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Proposal is wake-up call for small-lot rooster owners

By Bob Dodd

The ordinance committee of the Town Council voted 3-0 to recommend a ban on roosters on lots smaller than 40,000 sq. ft., (about 0.9 acre).

The proposal will be considered by the council at its Oct. 6 meeting, with a public hearing recommended for Nov. 6.

The council requested the ordinance committee to discuss whether or not regulation changes were needed to address a rooster noise complaint brought by Joe Gajda, a resident of Farm Hill Road in the Elizabeth Park subdivision.

At its Sept. 8 meeting, the Town Council heard from the neighbors at the center of the dispute.

Crystal and Patrick Kennedy are owners of a rooster named Elvis that, according to Crystal, "is admittedly loud." But the rooster is a beloved family pet that they don't want to give up, she said.

Kennedy also noted that she and her husband had taken measures to reduce the sound, such as adding insulation to the rooster's coop, and that they had ordered a collar designed to dampen the volume of the rooster's crow.

According to Gajda, the rooster crows all day long. "It's horrible," he said.

Gajda, who owns chickens but no roosters (he said he finds appropriate homes for any roosters that hatch), added that the lots



Photo by Martha Agan

The sound of a rooster's crow may be limited to larger lots.

in the neighborhood are small, one-fifth of an acre. He listed several nearby towns that had rooster restrictions for small lots.

The council voted 6-1 to send the matter to the ordinance committee to come up with a proposed solution. Councilor Caitlin Jordan voted against the action.

The issue of rooster noise came to the council's attention in 2011. The council

considered an ordinance change that would have regulated excessively loud animal noise (not just roosters) and would have also prohibited owned animals from straying without permission onto someone else's property.

After receiving public comment and debating the issue over several months, the council decided to take no action at the time.

Cape gets extension to meet proficiency-based diploma requirement

By Wendy Keeler

Now that Cape Elizabeth schools have been granted three additional years to meet state-mandated proficiency-diploma requirements, members of the Class of 2021 will be the first who will have to demonstrate mastery and understanding of specific skills and concepts in order to graduate.

This summer, the Maine Department of Education granted the Cape Elizabeth school district a three-year extension to meet a state mandate requiring that all Maine high schools issue proficiency-based diplomas to members of the Class of 2018. The Cape Elizabeth School Board applied for the extension in June.

Cape Elizabeth sixth-graders will be the first in town to have to prove proficiency in

reading, math, science, social studies, foreign language, physical education, fine arts and career and education development in order to graduate. Students also will have to demonstrate an understanding of "guiding principles" that include problem-solving, communication, citizenship, self-direction and informed thinking.

Even before the law went into effect, Cape Elizabeth educators were moving in the direction of proficiency-based diplomas. When they updated the school mission statement in 2012, school officials set a target for moving toward a standards-based approach within five years.

Even with the three-year extension, a lot of preparation will be required in order to have the system in place for the Class of 2021, Su-

perintendent Meredith Nadeau said.

"The plan is for us to begin the work in the middle school so that by the time students reach high school there will be some familiarity with standards-based reporting on the part of those students and parents," Nadeau told board members at their Sept. 9 business meeting.

Preschool accreditation

Community Services Director Russell Packet recently started the application process for DOE accreditation for Cape Care, the preschool program Community Services launched last year in the Community Center, Nadeau told the board on Sept. 9.

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Town Center Plan fine-tuned ahead of Oct. 6 hearing

Wetlands alteration removed from town green recommendation

By Elizabeth Brogan

The proposed Town Center Plan is set for a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at Town Hall.

The plan was fine-tuned at a Sept. 3 workshop and no longer includes a recommendation that the town consider amending the zoning ordinance to allow alteration of a Resource Protection 2 (RP2) wetland in the Town Center District where a "substantial public benefit is created." [Reporting in the Sept. 17 edition of *The Cape Courier* failed to note this change in the proposed plan.]

The wetland alteration language had been part of the recommendation for a village green, which otherwise remains in the plan. The recommendation still references a concept plan for development of a 4.5 acre parcel of land between Town Hall and the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, which could include a one-acre green space bordering Ocean House Road.

The village green recommendation, carried over from the 1993 Town Center Plan, now has added language which reads: "If a public village green is created in the Town Center, the Town should consider allowing some flexibility in applying the minimum and maximum front yard setback so that a building could be placed to frame the village green," instead of the RP2 alteration language.

The wetland alteration language had been controversial, prompting opposition letters to newspapers, a circulating petition and emails.

Councilor and Town Center Plan Committee member, David Sherman, in a Sept. 18 email to *The Cape Courier*, said the owner of the lot to the south of Town Hall had concluded that a village green could be set aside on the property in accordance with current wetland regulations. "Since the

—see PUBLIC HEARINGS, page 18

Council grants exception to resolve a Catch-22 in shooting-range improvement process

By Bob Dodd

Planned improvements at the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club may be back on track as a result of action taken by the Town Council at its Sept. 8 meeting.

According to Jamie Wagner, chair of the Firing Range Committee, the gun club is hoping to begin construction this fall that will improve safety to neighboring properties.

However, the club found itself stuck in a circle of conflicting regulations.

Wagner explained that the town's new firing range licensing ordinance did not allow unlicensed ranges to get building permits. The firing range is not yet licensed under the new ordinance.

But licensing requires proof of adequate shot containment, and the council determined this created a hardship for the Rod and Gun Club, which has been in existence since the 1960s. They were caught in a kind of a Catch-22.

"If we don't allow the firing range to make improvements," said Wagner, "it makes it very difficult indeed for the range to ever achieve shot containment."

Councilor Caitlin Jordan agreed.

"They can't make improvements until they get an application," said Jordan, "and they can't get an application until they make improvements."

Wagner also explained that the issue was also one of timing. The gun club wants to

begin construction on improvements before the ground gets too hard.

Exception to process granted to expedite safety improvements

The council voted 7-0 to allow the town's Code Enforcement Officer to issue necessary grading and building permits needed for improvements to the range prior to the gun club's submission of its application for an operating license.

The revised application process was conditioned on the following:

*that the Firing Range Committee first perform a firing range safety evaluation with input from an expert in firing range best practices, paid for by the town, on the gun

club's preliminary designs intended to protect adjacent properties from stray bullets;

*that the gun club cooperate with the committee's evaluation by providing access to the firing range facility;

*that the committee's evaluation result in the approval of the preliminary designs.

The council also voted to extend the 90-day period within which the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club has to file an application for a license under the town's new firing range ordinance.

Six residents, and one former resident, of the abutting Cross Hill neighborhood reiterated concerns about noise and safety before the 15-minute public comment period for the agenda item was closed.



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Food pantry loses out when pumpkins stolen from community plots

Last week [week of Sept. 7], two Cape Elizabeth families were eagerly awaiting the ripening and harvest of their long awaited pumpkins that they grew from seeds planted in plots they rented in the Cape Elizabeth Community Garden at the Gull Crest Field. Sadly, when one of the families went to harvest one of their pumpkins, for a donation to the Cape food pantry, they found that all three of their lovingly-tended pumpkins had been stolen. When this was reported, another young gardener eagerly awaiting her Halloween pumpkin also found hers gone.

In the garden's ten-year history, theft of this sort has only been a problem once before, and one can only hope that whoever stole the pumpkins needed them for food. Gardeners rent their plots and pool their money to buy supplies and maintain the garden. Several plots are set aside to grow food in support of the Maine Harvest for Hunger program through donations to Judy's Food Pantry right here in town. Many people use the trails around the garden, and many people come to the field to play sports. If you or members of your family or friends use the wonderful town facilities around the garden, please remember – you are most welcome to come into the garden and see the fruits of our labors. But please do not touch anything unless invited to by a garden member.

Rachel Stamieszkin
Chairperson,
Gull Crest Garden Committee

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Bad behavior by some dog owners interferes with free use by all, may compel restrictions

Increasingly, CELT is hearing that some residents are no longer visiting Robinson Woods because of bad experiences with dogs encountered there. Recently, an eight year-old boy, who was riding his bicycle in the woods, was bitten by a chocolate lab. The bite drew blood, and, unfortunately, the owner did not offer assistance to the child.

These properties are protected for public use and enjoyment, and when one user's behavior precludes another from using and enjoying the property, we have a problem. This is unacceptable, and if CELT's man-

agement guidelines for dogs on this property (animal must be under control of owner at all times, by voice or physical restraint) are not followed, CELT will be compelled to institute mandatory leash requirements and/or create designated distinct off-leash areas. In addition, we wish to remind dog owners to clean up after their animals on the trails. We are counting on the cooperation of all trail users to ensure that everyone can safely and comfortably enjoy the trails.

Chris Franklin Executive Director
Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

Thoughts on several issues from one reader

Regarding the new library plans: When we went through the earlier round of proposals for a new library, I thought it was a pipe dream, outrageously expensive, ostentatious and something the Cape really didn't need. The latest plans are a bit more modest and more likely will meet the needs of our community. I will vote for the new library.

Regarding inconsiderate cyclists: When the ordinance was passed that requires motorists to pass 3 feet from bicycle riders, I thought that was fair enough. However, lately many cyclists have been endangering not only themselves but motorists as well by

riding two or three abreast. Cut it out before someone gets injured or killed.

For those who violate the swap shop rules: We have a hardworking public services department. Others have written to scold those who abuse the swap shop rules and use it as a dump. Who needs broken electronic gadgets that are irreparable? Also, some creeps leave stuff by the silver bullets behind Town Hall that should be dumped at the transfer station, such as broken furniture, old ratty carpet, etc.

Bob Tripler

Library initiative exciting and 'real opportunity'

In November, please vote to approve the Thomas Memorial Library renovation initiative. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of library participation at Thomas Memorial Library is extended to our children, grandchildren and generations beyond.

It's exciting and fun to envision the new Thomas Memorial Library and the bidirectional opportunities ahead. This will be a place for us to gather to enjoy a community technology center for both real and virtual

opportunities, and an opportunity to train and engage professionals who will guide and include the books of our past reading history, to the progressive transformative services of the future. This is a real opportunity to re-define the mission of our Thomas Memorial Library programs and to seek all the voices of our neighbors, regardless of age, living in Cape Elizabeth.

Nancy St. John Pond

New library will 'bolster property values'

I will vote Yes on the new library plan at the November referendum. I joined the library board, shortly before the first plan was voted down, to volunteer my many decades of industry research experience. The town wanted a new library at a lower cost, and that is what we will get!

Library usage has grown in the age of information technology. In the last five years in Maine, 41 public libraries completed, or are in the planning stages of, renovation, ranging from \$100,000 to \$8.0 million (source: Maine State Library). My research shows libraries that completed a significant renovation experienced a sustained increase in patronage.

Homebuyers look at infrastructure such as the town library as an indication of what the community values. My research shows Cape Elizabeth held property values through

the real estate downturn better than most other coastal communities in York and Cumberland counties due to the value proposition the town offers overall. A renovated library to replace our dilapidated and deficient current structure would only enhance our ability to attract homebuyers and bolster property values.

The renovation of the library as proposed to Cape residents in November is budgeted at \$4,000,000, a median household cost of less than \$1 per week. My research shows that you can borrow just three adult hardcover books, or five children's books, or three movie DVDs, or two books through interlibrary loan, or ask three-and-a-half reference questions, or download five e-books, and you will have broken even for your household for the year!

Julia Bassett Schwerin

Ray 'always strives to strike the right balance'

I have had the extreme good fortune to work with Kathy Ray on the Town Council for the past three years. With every issue that has come before us, Kathy has listened intently to all points of view and carefully considered the ramifications of each possible outcome.

I have watched Kathy's thinking on issues change as she hears from citizens, and I have always appreciated her positive outlook. Kathy is careful in her decision-making, but she is always ready to make a decision when the time comes.

Kathy has served the Town of Cape Elizabeth well. She spent eight years on the School Board, including two years as chair.

That experience has helped her and the rest of the council as we review the school budget each year. Kathy also serves as a board member for the Iris Network, which provides training and other assistance to visually impaired teenagers and adults in Southern Maine. By way of additional background, Kathy grew up in Cape Elizabeth and raised her own family here too. She loves the town and always strives to strike the right balance for our residents.

As I complete my tenure on the council, I am grateful that someone of Kathy's caliber is willing to step up and serve another term. I will gladly vote for Kathy on Nov. 4.

David Sherman

Gun club neighbors want what is 'fair to all'

The Spurwink Rod and Gun Club has been in the news lately as we all work to establish a fair, long-term solution to problems inherent in a firing range abutting a residential neighborhood. I am writing to clarify some points:

The Cape desires a range that is safe. All parties agree to that now, with the range having no containment in place presently. This is important, since the weapons used by the club have a range that can affect all of Cape Elizabeth.

Everyone agrees that the noise is dramatically louder than in years past and only seems to get worse. Some weekends are like a war zone, keeping families from enjoying their neighborhoods and homes. The club is grandfathered from any local noise ordinance now. A reasonable solution needs to be reached.

There are very real health and environmental questions to be answered: Is lead seeping into the nearby marshes and wetlands? Is there harm to children and animals from dangerous noise levels, etc.?

Lastly, the club has received a government grant for certain safety upgrades, but it also includes allowing greater public access to the shooting range to nonmembers as well as expansion of current activities. This brings with it a host of new safety concerns and exacerbates an already unacceptable level of noise.

What we request is reasonable and fair to all: that an objective, professional evaluation be done to assess these areas of concern and that an effective plan be adopted, agreed to by all.

Jon Baldwin

Powers has 'complete and applicable skill set'

Please join me in supporting the candidacy of Barbara Powers for Cape Elizabeth School Board.

I have known Barbara for about 25 years as one of the best school teachers that one of our sons ever had; as a wonderful school administrator here in Cape Elizabeth; as an extremely effective school superintendent in one of the top districts in Maine; and, happily, as a close friend.

She has perhaps the most complete and applicable skill set of any school board candidate that Cape Elizabeth has ever seen. She knows schools and education. She knows Cape Elizabeth. She knows kids. And she knows how to get things done.

The upcoming school board election is a

"contested" race, with more candidates (3) than there are openings (2). While my support for Barbara's candidacy is certainly not a reflection of unhappiness with either of her opponents, I do strongly believe that we need to embrace this opportunity and take advantage of Barbara's many talents and her desire to serve our community in this capacity and at this time. Our votes for Barbara Powers in November will help the Cape Elizabeth school system be the very best it can be!

Please get to know Barbara by following her candidacy in the print media and on Facebook (Powers for Cape Elizabeth School Board).

Thanks for your attention!

Jim Rowe

Vote for Millet for 'equitable, quality education'

We write to thank Rebecca Millett for her incredible work during her first two years as our senator. Her intelligence and acumen must have been evident from the start; she was immediately selected to chair what could be the second most powerful committee in the state – the Education Committee. Under her skillful guidance and leadership, much was accomplished for education during her first term; for instance, \$16 million per year for each year of the biennium was restored to the education budget, \$4 million per year is now available to school districts for public Pre-K program start-up costs, and a bill that reduces swings in state allocations to schools districts is now law.

A strong advocate for early education, Rebecca passed into law a bill that directs education funds from casino revenues to early education and Pre-K, outlines a five-year

plan to help make Pre-K programs available in all Maine school districts by 2019, and requires preschool program standards to ensure quality programming.

Rebecca also successfully advocated that the state fulfill the decade-old voters' mandate for 55 percent education funding starting with the restoration of \$12 million in state education funding and supported the inclusion of language that would require a one-percent increase in state funding in subsequent years.

If you value equitable, quality education for all Maine students, from preschool through college, then please join us in voting to re-elect Senator Rebecca Millett on Nov. 4.

Deb and Mark Stone, Hulda and Imad Khalidi, Amy and Dana Stanley, Laura McGrath, and Trish Brigham



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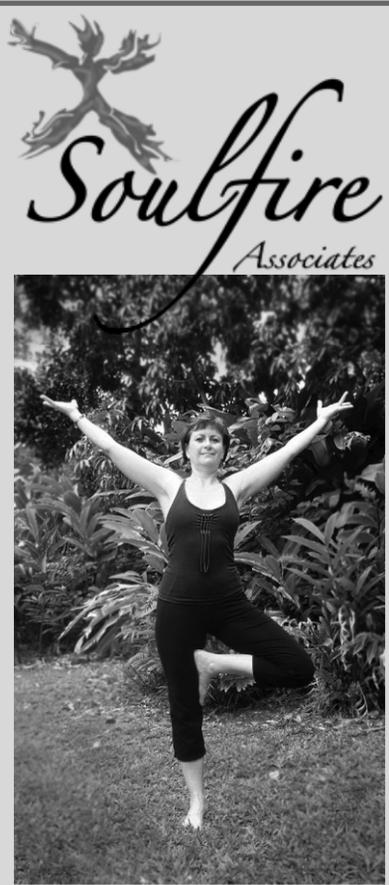
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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

October brings 'Hunter's Moon' and a total lunar eclipse



Photo by Martha Agan

By Erika Carlson Rhile, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Education Committee chair

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers!" – *Anne of Green Gables*

Oct. 8: There will be a Full Hunter's Moon, so called because leaves are falling and game is fat and ready to hunt. There will also be a total lunar eclipse at 6:27 a.m.. The moon will gradually darken and turn red. The moon will be near the horizon at this time and just about to set.

Oct. 21-23: Orionids meteor showers. Watch for up to 20 shooting stars

per hour as earth travels through the dust from Halley's comet. This will be an excellent year for viewing, since there will be no moon to interfere with the show.

Some birds will eat invasive Asiatic bittersweet before a big migration. Unfortunately, this low-quality food is the equivalent of eating a candy bar before a race.

Harbinger of winter: Flocks of juncos start arriving from the north.

Many species like apples as much as we do: foxes, coyotes, fishers, raccoons, possums, deer, porcupine and turkeys.

Enjoy October!

New trails, other changes, at Robinson Woods II

By Chris Franklin, Executive Director, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

Visitors to Robinson Woods II may notice recent changes to the existing trail system there and to the trails leading to the Methodist Church parking lot on Route 77.

These changes reflect two CELT projects designed to provide passage along permanent, deeded public-access trails. For many years, walkers have benefited from the generosity of the Robinson family and from Kirk and Nancy St. John Pond, who have allowed access across their private lands.

Through CELT's acquisition of Robinson Woods II and the Ponds' donation to CELT of a trail easement, trails in this vicinity are being moved off private lands to lands owned or managed by CELT.

The most noticeable change will be the addition of a 100-foot crossing of the ponds further up the mill ponds and the removal of

the wooden planks currently connecting the Robinson Woods II trails to the fields on the far side, fields still owned by the Robinson family.

The existing trail leading downhill from the Methodist Church property into Robinson Woods has, until now, been privately owned and managed. This existing trail bisects a buildable lot, so a new section of trail to provide long-term public access is being established near the property boundaries. This new trail comes with new management guidelines, including the requirement that dogs need to be on-leash on this trail until reaching the Robinson Woods II property. This new trail corridor and the associated management guidelines will be prominently posted on the property. We are depending upon you—the users of this trail—to abide by these new guidelines or risk losing access.

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Town Council candidates share their views



Patricia Grennon



Katharine N. Ray

By Elizabeth Brogan

The election to fill two seats on the Town Council will be uncontested. Incumbent Katharine N. Ray, of Spurwink Avenue is seeking a second three-year term. Patricia Grennon, of Sea Barn Road, who will be new to public office if elected, is also on the ballot. David Sherman, whose term ends after the election, is not seeking re-election.

Grennon says that she is running “agenda-free,” with no particular issue driving her candidacy. “Rather, I feel a responsibility to give back and serve my community.”

Grennon is committed to “preserving and protecting our open land, varied ecosystems, farming heritage, and special rural quality.” She would like to see the community “welcome new businesses, while embracing the natural beauty and rural character that sets Cape apart.”

She believes it is “essential that our schools continue to be excellent and strong, and that they have all the support and resources necessary to thrive, adapt and evolve,” but also that elected officials must be “responsible stewards of residents’ tax

dollars by carefully managing town priorities and spending.”

Incumbent Katharine Ray says that she is running for a second term “because I believe in giving back to my community.”

A lifelong resident of Cape Elizabeth, Ray has served eight years on the School Board in addition to her three years on the council. “I enjoy working with others to sustain and improve our community,” she says. “I know that we need to balance the needs of all citizens, both young and old, while protecting the quality of life in Cape Elizabeth.”

Ray says she understands the need for organization, clear planning and careful financial oversight. Having served on both the Library Planning Committee and the Library Building Committee, she is “excited that we have a proposal for a library that strengthens our community, incorporating the traditions of Cape Elizabeth, while also embracing the future.”

In the Oct. 15 issue of *The Cape Courier*, we will provide information about each of the three candidates vying for two seats on the School Board.

Candidates’ Nights will be held Oct. 15 and 22 and broadcast extensively on CETV

Two Candidates’ Nights, one for state candidates and the other for local candidates, will be held before the upcoming Nov. 4 election.

Candidates’ Night for state candidates will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15 in the Town Hall Chamber. From 7 to 7:50 p.m., State House Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig, Democrat, will face Republican challenger, Pauline Wilcox. From 8 to 9 p.m., State Senate incumbent Democrat Rebecca Millett will face Republican challenger Bill DeSena and Green Party candidate Mark Diehl.

Candidates’ Night for local candidates will be held a week later, on Oct. 22. The two, uncontested, candidates for Town Council, incumbent Katherine Ray and Patricia Grennon, will answer questions from 7 to 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Chamber. The three School Board candidates, vying for two seats, incumbents Joanna Morrissey and Elizabeth Scifres, and challenger Barbara Powers, will answer questions starting at 7:50 p.m.

Cape Elizabeth High School AP Government students will prepare questions and conduct the event. CETV will broadcast it live and will also rebroadcast the events

several times during the weeks before the election. Call-in questions will be accepted during the live broadcasts. Viewers with questions should call (207) 767-2273, ext. 255.

CETV rebroadcast schedule

CETV will rebroadcast the Oct. 15 event at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 19.

The Oct. 22 event will be rebroadcast at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26 and 9 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26.

Library renovation video

Also on CETV this month, a seven minute video on the proposed renovation/construction at the Thomas Memorial Library will air at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Oct. 1 to Oct. 3. Voters will decide on a \$4 million bond to fund the project on Nov. 4. The video, produced by 2014 CEHS graduate Tucker Pillsbury, features interviews with Library Director Jay Scherma and Library Building Committee member Frank Governali.

The video can also be viewed on the library website at <http://www.thomasmemoriallibrary.org/2014/07/31/tml-building-project-video/>.

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Capital improvement plan approved

The Town Council approved a 10-year capital improvement plan at its Sept. 8 regular meeting.

The plan includes \$1.1 million for projects slated for fiscal year 2016, \$435,000 of which will address roads and drainage issues including shim and overlay of Old Ocean House Road and Spurwink Avenue and overlay of various other roads.

The plan also calls for a \$25,000 study of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center and \$300,000 to modernize the facility.

“We were planning to replace some of the compacting equipment and hopper in fiscal year 2016, but it is clear that the site has more challenges than just the condition of the compactor,” Town Manager Michael McGovern said in a memo to the Town Council. “It is proposed to undertake a study of the property and program to determine options for the future.”

“Traffic over there’s a mess,” McGovern

told councilors at the Sept. 8 meeting. “It used to be, people would go in, they’d back in [next to the hopper]. Now everyone is all over the place – they’re backing in, they’re going in the front too, they’re walking across the parking lot. Someone’s going to get killed there.”

McGovern said that an alternative might be a system where trash goes into the hopper by conveyor belt. “Anyway, it’s something you’re going to be hearing more about,” McGovern told councilors.

The capital improvement or “stewardship,” plan also continues regular investment of \$100,000 annually for roads, buildings and equipment with two bonds proposed for the next ten years.

The plan does not include funds for library improvements, with the assumption that the library referendum, which includes a proposed \$4 million bond, will be approved by voters in November.

Fort Williams Advisory Commission considers some parking spots at old entrance to park

The Fort Williams Advisory Commission met on Sept. 18 and reached a consensus to paint about four parking spaces, including one handicapped space, at the old entrance to Fort Williams Park, according to Town Manager Michael McGovern.

The entrance, south of the main entrance on Shore Road and close to the pond and off-leash dog walking area, has been closed to vehicles since the end of August.

“This will preserve the fire lane and stop parking on the grass,” McGovern reported in a Sept. 19 “Odds and Ends” email.

According to McGovern, the commission will soon look at an earlier plan to put a 13-space lot in the area with expanded pavement, but the “current configuration of the sidewalks, the plan to have a nearby children’s garden and concern with additional paved surface” would “factor into any long-term planning.

Short-term rental program has some success

Code Enforcement Officer, Ben McDougal reported to the Town Council on Sept. 8 on the status of the short-term rental program that went into effect at the end of 2012.

“In my opinion implementation has been relatively successful,” McDougal told councilors.

The regulations established a permitting system for renting out residential properties for fewer than 30 days, with standards for parking, number of tenants, length of stay and building code and safety requirements. The regulations, part of the town zoning ordinance, were developed in response to complaints from neighbors of short-term rental properties.

McDougal reported to the council on the results of a survey sent to 38 short-term rental permit holders and 502 abutters. Only

13 permit holders responded, with just seven saying they thought the ordinance was working well, five saying it was overregulating, and one saying it was unnecessary.

Seventy-seven abutters responded, with about half saying their experience was “very good” or “good: and 24 saying it was “bearable.”

“As you can see from the survey results, some residents would like to see some changes to the standards, and other residents think they are fine as is,” McDougal said to the council. Approximately 42 percent of both permit-holders and abutters said they would like to see changes in the short-term rental standards.

Review of the standards was a Town Council goal for 2014. Survey results are available on the town website.

Get ready for fall cleanup: Disposal fees at Recycling Center waived Oct. 11-27

Disposal fees at the Recycling Center will be waived for residents transporting their own material and/or items for two weeks in October.

Fees will be waived from Saturday, Oct. 11, through Monday, Oct. 27. Contractors will still be assessed fees in accordance with current regulations.

In addition to the above dates, the Recycling Center will be open four Sundays

between Oct. 19 and Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the disposal of recyclables, leaves, yard wastes, wood waste, bulky waste and brush only. Fees will be assessed on applicable items on Nov. 2 and Nov. 9.

Items normally destined for the transfer station compactor (household refuse) will not be accepted on Sundays.

For more information please contact Public Works, 207-799-4151.

Paper-shredding event set for Oct. 11

The Recycling Committee will host a paper-shredding event at the Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.

The shredding will be done by Without a Trace Mobile Shredding, Inc., of Scarborough. The event is limited to Cape Elizabeth

residents, and there is a limit of four boxes per vehicle.

Members of the Recycling Committee will be on hand that day to provide promotional items and answer any questions about the town's recycling program.

Reminder: property taxes due Oct. 2.

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Robinson Woods trail biker bitten by dogs, email accounts hacked, and scam detected

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 8-30 An officer met with a resident of Portland who had been riding his bike on trails in Robinson Woods, and was jumped and bitten by two dogs. The owner was identified and contacted
- 9-2 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about an email account that had been hacked.
- 9-2 An officer met with a subject in the Kettle Cove area for a suspicious motor vehicle complaint.
- 9-3 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area who showed the officer where someone had dumped a dozen potted marijuana plants.
- 9-6 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about an email account that had been hacked.
- 9-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 9-8 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about a phone call scam where she was called by someone claiming to be from the Cumberland County Sherriffs Office, telling her she had missed jury duty and would be arrested unless she purchased two green dot money packs and used a 14 digit reference number when she purchased the money packs. Fortunately, when she tried to purchase the money packs,

she learned that by entering the 14 digit number, it would give the suspect instant access to the money. With a scam suspected, the victim contacted police.

ARRESTS

- 9-3 South Portland resident, domestic violence assault, reckless violation of protection order, Bowery Beach Road
- 9-12 Sanford resident, outstanding warrant, Shore Road
- 9-13 Windham resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road
- 9-14 Falmouth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Route 77

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 9-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol, Hannaford Cove Road

SUMMONSES

- 9-3 South Portland resident, domestic assault, reckless violation of protection order, Bowery Beach Road
- 9-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle over 150 days. Shore Road
- 9-4 Mass. resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
- 9-4 Gorham resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77
- 9-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 9-5 South China resident, speeding (60/45 zone) Route 77, \$185

- 9-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 9-8 Bethel resident, operating after license suspension, registration suspension, Ocean House Road, \$310
- 9-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, furnishing liquor to a minor, Hannaford Cove Road
- 9-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, \$133
- 9-11 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road, \$310
- 9-11 South Portland resident, speeding (43/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$137
- 9-12 Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, \$70
- 9-13 Windham resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road
- 9-13 Dayton resident, unsworn falsification, CEPD
- 9-14 Falmouth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Route 77

- 9-13 Alisa Sweet, Gerardus Jochems, accident on Route 77

FIRE CALLS

- 9-2 Ocean View Road, investigation
- 9-2 Warren Avenue, investigation
- 9-2 Shore Road, power line down
- 9-3 Linwood Street, fuel spill
- 9-5 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 9-6 Baker Road, fire alarm
- 9-7 Peabbles Point Lane, fire alarm
- 9-7 Cranbrook Drive, fire alarm
- 9-8 Scarborough Mutual Aid (3 calls)
- 9-9 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 9-10 Hunts Point Road, fire alarm
- 9-10 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 9-13 Starboard Drive, investigation
- 9-13 Ocean House Road, motor vehicle accident
- 9-14 Spurwink Avenue, motor vehicle accident
- 9-15 Ocean House Road, chimney fire

RESCUE CALLS

There were 19 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 2 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 4 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

ACCIDENTS

- 9-8 Donald Perkins, Matthew Flynn, accident on Ocean House Road
- 9-11 Daniel Gogolen, Jennifer Bodenrader, accident on Spurwink Avenue



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“I grew up in Cape Elizabeth and attended our town’s outstanding schools. When I became a mother, we returned to raise our children in a community that values family and education. My oldest daughter has just started kindergarten, and nothing would make me happier than having Barbara Powers, whom my family has known for many years, helping to shape her educational journey. I value Barbara’s leadership ability, her commitment to educational excellence, and her extensive experience. We would be fortunate to have her help guide our schools!” ~ **Sarah Saffer Estes**

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“We are thrilled that Barbara Powers is running for School Board in Cape Elizabeth. She brings with her a passion for education and a remarkable experience base, both a tremendous asset to our community. Please join us in supporting Barbara in the November 4 election!” ~ **Tim and Nancy Thompson**

“Cape Elizabeth has the rare opportunity to elect a highly experienced veteran of the Maine public school system. Barbara Powers has a depth of understanding and a passion for education, our children and community. Knowing her as a teacher and now a colleague, I am confident that she will have a positive impact on my three children if she joins our School Board. I will be voting for her come the November election and hope you do as well.” ~ **Catherine Adams**



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.

Oct. 1, 1864 – The boys have commenced their annual raid on fruit trees and gardens, and loud complaints of their depredations appear in many of our exchanges. Fruit is tempting, but boys should remember that the test of true manliness is to withstand temptation. It is as mean to rob an orchard as it is to steal from a grocer's till. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Gold and prices falling – The recent succession of Union victories has brought gold down by the run. On Saturday it fell from 212 to 200, and on Monday it was down as low as 187. The effect of this has been to bring down prices and make

speculators shake in their shoes. Flour in New York on Saturday was 50 cents lower, and beef, pork, and butter participated in the decline. Speculators wear long faces, but people generally look as smiling as a basket of chips. [Portland Transcript]

☞ War News – Gen. Sherman has gloriously followed up his victory, and again defeated the enemy [in the Shenandoah Valley]. Gen. Sherman has removed the families from Atlanta and is strengthening his position there. Our gunboats have made an expedition up Fish river [Louisiana] and destroyed sawmills, gristmills, shipyards and lumber valued at \$100,000. Both of

President Lincoln's private secretaries have been drafted. [Portland Transcript]

☞ New York city is to have a grand illumination in honor of our recent victories. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Gen. Grover, of Maine, commands a division in Sheridan's army. In the recent battle every Colonel in his division was killed or wounded. [Portland Transcript]

☞ City Items: The drafting and recruiting campaign now going on in our city has caused some lively scenes in our streets. A crowd daily surrounds the Provost Marshal's office. Drafted men come in looking eagerly for substitutes. Those rapacious gentry, the substitute brokers, abound, and wrangle fiercely over their prey, out of whom they sometimes make three, four, or five hundred dollars apiece. Bounty jumpers are also about, and occasionally attempt to make off with their money, but are brought up by the police. There have been one or two [scuffles] in the streets, in which men were knocked down or dragged out without ceremony. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The bells of our city were rung for half an hour on Monday noon in honor

of the capture of Mobile. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Internal Revenue Tax of the Portland Match Company will amount to the very large sum of two hundred and forty thousand dollars a year. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The sailor boys of the Frigate, Sabine, to the number of one hundred, paraded our streets on Tuesday with music, making a fine appearance. [Portland Transcript]

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Presentation topic: 19th-century postcards

Kevin Johnson, photo archivist for the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport, will present a talk, "Southern Maine: The Postcard View; Selections from the Eastern Illustrating & Publishing Co.," at a Greater Portland Genealogical Society meeting set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road.

Rudolph Herman Cassens, who founded

the Eastern Illustrating & Publishing Company in 1909 in Belfast, photographed small towns and rural areas in the Northeast for postcards between 1909 and 1947, producing more than 50,000 glass plate negatives of New England and upstate New York.

Refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m., and admission will be free.

Go to www.gpcmsg.org for more information.

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Cape Elizabeth High School seniors, from left, Rachel Garrity, Michaela Pinette, Alexandra Coggeshall, Mary DiPietro and Aubrey O'Meara, sell pumpkins last fall during the CEHS field hockey team's annual fundraiser.

Cape Elizabeth High School field hockey players will hold their annual pumpkin sale in the Cape Elizabeth Community Center's rear parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Baked goods and coffee also will be for sale.

All proceeds will benefit high school field hockey teams and will help cover costs for an assistant varsity coach, new gear, goal repairs, and other items that are needed but not covered by the school budget.

Call Susan Garrity at 329-3554 for more information.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Martha Williams** recently launched **Soulfire Associates**, a company that provides individual and group yoga classes and healing activities in homes and workplaces. Williams, who worked for nine years with Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in Stockbridge, Mass., is certified to teach Iyengar and Kundalini yoga through YogaSpirit Studios based in South Hamilton, Mass. She has taught yoga in southern Maine for about five years.

Williams also does healing using shamanic practices, which draw on the wisdom and traditions of ancient indigenous people.



Martha Williams

Cape Elizabeth resident **Tom Downing** recently launched the **Lifeline Center for Workplace Wellness** on Spurwink Avenue.

The center offers employers a range of services, including a model for smaller employers looking to implement wellness programs in their companies. Tom, who has worked in the fitness and health promotion business for four decades, cofounded the Lifeline Fitness program in 1976 at the Portland YMCA. The program moved to the University of Southern Maine in Portland in 1978 and then became the external worksite wellness provider for Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Reminder: Property taxes due 10/2

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CAPE CALENDAR By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, October 1

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

Town Council, School Board joint workshop (tentative), 7-8 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Thursday, October 2

Library Building Committee, 4 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Monday, October 6

School Board Policy Committee, 7:30-8:30 a.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

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

Tuesday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 11

Recycling Committee Paper Shredding Event, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Recycling Center

Monday, October 13

Columbus Day Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth Schools closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14

Library Building Committee, 4 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

School Board Executive Session (tentative), 6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference Room, second floor Town Hall

Cape Elizabeth 250th Anniversary Committee, 7 p.m., location TBD.

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

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Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
Oct. 4, 5, 11 & 12 - 11:30 a.m.
Town Council (live)

Oct. 6 - 7 p.m.
Town Council replay
Oct. 8 & 9 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Oct. 11 - 9 a.m.
School Board (live)
Oct. 14 - 7 p.m.
School Board replay
Oct. 15 - 2 p.m.
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Oct. 15 - 7 p.m..

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Group invites residents to post scarecrows

The Pond Cove Parents Association's fourth annual "Scarecrows on the Town" contest is underway. Cape residents and business people are encouraged to create their own scarecrows to display in yards, neighborhoods and outside businesses around town.

Photos of the scarecrows will be posted at the Harvest Festival at Pond Cove on Saturday, Oct. 18 [see page 14]. There, people will get to vote on the scarecrows in the following categories: spooky, whimsical/fun, traditional, Cape spirit, business, and wild animals, the 2014 theme.

Scarecrow posts are available for \$5 apiece at Jordan's and Alewife's farms. To

enter the contest, send name, address, scarecrow category, a picture of the scarecrow and \$5 to Jenny Green, 7 Misty Lane, Cape Elizabeth 04107, or bring the information and fee to the Pond Cove front office. People also can email photos of scarecrows to threegreenpages@gmail.com.

Cape residents also can skip the contest and just display scarecrows they have made in the past or make new ones to join the others around town.

Contact Anne Leonardi at aleonardi.pcpa@gmail.com or 409-7566 for more information about the contest or about the Harvest Festival.

Democrats open headquarters in Town Center



Former Maine Gov. John Baldacci, second from left, and his son Jack, third from left, were among the 50 people who turned out Sept. 14 at the opening of the Cape Elizabeth Democratic Town Committee's headquarters at 303 Ocean House Road. With them are, from left, Cape Elizabeth resident and Maine Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig; Julia McCabe; and Cape residents Tony Armstrong and Brett Parker. In coming weeks, committee members plan to gather Tuesday and Thursday evenings to make get-out-the-vote calls, committee treasurer Sara Lennon said. The office also will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for "visitors to socialize and grab some literature, bumper stickers and lawn signs," she said.

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Four Cape dancers to perform this month

Four Cape Elizabeth dancers will perform in the Maine State Ballet's "The Firebird" and the "Bach Concerti" the weekends of Oct. 10 and 17.

Linda MacArthur Miele choreographed both "The Firebird," a dramatic piece, and "Bach Concerti" a series of four selections featuring classical choreography for more than 20 dancers.

Starting Friday, Oct. 10, shows are planned at 7 p.m. on Fridays, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturdays through Oct. 18 at the Maine State Ballet Theater, 348 U.S. Route 1 in Falmouth.

Tickets, \$15 to \$20, are on sale at www.mainestateballet.org or by calling 781-3587. Discounts are available for seniors and chil-



Cape Elizabeth dancers, from left, Lily Mackenzie, Mike Mackenzie, Alexandria Weissbach and Faith Buckley will perform with the Maine State Ballet this month.

dren. A \$5 processing fee is charged for phone and box office orders but not for on-line purchases. Go to www.mainestateballet.org for more information.

CELT walk on Oct. 4

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Director Chris Franklin will lead a seven-mile crosstown walk on Saturday, Oct. 4. The aim of the walk will be to offer an overview of ecosystems in town. The group will meet at 8 a.m. in the dirt parking lot closest to Portland Head Light. After the walk and a picnic lunch at Kettle Cove, walkers will be shuttled back to Fort Williams. A \$10 fee will include lunch, snacks and drinks.

Register through Cape Elizabeth Community Services, 343 Ocean House Road. Call 767-6054 or go to www.capelandtrust.org.

'Avenue Q' musical comedy now at Lyric Theater

"Avenue Q," a musical comedy, will run through Saturday, Oct. 4, at Lyric Music Theater, 176 Sawyer Sreet, South Portland.

The show, the winner of three Tony Awards, tells the story of a recent college graduate named Princeton who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. There he meets Kate, the

Girl Scout meeting to be held on Oct. 2

A meeting about Girl Scout opportunities for Cape Elizabeth girls in kindergarten through grade 12 is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Thomas Memorial Library.

The Girl Scout program seeks to empower girls through activities and events designed to build leadership skills and allow them to try new adventures.

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Danny Lion returns to library Oct. 4

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the library welcomes back children's performer Danny Lion, a.k.a. Dan Flannery, for a 10:30 a.m. performance. Danny Lion last delighted families with his original songs in an outdoor evening concert in July.

Flannery will also be the special resource professional for the final session of the library's five-week Parent-Child Workshop on Oct. 3; fifteen families with children one to three years old have been participating in the workshop, joined by a different professional consultant each week to answer questions about child development. Flannery holds a master's degree in Child Development, and has years of experience working as a preschool teacher and music teacher for young children. He has been recording music for children since 2007, when he formed "The Flannery Brothers" with his brother Mike. He currently performs and records as Danny Lion.

Old fans and newcomers are sure to have a fabulous time singing and dancing with Danny Lion. Visit the library's website for more information about Danny Lion and to watch some of his fantastic videos. The concert is free and open to everyone.

'Star Wars Reads Day' returns Oct. 11!

The third annual "Star Wars Reads Day" will take place on Saturday, Oct. 11. This year, however, Thomas Memorial Library is collaborating with South Portland Public Library on the event. Because the preparations for the FOTML Fall Book & Bake Sale will make the library's Community Room inaccessible, the Star Wars-themed event will take place at the South Portland Public Library's main location at 482 Broadway from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

There will be Star Wars games, crafts, and activities. Children as well as adults are invited to come dressed as their favorite Star Wars characters. Several costumed characters from the Star Wars organization, "the 501st Legion," will be making an appearance, so be sure to bring a camera for some terrific photo ops! The event is free. Details can be found on the Thomas Memorial Library website.



Librarians Rick Lepage and Rachel Davis pose with a Storm Trooper from the 501st Legion at last year's Star Wars Reads Day.

Book & Bake sale set for Oct. 16-18; some other programs moved

The popular Friends of the Thomas Memorial Library Fall Book & Bake Sale will take place this year from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18. There will also be a preview night for donors to the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16 (you can make a

donation at the door in order to attend.)

The book sale will feature hundreds of well-organized books for adults, teens, and children. Baked goods and other items provided by Cape's finest bakers and crafters may be purchased. All proceeds go to the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation in support of library programs and services.

Due to preparations for the FOTML Fall Book & Bake Sale, there will be no regular story times held from Oct. 6 to 18.

The library's two therapy dogs, Winston

and Maddie, will be meeting with kids in the library's Maine Room, on Oct. 8, 9, and 16 (Winston will not be at the library on October 15.)

Jud Caswell will be back on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. for his regular monthly Musical Story Hour for kids. Because an alternate location in town could not be found, Rob Duquette will not present his World Music program for kids this month.

All regular programs will resume Oct. 21 in the library's Community Room.

Stop by the library in October to review plans

During the month of October the library will display the plans for the proposed library renovation for public review. Members of the Thomas Memorial Library board of trustees will be available to answer ques-

tions and explain details of the design from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 9.

The public is encouraged to stop in and see the plans ahead of the Nov 4 vote.



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No story times from Oct. 6 - 18 due to the Friends of the Thomas Memorial Library's Fall Book & Bake Sale. See story at left.

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Cape residents 60 years and older invited to talk about town services, needs on Oct. 14, 28

The Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, a group that advises the Town Council on issues facing Cape Elizabeth citizens 60 years and older, wants to hear from residents in that age group.

The SCAC invites residents 60 years and older to talk about their needs – transportation, health care, housing, town services, recreation and more – on Tuesdays, Oct. 14 and Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Jordan Conference Room at the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall.

“We hope to find out what issues are most

important to residents who are 60 years and over, what town services they most frequently use, what services they wish were here, and what services are needed,” SCAC Chairman Brett Seekins said.

Senior citizens will be invited to fill out a survey asking them to name the issues most important to them and then rank them in order of importance.

Contact Cape Elizabeth Town Assessor Matt Sturgis, the commission’s staff liaison, at matthew.sturgis@capeelizabeth.org for information, or to reach SCAC members.

Free health fair for Cape seniors on Oct. 24

Cape Elizabeth Community Services has organized a free health fair for senior citizens from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Oct. 24, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

At the event, more than 20 organizations and businesses will have booths at which Cape Elizabeth senior citizens and their caregivers will have an opportunity to speak with representatives from assisted living residences, visiting nurse and home care agencies, medical services organizations, real estate companies, Community Services, and more. Elder law attorneys, chiroprac-

tors, and members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, a group that advises the Cape Elizabeth Town Council on issues facing Cape residents who are 60 years and older, also will have booths at the fair.

The event, which will include door prizes and free coffee, juice and muffins, will offer senior citizens “an opportunity to mingle and learn,” said Jen DeRice, coordinator of adult programming for Community Services. Contact DeRice at 799-2826 or jderice@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

‘Les Miserables’ to run through Oct. 19

The musical “Les Misérables” will run through Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Portland Players.

Based on the novel of the same name by French novelist Victor Hugo, the play, set in early 19th-century France, centers around the struggles and triumphs of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his quest for redemption. After serving 19 years in jail for stealing a loaf of bread for his starving sister’s child, Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him by a tremendous act of mercy. He is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert and, along the way, Valjean and a host of other characters are swept into a revolutionary period when young idealists

make their last stand at a street barricade. Michael Donovan and David Delano direct. The show stars Zach Handlen, Brie Roche, Mark Dils, Michelle Perry, Evelyn McGirr, David Aaron Van Duyn and Rachel Henry. Cape Elizabeth cast members are Janie Downey Maxwell and Johnny Speckman.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$15 for students with identification.

Go to www.portlandplayers.org, or call the box office at 799-7337 to buy tickets. Through Oct. 19, the box office will be open from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

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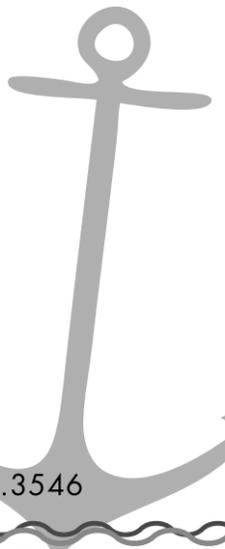
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Five Cape Elizabeth High School seniors named 2014 National Merit semifinalists

Five Cape Elizabeth High School seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship Competition semifinalists for their performance on the PSAT – the Preliminary SAT – which they took as juniors in October 2013.

The students are Matthias Barth, the son of Denise and Max Barth; Walker Grimes, the son of Blaine and Charles Grimes; Lily Jordan, the daughter of Nancy and Glenn Jordan; Benjamin Stanley, the son of Amy and Dana Stanley; and Leo Wing, the son of Deborah Wing-Sproul and Anthony Kosner.

The students will continue in the competi-

tion for National Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in the spring.

About 1.4 million students entered the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program when they were juniors by taking the PSAT, which serves as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

About 16,000 semifinalists have an opportunity to continue in the competition for more than \$34 million in merit scholarship awards to be offered in the spring.

Two school book fairs planned this month

The Pond Cove and Middle School parents associations will hold their annual Scholastic book fairs this month.

Pond Cove's will run Oct. 16-23 in the school's media center. Fair hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays from Thursday, Oct. 16, to Wednesday, Oct. 22; 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23; and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, and Tuesday, Oct. 21. Students in grades 1-4 will visit the fair during the school day. Go to <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/pondcove> to see books that will be sold at the fair.

Sale proceeds will support school programs and events.

Contact Heather Altenburg at galtentburg@gmail.com, or Emily Garvin at esgarvin@yahoo.com for fair information. Contact Molly Brennan at Mgmallyo@yahoo.com about volunteering.

The MSPA will host its Scholastic Book Fair Monday, Oct. 20, through Friday, Oct. 24, in the fifth-grade knuckle.

The sale will include books for middle-schoolers, young teens and adults, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides and best sellers from more than 150 publishers.

Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, through Friday, Oct. 24.

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Pond Cove Harvest Festival to happen on Oct. 18

The Pond Cove Parents Association will hold its annual Harvest Festival from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Pond Cove School. The event will include indoor and outdoor games, crafts, a harvest meal featuring locally raised produce, a bake sale, a cake walk and more. The Middle School Parents Association plans its annual "Haunted Hallway."

Organizers encourage people to wear cos-

tumes, and children are invited to participate in a costume parade. At the festival, people can vote for their favorite scarecrows in the PCPA's "Scarecrows on the Town" contest [see page 10]. The PCPA will announce contest winners the following week.

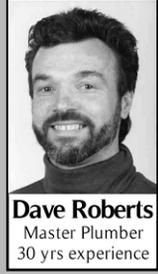
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Second Lucy Fund 5K planned Oct. 18

The second annual Lucy Fund 5K is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at Fort Williams Park. The race, a fundraiser launched in 2013 by Cape Elizabeth resident Beth Elicker, will begin at 9 a.m. at Fort Williams Park.

All proceeds from the event will benefit a fund that Elicker's late sister, Lucy Stanovick, established at the National Foundation for Cancer Research after she was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer at the age of 42. The fund supports metastatic breast cancer research.

"Lucy's goal was to get more research and attention focused on Stage 4, to make it possible to treat Stage 4 like a chronic rather than a deadly disease," Elicker said. "Though Lucy lost her life to this disease, we are committed to carrying forward the mission of the Lucy Fund, as the work is critically important."

Stanovick, a mother of two and an associate professor of English education at East Stroudsburg University in East Stroudsburg, Pa., died in August 2012 at age 46.

Registration for the race is \$25 in advance, and \$30 the day of the race. Go to www.facebook.com/LucyFund5K to register. Contact Elicker, the race director, at 233-0022 or belicker@maine.rr.com for more information. Go to www.nfcr.org/lucyfund for information about the Lucy Fund.

Out of the park view of Hannaford Field



Cape Elizabeth resident Ann Kaplan, a professional photographer, created this photograph of Hannaford Field in Cape Elizabeth in September by means of a two-and-a-half-pound remote-controlled aerial vehicle. "Quadcopters are useful tools for capturing aerial images, and they're far less expensive and far greener than using a helicopter," she said. Kaplan and Cape Elizabeth Athletic Director Jeff Thoreck "were throwing around the idea of using this at a football game, and this particular shot was a test flight to see if it would work," she said. "I just thought a different perspective of the field and the school - something only birds see - was interesting. As a photographer, you're always looking for new and interesting angles, and these vehicles are great tools for that."

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Cape Nordic needs volunteers for trail clearing

Cape Nordic needs at least 20 volunteers to help clear Gull Crest trails from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 4, Prudential Global Volunteer Day, in order to qualify for a \$1,000 grant. The funds would help the organization fulfill its mission to support Nordic skiing in the schools and the community, and maintain and groom trails for use by all community members.

Volunteers, who will meet at the Gull Crest trailhead located near the Cape Eliza-

beth Transfer Station, are advised to wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and gloves that cover the wrists and protect the arms during the cutting of brambles. Volunteers are also asked to bring clearing tools if they have them.

Prudential Global Volunteer Day T-shirts will be given to volunteers, and homemade cookies and lemonade will be served. Contact Colette Howe at colettehowe17@gmail.com for more information.

Breast Cancer walk Oct. 19 at Fort Williams



Photo by Timothy Keller

Cape Elizabeth residents and friends who walked in last year's Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk at Fort Williams Park, included, left to right, front row, Karolina Duchkova, Laura Keller; middle row, Anna Torre, Katie Bozek, Elena Keller, Erin Tracy; and, back, Benjamin Keller.

For the second year in a row, the Portland chapter of the American Cancer Society will hold its annual Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk at Fort Williams Park. The 5-kilometer walk, which is set for 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, will include three trips around the fort. The walk will start at the fort's parade grounds.

There is no fee for the walk but participants must register, either online by going to makingstrides.acevents.org and entering "04107," or at 8:30 a.m. before the race.

Donations will be welcomed.

Participants can walk alone or in teams. Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh-grader Elena Keller, captain of the "Elena Cares" team, encourages other young people to participate in the walk. They can join her team on the Making Strides against Breast Cancer website or start a team of their own.

Contact Jessica Laliberte at portland-mestrides@cancer.org or 373-3719 for more information.

Wellness support group to meet on Thursdays

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Parish will host a six-week multi-denominational "Health and Wellness Support Group" at 7 p.m. on Thursdays starting Oct. 16.

The Christian faith-based program is for people seeking support and motivation for improving their health and lifestyle through Scripture readings.

The program, which does not focus on a

specific diet or on weight loss, promotes sensible, healthy lifestyle practices as a way of healing the body and mind.

All are welcome to join the group, for which there is a \$10 fee for materials. Call 799-5528 to register, or for more information.

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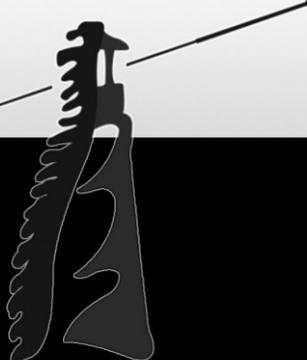
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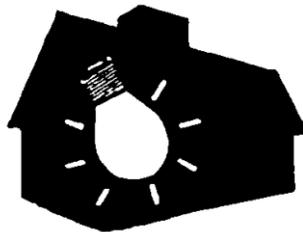
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St. Alban's to sponsor Oct. 11 premiere of film, 'Every 30 Seconds,' at Portland Museum of Art

St. Alban's Episcopal Church and the Maine Council of Churches will cohost the Maine premiere of the documentary, "Every Three Seconds," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the Portland Museum of Art auditorium, 7 Congress St. in Portland. Filmmaker Daniel Karlake will speak after the film.

The film tells the stories of five people – a boy, a college student, a 30-something, and two senior citizens – whose lives were dramatically changed by a single choice.

Karlake, an American director and producer whose work deals with social justice

issues, directed and produced "For the Bible Tells Me So," which premiered at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival and was short-listed for a 2008 Academy Award. It won nine "best documentary" audience awards at festivals around the world and was recognized by *Entertainment Weekly* magazine as one of five films that has changed the world.

A light reception will precede the film.

Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance. Because tickets are limited, each household is limited to three. Go to www.stalbansmaine.org or call the parish office at 799-4014 to make a reservation.

Annual 'Blessing of Animals' planned on Oct. 5

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host its 10th annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. in the church's outdoor chapel.

Cape Methodist always conducts the blessing the first weekend of October to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

In most years, the blessings have been primarily for dogs, but last year a cat, goat,

rabbit and even a goldfish were included.

The blessing is open to the public, and the church invites people to bring any animals they want. The Rev. Ruth Morrison will conduct the blessings.

The entrance to the trail leading to the outdoor chapel is located at the far end of the church parking lot. If it rains, Cape Methodist will hold the ceremony in the church, 280 Ocean House Road. Go to www.ceumc.org for more information.

Heirloom Supper on Oct. 4 at Methodist Church

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host its annual Heirloom Public Supper on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The supper will feature dishes made from locally grown produce and ingredients, including casseroles, beans salads and breads. As always, pie will be dessert.

Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for families – or two adults and children. Takeout also will be available.

Go to www.ceumc.org for more information about the church.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road.

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www.ceumc.org

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Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
Child care & Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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29 Ocean House Road
767-5000

Sacrament Meeting:
Sunday 9-10:10 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15-11 a.m.
Primary: 10:15 a.m.-noon
Relief Society, Priesthood: 11 a.m.-noon

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Worship: Friday: 7:30 p.m.
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First Baptist Church of South Portland

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Public hearings

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Town Center Plan's goal of a town green along Route 77 could be achieved without amending the ordinance," Sherman said, "no one on the council thought it made sense to pursue that amendment anymore." Sherman noted that while there was no guarantee that the property would be developed with a village green, "this is good news for citizens who opposed the proposed amendment to our wetlands regulations and is also good news for achieving one of the goals of the

Town Center Plan."

TIF application

Also recommended in the plan is tax incremental financing, better known as TIF, to fund Town Center infrastructure. TIF would allow the town to shelter all, or a set portion of, any new tax valuation in the designated Town Center area for up to 30 years, with that new tax revenue set aside for improvements within, or related to, the Town Center. This proposal had also generated concerns among residents, particularly with regard to its possible impact on the school budget and any specific commercial development

in town.

Town Manager Michael McGovern responded to these concerns in a July 14 presentation to the Town Council, emphasizing the estimated tax shelter of \$672,000 in increased property value over a ten-year period and the anticipated increase in school funding from Augusta as a result of that shelter.

The council had originally planned to hold a public hearing on TIF on Sept. 8, well in advance of the state's March 1 application deadline. That public hearing was delayed when the town learned that a TIF application could not be submitted ahead of adoption of a revised Town Center Plan.

Now both the proposed Town Center Plan as a whole and a draft application for TIF are scheduled for public hearings on Oct. 6.

Other, less controversial, recommendations of the proposed Town Center Plan include improved and expanded pedestrian and bicycle safety; recasting Route 77/Ocean House Road as Cape Elizabeth's "main street," with additional sidewalks, esplanades, and a reduced speed limit; storm water management improvements; formalized design standards; and increased visual appeal.

To review the entire plan, including appendices and a map, and the proposed TIF application, visit the town website.

Schools

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Cape Care, which was licensed last year, had one classroom of 3- to 5-year-olds during the 2013-2014 school year. This year, fifteen 4- and 5-year-olds are enrolled in Cape Care's pre-kindergarten program, and seven 3- and 4-year-olds in the preschool program. Two teachers work in each classroom.

The accreditation process involves demonstrating that the district meets requirements for preschool programs, including teacher certification, space and class size guidelines, curriculum, screening and assessment, and program evaluation, Nadeau said.

Accreditation could benefit the district, she said.

"The state introduced legislation last year ... which would allow districts developing new preschool programs to potentially qualify for state funding if it is made available," Nadeau said on Sept. 24. "In order to qualify for state funding, the program would have to meet the DOE's accreditation standards."

The DOE has not mandated public preschool, but "there seems to be continuing conversation about it at the Legislature, and

for good reason. Research has shown that children who have had access to high-quality early childhood education programs tend to do better in school," Nadeau said, adding, "Cape Care is not a public preschool program at present, but, if approved by the DOE, it would become a public preschool program under the supervision of the school department."

School Board Chair John Christie has his fingers crossed.

"To have an accredited preschool program in Cape Elizabeth would be a big change, and I support it," he said on Sept. 23. "Particularly for students who are at risk of struggling in school, preschool can be beneficial."

A new citizens' group headed by Cape Care parent Tracy Northrup plans to launch a fundraising campaign to install a playground on a "small lawn area" located between the Community Center and the high school, Cape Care Administrator Kelley Phinney said.

The group's hope is that the Community Center's front parking lot exit would be eliminated, "so there would only be one entrance to that front lot, which would be reduced by four or five spaces," she said.

Because the play structure next to CEHS was condemned in the spring, a new play

structure is badly needed, Phinney said.

"Last spring, we were told we couldn't use it. Nor could we use it for summer programs," she said.

Enrollment decline

In other action at the Sept. 9 School Board meeting, Nadeau announced a 1.6-percent decline in school enrollment from last year.

"As had been projected, we are in a state of decline after what had been a fairly stable enrollment for the past three years," Nadeau told board members.

This September, Cape schools had 1,645 students, down from 1,672 a year ago. The biggest decrease is at Pond Cove, which had 569 students last year and 548 this year – a 3.6-percent drop. CEHS enrollment is also down 2.45 percent, but middle school enrollment is up 1.4 percent.

Nadeau has instructed the school department's business manager to contact the research and planning firm, Planning Decisions, to get a quote on enrollment projections. The company did its last enrollment survey for Cape three years ago.

"My recommendation would be that we look at updated enrollment projections prior to the start of this year's budget cycle be-

cause I think it's important to have the most accurate information we can before moving forward," she said.

Proposed policy changes

At the Oct. 14 business meeting, six School Board policies related to substance abuse and student conduct will be given a first reading. One of the biggest proposed changes to the policies, which the board has been reviewing for the past year, addresses the handling of suspension for CEHS students.

"In the policy, we put in an experimental, first-of-its-kind provision that students with only one suspension can request in writing their junior or senior year to have that suspension expunged from their record," School Board Policy Committee Chair Jo Morrissey said on Sept. 22. "In order for it to be expunged, it has to be the student's only suspension, and the student has to write a letter to [CEHS Principal Jeffrey Shedd], who would determine whether or not the student has been rehabilitated and is deserving of having it removed."

The proposed change reflects the committee's efforts to "make sure the policies are geared toward restorative justice," Morrissey said. "It's an example of how we looked at all of these policies as an opportunity to provide kids with a way to learn from their mistakes without taking away any future opportunities or potential."

If the change to the suspension policy is approved, the board will review its effectiveness after the new rule has been in place for a year, Morrissey said.



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Cape Elizabeth resident Tony Wagner's grandson Ethan Wagner of Chatham, N.J., holds his grandfather's hometown newspaper recently at the State University of New York Maritime College's dock in Bronx, N.Y., aboard the college's training ship, *Empire State*, with his grandfather and his sister, Samantha. For 51 days this summer, Tony sailed with the ship as an engineering training and watch officer, instructing more than 500 engineering cadets in ship operations. The ship visited two U.S. and four overseas ports,

Courier visits the Brandenburg Gate



Cape Elizabeth resident Sydney Banks, a student at Northeastern University in Boston, took *The Cape Courier* along when she visited the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin this summer. With Theo Bowe, a fellow 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate and Northeastern student, Sydney traveled through Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, England and France before she started a five-month internship at Heart Capital, an impact investment firm in Cape Town, South Africa.

Scout's project benefits picnickers



Cape Elizabeth resident M.A.K. O'Brien recently was awarded Boy Scout's highest rank, Eagle Scout, at the Cape Elizabeth Lions Clubhouse. To achieve the rank, Scouts have to carry out a service project, and M.A.K., pictured with, left, Troop 30 Scoutmaster Moe Black, and Assistant Scoutmaster Stephen Bates, made picnic tables for Fort Williams Park with the help of Scouts in his troop and Bob Malley and Forrest King of the Cape Elizabeth Public Works Department. A sophomore at Cheverus High School in Portland, M.A.K. is the son of Anne and Mike O'Brien.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Jon Jennings** will run with the Dana-Farber team in the 14th annual B.A.A. Half Marathon on Oct. 12 in Boston. The team seeks to raise awareness and funds to support patient care and cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Go to www.rundanafarber.org to support Jennings or for more information.

Kindred Assisted Living - Village Crossings recently won its second straight "Excellence in Action Award," given to nursing homes, assisted living, and independent living communities for outstanding resident and employee satisfaction. The award is given based on findings from My InnerView, a U.S. research corporation.



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