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They brave the icy-cold ...



Photo by Karen Hare

Ouch! On an extremely cold and windy New Year's Day morning, some truly brave souls leapt into the Atlantic Ocean to raise money for Cape Elizabeth High School's Project Graduation. It was too frigid to count the number of participants, but treasurer Karen Hare says she was amazed by the turnout on such a day, and that \$645 was raised for the cause.

Hearing on Jan. 21 to address proposed new high-water line for Cape Elizabeth's coastline

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing Jan. 21 on proposed new standards for determining the normal high-water line along Cape Elizabeth's coast.

The line, currently defined as "the apparent extreme limit of the effect of the tides, i.e. the top of the bank, cliff or beach above high tide," is used to regulate shoreland development. Only limited expansion is allowed within 250 feet of the line, and no new construction is allowed within 75 feet.

The new definition looks to combine a more consistent and scientific method for determining the shoreland edge with Cape Elizabeth's commitment to protecting its environment.

The board set the hearing, the second on a new high-water-line definition, at its meeting Dec. 17. In July, the board proposed using the state Department of Environmental Protection's standard of "highest annual tide" to measure the shoreland boundary, but speakers at the hearing said they saw the change as a weakening of Cape Elizabeth's strict standards.

The latest draft, however, uses the "highest astronomical tide" to determine the coastal edge – then adds another three feet of vertical elevation to the high-tide measurement.

"The highest astronomical tide is a more stable number, based on 19 years of data averaged," Town Planner Maureen O'Meara said in a memo to the Planning Board. The Maine Geological Survey is also recom-

The move to change the definition was prompted by Benjamin McDougal, town code enforcement officer, who recommended that the town's ordinance mirror the state's more clearly defined and defensible standard for delineating shoreland-protection zones.

mending that the state DEP change the state standard to highest astronomical tide, the memo says.

The addition of three feet is a nod to Cape Elizabeth's tradition of strict environmental regulation, the memo says.

The draft revisions were aided by Maine Geological Survey Marine Geologist Peter Slovinsky. At a board workshop this fall, Slovinsky presented historical and predictive data on rising sea levels and storm surges. Maps provided by Slovinsky show that the extra three feet add more setback to areas already experiencing flooding challenges, but have little impact on most of the

—see MARK, page 14

Mapping the future: Town Council adopts updated Greenbelt Plan

By Bob Dodd

Extending a long history of proactive trail planning dating back to 1977, the Town Council adopted an updated Greenbelt Plan at its Jan. 6 meeting. The vote was 5-2.

The Greenbelt Plan was last updated in 2001.

The greenbelt is the town-owned or managed network of public hiking and multiuse trail systems that provide open space and wooded links to key destinations such as Fort Williams and Crescent Beach, as well as links to the conservation lands of the private nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Land Trust.

Greenbelt trails are also intended to provide publicly accessible links between and within neighborhoods.

Several previous public hearings have made clear that at least two areas of controversy and concern surrounding the updated plan exist.

Some residents object to the Greenbelt Plan's mapping of potential greenbelt

trails crossing private property without owner consent.

And some Shore Acre neighborhood residents object to plans to convert an undeveloped shoreline "paper street" there to a greenbelt trail.

A paper street is a road designated in plans for a neighborhood that was never actually developed into a road. The proposed Greenbelt Plan recommends turning several key paper roads into trails.

Since 1971, the town has kept the rights to paper streets and only relinquishes those rights through what is referred to as a "street vacation" process.

The disputed Shore Acre trail, referred to as Trail 23 in the Greenbelt Plan, would transform the paper street known as Surf Side Avenue into a trail providing public access to a section of shoreline. Neighbors in the area have been sharply divided in their support of the proposal.

At the January meeting, Robert Stier of

—see PLAN, page 14

Duddy earns Gould citizenship award

By Wendy Derzawiec

Mike Duddy, town tree warden and 10-year member of the Conservation Commission, is the 2014 recipient of the Ralph Gould Award for Outstanding Citizenship.

Jessica Sullivan, Town Council chair, presented the award to Duddy at the Jan. 6 council meeting.

Soon after moving to Cape Elizabeth in 1999, Duddy joined the Conservation Commission, where from 2000 to 2010, he was a "hands-on" participant in efforts to expand and improve the town's greenbelt trails, Sullivan said. In addition to serving as chairman and helping draft the 2001 Greenbelt Plan, which focused

—see AWARD, page 14

... And live to tell about it all year!



Photo by Karen Hare

With the water temperature about 35 degrees, and the air temperature about 14 degrees with strong winds, this year's especially daring Polar Dippers at Kettle Cove wasted no time getting in – and out as fast as humanly possible on Jan. 1.



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A window to fascination



"The highlight of any snowstorm for my boys, Jack, 13 months, and Sam, 3 1/2, is watching the town plow come up Abaco Drive and clean out the turnaround," says Cape Elizabeth resident and photographer Katherine Urbanek, who submitted this shot from mid-December.

Cape GOP embraces, seeks support for local cause helping veterans

There are many opportunities to give to those in need during the holidays. One such cause is the Myrick family's annual Christmas dinner to support homeless veterans. As chair of the Cape Elizabeth Republicans, I learned of this effort from Jake Myrick, who chairs the South Portland GOP.

This is the very definition of giving locally. Jake's family started this effort five years ago and served 100 homeless veterans. This year, they expected 350. Opening the Portland Boys and Girls Club on Cumberland Avenue on Christmas Day, Jake, his family and many other volunteers come together to create a feast and offer a warm place to sit and have a meal on a day that no one should have to be alone and out in the cold.

It was really something, to see everyone working together to make this special meal happen for so many. There were dozens of hams, corn, stuffing, rolls, mashed potatoes, pies, and hot coffee. There were people doing food prep, washing dishes, and setting the tables.

There were also raffle giveaways for vets. It warmed your heart to know people were giving their time in this way on Christmas Day, and I'll continue to make this a part of my Christmas going forward.

Also part of the effort is a coat and clothing collection for veterans. Wendy Myrick, Jake's sister, said clothing donations are really needed, especially new, warm socks and underclothing. Please keep this worthy cause in mind. Contact John O'Keefe-Myrick at john.o.myrick@gmail.com to donate.

Julie McDonald

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Children's Garden committee appreciates community backing

A very happy and joyous New Year from the Children's Garden Committee, part of the Fort Williams Foundation and Arboretum.

As we reflect on a successful year, where inspiration and ideas have visualized into a fully designed plan, we are also very elated as funds have started to come in.

This year marks a very special year for the Fort Williams Foundation and Arboretum as we celebrate the park's 50th anniversary. Please keep an eye out as we will bring you exciting announcements on upcoming celebratory events! You'll be able to find them in *The Courier* and on our Facebook page: Arboretum at Fort Williams Park.

We also want to thank everyone who attended the Children's Garden event in November. As guest speaker, pediatric neurologist Thomas Q. Reynolds, spoke about the importance of natural outdoor spaces for children, guests concluded how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful space available in Fort Williams Park. We want to extend a warm thank-you to Dr. Reynolds for speaking and to The Local Buzz for hosting the event!

The Children's Garden Fundraising Council



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Happy New Year! A not-really-so-scary snow monster created by Cape resident Tracy Burke greets visitors entering Cape Elizabeth along Route 77 near South Portland.

Enduring Mid Winter Classic through Cape Elizabeth returns Feb. 2

The 32nd annual Maine Track Club 2014 Mid Winter Classic 10 Mile Race, presented by Fleet Feet Maine Running, will be Sunday, Feb. 2.

The race, which starts and ends at Cape Elizabeth Middle School, has 1,000 registered runners and anticipates close to 850 finishers. Its beneficiary is Kids Run the Nation, a program helping younger runners get involved in the sport.

Some traffic delays should be expected, as well as brief road closures, including the intersection of Scott Dyer Road and Spurwink Avenue, which will be closed until the last runner crosses through there at the start, and Route 77, which will have a runner lane from 10 a.m. through noon or later, depending on when the last finisher completes the 10 miles.

About 80 volunteers will be on hand to assist at water stops, serve as traffic marshals and help at the finish line.

Contact race co-director and Maine Track Club President Chandra Leister at chandra@midwinterclassic10miler.com for more information.

More information is available at midwinterclassic10miler.com.



Photo by Maine Running Photos

Runners of the 2013 Mid Winter Classic through Cape Elizabeth round a bend. This year's Feb. 2 race marks its 32nd year.

Cape real estate sales: September 2013

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Police deal with missing silverware, burglaries, shoplifting, more

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 12-2 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area about a motor-vehicle burglary. A GPS and coin holder were missing.
- 12-9 An officer met with a resident about harassing phone calls.
- 12-11 An officer met with a resident of the Kettle Cove area about a misuse of his credit card information.
- 12-11 An officer met with a subject who had found a backpack on Mitchell Road. It was learned that the property had been stolen from a motor vehicle in South Portland. The backpack was turned over to the South Portland police department as recovered property.
- 12-13 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 12-19 An officer met with a resident about harassing phone calls.
- 12-21 An officer met with a resident of Mitchell Road about a residential burglary complaint. Money was missing.
- 12-21 An officer met with a resident of Shore Road about missing silverware.
- 12-24 Two officers responded to the Mountain View Park area for what appeared to be a door forced open to a residence where no one was home. The homeowner was contacted. Nothing appeared to be

- missing.
- 12-25 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.
- 12-26 An officer met with a resident in the Cross Hill area about a lost or stolen iPad.
- 12-27 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about an altercation with an employee.
- 12-30 An officer met with a resident about an identity-theft complaint.
- 12-30 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area about a motor-vehicle burglary. Money was missing.
- 12-30 Two officers responded to a local business for a shoplifting complaint. The suspect was described as 5-foot-10, wearing a hooded sweatshirt and red shorts. A bottle of vodka was taken from the business.

ARRESTS

- 12-4 Portland resident, violation of a protection order, Shore Road
- 12-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, disorderly conduct, Campion Road
- 12-19 Scarborough resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Shore Road
- 12-27 Brunswick resident, outstanding warrant, Ocean House Road

SUMMONSES

- 12-4 Portland resident, violation of protection order, uninspected vehicle,

- Shore Road
- 12-6 Portland resident, speeding (51/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$215
- 12-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 12-7 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 12-7 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171
- 12-8 South Portland resident, failure to stop for stop sign, Scott Dyer Road, \$131
- 12-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (39/25 zone), Broad Cove Road, \$137
- 12-14 Standish resident, speeding (48/30 zone), Shore Road, \$185
- 12-16 South Portland resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Shore Road
- 12-19 Scarborough resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Shore Road
- 12-20 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 12-20 Kennebunk resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$133
- 12-30 Albany, N.Y., resident, speeding (49/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
- 12-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (43/30 zone), Shore Road, \$137

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 12-26 Arundel resident, possession of marijuana

ACCIDENTS

- 12-10 Lee Hanson, accident on Ocean House

- Road
- 12-10 Julia Quade, accident on Scott Dyer Road
- 12-12 Mary Denison, deer, accident on Wells Road
- 12-12 Richard Lindsey, accident on Ocean House Road
- 12-18 Anna Darling, accident on Mitchell Road

FIRE CALLS

- 12-3 Bowery Beach Road, fire alarm
- 12-3 Ocean House Road, fuel spill
- 12-5 Arrow Point Road, chimney fire
- 12-6 Ocean Avenue, carbon monoxide alarm
- 12-8 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 12-10 Ocean House Road, car accident
- 12-10 Tiger Lily Lane, fire alarm
- 12-14 Channel View Road, oven fire
- 12-15 Starboard Drive, faulty heating appliance
- 12-15 Tanager Lane, carbon monoxide alarm
- 12-17 Belfield Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 12-18 Woodland Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 12-19 Ocean House Road, fuel spill
- 12-20 Fessenden Road, investigation
- 12-21 Fessenden Road, investigation
- 12-27 Woodland Road, fire alarm
- 12-27 Scarborough Mutual Aid
- 12-27 Traffic control, Cottage and Woodland roads
- 12-29 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 12-30 Kettle Cove Road, fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

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Judy's Produce Pantry says thank you to Cape community

By Janet Villiotte,
Judy's Pantry Committee

We asked, and you answered—generously! Judy's Pantry has been able to brighten the holiday season for our "family" and is in a good position to continue to provide support through the beginning of winter.

Judy's Produce Pantry started four years ago as an effort to distribute produce donated by local farms and the community garden to individuals and families in Cape Elizabeth with limited resources.

It has grown into a year-round operation, currently serving 35 households totaling approximately 100 people. As our numbers have risen, so has our need for donations of food and funds. The pantry's planning committee is grateful that awareness of our efforts has kept pace, with individuals, families and organizations in our community all contributing in meaningful ways. With that in mind, we wish to thank the following:

- The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, for its continued offer of space to host the pantry and store nonperishables, and for donations of food and funds by its parishioners.
- Cape farmers (Jordan's, Alewife's Brook, Green Spark, and Imelda's Garden) and community and residential gardeners who donated 4,800 pounds of fresh produce throughout the summer and fall months.
- Cape residents and the Body Dynamics classes who made monetary donations.
- Pond Cove and Middle School parents associations' families who purchased Hannaford gift cards, which then were donated for pantry use.
- Pond Cove students, parents and teachers, for collecting and donating nonperish-

ables at Thanksgiving.

- Cape Lions and the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary clubs, for their generous financial donations and the Rotary's collection of nonperishables.
 - Cape's IGA, for giving the pantry a discount on case lot orders.
 - Hannaford at Mill Creek, for adding Judy's Pantry to the list of recipients of "caring boxes" available for purchase by customers and subsequent donation to the pantry, and to those individuals who bought them.
 - The Cape Business Alliance, for placing donation jars in members' establishments.
 - Jen Tinsman and Amy Lombardo, for coordinating, and the many Cape families who participated in assembling bountiful Thanksgiving baskets for our participants.
 - The thoughtful hostess who asked her guests to bring a donation to the pantry in lieu of hostess gifts.
 - Thomas Memorial Library staff, who chose to skip their annual holiday gift exchange and donate to the pantry instead.
 - Girl Scout Troops 1467 and 1530, for their donation of healthy nonperishables purchased with funds they raised.
- This community truly embodies the spirit of giving and brings to mind the seasonal sentiment of "peace on Earth, good will to all." One of our pantry folks said it best: "I've been here for many years... In a place with so much bounty and beauty, it's a wonderful thing that you take care of your neighbors. And yes, we are your neighbors. You have offered us not only food, but hope and a sense of community. Thank you for all your donations. But mostly for your care."
- Contact Nancy Miles at nmiles@maine.rr.com or 767.1031 for more information.

NATURALIST'S CORNER

Here's to a natural new year, outdoors in Cape Elizabeth

By Erika Carlson Rhile
Cape Elizabeth Land Trust
Education Committee chair

Like Henry David Thoreau in 2014, you could resolve to "live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of the earth."

Here are some things to look out for this month around Cape Elizabeth:

Jan. 16 Full Wolf Moon – so named because this was the time when hungry wolf packs howled outside Native American villages.

Look for signs of pileated woodpeckers as you walk in the woods. If you see shredded bark on the

Fishers eat one snowshoe hare, a

couple squirrels or a dozen mice per week. A porcupine can sustain a fisher for a month.

Snowshoe hares rest in safe places during the day (usually under pine trees). They usually feed during the night and at dawn and dusk. While out cross-country skiing recently at the Purpoodock Club, we saw some pellets and footprints.

White birch saplings display tremendous flexibility under the weight of ice, but full-grown trees of the same species tend to break and lose branches. Northern evergreens like white and black spruce have evolved with heavy snowfall and pack into tight cones under the weight of ice and snow.

Keep watching for snowy owls! There were reports in Maxwell's Farm off Spurwink Road over the holidays and in the strawberry field off Two Lights Road on Jan. 3.

This is a time of silence in the woods. Get out and enjoy it!



Photo by Susan Hellier

A snowy owl is perched on a deck rail off Fickett Street in South Portland in December 2012. A Christmas Eve sighting in Cape Elizabeth was reported. Fun fact: Hedwig in the "Harry Potter" movies was played by a male snowy owl.

oblong feeding hole where these large birds search for carpenter ants – their favorite winter treat.

Winter Moth Warning!

Be Proactive:
Winter Moth Control Starts Now.

You may have noticed small, tan colored moths flying around your property. The winter moth begins emerging in mid-November and may continue mating through January.

Although they do not feed during this time, it's important to make plans now for spring control. In large numbers, the caterpillars cause tree defoliation, which can lead to decline, or even tree death.

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CELT's Franklin to speak Jan. 16 about conservation

Chris Franklin, executive director at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, will speak at the library about "Local Land Conservation: A Historical Perspective," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16.

Franklin will discuss land conservation in Cape Elizabeth and beyond. An unprecedented number of land trusts now operate throughout Maine. How and why did these organizations form? What role do they play in our communities, and are they making a difference?

Franklin will address these questions and show how local land trusts are working to preserve natural resources and our connection to the land.

Caswell rescheduled, now set for Jan. 23; Duquette back Jan. 16

Jud Caswell's Jan. 2 Musical Story Hour was postponed because of stormy weather. The new date for January's program is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23.

Rob Duquette will present his monthly World Music program on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Details about both programs can be found on the library's website.

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Week of Jan. 19-25
Time to Get Dressed!

Stories about clothing, getting dressed and dressing up!

Week of Jan. 26-Feb. 1
Splish Splash!

It's time for stories about bathtime and rubber duckies!

S. Portland artist's pigmented beeswax paintings on display through February



"Golden Morning," a 1 x 4-foot encaustic painting is one of Lori Austill's works on display through Feb. 28 at the TML Gallery.

Lori Austill of South Portland will present her new Encaustic Paintings exhibit through Feb. 28 at the library.

An opening reception will be held for the public from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7.

Encaustic painting is a technique in which beeswax, pigment and tree sap (damar) are used to paint with.

"I melt my colored wax in tins on a griddle and use the griddle as my palette for mixing colors. I then paint in hot thin layers, fusing one layer to the next with a hot torch," explains Austill, who adds that ancient Greeks and Egyptians developed encaustic painting.

Some paintings from 100-125 A.D. survive today in the form of head and shoulder wax portraits set into mummy casings in Greco-Roman Egypt.

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Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



Edward I. Woodbury

A Cape Courier series by Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Van Fleet follows the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago, when the Civil War was in its third year. Using Portland author Paul Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," as the main guide, the series includes both short entries from the Portland Transcript, a newspaper, and letters from a local soldier who served on the western front. Items from the Portland Transcript and from soldiers' letters are reported verbatim.

Jan. 2, 1864 – Maine's soldiers are scattered all over the great arena of the war. She has in the army of the Potomac, 9 regiments of infantry, 1 regiment of cavalry, 1 company of sharpshooters and 4 batteries; in South Carolina she has 8 regiments; in Louisiana 2 regiments; in Texas 2 regiments; at Washington 1 regiment of heavy artillery and one battery; in the Gulf Department 1 battery, and in the army of the Cumberland 1 battalion of infantry. [Portland Transcript]

☞ A female soldier belonging to the 16th Maine was recently discovered among the Union prisoners at Richmond. She said she went to the war to protect her lover, but as he had been killed in battle she had now no objection to returning to the more peaceful sphere of her sex; the rebels furnished her with female clothing, and talk of sending her North. Her name is Mary Jane Johnson, and she is about nineteen years of age. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The new passport system has led to many arrests in New York. One woman was found to have no less than five four-barrel revolvers under her crinoline. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Mrs. Lincoln appeared at the Capitol the other day attired in a black silk dress with sweeping skirts, and handsome furs. Mrs. Jeff Davis, it is said lately, received many rich dresses and some superb articles of jewelry, sent to her by friends in Europe. It is gratifying to know that both the Presidents' wives have got good clothes! [Portland Transcript]

☞ The 5th Maine Regiment, one of the first to cross into Virginia, one that has been to the front continually, has been

in more battles than any other Maine Regiment, has captured more than its original number, in prisoners, and who enlisted for patriotism, not being forced to come by conscription, and not having been coaxed out, by seven or eight hundred dollars bounties, have been very graciously offered the opportunity to visit the dear ones at home (after an absence of 30 months!) for the period of thirty whole days, provided they will re-enlist for another three years! We have no doubt but what this generous offer will be duly appreciated! [Portland Transcript]

☞ We judge that the custom of making New Year calls will be generally observed on Friday. At a time when the evil of intemperance is so evidently on the increase every one must see the propriety of doing nothing to encourage the custom of social drinking. [Portland Transcript]

☞ There was direct telegraphic communication between Chattanooga, Tenn., and this city, on Friday week. Chattanooga stated that the means for having a good Christmas were scant; also that the soldiers were re-enlisting fast in the veteran regiments. [Portland Transcript]

☞ A family has adopted the infant left on a door step last week. The Overseers of the Poor gave it the name of Frost Boy, it having been frost-bitten and having been left in Boyd Street. [Portland Transcript]

☞ A gold propeller – Com. Vanderbilt celebrated his golden wedding on Saturday week, on which occasion he presented his matron bride with a miniature propeller of pure gold, twenty inches long and five wide, with revolving towers, which filled the room with music whenever the delicate machinery was set in motion.

[Portland Transcript]

Jan. 9, 1864 – According to the Rockland Democrat our State Prison has at last become a paying institution. Since the present Warden, Mr. W.W. Rice, took charge, it has paid its expenses and \$1500 to the State. Seeing that it has always heretofore cost the state several thousand dollars a year to keep it running this is a very gratifying statement. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Seven persons have already been drowned the present season, in this state, while skating on rivers and ponds. [Portland Transcript]

☞ War news: There is nothing important from the seat of war. Both armies have gone into winter quarters; meantime plans are maturing for the spring campaign. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Getting on in matrimony – Brigham Young has just taken his sixty-first wife. [Portland Transcript]

☞ A number of respectable colored men were received with the crowd at the White House, on New Year's day. The old residents of Washington were terribly exasperated thereat. [Portland Transcript]

☞ During the past year we lost nine Generals. We also lost two gallant Commodores. The rebels lost 10 generals. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Horse Railroad Company – From the opening of the road, Oct. 13, to Jan. 1 the number of trips made was 3,647; miles travelled, 10,947; number of passengers carried, 79,744, averaging 85-100 per trip. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Our Glass Works are now turn-

ing out 5000 pieces of various kinds of ware per day, and homemade lamps and chimneys are for sale at the stores. Glass is made at the works wholly from materials found in Maine. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Three more of the big 15-inch guns were landed at Fort Preble last week. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Twenty-five vessels, of an aggregate tonnage of 7,907, were built in this district the past year. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Notorious Deserter Hutchinson succeeded in again escaping from Fort Preble, with a companion, on Saturday last. [Portland Transcript]

Jan. 16, 1864 – About 400 soldiers went off to the war from Camp Berry on Tuesday last. They cheered loudly as they marched through our streets. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Argus announces that we have an iron clad among us, and gives a description of the monitor building in the large ship house of Geo. W. Lawrence, Esq., near the Gas Works. She is to be called the "Wassuc" and her entire length will be 225 and extreme breadth of beam 45 feet. The iron plating of the hull will be three inches thick, backed up by four feet of wood, and two feet water space, which when filled for action, will afford the same resistance to shot as wood. The turret will be eight inches thick, twenty feet in diameter inside, and will contain one 15 inch gun and one 150 pound Parrot, ... The deck will be composed of a solid mass of pine 15 inches thick, crowning up to 23, and plated with three inches of iron. In action the deck will be level with the surface of the water, ren-

—see SESQUICENTENNIAL, page 9



The Boston Post Cane Town of Cape Elizabeth seeks Oldest Citizen

The Town of Cape Elizabeth continues the New England tradition of presenting the oldest citizen with the Boston Post Cane. In 1909, the Boston Post Company gave the Town of Cape Elizabeth a gold-headed cane. The first entry by then Town Clerk Edward F. Hill indicates the cane is "to be presented to the oldest male citizen of the Town, to keep during his life, and at his death to be returned to the Town and again presented to the oldest citizen, and so on- Ad-infinitum." The custom was expanded to include a community's oldest women in 1930. Since 1909, 20 citizens have received The Boston Post Cane, including 6 women.

The Cape Elizabeth Town Council has established the following guidelines:

1. The holder must have resided in Cape Elizabeth for a minimum of the last 15 years.
2. It may be given to a former resident living in a nursing home or with their family in Greater Portland if the person spent the principal portion of their lifetime up to that point in Cape Elizabeth.
3. Persons holding the cane or their family must notify the Town Clerk of any change of address.
4. Once the cane is presented to an individual, that individual will hold the cane until their death regardless of whether or not another recipient becomes eligible.
5. Upon the death of the holder, the family shall return the cane to the Town Clerk and it shall be presented to a new holder pursuant to these guidelines.

Citizens having information regarding possible recipients can provide information online at www.capeelizabeth.com or contact Debra Lane, Town Clerk at debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org or 799-7665.

Information is requested no later than Friday, Feb. 14, 2014.



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Portland Head Light

Jan. 16: Photo by Charlie Governali



Jan. 30: Photo by Katherine Urbanek



Two Lights

Feb. 13: Photo by Sarah Beard Buckley



Fort Williams

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| Number Sold: | 135 | 127* | - 6.3% |
| Average Sale Price: | \$439,597 | \$558,953 | +21.4% |
| Average Days on Market: | 74 | 63 | - 17.5% |
| CONDOS: | | | |
| Number Sold: | 25 | 29 | +13.8% |
| Average Sale Price: | \$285,190 | \$261,373 | - 9.1% |
| Average Days on Market: | 122 | 87 | -40.2% |

For a more in-depth analysis of this information, please contact us.
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Memorable photos from 2013 in Cape



Memorial Day

June 12: Photo by Olivia Reale-Hatem



Back to school

Sept. 18: Photo by Joanne Lee



Cape Elizabeth High School graduation

June 12: Photo by Joanne Lee



TD Beach to Beacon 10K

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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Thursday, January 16

Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Public Works

Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Friday, January 17

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 8 a.m., Town Hall

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 21

Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Wednesday, January 22

School Board, Community Services Advisory Commission Workshop, 6:30-8 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

School Board Finance Committee, 8 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thursday, January 23

School Board Evaluation Committee, 3:15-5 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, January 28

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Wednesday, January 29

School Board Negotiations Committee, 4 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference

Room, Town Hall

Town Council Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Episcopal 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. Thomas Memorial Library.

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights Road

South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388

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'Understanding 911' topic of TRIAD program on Jan. 23 at Town Center Fire Station

An officer from the Portland Police Department will speak on the topic, "Understanding 911," at a free TRIAD program planned at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station's Training Room at 2 Jordan Way.

The session will cover information about when to dial 911; dialing 911 with cell phones, smart phone and landlines; what information to have available for the dispatcher; and a description of what happens

during and after a 911 call.

Light refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by TRIAD, which is made up of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to address problems faced by older citizens.

Contact Cape Elizabeth Police Officer David Galvan at 767-3323, extension 208, or david.galvan@capeelizabeth.org for more information.

'Twelfth Night' to open on Jan. 24

The Portland Players' production of William Shakespeare's comedy, "Twelfth Night," will open Friday, Jan. 24, and run through Sunday, Feb. 9. Stacey Koloski directs.

Showstimes are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$15 for students with identification.

Call 799-7337 or go to www.portlandplayers.org to make reservations. Email info@portlandplayers.org for more information.

The theater is located at 420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Parents of 2014-2015 kindergartners: Time to contact Pond Cove

Parents of children who will turn five before Oct. 15 should contact Pond Cove School immediately to register children in kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year.

Parents of children now attending kindergarten at other schools also should notify the Pond Cove office if they are planning to enroll their children in first grade at Pond Cove for the 2014-2015 school year. Early registration helps school officials project enrollment for the coming school year.

A birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency, such as a utility bill, are required at registration. Call Pond Cove at 799-7339 for more information.

Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic offers free two-part series on winter wellness

Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic will present a two-part series this month on ways to keep families healthy during the winter months. The free workshops are set for 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30, at the Coastal Wellness office at 1231 Shore Road.

At the first, the Coastal Wellness team of doctors of chiropractic, an acupuncturist, a doctor of naturopathic medicine and a massage therapist will present tips and treatments for keeping immune systems strong,

energy levels up, and moods balanced.

At the second, Robert Scott, a naturopathic physician, will discuss a purification program to help people balance their blood sugar. His presentation will include an introduction to products made by a nutrition company.

People who plan to attend are asked to register within 48 hours of each workshop at 799-9355 or drcooper@coastalwellnesschiro.com. Go to www.coastalwellnesschiro.com for more information.

CABLE GUIDE

CHANNEL 3

Planning Board (live)
Jan. 21 - 7 p.m.

Planning Board (replay)
Jan. 22 & 23 - 2 & 8 p.m.
Jan. 25 - 9 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (live)

Jan. 28 - 7 p.m.

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Writers to read from works Jan. 25 at Buzz

Three Maine writers – a poet, a fiction author and a creative nonfiction author – will read from their own work from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, at The Local Buzz coffee house and wine bar. The event, which will be free and open to the public, is part of a monthly series sponsored by the Local Writers at The Local Buzz group. At the events, Maine writers read from original fiction, nonfiction and poetry. Two Cape residents, Portland Poet Laureate Marcia F. Brown and Penelope Schwartz Robinson, an essayist who writes features for *Maine Magazine* and *Maine Home + Design*, cohost the readings.

South Portland resident Michael Erard is an author, journalist, and linguist. His second book, "Babel No More: The Search for the World's Most Extraordinary Language Learners," won the 2013 Maine Literary Award for Nonfiction.

Poet John McVeigh, a litigation lawyer at a large Portland firm since 1987, previously taught English at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He is a founder and board

member of Port Veritas, a community-based organization that provides outlets for people to create and experience performance art. The group offers educational seminars on poetry slams to area schools and hosts music and poetry events around the state. Two of McVeigh's poems appear in the recently released anthology "Port City Poems, Contemporary Poets Celebrate Portland, Maine," published in 2013 by Maine Poetry Central. His first book, "Burning Chairs," was just published by Moon Pie Press.

Cynthia Underwood Thayer, who operates Darthia Farm in Gouldsboro with her husband, is the author of three novels: "Strong for Potatoes," "A Certain Slant of Light," and "A Brief Lunacy." She leads fiction writing workshops through the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, Schoodic Arts for All, and other schools, colleges and libraries.

The Local Buzz is located at 327 Ocean House Road. Go to www.capelocalbuzz.com or call 541-9024 for more information.

WinterFest planned Jan. 31, Feb. 1 in So Po

The Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth and the South Portland Parks and Recreation Department will host the second annual WinterFest on Friday, Jan. 31, and Saturday, Feb. 1, in South Portland. Most events will be free and open to the public.

A free scavenger hunt sponsored by South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Buy Local and Rotary will begin Wednesday, Jan. 15, and continue until Monday, Jan. 27. Information forms for the hunt, in which people can participate individually or as families, are available at Nonesuch Books in Mill Creek Plaza and at Mutty Paws, 79 Lincoln St., in South Portland. Scavenger hunt winners will be announced at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, at Mill Creek Park.

The Cape Elizabeth High School and South Portland Interact clubs will lead a luminary walk that will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 31 at the Cia Café on Ocean Street

in South Portland and end at Mill Creek Park. A skating party and wing-eating contest sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings, is planned from 6 to 8 p.m. at the park.

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 1 at JP Thornton's, 740 Broadway in South Portland. Other events that day will include a Chili and Chowder Challenge at the South Portland Community Center, 21 Nelson Road, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Although registration for the challenge is free, cooks must register by Friday, Jan. 24, at the South Portland Community Center or at www.southportland.org. Email ltompson@southportland.org or call Karen Goldberg at 899-8957 for more information.

Additional events that day – a snow sculpture contest, an ice hockey clinic, wagon rides, turkey curling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice sculpture demonstrations, and a pond hockey tournament – are planned at Wainwright Recreation Complex on Gary Maietta Parkway in South Portland.

Go to www.southportland.org for a complete schedule of events. Contact Lisa Thompson at 767-7650 or ltompson@southportland.org for more information.

CELT plans Jan. 18 winter bird walk on shore; Robinson Woods snowshoe outing on Jan. 25



Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Executive Director Chris Franklin and Cape resident Brian Guthrie will lead a Jan. 25 snowshoe outing through the trail network of Robinson Woods, pictured here early this month.

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust plans two outdoor programs in January in Cape Elizabeth.

Winter Bird Walk

Cape Elizabeth resident Rafael Adams will lead a winter bird walk from 10 to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18. The group will visit three locations, scanning the water for ducks and other winter bird species.

Group members will start out at the Kettle Cove parking lot, carpool to Two Lights State Park, and then go the Lobster Shack.

Group members should dress for cold weather and wear footwear suitable for walking in wet conditions.

Snowshoeing in Robinson Woods

Cape Elizabeth resident Brian Guthrie and CELT Executive Director Chris Frank-

lin will lead a snowshoe outing through the trail network of Robinson Woods from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25.

During the program, designed for winter outdoor enthusiasts, the group will explore the woods on and off the trails.

Group members, who will meet at the Robinson Woods kiosk on Shore Road, should bring their own equipment.

The outing is dependent on weather conditions.

Both programs have a \$6 fee. Register at Cape Elizabeth Community Services' office at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road; by phone at 799-2868; or online at www.capecommunityservices.org.

Call 767-6054 or go to www.cape-landtrust.org for more information about CELT or the programs.

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dering it impossible for a ball to enter the hull. At the bow she will carry a formidable ram or beak, backed by 25 feet of solid timber. About ninety men are employed in the construction of this iron monster. [*Portland Transcript*]

 We notice an unusual number of vehicles slipping around town without bells. The police should see to it that everything on runners makes a jingle. [*Portland Transcript*]

 Held his tongue – Gen. Grant, called upon for a speech at Lexington, Ky., got up on a chair and let the people look at him but refused to open his mouth. Probably there is not another distinguished man in the country who could have refrained from making a speech on such an occasion. [*Portland Transcript*]

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Cape Courier travels the Americas

The Cape Courier had a busy December.

At left, a few days before Christmas, Cape Elizabeth resident Carter Kenniff and his mother Hollie catch up on hometown news at the Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree in New York City as an interested stranger looks on.

Below, Cape resident Lena Castro reads the Courier in Buenos Aires, Argentina, while sitting between two lifelike, very happy guys on a sculpture. After completing a semester of study in Argentina, Lena, a junior at St. Mary's College of Maryland in St. Mary's City, traveled around the country with her mother Audrey.

Lena, who is majoring in Spanish, political science and art history, recently received the college's Sarah Michele Guineviere Pyles Memorial Scholarship, given to political science and art history students who excel academically. An orientation leader and publicity chair for St. Mary's World Carnival, a springtime music and arts festival, Lena plays club volleyball and also has her own radio show on the college station.

Tchaikovsky waltzes across SmartBoard

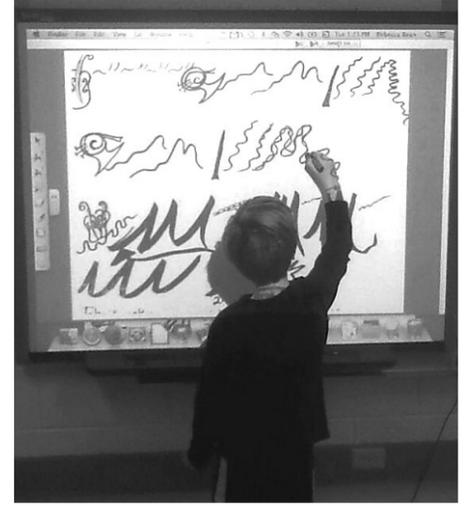


Photo by Tom Charltray

Tracing musical patterns on his music teacher Rebecca Bean's SmartBoard, Pond Cove second grader Willy Fougere leads his class in Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers" from "The Nutcracker."

If only Tchaikovsky could time-travel.

The 19th-century composer, who wrote the score to the ballet, "The Nutcracker," might get a kick out of watching Pond Cove School second-graders trace patterns of each musical instrument in his "Nutcracker" piece, "Waltz of the Flowers," on SmartBoards, interactive whiteboards that are connected to computers.

"The recording is played, and the students follow the map with their fingers," Pond Cove music teacher Rebecca Bean said. "The map is a visual representation of various characteristics of the music. We do many of these in class but in this particular case the contour of the melody, dynamics, instrumentation/timbres and some repetition are demonstrated in this map."

Second-graders contrasted the musical patterns with those of "Danse of the Flore-dores," in which 20th-century jazz musician "Duke Ellington took the original tune from 'The Nutcracker' and 'jazzed' it up," Bean said.

Bean and Pond Cove technology teacher and integrator Tom Charltray team up to help students learn about music by using not only music and musical composition history but also technology.

— Wendy Keeler



Cape Elizabeth School Department Annual Notification of Asbestos-Containing Building Materials

The Cape Elizabeth School Department has inspected all school buildings for the presence of suspect asbestos-containing building materials in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) EPA 40 CFR 763. A written plan for the management of these materials has been maintained by Abatement Professionals of Westbrook, Maine.

The AHERA Management Plan is available for inspection by the general public at the Cape Elizabeth Facilities and Transportation Department. The plans may be inspected during normal office hours by appointment. Copies of the plans can be provided at a cost of 25 cents per page.

The Management Plan is a guidance document outlining operational procedures designed for the proper maintenance and safety of all people who work, study, or are otherwise present in any of the following facilities:

Cape Elizabeth High School Middle School Complex

The materials are biannually inspected for change in condition during six month periodic surveillances conducted in December and June. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Mr. Greg Marles, LEA Asbestos Coordinator at (207) 799-9574.

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Cape students among millions in U.S. introduced to programming in 'One Hour of Code' initiative

By Wendy Keeler

As always, on Dec. 9 Cape Elizabeth Middle School students in Spanish teacher Susan Dana's classes got lessons in language. They just weren't in Spanish.

Dana's students, along with millions of kindergartners through 12th-graders around the country that week, spent 60 minutes learning computer coding, thanks to the "One Hour of Code" initiative, a free tutorial featuring lectures by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, and Angry Birds and Plants vs. Zombies characters.

"Don't just buy a new video game. Make one. Don't just download the latest app. Help design it. Don't just play on your phone. Program it," President Obama said in a video that kicked off the initiative.

The program, designed to encourage U.S. students' interest in computer programming, succeeded with Dana's seventh- and eighth-grade students, who did the interactive, game-like tutorials on their school-issued iPads.

For some students, the hour was an introduction to uncharted territory.

"Before our class yesterday, I knew nothing about coding, or even that it was a great skill to know," eighth-grader Bridget Brett said on Dec. 10.

Another student's future may be filled with many hours of coding.

"I liked the 'Hour of Code' activity. Computer science and programming interest me, and I feel that they would be good career options for me," seventh-grader Aiden Willitts said.

Dana, who has taught herself coding by taking online classes, became interested in introducing coding to her CEMS students



Photo by Susan Dana

Seventh-grader Rowan Connolly learns to code on his iPad by doing beginners' tutorials on the "One Hour of Code" website on Dec. 9.

after spending three weeks in Uruguay this summer on a U.S. State Department teacher exchange.

"[In Uruguay] there were primary school children, second grade, coding with Scratch on their ... laptops. Teachers would sometimes assess students' understanding of material by requiring them to create a game using Scratch," Dana said. "It made me look at our system and how we use technology."

Cape students who learn to code will be able to use technology in more productive ways than they have been.

"I see our students using iPads in a passive way, mostly for entertainment," she said. "I'm hoping to encourage them to use the tablets as creators of original material, rather than as consumers," Dana said.

But learning to code can be a challenge, Dana admitted.

"One has to be persistent, accept failure, learn from mistakes, and keep forging ahead to attain results," she said. "I told my students that coding is just learning another language, requiring lots of practice and remembering sentence structures."

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Plan

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Rock Crest Drive, and an attorney representing neighbors opposed to the Surf Side Avenue trail, asked the council to send the plan back to the Conservation Commission for further review.

The majority of the council opted to move ahead with adopting the plan. Two councilors, Jamie Wagner and Caitlin Jordan, dissented.

Both said they were concerned the town may not have the legal right to plan for trails in paper streets.

"I believe there are unresolved legal issues regarding the town's rights to build the conceptual trail," Wagner said. He proposed deleting the Surf Side Avenue trail from the plan, but the amended motion was defeated 5-2.

The majority of the council felt ready to adopt the updated plan and stressed its role as a planning tool.

"It spells out a vision for preserving open space, for maintaining the town's rural character, for preserving wildlife habitat, and for giving residents access to trails connecting

open space," said Councilor Molly MacAuslan. "I think it will serve as a guide for the conservation commission's stewardship responsibilities for the future."

The updating of the Greenbelt Plan was a recommendation of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan, one of several that reflected overall resident support for the creation and preservation of public open space and trails.

Seniors Advisory Commission established

At the January meeting, the council also formed a new seven-person commission to "review how the town can best serve its older citizens."

The commission, an advisory group, is to provide the town council with guidance on issues facing residents 60 years of age and older.

The charge to the group includes the submission of a written report to the council by the end of the year. Along with its recommendations, the report is to also advise on whether or not the commission should be continued in future years.

The seven commission members will be nominated by the Appointments Committee with final selection by the Town Council. They will be joined by one liaison member from the

Town Council and one from the municipal staff.

Council sets goals for 2014

The Town Council approved its goals for calendar year 2014. The goals are contained within five categories.

The Thomas Memorial Library tops the list of goals, culminating in the November referendum on a proposed bond to help finance renovations to the library building.

Other goals in this category include creating a fundraising plan for covering the costs of furnishings and technological equipment for the library, finding a home for the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, and a plan for repurposing the original Spurwink School section of the library.

Other goals fall under Policy Reviews, Community Engagement, Community Improvement, and Other.

Goals include completing work on updating the Town Center Plan and reviewing ordinances relating to outdoor shooting ranges and short term rentals. The council also plans to look at ways to enhance access to Crescent Beach for commercial fishermen.

A committee to plan for Cape Elizabeth's 250th anniversary of its incorporation will also be convened in 2014.

Award

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on improving public access to open space through trail development, Duddy:

- Helped draft the Gull Crest and Winnick Woods management plans, including working with the state Department of Environmental Protection for permitting.

- Helped design and build the boat racks, as well as boardwalks, bridges and trails at Great Pond, where he also worked with the Sprague family to clarify and define the easements providing public access to Great Pond from Fenway Road.

- Helped design and build the trails at Winnick Woods, the Gull Crest connector at Fowler Road, and the wooden pedestrian bridge linking the Stonegate system to Fort Williams. He helped design and build the initial bridges and boardwalks for the Highland trail, and for the greenbelt system at Cross Hill.

- Has led dozens of volunteer crews over the years with all of these efforts

Duddy, however, said he was accepting the award not as an individual, but on behalf of the commission.

"It's been a fantastic group of volunteers," he said of his fellow commissioners, some of whom were in the audience. "I remember when I first joined it well over a decade ago, Jack Roberts was then on it and very active and I remember thinking, 'Man, I want to be just like him when I



Photo by Town Councilor James Walsh

Town Council Chair Jessica Sullivan presents Cape Elizabeth resident Mike Duddy with the Gould Award on Jan. 6. He is the 25th recipient of the award, given for making a difference in the town through volunteer service.

grow up."

Roberts' knowledge of the town's trails and open space was an inspiration, Duddy said, and he hoped he had become an inspi-

ration to others as time went on.

Duddy has also inspired Cape Elizabeth youth, coaching youth basketball, football and Little League for nine years. At St. Bartholomew Church, Duddy taught various youth liturgy and ministry programs for 10 years.

"Cape's a really special place to live, It's a privilege to live here," Duddy said. "I think it has been a great privilege to serve as part of a continuum of volunteers over the years who have worked within this, large practical working consensus about how to be good stewards of our natural resources here in Cape."

"It's been a real joy to work in the middle of that for now these 15 years, and the town has a lot to be proud of. So on behalf of all of the folks who have done good work, I am honored to accept this award," Duddy said.

His experience with the town's conservation efforts led to his present position as tree warden, where he responds to countless calls about trees in public easements and on town land, Sullivan said.

He answers numerous questions from residents about tree diseases, tree selection, and care and planting. He also directs tree resource maintenance on school and municipal grounds, including Fort Williams Park.

Duddy is the 25th recipient of the Gould Award, established in 1986, and named for Cape Elizabeth benefactor Ralph Gould to recognize those who make a difference in the community through volunteer service.

Mark

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coast, the memo says.

The astronomical high tide, according to Slovinsky's presentation, occurs in the spring when the sun and moon are closest to the earth during an 18.6-year tidal cycle, and accounts for all significant variations in moon and earth orbits.

Slovinsky's presentation is available on the town's website, capeelizabeth.com, in the Planning Board meeting packet section for Oct. 29, 2013.

The move to change the definition was prompted by Benjamin McDougal, town code enforcement officer, who recommended that the town's ordinance mirror the state's more clearly defined and defensible standard for delineating shoreland-protection zones.

Private road, accessway approved for Shore Acres paper street

In other matters, the Planning Board on Dec. 17 approved a request from Stephanie Boggs for a private road and private accessway in a paper street in Shore Acres. The street, Elizabeth Road, appears on plans for Shore Acres but has never been accepted by the town as a public way.

The approval will allow the new road, Old Hayfield Road, to be built with a higher grade than stipulated by town ordinance and may be moved five feet from the center of the right of way to preserve existing trees.

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Sweet return



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