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*In the Spirit of Community*

## Early morning fire destroys home

By Marta Girouard



Photo by Jon Clark

A fire broke out at 51 Ocean House Road on the morning of April 10. No one was present in the home at the time of the fire and the building has been destroyed. The state fire marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fire.

Fire broke out in a home at 51 Ocean House Road on April 10. A neighbor reported the fire just before 3 a.m. and no one was in the home at the time. According to Cape Elizabeth Fire Chief Peter Gleeson, the house was "destroyed." A Cape Elizabeth firefighter who injured his hand was sent to Maine Medical Center for treatment and is recovering.

Thirty Cape firefighters were on the scene, and were assisted by crews from South Portland, Scarborough, and Portland and it took about two hours to get the fire under control. "We were assisted by 10 South Portland firefighters and six from Portland and Scarborough covered our stations. The fire was challenging because of the delayed discovery of the fire and the large volume

of fire when we arrived," said Gleeson. The cause of the fire is being investigated by the state fire marshal's office.

The house had historical significance in town due to its architecture, and was affixed with a historical society plaque. According to a historic structures survey performed in Cape Elizabeth in 1999 by Bara Architecture & Preservation, the one-and-a-half story building, commonly referred to as the Free Will Baptist Church parsonage (1865-1866), was a good example of the Greek Revival style. Significant historical and architectural features of the home included paneled double doors and triangle windows along the two facades just below the cornice. The design of the house was attributed to George M. Harding, Jr., one of Maine's first architects.

## Town eyes tax-relief program for seniors

The town is considering a tax-relief program for seniors. At the Town Council's meeting on April 9, Tax Assessor Clint Swett presented a proposal based on a program used in Scarborough.

Swett assured councilors that parameters of the program could be changed, but the model would provide a maximum of \$500 of relief per household for residents 62 and older, who have lived in Cape Elizabeth at least 10 years, have an annual income of \$50,000 or less and a tax bill that exceed 5 percent of their federally adjusted gross income.

The income threshold could rise to \$59,700 if councilors choose to use Cape Elizabeth's median for residents 65 and older.

"I'm really really excited to see this," said Councilor Jamie Garvin, a proponent of the 2018 Town Council goal to provide tax relief for seniors. In a town almost completely dependent on property-tax revenue, tax in-

creases have in some cases outpaced people's incomes, Garvin said. "The details (of the program) I think we can certainly finesse and nuance so that they make the most sense for this community, but I'm highly supportive of this from a conceptual standpoint," he said.

The council referred the proposal to their May 1 workshop, but Town Manager Matthew Sturgis said he believed it could be implemented this year, with a \$75,000 line in the fiscal 2019 municipal budget. Sturgis, who served as tax assessor in Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough before becoming Cape's manager, said he was familiar with the Scarborough program. "There's a lot of plug-and-play, you won't have to reinvent the wheel here," Sturgis told councilors.

The council would also need a new ordinance to support the tax-relief program.

Swett estimated 150 participants for the first year.

## Cape resident writes memo, raises issue of commingled funds

By Kevin St. Jarre

In early April, Cape Elizabeth resident Janet Villiotte sent a lengthy memo to the Cape Elizabeth Town Council, cc'ing the Cape Elizabeth School Board, stating, "I wish to share that I am extremely concerned about financial mismanagement, administrative mismanagement and lack of transparency by the Cape Elizabeth School Board."

The memo goes on to detail several concerns Villiotte writes that she would like the Town Council to investigate, including many supporting documents as appendices. Her memo concludes with, "Given the serious warning raised by all of this information, I am respectfully requesting that public meetings with the School Board be held to demand answers, accountability and corrective action plans..." for the issues she has outlined.

According to School Board Chair Susana Measelle Hubs, the Cape Elizabeth School Board and the administration have not yet had an opportunity to fully review Villiotte's complaints. However, as School Board Chair, Measelle Hubs said, "I am happy to clarify what I can — as well as I can. Please note that I am only one member of the School Board and therefore do not speak for the Board as a body at this point."

Measelle Hubs said she believes it is "...important to know that Ms. Villiotte never approached the School Board about her concerns. Furthermore, her complaints and attachments sent to the Town Council, whereby she cc'd the School Board, were the first time any of us were presented with her concerns."

According to Measelle Hubs, this was not the best course of action. She said, "It is ineffective and inappropriate to circumvent the School Board and go only to the Town Council, as the Town Council does not hold any legal authority over the School Board or the schools. Of course, the school administration and the School Board should first have a reasonable opportunity to respond to any such complaints, but if concerns remain after that is done, recourse would be to the Commissioner of Education, who is responsible for enforcing the laws governing public education. Additionally, if she or other community members are not satisfied with the School Board, they can choose not to vote for them at the next local elections."

In 2017, a municipal audit was conducted by Runyon Keersten Ouellette, a South Portland-based accounting firm. Of

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## McGrath selected to travel to Europe with Global Premier Soccer



Contributed photo

Cape resident Shane McGrath has been chosen with thirteen other peers from across the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada to travel to Germany with Global Premier Soccer

Shane McGrath, of Cape Elizabeth, has been selected to travel to FC Bayern Munich on April 14. He has been selected to visit FC Bayern with Global Premier Soccer with thirteen other kids from across the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. McGrath, who is the only member of the team from Maine, will also have the chance to watch the Bayern Munich first team in action as FC Bayern will be playing a Bundesliga game vs. Borussia Monchengladbach and celebrating their recent Bundesliga Championship win at the Allianz Arena. When asked how he felt about this accomplishment, McGrath said, he was "happy to be chosen

to go to Munich and looks forward to representing himself, Cape Elizabeth and Maine, on the GPS Development Academy Team in Munich."

McGrath will get to visit, train and play at the new world class FC Bayern campus and he will play against the FC Bayern U12 team. His team will also play against two local German Soccer Clubs.

The players and McGrath have been selected through the unique FC Bayern ID Program, which comprises Elite Training events run in more than 25 locations across the country, Puerto Rico and Canada.



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**Support for Anne Carney**

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse the candidacy of Anne Carney. Anne's platform includes areas we can all get behind: education, the economy, the environment and health care. Her inclusive approach and a style more focused on listening than talking will bring the transparent and thoughtful leadership our state deserves.

Cape continues to provide the best public education for our K-12 students in Maine. However, the cost to provide this necessary service continues to grow and with increasing cuts in state support this valuable asset is endangered. Anne will work to restore educational assistance from the state.

Although the economy has improved, Maine has lagged behind the rest of New England and parts of Maine are still struggling. Anne has plans to expand that recovery to more of the state with improved broad band services, an enhanced regional transportation network, and development of

sustainable industries.

As a physician I know our health care system is challenged and no more so than our inability to bring effective solutions to the opioid crisis. I know I can count on Anne to champion practical solutions to this problem and support quality healthcare for all our citizens.

The importance of a healthy environment should be apparent to all of us. Our economy depends on it and our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less. Anne's leadership in environmental advocacy is unquestioned. Her tenure as chair of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust demonstrates her effectiveness.

Please join me in voting for Anne in the June 12th primary.

**Tony Owens, MD**

**Support for Mary Ann Lynch**

On June 12, 2018, we will vote for Mary Ann Lynch, a Democratic candidate for the Maine State Representative for these reasons:

**Public Service Experience:** Mary Ann Lynch's depth of public service experience, both locally and with all branches of state government, gives her a unique advantage in being effective from her first day.

- **Town Government:** Seven years on the Cape Elizabeth Town Council;

- **Governor's Office:** Two years as assistant to Governor Brennan;

- **Maine Supreme Court:** Nine years as liaison to the Maine legislature.

**Environmental Causes:** Ms. Lynch was an early Town Council advocate for the Shore Road Path. Now, we see people of all ages on it: mothers with strollers, three generation families, wheel chairs, young bikers, walkers and joggers. This makes both walking and driving much safer while allowing people to enjoy Cape's natural beauty.

**Guns and Schools:** As former educators, we are appalled by discussions of arming teachers in the hopes that our grandchildren come home alive. Yet, we support the right

to own guns for hunting. Hence we support her practical gun safety proposals: banning military style rifles, larger magazines, and bump stocks and developing stronger background checks.

**Education:** This is critical to both Cape Elizabeth's and Maine's future and we are very pleased this is one of her highest priorities.

We encourage you to vote for Mary Ann Lynch, who can help Cape Elizabeth on her first day.

**George and Elizabeth Morse**

**Courier disappoints, School Board serves as cheerleader, taxpayers on the hook**

Once again, for the fourth year in a row, enrollment is down at the Cape Elizabeth school system, yet the school budget continues to climb...

I wouldn't expect to see this as a front page headline and lede in the Cape Courier, yet we were treated to a similar attraction on April 11 that appeared to combine an editorial in favor of raising taxes and teachers' union advertisement endorsing our current elected officials.

Many citizens of our town rely on the Cape Courier for reliable reporting. In fact, enrollment is down from over 1,800 students to under 1,600 students and a major component of Maine's school funding is based on enrollment.

Report on the school funding formula. Report on enrollment. Report on the School Board and the budget process. But, please do not feed your intelligent audience propaganda wrapped up as news.

**Robert Chatfield**

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**Please consider a donation towards site renovations**

The Courier is refreshing our website and we are seeking the community's financial support to make it happen. Can you contribute to our GoFundMe campaign to help us raise \$10,000?

Why? Because like all newspapers, we are having to stretch our print advertising dollars more and more to produce the same paper you know and love. But unlike other papers, the Courier is a non-profit; we exist to serve the entire community. So to keep our advertising rates low and continue not to charge for many of the services others do, we need to step-up our game. We don't want to change a thing about the paper – just create a more useful online presence for our readers and advertisers.

It's going to be an expensive, complex project but there's no doubt that it's time to get creative and move this much-beloved institution into the digital age! Can you help us?

Funds will go towards hiring a web firm, staff training and website upkeep, and fees and maintenance of the new site. We appreciate your generosity - the Courier has been a staple of Cape Elizabeth for decades. Please help us keep it going!

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# Then and Now: Baseball Season in Cape Elizabeth

By Jim Rowe



Photo courtesy Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society



Photo from Cape Elizabeth High School Baseball's website

Baseball has long flourished in Cape Elizabeth. From diminutive tee-ballers and Little Leaguers to school and amateur players to those few who have reached the professional ranks to plain old fans of the sport, our national pastime has captivated area citizens since soon after the game's inception in 1839.

Fort Williams fielded its own baseball team, which played other military units and town teams. The photo on top is from ca. 1920, and beneath it is the outdoor batting cage in play at CEHS's Holman Field for an early season workout.

## Spring is finally here: time to clean up the yard

The Recycling Center will be open for the disposal of brush, leaf and yard wastes on the Sundays listed below. As a reminder, items intended for the Compactors (single-stream recyclables & household refuse) will not be accepted. Fees will be assessed on all applicable items.

### SPRING 2018 SCHEDULE

- Sunday, April 29: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 6: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 13: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# Let's Move Maine Forward!



We get a fresh start in 2019.  
I'm ready to work hard  
on issues that matter to  
Cape Elizabeth and Maine:

- Guarantee affordable health care for all, beginning with Maine's 20,600 uninsured children.
- Improve Maine environmental laws that enhance our \$9 billion recreation and tourism economy.
  - Protect schools and workplaces: ban semi-automatic weapons and devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition, strengthen background checks, and address loopholes.
- Pass a state budget that funds 55% of education and improve the EPS formula so it's fair for all Maine school districts.
  - Restore funding to post-secondary education, empowering a 21st century Maine workforce to fill current and future jobs.
- Support economic growth and reduce climate change by investing in clean energy technologies.

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**Judy's Pantry grateful for support from community**

As Judy's Pantry enters its 9th year providing food to Cape families with limited resources, we continue to be grateful for the generous support from the Cape community. Special thanks go the United Methodist Church for generously hosting the pantry and for its ongoing encouragement along with donations of both food and funds from individual church members. Generous financial support from the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary and the Cape Lions Club along with monetary gifts from other residents and groups have meant that the pantry can purchase additional food items when our donated supplies run low. Thanks also go to those folks who have left food items in the Lions Club box at the IGA or at the church. Offering fresh produce has been important to the pantry's mission and we are grateful for the 5,200 pounds donated last growing season from the Cape

farmers, community gardeners, and other residents. We also thank the Pond Cove students, families, and staff who donated non-perishables last November and all the Cape families who supplied Thanksgiving baskets for the pantry participants.

The pantry continues to serve about 25 families each week with about 50 individuals and families using the pantry at some point in the last year. The pantry is open twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the winter/spring months and every Tuesday during the growing season when we offer fresh, locally grown produce in addition to non-perishables. The hours are from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Rd. next to Cumberland Farms.

**Nancy Miles  
Judy's Pantry Coordinator**

**CELT Community Film Night**

April 26, 6 - 8 p.m.

Community Conservation: Finding the Balance Between Nature and Culture at the Thomas Memorial Library

The beauty of Maine is richly captured in this documentary shown last year on Maine Public television. It profiles four land trusts working in new ways. From community gardens to church labyrinths to eco camps for new Mainers, land trusts are working closely with communities so that land conservation can address the unique traditions and aspira-

tions of community members.

Join CELT, Maine's Emmy award winning filmmaker Mark Ireland, and Jeremy Gabrielson from Maine Coast Heritage Trust and Cape Elizabeth's Conservation Committee for a lively discussion of these new approaches.

Admission is free but please email us to reserve your seat. (Donations at the door will be appreciated, to help defray costs of showing the film.) Bring the kids for activities in the children's library while you watch the film. Refreshments provided.

**Thank you to our neighborhood gym for supporting fundraising efforts**



Contributed photo

Pictured above is Tara Bucci, who is thankful for the community's support in her fundraising efforts for the Maine Cancer Foundation

I would like to publicly thank Denise Goode, owner of Circuit 77- our neighborhood gym, for supporting my fundraising efforts for the Maine Cancer Foundation.

On Thursday, March 29 twenty riders raised money for the Maine Cancer Foundation. The class was lead by endurance coach and studio owner Denise Goode. The afternoon class was designed so that riders of all levels would be able to participate. Motivational music, laughter and positive coaching made this a great class. Many first time riders are already returning for more classes. Thank you to all that SPINNED for a Cause.

This years Tri For A Cure will be held on July 22 starting at Bug Light in South Portland, bikers will be riding

their second leg of the tri through Cape Elizabeth. Be sure to get out there and cheer on those athletes. Funds raised by the Tri for a Cure go to provide grants for research, education and patient support services, 100 percent of the money goes to work here in Maine.

Thank you again to Circuit 77 for supporting local community members like myself and my fundraising efforts for the Maine Cancer Foundation's Tri for a Cure. I am grateful to have such a beautiful studio to train at. From barre, circuit training, yoga fusion and of course spin classes I will be ready for my 9th Tri for a Cure.

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**The Town of Cape Elizabeth has an opening for a Seasonal Part-Time Grounds Worker.**

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is seeking individuals to work in our Parks Division as a Grounds Maintenance Worker. Individual works on a variety of tasks that include, but are not limited to, mowing, trimming, grounds maintenance, light construction and various manual tasks.

Individuals perform mowing and trimming utilizing a combination of motorized and hand-operated equipment on municipal property, school property and on the Town's Greenbelt Trail System. Individuals may also perform light carpentry projects, utilizing power and hand tools.

Ability to work well alone, or in a team environment is required. Manual tasks are also required, involving the use of hand tools and hand-operated mechanized equipment. Physical stamina is necessary to work in a variety of weather conditions while performing certain duties. Possession of a valid Class "C" operators license, along with an excellent driving record is required. Job duration is mid-May to mid-October. Work schedule is Monday thru Friday, 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

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## Hazardous Waste Collection and E-Waste Collection will be held May 12

The Town of Cape Elizabeth will hold a Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 12, 2018. Three or four members of the Recycling Committee will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information. The collection will be held at the Public Works Building on Cooper Drive, below the Recycling Center.

### What To Bring:

**From the Yard** - Pesticides, Insecticides, Fertilizer, Herbicides, Insect Sprays, Pelletized Rodent Killers, Ant Traps, Acids, No-Pest Strips, & Pool Chemicals.

**From the Garage/Storage** - Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Degreasers, Carburetor Cleaner, Creosote, Fuel Stabilizer, Gasoline, Kerosene, Lighter Fluid, Lamp/Torch Oil, Latex, Oil-Based and/or Lead-Based Paints, Paint Thinner, Solvents, Resins, Marine Flares, Ammunition and Fireworks.

**From the House** - Compact, U-shaped and Tubular Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Smoke Detectors, Fluorescent Ballasts, Drain Cleaners, Furniture Polish, Metal Polish, Moth Balls, Upholstery Cleaners, Photo Chemicals, Floor Cleaners, Bleach, Spot Remover, Button Batteries, Lithium Batteries, Lead Acid Batteries, Ni-Cad Rechargeable Batteries, Old Chemistry Sets, Mercury and Mercury Thermometers, Thermostats, Electronics, Televisions, Computer Monitors, Computer CPU's and peripherals.

**From the Workbench** - Rust Inhibitors, Aerosols, Wood Preservatives, Varnishes, Wood Strippers, Wood Stains, Paint Thinners, Oil-Based and Lead-Based Paints,

Solvents, Degreasers, Sealants, Adhesives, and Pressure-Treated Wood.

### Provisions:

- Dropoff limited to Cape Elizabeth residents displaying a valid permit.
- Tighten caps and lids and leave materials in original containers.
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper. Do not use garbage bags.
- Do not smoke while placing hazardous materials in your vehicle.
- Take items directly to the the Public Works facility at 10 Cooper Drive.
- Follow signage to drop-off area and please stay in your vehicle
- Only household quantities or numbers of items will be accepted.
- Material will not be accepted from businesses and/or commercial haulers.

### What NOT To Bring:

Including, but not limited to: Containers and/or Bags Containing Asbestos and/or Asbestos Products/Material, Medical Waste, Items Containing Freon, Radioactive Waste, Commercial Waste, Alkaline Batteries\*, Explosives, Propane Cylinders\*, Car Batteries\*, Tires\*, Motor/Hydraulic Oil\* and Unknown Items\*\*

\*These items are accepted elsewhere at the Recycling Center, with some requiring a disposal fee.

\*\* The town reserves the right to reject any item, if the contractor facilitating the collection for the town refuses to accept it.

Still have questions? Please call Public Works, 207-799-4151, email [al.ward@capeelizabeth.org](mailto:al.ward@capeelizabeth.org)

## Local poets celebrate National Poetry Month at The Local Buzz

On Saturday, April 28, from 4-5 p.m., Local Writers at The Local Buzz will present a special all-poetry program in honor of National Poetry Month. The afternoon event will feature a group reading by emerging poets including work created in a recent MWPA Workshop led by former Maine State Poet Laureate Betsy Sholl, dedicated to exploring "New Expressions in Poetry." The event will be hosted by poets Marcia Brown and Linda Aldrich.

The April 28 celebration will include

readings by Gretchen Berg (Portland), Wendy Cannella (York), Jenny Doughty (Gorham), Hannah Perry (Portland), Barbara Ryland (South Portland), Jim Schneider (Brunswick), Craig Sipe (Orrs Island), and Jeri Theriault (South Portland), with an introduction to the program by instructor Betsy Sholl. Poets' books will be available for purchase at the event.

## A fun night out for a great cause



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Earthtone String Band

Please join us for some great music and food at Easy Day, 725 Broadway in South Portland on Thursday, April 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. Two incredibly talented Cape Elizabeth bands will entertain you while you visit with friends. Enjoy some yummy pizza to the backdrop of their upbeat and happy melodies. The Earthtone String Band will start the night off. You will be delighted by this acoustic trio playing traditional bluegrass with contemporary influences featuring Todd Brydson on guitar, Laurie Caldwell-Dale on upright bass, and Tim Tyler on mandolin. Next, the Derek Dresser Blues Band will take to the stage. Enjoy this 5-piece gritty delta blues band with a rocking edge highlighting Derek Dresser on guitar, Todd Brydson on bass, Ben Walker on keyboard, Duane Asdourian on harmoni-



Contributed photo

Derek Dresser Blues Band

ca, and Norm on drums. Both bands are generously giving their time for Project Graduation, and 100 percent of your donations will go directly to offset the costs of Project Graduation. Order a large pizza between 6 and 9 p.m. and \$2.00 will go to Project Graduation. Cape Elizabeth High School Project Graduation is an event that has been held annually on the night of high school graduation for the past 17 years. Its mission is to provide graduating seniors a chance to celebrate with their peers in a safe, substance free atmosphere. It takes a lot of funds to pull together this night. This is the final event to raise funds for our senior class. Grab your friends and family and come out for a fun-filled night of fabulous acoustic entertainment and great food all for a worthy cause.

## Statewide Drug Take Back Day is April 28

On Saturday, April 28, residents will be allowed to bring in their unused and unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications to the Cape Elizabeth Police Department from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for disposal. Residents should take advantage of this opportu-

nity to clean their medicine cabinets and dispose of the unwanted medications in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. For more information, contact Officer David Galvan at 767-3323 EXT. 208.

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## Rotary Club donates to youth literacy programs



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Youth librarians Rachel Davis, Thomas Memorial Library (left); and Kim Campbell, South Portland Public Library (right) with Rotary Club checks, and Rotary bookplates, for each library.

The Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth has donated a total of \$1,750 to two local public libraries for youth literacy programs. The Club began this ongoing program in 2007.

Youth librarians at Thomas Memorial Library and the South Portland Public Library each received checks from the Rotary Club. The materials, chosen by the professional librarians at each library, will provide for additional needs for the children that the libraries otherwise would not be able to purchase through normal funding.

The money will be used to enhance literacy programs through the purchase of books and materials to promote literacy, reading, and

interest in education among young people. Some of the materials will also assist those for whom English is a second language.

The Rotary Club also uses this program to recognize its weekly speakers by having them sign a bookplate that goes into one of the selected books and symbolizes a donation of that book to youth literacy by the speaker.

Rotary Club President Sue Sturtevant says, "For 12 years we have made these donations to help increase the interest in reading and education among our local students. It is representative of our Rotary Club's service to our communities' youth and our commitment to literacy initiatives."

## Cape Elizabeth School Board executive sessions

By Kevin St. Jarre

In a memo sent to the Cape Elizabeth Town Council, Cape resident Janet Villiotte reported her finding that the Cape Elizabeth School Board had met in executive session 31 times in 2017.

Villiotte wrote, "Nearly all executive sessions listed 'personnel issues' as a rationale. In contrast, Falmouth School Board held only three Executive sessions in 2017. The Yarmouth School Board held two; MSAD 51's School Board had three."

Villiotte also included several appendices; these were documents supporting her claim.

Reached for comment and asked directly if the School Board has made a practice of having the tough discussions behind closed doors, School Board Chair Susana Measelle Hubbs responded, "Absolutely not."

Measelle Hubbs, speaking as chair but not speaking for "the board as a body" said the board was following the executive session rules as established by Maine statute. "By law, issues concerning individual students, personnel, and/or potential employee candidates can only be discussed in executive session," she said.

When asked if any motions have been made or votes taken during these executive sessions, Measelle Hubbs said that no votes had ever been taken during executive session, and the only motions made were to exit executive session.

Measelle Hubbs said, in addition, that every meeting of the School Board had been publicly posted in advance in accordance with Maine's Freedom of Access Act.

According to Maine law, a school board may enter an executive session for purposes of discussing personnel issues, student issues, ongoing labor contract negotiations, real estate if doing so publicly would hurt the bargaining position of the body as well as other reasons. As long as the discussion stays on the topic or topics for which the executive session was entered, subsequent votes are taken publicly and the other guidelines as laid out in law are followed, there is no express limit on the number of sessions a school board may hold.

An examination of a document titled "Appendix E" provided by Villiotte to the Town Council shows that 14 of the executive sessions listed included a reason, while the pur-

pose of the remaining sessions was unclear in the document provided. However, on the Cape Elizabeth School District website, minutes exist of nearly every motion and vote to enter into executive session, including a "precise nature of the business" of the executive session, as the law requires.

A review of each of those sets of minutes reveals that some of the executive sessions were directly related to hiring of personnel, namely a new superintendent, including: one session for training of the superintendent search committee, two sessions of the superintendent search committee interviewing candidates, and one session when the superintendent search committee discussed the candidates.

Further review of the minutes showed that four executive sessions were held in conjunction with labor contract negotiations. The remaining sessions were entered into with motions that specified "personnel issues," with the exception of three. The minutes for the June 20, 2017 meeting were inaccessible at time of press due to a bad web link, and the minutes for the executive sessions held on Nov. 27, Nov. 29 and Dec. 7 were not available on the website; however, while the motion and vote were not displayed online, the reasons for each session, as well as the relevant statute, were clearly listed.

While the Cape Elizabeth School Board did enter executive session many more times than some local schools, it is unclear if the examples listed in Villiotte's document, such as Falmouth Public Schools, were engaged in the search for a new superintendent, or if they were in the midst of contract negotiations.

Also, the contention that the Falmouth Public School's board only entered executive session three times was not accurate. Falmouth Public Schools' minutes show they met for the purpose of entering executive session four times, but that they held separate sessions on some of those days. For example, on Jan. 9, 2017 alone, the board entered executive session three different times, with three different motions and votes. The majority of the time, Falmouth Public Schools list the reason for entering executive sessions simply as personnel issues.



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# High school and middle school musicians entertain at Jazz Cabaret



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Trombone players Zach Merrill (left) and Jack Sands perform in the concert jazz ensemble.

On March 23, musicians in three jazz ensembles, five combos, and a treble choir performed at the annual Jazz Cabaret at Cape Elizabeth High School. The Cabaret featured the award-winning CEHS concert jazz ensemble and guest saxophonist, Dr. Nathan Jorgensen, director of jazz studies at the University of New Hampshire.

The CEHS concert jazz ensemble included Harry Baker (guitar), Sam Berman (trumpet), Nathaniel Clay (alto/tenor sax), Dylan Foote (trombone), Christie Gillies (drums), Hunter Grimes (trumpet), Alex Hansen (piano), Tony Inhorn (alto/bari sax), Alice Kenny (alto sax), Sydney McFarland (flute), Zach Merrill (trombone), Ryan Oberholtzer (tenor sax), Ben Payson (trumpet), Grace Roberts (bass), Henry Rutty (tenor sax), Jack Sands (trombone/valve trombone), Fiona Simpson (trumpet), Preston Stewart (trombone), and Caleb Weinstein-Zenner (tenor sax).

The high school repertory jazz ensemble and various combos included several of the concert ensemble musicians as well as: Jack Bassett (bari sax), Andrew Brenneman (piano), William Brenneman (trumpet), Ella Briman (oboe), Hudson Christie (piano/low brass), Kyla Christie (alto sax), Tim Gilda (trumpet), Marianna Godfrey (clarinet), Luc Houle (bass), Shane Kennedy (alto/tenor sax), David Libby (alto sax), Paul Misterovich (drums), Luke O'Kelly (bass), Posie Price (alto sax), Cully Richard (guitar), Tyler Rodenberger (piano/clarinet), Ella Stanley (alto sax), Anna Stevens (vocal), and Aidan Willitts (low brass).

The Treble Choir made its debut at the Cabaret featuring sopranos Lucy Kenniston, Kim Knaft, Kathleen Ledoux, Emma Ouellette, Olivia Ouellette, and Laura Ryer; and altos Margaret Brewer, Isabella Eremita, Alison Gerety, Meghan Murphy, Ricky Peruzzi, Nora Piper, and Anna Stevens. Accompaniment was provided by Alex Hansen on piano and Paul Misterovich on drums.

Middle school musicians included: Elise Branch (bari sax), Bowen Charlebois (tenor sax), Kathryne Clay (tenor sax), Alex Ecker (trumpet), Carmen Erickson (alto sax), Evan Gebhart (alto sax), Oscar Gustafson (alto sax), Heath Kennedy (drums), Matthew Leighton (trumpet), Owen McAnuff (trombone), Emma McCarley (flute), Claire McDonald (clarinet), Alex Medina (trombone), Eva Morris (drums), Clara Parker (alto sax & piano), Evan Robbins (trombone), Abigail Scifres (trumpet), Ethan Smith (alto sax), Esme Song (clarinet), Ryan Stack (percussion), Julia Towbridge (alto sax), Tommy Villotte (piano), and Matthew Zimmerman (drums).

The groups performed under the direction of CEHS directors of bands Tom Lizotte, Tony Gaboury, Joanne Lee, Richard Marsters, Caitlin Ramsey, and Jason St. Pierre.

For more information about upcoming events, please visit the Cape Elizabeth Music Boosters website at [www.capemu-sicboosters.org](http://www.capemu-sicboosters.org).



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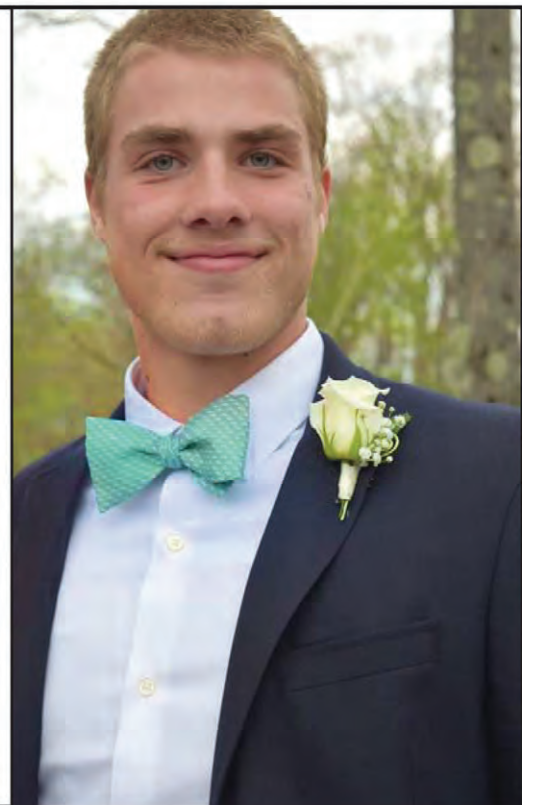
Approximately 40 CEHS musicians participated in six ensembles and combos at the Jazz Cabaret including Tyler Rodenberger and Marianna Godfrey (clarinet) and Tim Gilda (trumpet).



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## Meddiebempsters perform at Pond Cove



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*Meddiebempsters in action at Pond Cove, an event made possible through the support of donors to the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation*

The Meddiebempsters, an all male vocal cappella group from Bowdoin College, recently performed for students at Pond Cove on April 6. The performance included a variety of a cappella songs ranging from traditional barbershop tunes, Huey Lewis and

the News and a tutorial on beatboxing. This event was made possible through the generous support of donors to the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation.

## Dance and auction to be held on May 5

This year's dance and auction to support Cape Elizabeth Baseball Boosters and Cape Elizabeth Little League is being held on May 5. The event will run from 7-11 p.m. at the Purpoodock Club on Spurwink Rd in Cape Elizabeth. There will be appetizers served and a cash bar. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at opening ceremonies for the Cape Elizabeth Little League, Cape Elizabeth Baseball home games, or by contacting Mark Bakke at mbakke@maine.rr.com.

## CEHS Music Concert on May 2

The Cape Elizabeth High School chorus and concert bands will perform Wednesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The performances will feature a variety of pieces including an array of classical, jazz, contemporary, and folk-inspired pieces. The concert is free to the public.

## Special Education Parents Group Meeting on May 1

The Cape Elizabeth Special Education Parents Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 1 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Library.

Special Education Director Jessica Clark will talk about ESY and general discussion

about the fall. This will be the group's last meeting of the school year. Meetings are always open to all Cape Elizabeth parents and district staff. For any questions, please contact: Jennifer Brooking, 615-9098, cesepgl@yahoo.com.

## CEHS basketball players recognized at banquet



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*CEHS basketball players Brooke Harvey and Erin O'Rourke were recently recognized at their end of season banquet.*

The Cape Elizabeth High School girl's basketball team held their end of season banquet on March 11.

Senior Captain Erin O'Rourke was selected to play in the Western Maine Conference Senior All-Star Game where she was high scorer with 20 points and came in 2nd in the 3-point shootout contest. O'Rourke also made the Western Maine Conference All-Academic Team, having maintained a GPA of 93 or higher through 7 semesters. She was the Varsity Team's Most Valuable Player and will end her career in the Cape Elizabeth High School

girl's basketball record book: landing in 7th place all-time for 3-pointers made with 47 and earning the 6th spot all-time in assists with 131 career assists.

Junior Captain Brooke Harvey was selected to the Western Maine Conference's 3rd Team All-Conference. Junior Meghan Gerety was awarded the Coach's Award and sophomores Isabel Berman and Karli Chapin were co-recipients of the Most Improved Player Award.

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# Artist Profile: CEHS teacher Janna DeWan Robinson, professional potter

By Kevin St. Jarre



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CEHS teacher and professional potter Janna DeWan Robinson loves all aspects of working with clay, and loves the community of ceramic artists. As an art teacher in Cape, she is inspired by watching budding artists grow.

Janna DeWan Robinson is not only inspiring young artists at Cape Elizabeth High School, but she herself works professionally in clay, producing primarily functional pottery.

Her current project is quite an undertaking. “My friend is getting married in the fall and has asked me to make flower vases for all her tables for the reception. Twenty tables! I’m really excited. After wheel throwing for 18 years, the actual process of creating a vase on the wheel doesn’t take me all that long. However, this project allows me to play with different forms and textures, so there’s always something to work on. I’m also helping the bride make felt flowers to go inside the vases,” she said.

An artist’s style develops and changes over the years, often beginning with imitation as a young artist seeks their own signature way of practicing their art. DeWan Robinson said, “I’ve been working on my personal style for a long time. I’ve had several moments where I’ve thought, ‘THIS is my style! I’ve finally figured it out!’ But inevitably I get tired of it and decide it’s not really me. So I’m hesitant to say that I’ve found my style, but I think this one is going to stick around for a while.”

She said she loves working with layers to build up the surface so that it looks less one-dimensional and flat. “I work with a process called paper-resist with underglazes which allows me to create crisp edges without a steady hand. Bright, colorful underglazes are layered on top of each other and mingle with various stamps and a carving technique called sgraffito. Before a piece is fired, I sand the surface to allow colors to come through that would otherwise be covered up. A clear glaze is applied to select areas, while keeping the raw clay in other areas. I like to give the user different textures to feel and

play with while holding my pottery.”

DeWan Robinson was actually a music major, focusing on bassoon performance, at Syracuse University when she discovered working on a potter’s wheel. She said, “Eventually working in the clay studio became my reward for practicing [music]. While I love performing on stage with the bassoon, I did not like spending hours a day in a glorified closet practicing. Unlike music making, I love all aspects of working with clay: researching, sketching, wet clay, trimming, glazing. I love the community of ceramic artists. After graduating Syracuse with my music degree, I worked at Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts and was again surrounded by other artists who loved the craft and loved the community. I decided to go back to school to pursue a degree in art education at University of Southern Maine. Again I found the environment and ceramic community I so desired. Now that I’m an art teacher at Cape Elizabeth, I’m always surrounded by budding ceramic artists, and it’s so inspiring to watch them grow.”

For some artists, worrying about the business side of things can limit innovation. Not so for DeWan Robinson. “The business of art doesn’t influence my work at all since I’m so busy with being an art teacher and writing lesson plans. This allows me the creative freedom to try out new forms and techniques without the worry of whether it would sell,” she said.

As a teacher, she is encouraging others now, but she points to other teachers who once inspired her. DeWan Robinson said, “My wheel throwing professor at Syracuse, Errol Willett, taught me the basics of wheel throwing while also encouraging me to think creatively with my forms and surface. My ceramics professor at USM, Brandon Lutterman, constantly challenged me to learn more advanced techniques while also focusing on functionality.”

She’s also inspired by younger artists. “I attended a workshop at Watershed by a group of ceramic artists called the Objective Clay Collective. It was inspiring to watch so many young ceramic artists demonstrate their technique,” she said, “What I love about teaching art is that I have so much creative freedom in what I teach my students.

Of course there are specific standards I have to teach, but I can teach them through looking at different cultures or artists or through a different discipline altogether. Through lesson planning, I research a wide variety of influences that inevitably play a role in my own art making. A couple years ago I became interested in raising bees on my property so I watched a few TEDtalks on bees. This turned into a Beginning Ceramics project for my students, and bees soon found their way into my pottery designs.”

Social media isn’t only for posting politics and family photos; DeWan Robinson finds yet another community of artists there. “The majority of profiles I follow on Instagram are of potters and ceramic artists,” she said.

If someone were to offer to send DeWan Robinson someplace to focus solely on her art for a month, she said she would choose India. “I’m inspired by the patterns, colors, and textures of the culture,” she said.

DeWan Robinson has an Etsy shop called 2AcresFarmPottery. My goal is to work on pottery and selling my work during the summer. However, a best-bet way to purchase some of her work might be through commissions she does. She invites anyone interested in a possible commission to email her at jedewan@gmail.com.



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A display of DeWan Robinson’s pottery

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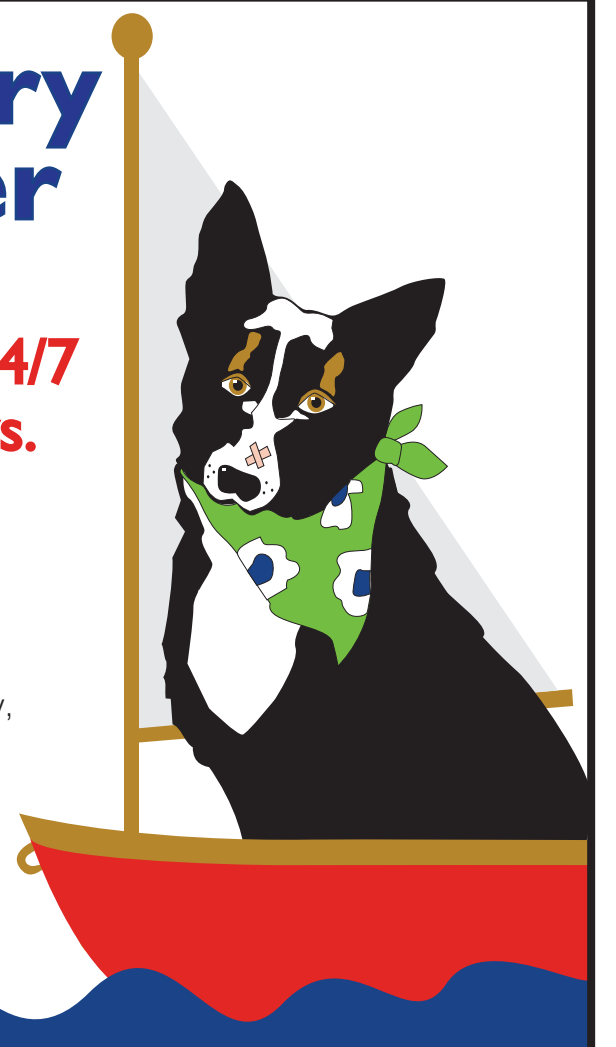
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Following the film, please join us for a discussion with filmmaker Mark Ireland and members of several local area land trusts to explore ways CELT and other land trusts can better serve local communities. Refreshments will be provided. And we’ll have a separate area set up for kids to play – so please feel free to bring the little ones!

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### Cape Garden Club Presents: Inspiring Local Beauty

Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
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### Volunteer Feature: Marine Mammals of Maine

Thursday, May 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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### Democracy Café

Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
The Democracy Café continues in May with a look at the role technology and privacy play in a democracy. Our guest co-facilitator is Cape resident and Cyber Expert Rob Simopoulos. Please join us for what is sure to be a lively and important discussion. Bring your thoughts, questions, and ideas to share, learn, and connect.

### Morning Book Group

Wednesday, May 9, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.  
Our book group selection for May 9 is Sandcastle Girls by mystery writer Chris Bohjalian. Please join us for a lively discussion. All are welcome.

### Senior Tech Time

Wednesday, May 9  
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Senior Tech Time meets the second Wednesday of every month from 10:45 a.m. to noon. If you have tech questions, we’re here to help you in any way we can – working together as a group and addressing individual questions. If you give us your questions in advance, we’ll be SURE to have

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### Altered Book Club

Thursday, May 10, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Join Kiah on the second Thursday of every month to turn discarded books into works of art! Open to adults and older teens. No registration necessary.

## On-going Programs

### Morning Book Group

New timing: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

### Evening Book Group

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

### Knitting Group

Meets every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

### Democracy Café

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Writer’s Accountability Group

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Songwriting Workshop

Meets monthly through June 26. Next workshop is May 22.  
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### Senior Tech Time

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

### New! Anime Club

Mondays, May 7 and 21  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
Come hang out with friends while we watch, craft, and generally geek out over all things Anime and Manga! Open to ages 13 and up. No registration required.

### Tabletop Gaming Club

Tuesdays, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
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### Creativity Lab

Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
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### Crafternoons

Thursdays, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Join Kiah and Alyssa in a different craft project after school. Come in and see what we’re up to! Open to ages 11 and up.

### Game On!

Fridays, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Play board games, card games, and Wii U games after school! All ages welcome!

### Animal Advocates Club

Thursday, April 26  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Middle school students work with the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland on education and service projects to help shelter animals.

### Dungeon Master Class

Thursday, May 3 and May 10  
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## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

In addition to our many regular weekly story times, which you can find listed on our website, we have a few special events coming up! (Note: There will be no Baby Doll Story Time or Tiny Tunes on Thursday, April 26 as Rachel will be away presenting at a conference.)

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Sean Fitzgerald, with baby Ronan in tow, checks out the library's new "Zimpritch Poematic 3000," poetry dispensing machine. Kiah Gardner (right) is one of the library staff members who created the machine. Library visitors can get "free verse," selected poems in plastic capsules, by turning the handle on the machine. Poetry lovers can also drop their favorite poems into the machine through a slot on the top. Andy Ryer and Jenny Vezina are the other library staffers who brainstormed the idea and brought it to fruition, with funding from the Gabriel A. Zimpritch Memorial Fund. You can find the Zimpritch Poematic 3000 at the top of the stairs on the main floor of the library.

## Library

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### Families Discover Great Artists: Faith Ringgold

Saturday, May 5, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join Kiah for an exploration of artist and illustrator Faith Ringgold. Families will learn about Ringgold, and make their own art inspired by her colorful paintings and quilts. No registration necessary. For families with children 4 and up!

### Save the Date "All Aboard! Train Day at TML"

Tuesday, May 22  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us all day for a celebration of trains! The Maine3Railers Model Railroad Club, the oldest and largest club in the state dedicated exclusively to the enjoyment and advancement of the 0-Gauge, 3-rail, model

railroad hobby, will set up a model train village in our Community Room from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The library will also host a train-themed story time during the day with a drawing for tickets to ride the Downeaster, and other fun train giveaways including conductor hats. Jud Caswell will host a special train-themed Musical Story Hour as well. Please visit our website for the complete schedule and details.

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## School Board

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Villiotte's concerns, the one regarding the largest amount of money had to do with what her memo refers to as "commingled funds." Part of her memo reads, "The 2017 municipal audit for CE noted 'Significant Deficiencies', due to CESD bookkeeping issues (9 pages of line items were cited). Approximately \$4 million of commingled funds were discovered. This is the first time ever that our town has received a review of this nature."

The auditor's report, on this point, reads, "...during the audit, we identified an additional \$3.6 million in additions that had not been recorded by the Town. In addition, we noted a lack of consistency in how capital projects were tracked and many of the School Department capital expenditures were comingled within expenditure lines, making it very difficult to reconcile the total expenditures that belonged to each project. We recommend that the Town take greater care in accounting for its capital assets."

This would not indicate the movement of funds between budget items after a budget has been approved, but instead that there were multiple capital expenditures within a single line. This would make it difficult to know how much money was spent on each piece of a project paid for out of a single budget line item. The audit is not reporting that money was spent inappropriately. Instead, they are reporting that the bookkeeping, as it has been done in the past, made it difficult to break out how much was spent on each piece of a capital project within a single line item.

The auditor recommended in the report that the school district "take better care in accounting for its capital assets."

According to Measelle Hubbs, the corrective work is already under way, with the leadership of a new business manager. "Upon joining the district, our business manager determined that our categorizing of various budget line items were not in the format required by the state. The bulk of her first year with the district was spent re-organizing the school's cost centers into the 11 new categories required by the state — which was a very complicated and tedious process. This has greatly improved clarity and has brought us up to full compliance with the state. Prior to these changes, some categories had overlapping charges that were listed twice," Measelle Hubbs said.

The comingling was one of two issues the

auditor identified as "significant deficiencies." The other issue of significance outlined by the auditor had to do with the accounting closing process used by the district and, in part, accounting "software-related issues" which the auditor recommended the town take up with its software vendor.

While the audit included additional comments, they are reported by the auditor as "not significant deficiencies."

As for other issues raised by Villiotte's memo, Superintendent Howard Colter said, "I anticipate being asked by the school board to carefully study each of the issues raised by Ms. Villiotte, and to report back to the board once that work is completed."

## School budget increase not due to admin contract buy-outs

By Kevin St. Jarre

After the School Board's presentation of its budget to the Town Council, which was scheduled to have taken place on April 24, the Council is slated to hold a public hearing May 7, and then vote on the budget on May 14.

Those wishing to support the schools and the town, and those concerned about rising property taxes, are welcome to share their thoughts at the hearing.

It is perhaps well-known by now that the majority of the proposed increase in property taxes is due to yet another reduction in state funding. This year, a cut of \$875,000 is contributing to a nearly \$2 million reduction over the past three years.

Recent reports, however, of administrators who have left the district with generous severance packages have some residents conflating that issue with the proposed budget increase.

According to a memo sent to the Town Council by Cape resident Janet Villiotte, "Documents obtained after a FOIA request confirmed that Principal Hasson received \$114,726 plus benefits, and Principal Tracy received between \$87,106 and \$116,142 plus benefits..."

However, these expenditures were included in a previous budget, and have nothing to do with the proposed increase for the coming year.

Asked if there are any contract buy-outs or severance pay packages in the proposed budget, School Board Chair Susana Measelle Hubbs said, "There are no similar items in the new budget."



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# Unknown person enters residence, criminal mischief to a car, tools stolen from job site

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

## COMPLAINTS

- 3-27 Two officers responded to a domestic situation in the Spurwink Avenue area.
- 3-27 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer area regarding a possible missing person. The person was later accounted for.
- 3-28 An officer met with a treasurer from a local club. The victim had received an email that was believed to be from the president of the club who was away, requesting a donation be sent to an address out of state. It was several weeks before the victim realized the request had been fraudulent.
- 3-28 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 3-29 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area who reported that while on the phone, he heard someone enter his residence and walk inside. The resident, assuming it was a neighbor, then saw the subject leave shortly after entering. The suspect is described as a white male, fifty-ish, brown hair, black jacket, and unknown to the resident.
- 3-31 An office met with a resident concerning a suspicious male at Fort Williams who approached a teenage girl and asked personal questions.
- 4-1 An officer met with a contractor regarding theft of tools from a job site.
- 4-1 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding criminal mischief to a car. The rear bumper had been intentionally

- 4-2 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for a well-being check.
- 4-2 An officer met with a resident of the Starboard Drive area regarding a telephone harassment complaint.
- 4-2 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding the theft of a bike. It is described as a light blue Schwinn ten speed road bike.
- 4-2 An officer responded to a residence in the Bowery Beach Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 4-3 An officer spoke with a resident in the Ocean House Road area regarding a possible violation of a protection order.
- 4-4 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding theft by a former employee.
- 4-4 An officer responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for a possible suspicious person complaint.
- 4-5 An officer responded to a local business for an unwanted person on the premises.
- 4-7 An officer met with a resident who turned over a backpack found on Cliffhouse Beach. It contained shoes and clothing.
- 4-8 Two officers responded to a residence in the Broad Cove area for report of a suspicious person behind the residence.

## SUMMONSES

- 3-30 South Portland resident, fugitive from justice, Ocean House Road
- 4-1 Portland resident, speeding, Ocean

- House Road (54/45 zone), \$134
- 4-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Mitchell Road, \$148
- 4-9 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$324

## JUVENILE SUMMONS

- 3-31 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal mischief

## ARRESTS

- 3-3 South Portland resident, fugitive from justice, Ocean House Road
- 4-8 Portland resident, warrant, Shore Road

## ACCIDENTS

- 4-2 Emma Orourke, Stephen Brown, accident on Meadowview Lane
- 4-4 Steven McGrath, accident on Ocean House Road

## FIRE CALLS

- 3-27 South Portland mutual aid
- 3-28 South Portland mutual aid
- 3-30 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-1 Peabbles Cove Road, fire alarm
- 4-2 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-2 Shore Road, investigation

## RESCUE CALLS

There were 20 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 3 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 4 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

# Scam Alert Bulletin Board

Reported by Jessica D. Simpson

## Medicare Alert

Medicare is sending out new cards to beneficiaries starting this month and running through April 2019. The new cards will no longer list the beneficiary's Social Security number, making them much safer. However, the change gives scammers an opportunity. If you get a call purporting to be from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services saying you either have to confirm your Social Security number or pay for your new card, hang up. The new cards are free, and Medicare already has your Social Security number.

## Advertising Alert

A surge in television, radio and internet ads from law firms and lawsuit marketing companies is causing some patients to take serious risks. While "opt-in" notices are required for law firms bringing class action complaints, the rhetoric of these ads have frightened some patients into stopping critical life-saving medications without consulting a healthcare practitioner. The ads, using terms like "medical alert", "consumer alert", "recall", or "FDA warning", warn about the risk of death and other serious medical problems such as stroke, heart attack and cancer. Always consult your healthcare provider before starting or stopping any medications, or if you have questions or concerns about the medications you have been prescribed.

# Annual Fort Williams Dog Park Scoop to be held April 28

Join us for the Annual Fort Williams Dog Park Scoop. Help clean the park to show our appreciation for this wonderful park for our dogs.

The event will be held Saturday, April 28 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Volunteers will start next to the upper ballfield and gloves and bags will be provided.

For more information, contact Karen at 207-233-2582.



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## Mainley Labs Studio's colorful labs return for May show at library



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Mainley Labs Studio's colorful labs will be returning to the Stier Family Gallery at Thomas Memorial Library in May.

Mainley Labs Studio's colorful and whimsical Labrador Retrievers will once again be on display at the Stier Family Gallery at Thomas Memorial Library in May.

Cape Elizabeth artist Jim Williams displayed two years ago when the renovated library first opened. Williams calls his original art "Lab Art" for the focus is on bold, colorful images of Labrador Retrievers. Mainley Labs Studio opened in Portland in 2005.

In 2014 the gallery and working studio relocated to 81 Ocean Drive in the South Portland's Knightville neighborhood.

Williams and his wife, Carol Schreck, have been Cape residents for 25 years. Purchases of paintings, prints and greeting cards can be made from Mainley Labs Studio, [www.mainleylabs.com](http://www.mainleylabs.com) or by contacting Jim at [jim@mainleylabs.com](mailto:jim@mainleylabs.com) or at 207-756-3264.

**Fun fact:** The American Kennel Club (AKC) recently announced that the Labrador Retriever is the most popular dog breed in the United States for 27 years in a row.

## Upcoming CELT programs in May

### Nature Walk— Vernal Pools and Wild Flowers in Robinson Woods

Learn more about Capes' natural habitats and their unique flora and fauna from Cape naturalist Tony Owens. Sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, this walk will increase your awareness and appreciation of the varied open spaces here in Cape Elizabeth. The walk will be held rain or shine so dress appropriately with footwear for wet walking. Group size is limited.

Tuesday May 15 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Meet at Robinson Woods Kiosk  
\$6 per person

tiful forest with a variety of interesting native plants. In this walk, we will learn about some of the wildflowers, ferns, shrubs and trees native to Maine. Heather will talk about which species are adaptable to gardens and developed landscapes, the threats to their survival, and inspire you with their unusual reproductive strategies and edible and medicinal properties. Learning to recognize the native species in our midst is the first step to advocating for their preservation.

Please dress appropriately with footwear for possible wet walking.

Thursday May 24 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Meet at the Robinson Woods Kiosk  
\$6 per person

### Little Explorers (ages 3-5 with an adult)

Children and caregivers will spend an hour exploring the natural wonders of the Maine woods in spring during this Cape Elizabeth Land Trust event. Join CELT volunteer Lisa Gent on a gentle hike through Robinson Woods where we will explore the habitat around us while we search for birds, reptiles and amphibians, mammals, and plant life. Lots of hands on explorations and games included! Please dress in comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

Wednesday, May 23 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
Meet at Robinson Woods parking lot Shore Rd.  
\$6/family

### Medicinal Herb Walk: Robinson Woods

Join Mischa Schuler, owner of Wild Carrot Herbs, on a walk through Robinson Woods. As the plants reawaken to spring, we will visit with these extraordinary beings in their young stages of growth - learning to recognize their patterns across the refreshed landscape. Our evening will be rich with herbal folklore and inspired by the moon and setting sun.

Thursday, May 31 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Meet at Robinson Woods Kiosk  
\$6 per person

Please register for the above programs through Cape Elizabeth Community Services <http://www.capecommunityservices.org>. Call Cape Elizabeth Land Trust for more information 767-6054.

Participants who register at least 48 hours in advance of the program will receive notification of changes or cancellation.

### Native Plants Nature Walk – Robinson Woods

Join The Wild Seed Project's Heather McCargo to learn about plant life in Maine. The Robinson Woods is a beau-



FMI: Facebook, Mary Ann Lynch for Cape Elizabeth, 2 Olde Colony Lane, [mlynch1@maine.rr.com](mailto:mlynch1@maine.rr.com), 232-1048

*"As a past member and Chair of our Town Council, she regularly demonstrated her willingness to listen, compromise, and get things done. She was an essential part of making the Shore Road Pathway become a reality. ..."*

*We are truly fortunate to have a candidate with her drive, vision, and experience. Her leadership will benefit all residents of Cape Elizabeth."*

Heather and Garth Altenburg

**Education.** Education is my highest priority. As the first in my family to graduate high school, I understand the value of education. A well educated work force will attract the kinds of employers that will help Maine prosper.

**Environment.** We must protect our natural beauty and clean environment. They are the envy of the nation.

**Guns.** I will work hard to enact common sense laws to ban assault weapons, high capacity magazines and bump stocks, and eliminate loopholes in background checks.

**Experience.** There will be no learning curve for me in Augusta. I have the experience necessary to be a strong voice for Cape Elizabeth on day one, working to make Maine a more prosperous state for all Maine people.

**Money and Politics.** Money has a corrosive influence on politics, that's why I chose to run as a Clean Election candidate. I have one goal: to put the well-being of the citizens of Cape Elizabeth and Maine first.

*"I have served with many wonderful and talented people in public service throughout my adult life. Mary Ann has been one of the few individuals who have been a cut above the rest. She is honest with herself and others, highly principled and thorough in her research and preparation. . ."*

*Mary Ann is a Clean Election candidate; by her actions she shows her commitment to keeping big money out of our electoral process... She will work across the aisle towards solutions, rather than becoming a part of today's hyper-partisan gridlock."*

Jim Rowe, former Town Councilor and School Board

*"Several years ago, I formed an advocacy group to lobby the Legislature regarding the then pending school consolidation. Mary Ann voluntarily assisted, and her skill, knowledge and experience regarding legislative strategy, advocacy, and drafting was essential to successfully obtaining an exemption for Cape Elizabeth."*

David Hillman, former school board member

*"The Shore Road Path was her dream and upon her departure from the Council she had laid the groundwork and funding mechanisms that led to its construction. It was not easy, but her inspiration got it done." . . ."*

*I could write of countless examples on her results oriented leadership to make government better serve people. Mary Ann would be a great legislator for all of us bringing new ideas and energy to Augusta."*

Michael McGovern, retired Town Manager

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# CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

## Wednesday, April 25

Town Council Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall  
 School Board budget presentation to Town Council (if needed), 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

## Thursday, April 26

Harbors Committee, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

## Saturday, April 28

Drug Take Back, 10 a.m., Public Safety Building

## Tuesday, May 1

School Board Policy Committee, 3 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall  
 Town Council Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall  
 Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

## Wednesday, May 2

Comprehensive Plan 2019 Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

## Thursday, May 3

Fort Williams Park Committee, 6 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

## Monday, May 7

Town Council Budget Hearing, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

## Tuesday, May 8

School Board Executive Session, 6-7 p.m.,

William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall  
 School Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber  
 Conservation Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

## Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Church.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church.  
 Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Public Safety Building  
 Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse (except July and August), Two Lights Road  
 Cape Farm Alliance, third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Community Center  
 South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.  
 Codependents Anonymous (CODA) group at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church  
 Regular meeting weekly on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 799-4599 FMI.

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 499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)  
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**Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church**  
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[www.ceumc.org](http://www.ceumc.org)  
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**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
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 Sunday School: 11:15-12 p.m.  
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 883-2342  
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 Sunday School & Nursery Care

## CABLE GUIDE

**Planning Board replay**  
 April 25 & 26 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
 April 28 - 10:30 am  
**School Budget Presentation to Town Council replay**  
 April 27 & 28 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
 April 29 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene**  
 April 28, 29; May 5 & 6 - 9 a.m.  
**Town Council Budget Hearing (live)**  
 May 7 - 7:00 p.m.

## CHANNEL 3

**Town Council Budget Hearing replay**  
 May 8 - 2 p.m.  
 May 9 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
**School Board (live)**  
 May 8 - 7 p.m.  
**School Board replay**  
 May 9 & 10 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
**High School Government Class Candidate's Night**  
 May 9 - 7 p.m.



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**Carpenter named to High Honors list**

Blair Carpenter of Cape Elizabeth from the Class of 2019 was named to the Winter 2017-2018 High Honors list at Pomfret School in Pomfret, Connecticut. To achieve this level of distinction, Carpenter earned a grade point average of at least 3.670 and received no grade lower than a B.

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TOBIAS MARISA M	16 SMUGGLERS COVE ROAD	\$595,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SWEET BRANDON	13 OVERLOOK LANE	\$675,000	SINGLE FAMILY
TWO BOWER BEACH LLC	2 BOWERY BEACH ROAD	\$322,500	SEASONAL RETAIL
DUGAS MARC R	26 ORCHARD ROAD	\$263,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ASPINWALL ROBERT	26 LONGFELLOW DRIVE	\$150,000	SINGLE FAMILY
BOGER MARK R	55 RESOLUTION PLACE	\$294,000	CONDOMINIUM
DUGAN MARILYN S	406 MITCHELL ROAD	\$385,000	SINGLE FAMILY
FITZPATRICK TIMOTHY J	2 BROWNSTONE LANE	\$504,295	SINGLE FAMILY
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**New off-leash hours in effect**

A reminder to all dog walkers that off-leash hours in Robinson Woods changed with Daylight Savings Time.

Dogs are only allowed off-leash on the Robinson Woods II Pond Trail before 10 a.m., and on the Robinson Woods I Outer Loop Trail after 4 p.m. So that all may enjoy this incredible property to its fullest, please be sure to always remove all

dog waste.

Remember, too, that as spring unfolds, frogs and salamanders will lay eggs in the ponds and vernal pools. It's vitally important that we protect this new generation of amphibians by keeping dogs out of all water and leashing dogs on the sensitive Wild Flower Trail.

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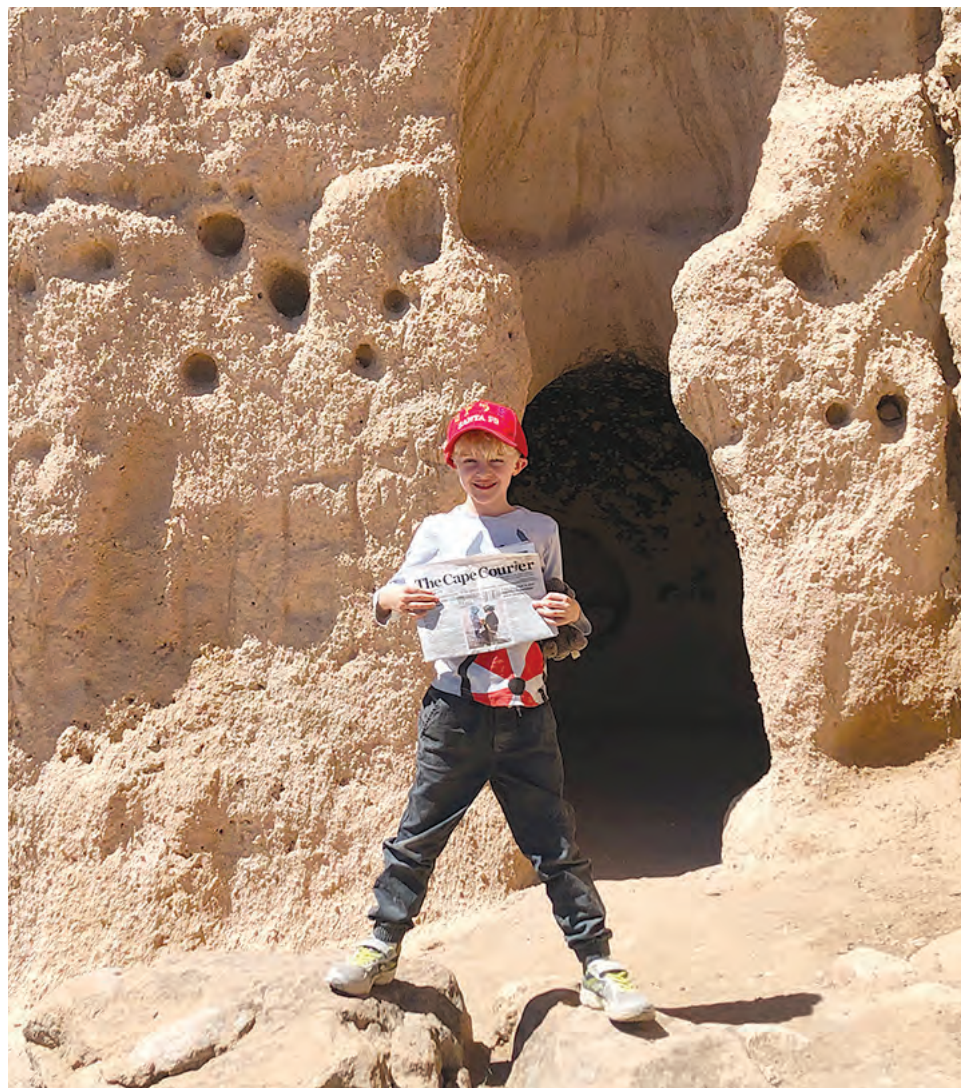


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## Cape Courier in New Mexico



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Finn Case, traveling with his mom, Kim Case, holds the Courier at the Puye Cliff Dwellings. The Puye Cliff Dwellings are the ruins of an abandoned pueblo, located in Santa Clara Canyon on Santa Clara Pueblo land near Santa Fe, New Mexico. The dwellings were carved out of soft volcanic tuff on about a 200 foot cliff ridge and they are among the largest of the prehistoric Indian settlements on the Pajarito Plateau. The site was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1966.

## Ginder joins Aucocisco School Board of Directors

Aucocisco School, which provides quality remedial education for students who learn differently, recently welcomed Denise Harlow of Portland, Ellen Mazuzan of Cumberland, and Kevin Robinson of Boston, to their Board of Directors. Claire Ginder, J.D., of Cape Elizabeth, also has joined Aucocisco's board, and has been appointed as the new treasurer. Claire is a portfolio administrator at R.

M. Davis, and is actively involved with Disabilities Rights Maine (DRM), International Dyslexia Association (IDA), and formerly with Cape Elizabeth High School Booster Associations. She has been a resident of Cape Elizabeth for 21 years and lives there with her husband and their two college-age daughters.

## Birding report for mid-April

By E. Brooks Bornhofft

Despite the unsavory weather conditions that persisted through mid-April, Cape Elizabeth saw the return of Osprey - on April 8 a first of season bird was spotted fishing the northwest side of Great Pond.

Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets are also arriving in good numbers, including five flying northbound together at dusk and a scattering of herons and egrets from Scarborough Marsh to the Purpodock golf course water hazards.

Excellent numbers of Glossy Ibis have been spotted so far in April, including a flock of over 25 birds.

Increasing numbers of White-throated Sparrows with their signature song, "Oh-sweet-Canada" have been showing up daily. Although these birds can be found year-round in Maine, this winter they were surprisingly sparse when compared to the previous two winters. Interestingly, two distinct morphs or plumage variations of White-throated sparrow exist - white stripe and tan stripe. Males (and females) of the former sing more often and are noticeably more aggressive towards

the latter. Additionally, the white striped males and females are more absent and/or less caring during raising of young. In order to prevent a nest run by two lackluster parents, this species is negatively assortative, meaning that the white striped males favor tan stripe females, and the tan stripe males favor white striped females!

Enough with sparrows. At least two Red-breasted nuthatches were seen (by my wife) within the old strands of white pine that meander through the land to be Robinson Woods III.

Finally, April 15 delivered the first of the season Chipping Sparrows and Northern Flickers (Yellow-shafted). There was also a solid handful of Pine Warbler reports including a beautiful male that showed up (and remained through April 16th) dining on suet and mealworms in our backyard. Pine warblers are one of the few warblers that will regularly eat suet, however during spring migration season practically anything is possible. For instance on April 15, 2017 a female Prothonotary warbler hunkered down on our suet cage for a couple of days.

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