT

Oceanfront! Overlooking Twin Lights, this 9

bedroom, 9 bath property offers all the room you

will need for extended family, friends or guests.

\$3,950,000 | Michael Beaton | 978-884-9910



ROWLEY Nestled on 1.67 acres, this thoughtfully designed 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath farmhouse-style colonial is ready to welcome you home. \$985,000 | Robin Martyn | 978-815-4497



HAMILTON Spacious home with grand foyer, gourmet kitchen, expansive family room, first-floor guest suite, luxurious primary suite, and private yard.

\$1,250,000 | Tracey Hutchinson | 978-473-9720



#### **GLOUCESTER**

Rocky Neck waterfront four-family with deepwater dock, harbor views, private decks, parking for nine, and prime access to boating and arts.



**GLOUCESTER** Iconic "The Boathouse" in East Gloucester, zoned Neighborhood Business, harbor views, deck, 3 car parking, and loaded with possibilities. \$599,000 | Chris Viegaard | 508-284-2898

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Charming renovated 1890 Colonial with modern updates, first-floor bedroom, granite kitchen, stained glass, walk-up attic, and fenced yard. \$699,900 | Kathy Thompson | 508-633-4170



WEST NEWBURY Stunning Colonial on 1.5 private acres with recent upgrades, open layout, sunroom with lap pool, and convenient access to I-95. \$1,075,000 | Karen Bernier | 978-807-5580



CAMBRIDGE

2-bedroom condo in the historic "Castle" offers timeless character and an unbeatable location between Central and Harvard Square. \$799,000 | Garett Webb | 978-491-1413



WENHAM Welcome to this exquisite 3-bed, 3.5bath townhouse-style condo nestled in the prestigious Hamilton-Wenham School District. \$865,000 | Siga Snipas | 978-407-6970

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# "My memory ain't what it used to be."



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

familiar sentiment across the board for those of us in a certain age group.

What is considered "normal," and what should I be concerned about? The Million Dollar Question. We all know 50-year-olds who function more like 80-year-olds and those magical seniors who make the rest of us look bad. And, of course, there are those who give new meaning to

are generally not a cause for concern; they fall within the "normal" range. What contributes to poor brain health?

- 1. Poor sleep habits 2. Alcohol/sugar
- 3. Marginal nutrition
- 4. Dehydration
- 5. Mismanagement of medications
- 6. Sedentary Lifestyle

#### As with many conditions, we have some decisionmaking to do.

If any of the aforementioned resonates with you, consider yourself fortunate. You now have six confirmed interventions that can enhance your brain function. A recent gripping New Yorker cartoon depicted two lines at a Medical Advice counter. Above the empty line hung the sign "Behavior Modification and Lifestyle Changes." The sign above the very, very long line read, "Pill or Surgery to Fix My Problem." It wasn't long ago that the general public scratched their heads in confusion over how Uncle Billy, who smoked three packs a day for 50 years, developed COPD or lung cancer. A big mystery...

evidence-based outcomes. I am a daily devotee of Wordle and other New York Times puzzles. When connections baffle me yet again, I start to worry ... What if symptoms of memory loss are becoming more prevalent?

If you notice any rapid changes in your condition (mind or body), report them promptly to your Primary Care Physician (PCP). You may notice a personality change rather than a cognitive decline. Numerous medical conditions can cause rapid changes in mental status and are often treatable without hospital admission, including electrolyte imbalance, urinary tract infections, pneumonia (which can be silent and easily undetected), and high or low blood pressure. A sudden change in personality or mental status may also indicate a more serious medical condition and should be addressed immediately. If you are worried and uncertain whether you are experiencing "intermittent" memory lapses or if it could be something more, consider taking notes. Charting your concerns can serve as an excellent tool for your medical team during their evaluation.

plete sense that we would want to hide our weaknesses, especially if we fear the consequences may be severe. In truth, the situation could be serious or something minor that can be addressed. Leave that decision to the experts.

#### My own DNA tells a sobering story.

Dementia runs rampant. While I may not be a poster child for the exceptional protection of every gray cell, I recognize that I have choices that may tip me toward or away from this horror. Don't delay, and don't ignore. If this is an issue for you or a loved one, bring it into the light. Your sodium levels may be "off balance," or it could be something more significant. Don't sweep this under the rug; it's springcleaning time. If you are worried, speak up. Help is just a phone call away.

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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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

'young at heart," like Jane Metrano.

I'll save you the research... trusted experts in the field of brain health, from the Alzheimer's Association to the National Institutes of Health, tell us that yes, in fact, the brain does age like any other organ in the body. Factors that contribute are, of course, the big-ticket items like head trauma and DNA. As with all things, if our families have a high incidence of particular conditions (arthritis, cancer, cardiac, neurological), we know that we carry more vulnerability.

#### **Brain health experts** advise us to evaluate symptoms.

Intermittent "memory misplacing lapses," like items, forgetting appointments, or missing payments,

#### Just as weak legs grow stronger through use, why should our brains be any different?

Learning new skills after age 50 yields positive,

The worst thing that often occurs with significant memory loss is trying to conceal it. This, in itself, can be diagnostic. It makes comJoanne 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.



#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF MANCHESTER

Town Hall 10 Central Street

Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944 PLANNING BOARD

#### Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Board of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold Public Hearings on Monday, April 7, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on proposed amendments to the Manchester-by-the-Sea Zoning By-Laws.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. The Planning Board will meet in Room 7, Town Hall. The Public is welcome to join the Board in Room 7 or on Zoom.

Public Hearing #1: To Amend Section 12.4.1 Establishment by Adding two Associate Members to the Planning Board. The members will be able to act on Special Permits and will serve for two-year terms.

Public Hearing #2: To Remove from Section 2.0 Definition Accessory Dwelling Units and Add a new definition to Section 2.0 for Standard Accessory Dwelling Unit and Short Term Rental, Add Standard Accessory Dwelling Unit to Section 4.2 Table of Allowed Uses and Remove E.6. and E.7 and Note 12 and Note 13 from Section 4.2, and to Delete Section 9.1 Special Housing Provisions in its entirety and Add a new Section 9.1 Accessory Dwelling Unit. This Section regulates Accessory Dwelling Units.

Public Hearing #3: To Add to Section 2.0 Definitions a new definition for Large Accessory Dwelling Unit. Add the use to Section 4.2 Table of Allowed Uses, and Add New Section 9.1.3 use requirements for Large Accessory

Public Hearing #4: To Add to Section 2.0 Definition a new definition for Short Term Rentals and Add them to Section 4.2 Table of Allowed Uses to prohibit them in

Accessory Dwelling Units.

Public Hearing #5: To Delete Section 10.2 Floodplain in its entirety and replace with a new Section 10.2 Floodplain and adopt new Flood Insurance Rate Maps to meet new Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

Public Hearing #6: To Delete Section 12.6.2 Applicability Section of Site Plan Review and replace with a new Section 12.6.2 Applicability which has additional requirements for when developments must file for Site Plan Review.

Public Hearing #7: To Delete the Section entitled "Introduction" in its entirety. This Section is informational and contains statements which are now contrary to existing State Law.

The Proposals for all the proposed Zoning By-Law changes are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and are available for inspection and review during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 10 Central Street, and on the Manchester-bythe-Sea website.

Sarah Hammond-Creighton, Chair, Planning Board

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

March 21, 2025 MC March 28, 2025 MC

#### **PET OF THE WEEK:**



## **PASS THE TEST**

ello there. My name is Rorschach, and I was named after the psychological test, but you can change my name when I become part of your family. I was found outside with my mom and two siblings when I was about seven weeks old. My mom was pretty social; however, my siblings and I had not been around humans too much. The staff at the shelter and my foster Mom have worked with me quite a bit so I have come a long way. I am currently in a foster home and love my foster feline siblings. I would do best in a home with other social kitties and a human that has some cat experience. If you think I would be a good match in your home, please fill out an online application and we can set up a virtual meeting so you can meet me virtually. Submit an application by going to CapeAnn-AnimalAid.org/CatApp

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**



Town Hall 10 Central Street Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944

> SELECT BOARD Notice of Public Hearing

The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on Monday,

April 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall meeting room #5 and by zoom. Zoom information will be available on the Town website, prior to the meeting.

Request for a new annual wine/malt, off-premises package store beverage license for Oliva Enoteca at 2 School Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

Posted to MNPA website: http://masspublicnotices.org. March 21, 2025 MC

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## MANCHESTER

\$7,500,000 | Gretchen Berg

Amazing ocean and marsh views from stunning 3-bedroom contemporary. Updated kitchen, vaulted ceilings in living-dining room, 4th floor office with private deck. 2-car garage. Moments to beach



\$1,399,999 | Josephine Mehm Baker

Modern white farmhouse with primary suite, fireplaced living room with slider to farmers' porch, gourmet kitchen, finished lower level and 2-car garage with storage. Near downtown Newburyport.



#### \$850,000 | Norman Banville

Awaits your finishing touches. Expansive 3-bed, 2-bath 2023 Cape. Front-to-back living room, 1st floor primary, quartz-stainless kitchen. 2nd floor bonus room and family room. 2-car garage



\$1,950,000 | Kate Richard Exquisite waterfront unit with panoramic views of the harbor and Boston offers 3 bedrooms (2 master suites), 3.5 baths, deck, patio, garage. Fully renovated and moments to Rocky Neck, Nile Beach.



Starting at \$999,000 | Melissa Lopes & Cammy Bille Premier luxury townhome development. Choose from 13 uniquely designed units with 2-4 bedrooms, 2.5-4 baths and 1- or 2-car garages. Each has outdoor space. Some freestanding units. Near train.



\$375,000 | Ann Olivo & Rick Marshall Ideal get-a-way. Renovated studio has beautiful quartz kitchen with new appliances and room for dining. Brand new bath. Deck off the back and 1-car parking. Near town, train, shops, and beach



#### \$1,699,999 | Steve Graczyk

Chatham Estates! Stunning new construction 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath home near St. John's Prep, Smith School features chef's quartz kitchen, pantry, fireplaced family room. 3rd floor with full bath.



#### \$875,000 | Crowell & Frost

Waterfront living! Stunning pet-friendly 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath townhouse with private deck, river views, full renovated stainless-granite kitchen, and in-unit laundry. Central air. Detached garage.



\$346,000 | Terri Sheppard Great location. See Zoning options - land may/may not

be developable. Proposed septic plan completed 11/ 24 needs to be reviewed. Needs re-delineation. Some wetlands. Buyers do due diligence.

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#### Krista Julian | Realtor | 617-312-5413



30 Norman Ave. Magnolia | \$674,000 Charming 3/bed, 1.5 bath single level home with room for expansion. Fantastastic opportunity for convenient living!

Lisa Ramos | Realtor | 978-290-3005

#### 23 Bridge St Manchester | \$745,000

This is a second/third floor 2-3 bedroom 2 bathroom unit in a 3 unit building. 1 block from the inner harbor. Close to downtown and Tucks Point.

#### Joan McDonald | Realtor | 978-979-3190



#### 5 Elm St 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. A short stroll will take you to multiple beaches, private clubs and conservation land with endless trails to explore. Downtown Gloucester is moments away with fine dining, galleries, boutiques and cultural attractions that make the city the hub of the North Shore.

#### Scott Smith | Realtor | 617-750-2793



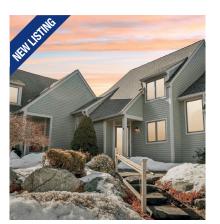
**3 Lexington Ave** Magnolia | \$950,000

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#### 10 Eaglehead Manchester | \$2,700,000 Eagle head! Expanded cape with 4 ensuite bedrooms, first floor

primary, open floor plan. Beautifully landscaped with a free-standing garage with private work -from -home space. Idyllic setting, close to town and Singing Beach!

#### **Under agreement**

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