Artists paint *en plein air* for CELT’s 10th annual auction

Photos by Bob Harrison

Artists Caleb Stone (left) painted at Spurwink Church, while Marsha Donahue (above) was at Trundy Point. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust’s 10th annual Paint for Preservation auction raised over $75,000 toward conserving and caring for the natural lands that provide wildlife habitat, respite and recreational opportunities in Cape Elizabeth. See related story on page 13.

CEHS Girls’ Tennis team are Maine State Champions

By Marta Girouard

A search is underway for new principals at Pond Cove Elementary School and Cape Elizabeth Middle School after Mike Tracy and Kelly Hasson recently resigned from their positions.

Hasson served as principal of Pond Cove for the last five years, having also previously taught there for 20 years, and left to spend more time with her family.

Tracy left to pursue career opportunities in his home state of Massachusetts, from where he had been commuting to CEMS for the last four years. “The School Board thanks both Kelly Hasson and Mike Tracy for their leadership in our school and wishes them the best in the future,” said Elizabeth Scifres, School Board Chair.

The deadline for applications for the open position at CEMS was July 24th while the deadline for applications at Pond Cove is July 31. Interviews will start taking place later this month and into August.

Interview teams will include teachers, parents, school board members and central office administrators. The school department also plans to provide larger group meetings with finalists for teachers and parents in August.

“We will do our best and hope to have someone here for the start of the school year,” Superintendent Howard Colter said. “We have great teams in place at both schools and if the positions are not filled, will put people where they need to be to start the school year, support teachers and welcome students.”

“One of the reasons these positions are difficult to fill is the location,” said Scifres. “We have great teams in place at both schools and if the positions are not filled, will put people where they need to be to start the school year, support teachers and welcome students.”

This is their 14th state championship in the program’s history, and their coach expects them to return with a solid team next year, despite losing seven of their top players to graduation.

Cape Elizabeth High School’s girls’ tennis team and coach Sarah Boeckel hold the championship trophy after winning the Class B Maine State Championships versus Camden Hills, winning 4-1.

Contributed photo
Sees special interest influence on shore access

Our latest Town Council meeting on July 10 showed how much we can be affected by special interests driving agendas in our town. In a discussion on adopting the planning document for our Greenbelt and town ownership of rights to paper streets, Caitlin Jordan, Patty Grennon, Sara Lennon and Penny Jordan blindsided the public and fellow councilors by opening a motion to vacate the Surfside, Shore Acres paper street and shoreline trail plan without public discussion by executive order.

For those not following this, the neighborhoods and town have been in active discussions on whether the Greenbelt plan should incorporate a shoreline path along the town owned paper street in this neighborhood. The pathway would be a unique cliffside walk for our region and it has been recommended by town planners that the option be kept open to develop it at some point. Last October the Council voted to maintain the town’s rights to paper streets for the next 20 years.

The cited councilors sided with a very small group of shorefront landowners to undercut the desire of this neighborhood of 150 houses to maintain access rights to this paper street. This is a deed right for most of which we would like to see the town help us realize and which we feel will benefit all residents of Cape Elizabeth. The shore front properties affected are largely occupied by recent purchasers and developers who would like to wall off their properties from public access.

These councilors broke with town council procedural rules in setting this special agenda and voting to undercut publicly aired and accepted meetings from the previous council. Their actions are undemocratic and potentially set a precedent for special interest management of our town’s future by manipulation and other inducements. With the next, arbitrary manipulation of property taxes or sales of town properties to developers by fiat? Councilors Jordan, Grennon, Lennon and Jordan have moved in our town council, they should resign.

Henry Barksdale

Town Council giving away access to shore

On Tuesday morning Cape Elizabeth residents woke up and found out that our property rights to the ocean are at risk. On Monday night, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council voted against the advice of its own Conservation Commission to retain the Town’s rights to access the shoreline in favor of beginning the process to relinquish these valuable rights to few wealthy families, with no strings attached. Without any notice to property owners or any other citizens of the Town, the Town Council voted 4 to 3 to start the process of giving away its rights. There was no notice that this was going to take place since a decision had already been made to retain rights to shore access that abut paper streets. It only makes one wonder what the heck was really going behind the scenes.

We have problems in Washington, DC, but we don’t need the same shenanigans in our own Town.

I implore the citizen of Cape Elizabeth to contact the Town Council and demand to stop it efforts to diminish YOUR rights to shore access. While we are talking about the Surfside Ave. in Shore Acres and Two Lightsers, these are YOUR rights as well as anyone else’s in town. You have access to the unbelievable shoreline views along the Surfside and Two Lights.

A survey is now on the Town’s website to assess the citizens’ interest in keeping shoreline access. Please take advantage of it and let your opinion be known.

If the Town is willing to just give away shoreline access rights, what else is it willing to do without notice and debate? BE AWARE, get involved, and use your democratic voice. That is all we have.

Sheila Mayberry and Alan MacDuffie

Letter ignored, noon meeting, process not transparent on ordinance change

I am concerned that a change to the Open Space Zoning Ordinance is being rushed through without adequate community input. I have been reviewing the document and told me that one of the Cape Cottage Beach Association members decided that all beach members must show their beach pass or not be allowed on the beach. They also said they thought the new practice was “icky.”

Real Mainers are many things. They are often stoic but always hardworking and in-herently good at listening. While newcomers to Cape Elizabeth may not be so honest or trusting, I still am. “Icky” indeed.

Alison Poliner Moore
Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: Bowery Beach School
By Marta Girouard

In the early years, schools in Cape Elizabeth were one or two room district schools. The number of pupils in the schools varied because although many were often enrolled, attendance was uncertain. Teachers had anywhere from less than ten to more than seventy students in a classroom. After 1895, when the town separated from South Portland, there were four district schools in Cape Elizabeth: No. 1, Bowery Beach; No. 2, Spurwink; No. 3, Pond Cove; No. 4, Ridgeway. Pictured above is the Bowery Beach School around 1900. It was built before 1851 and closed in 1933. The school is now the home of the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club.

Town of Cape Elizabeth conducting survey on shore access, wants public input on where, how often residents go to the water

By Kevin St. Jarre

The Town Council has created an ad hoc Harbors Committee to review issues related to Cape Elizabeth’s harbors and public access to the shoreline and then to make recommendations based on their findings.

The members of the Harbors Committee are chair James Casey, members Stephen Culver and Susan Farady, and town council representatives Caitlin Jordan and Katharine Ray.

As part of the Committee’s assessment, the Committee is seeking public input conducting a resident survey. The purpose of the survey is to gather residents’ opinions on public access to the coast as well as information related to moorings, boat launch areas, shoreline usage, public access concerns, and possible improvements.

Matt Sturgis, Town Manager, explained that the Harbors Committee has been charged with reviewing and updating a 1988 report on the same subject.

Sturgis said, “In the almost 30 years since the last report, the Town has grown and with it has come increased demand for access to the shore.”

Sturgis added, “While the original report has been amended a few times over the years, the work of the Harbors Committee will be a more in-depth look at the current situation, with planning for the future. I encourage every resident to complete the anonymous brief survey. It will provide very valuable guidance in the preparation of the final report.”

According to Sturgis, “The survey was crafted by the Harbors Committee,” and referred questions about the process to Stephen Harding, the town’s engineer, who “chaired the committee.”

When asked why Casino Beach was left out of the survey as one of the places residents access the shore, Sturgis again referred the question to Harding.

“I may have been an oversight, as I agree that for many Cape residents that is the beach of first choice,” Sturgis said.

Harding said it was not an oversight, but instead Casino Beach was deliberately left out of the survey. He said, “The question was limited to publicly accessible points. It is the Committee’s understanding that Casino Beach, which is in Maid- en Cove, can only legally be accessed by deeded rights and is not accessible to the general public. Therefore, it was excluded from this survey question.”

Residents can find the survey online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Harbors
Town C council vote on ShoreAcre paper streets takes some councilors by surprise

By Bob Dodd

The Town Council voted 4-3 at its July 10 meeting to begin the process of vacating the town’s rights to three paper streets that potentially could provide public pedestrian access to shoreline bordering the Shore Acre neighborhood.

The three paper streets involved are Surf Side Avenue, Atlantic Place and Lighthouse Point Road.

The vote came immediately after councilors accepted receipt of a Conservation Commission report recommending the town maintain rights to the undeveloped streets for potential Greenbelt trails.

Councilor Caitlin Jordan made the motion to begin the process of vacating the town’s rights. After a lengthy discussion she was joined in support of the motion by councilors Sara Lennon, Patty Grennon and Penny Jordan.

Councilors Jessica Sullivan, Kathy Ray and Jamie Garvin voted against. All three said they were taken by surprise by the motion.

“I am quite surprised that as a Council we had voted to retain the rights [at its Oct. 2016 meeting] and now we’re starting the process to vacate the rights,” said Sullivan. “The first step should be to go to workshops.”

Council chair Garvin agreed, objecting that the motion to begin the process to vacate came before the council had a chance to review and discuss the Conservation Committee recommendations contained in its report.

“If I was a member of this committee,” said Garvin, “I would personally perceive this as a slap in the face for the work that was done.”

Garvin said the council should take the time to consider the findings of the committee’s report and also two reports by Sebago Technics commissioned by the town to “assess the technical and logical feasibility to install trails on Surfside Avenue, Atlantic Place and Lighthouse Point Road.”

Caitlin Jordan stressed, however, that the action to begin the process to vacate was not the same as vacating the town’s rights. Jordan noted that the action does not restrict in any way further council discussion and public hearings as needed before making final decisions on maintaining, extending or vacating the town’s rights to the undeveloped roads.

Jordan also noted that the extension of the town’s rights last October was done with the understanding that a later vote to vacate the rights was possible.

At the October 2016 meeting, Councilors voted to extend the town’s rights for up to another 20 years for 32 of 58 paper streets within the community, including Surf Side Avenue, Atlantic Place and Lighthouse Point Road.

At a public hearing last September, the three Shore Acre streets accounted for nearly all of the 90 minutes of intensely debated comments from 40 neighbors.

At the July 10 meeting, public comments from about a dozen neighbors were similar sharply divided between those advocating for the town to vacate its rights to the paper streets to property abutters and those urging the town to retain its ownership and to include the undeveloped pathways as part of the town’s Greenbelt trail system.

By state law, the town must update the status of all of its paper streets by this year. The council can take one of three possible actions for each: 1) vacating the town’s paper street rights to the abutting property owners; 2) extending the town’s rights for up to another 20 years; or 3) accepting outright the town’s rights to the property.

Two public hearings set for August meeting.

The council voted to schedule two public hearings for its August 14 meeting.

Public comment is invited for a proposed emergency ordinance to prohibit recreational marijuana cultivation, manufacture, testing, retail sales and social clubs within the town.

“The ordinance committee concluded that there are no locations where marijuana retail sales or social clubs would be appropriate,” said committee chair Grennon.

The committee’s report does keep the door open to regulations that would allow possible cultivation of recreational marijuana for non-personal use at some point in the future.

Medical marijuana cultivation is legal in Cape Elizabeth and is not impacted by the proposed ordinance. Towns have been given much wider latitude in regulating activities related to recreational marijuana.

Public comment in August will also be sought for a proposed Agricultural Easement Amendment “in order to clarify an existing provision that agricultural land may be preserved as part of open space in new development.”

Fort Williams Park Foundation inducts new board members

The Fort Williams Park Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving the natural beauty and history of Fort Williams Park, recently inducted new members into its Board of Directors.

“We are thrilled to be adding seven very accomplished and talented people to our board,” said board President Lynn Shaffer. “They bring experience in horticulture, landscape design, event planning, fundraising, marketing, public relations and nonprofit management. Together with returning board members, they position the Foundation well for success and growth.”

The seven new members join eight members who are returning to another year of service to the all-volunteer Board. Together, they will continue the Foundation’s work of eliminating invasive species, preserving the natural habitat, and educating the public about the Park’s rich ecological and cultural history.

The new members are:

• Tom Atwell, a well-known and highly respected author of a horticultural newspaper column.
• Dawn Brennan-Daly, who brings deep experience with non-profit boards and fundraising.
• Mike Duddy, a former tree warden for Cape Elizabeth and a licensed professional forester and arborist, as well as a lawyer and judge.
• Ilya Fleshman, a landscape architect with experience in park design, wetland creation and restoration, and the use of native plants.
• Rod Harmon, a communications expert with years of experience as a writer, editor, manager, designer, and social media strategist.
• Barbara Powers, who led Cape Elizabeth’s 250th anniversary planning committee and has over 25 years of administrative experience in a variety of leadership positions, as well as teaching experience at the elementary and middle school levels.
• Ray Sapirstein, a writer, historian, media producer, and creator of creative ideas. Returning members to the Fort Williams Park Foundation Board of Directors are: Robert J. Ayotte, Emily Garvin, Mary Hodgkin, Kara L. K. Leopold, Ryanne Mahlburg, Andie Mahoney, Mika Reynolds and Lynn Shaffer.

Many hiking sticks found, contact CEPD

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department has recovered a large quantity of hiking sticks on two separate occasions from the Green belt trail on Shore Rd. We are asking that anyone with information on the owner of the hiking sticks call the Cape Elizabeth Police Department at 207.767.3323.

Schonewolf graduates from Roger Williams

Cape Elizabeth resident Alexander Schonewolf graduated from Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI in May with a B.S. in Accounting.

Garrity named to Dean’s List at Clemson

Cape Elizabeth resident Rachel Marie Garrity has been named to the Dean’s List at Clemson University in Clemson, SC for the spring 2017 semester. Garrity is majoring in Political Science.
Perry Schwarz begins job as Cape director of facilities and transportation

Perry J. Schwarz has been hired as Cape Elizabeth’s new facilities director. As director, Schwarz will manage the facilities of both the town and schools as well as the school transportation department.

Schwarz comes to Cape Elizabeth with more than 30 years experience, most recently as director of buildings and grounds at Oxbow High School and River Bend Career & Technical Center in Bradford, VT. Latest projects included the installation of new locks and door hardware throughout the 120,000-square-foot building, electronic access control, 43 high definition digital security cameras and a solar-panel project with the ability to generate 862.1 MWh/year. Schwarz also has educational facilities experience as facilities director at Waits River Valley School, East Corinth, VT; and assistant supervisor of the mechanical trades at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA.

Matthew Sturgis, town manager, said he participated in the hiring process with representatives from the School Department. Schwarz is a member of several professional organizations, including the International Facility Management Association (Boston Chapter), National Fire Protection Association and Refrigeration Service Engineers Society; and is a recipient of the Energy Star Nor's Award for Environmental Excellence.

Schwarz also has educational facilities experience as facilities director at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine. He graduated from Colby College.

He replaces Greg Marles, who resigned this spring after seven years as facilities director.

With unexpected subsidy comes property tax relief

By Kevin St. Jarre

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As Town Council members voted, this unanticipated sum will be applied to property tax relief within Cape Elizabeth.

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One of the final aspects of the Recycling Center Upgrade Project was to install the new stationary compactors. The units are now in place and being set up by the supplier. Following training for Town staff on Wednesday, July 19th it is planned to place the units in service on Friday, July 21st. Town staff will be on site to assist residents and provide information.

The blue-colored compactor units will be depository for all currently-accepted single stream recyclables, including card-board. The maroon-colored compactors will be the depository for household trash and those items which are non-recyclable.

As a reminder, ecomaine no longer accepts plastic bags into the recycling mix, so those should be discarded with regular trash. Bulky waste such as furniture, mattresses and box springs will still be deposited in roll-off cans behind the concrete barriers.
In 1971, John Peabody, a young lobsterman working out of Maiden Cove at Cape Cottage, Cape Elizabeth, snagged part of a string of traps just inside Portland Head…"

…and so begins "Shipwreck at Portland Point," the fascinating new book by Cape Elizabeth native and Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society member Peter Benoit, author of History of Jewell Island, Maine. (Amazon.com)

"Shipwreck" draws on the first person account of the author, as well as unimpeachable source material to piece together the true story behind the rusty cannon that now languishes next to Capt. Strout Circle at Portland Head Light.

Until this publication, the loss of the British merchant ship "Three Friends" has been a missing entry in the catalog of Maine maritime disasters. And now, if not the ship, then at least its story resurfaces, more than 300 years after the sinking.

The reader is transported to a time before there were lighthouses blinking on our wild north Atlantic seaboard...a time when merchant vessels were, by necessity, nearly as well armed as warships...a time when the perils of a rockbound coast claimed many victims.

This is a great little "one-sessioner" and provides wonderful stimulation for a 21st century bibliophile's imagination...a must read for someone who is interested in maritime and/or local history.

Copies of "Shipwreck at Portland Point" are available for $10/each at the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society (Public Safety Building) on any Thursday morning between 9:00 AM and noon. All proceeds benefit the Society. Supply is limited!
Broken car window, Dutch driver’s license, stolen kayak, barking dog and hacked email

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS
6-21 Two officers responded to the elementary school regarding a sustaining injury.
6-21 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding criminal mischief to her vehicle, a window had been broken out.
6-21 An officer met with a ranger at Fort Williams who turned in a Black camera tripod she had found at Fort Williams.
6-22 An officer met with a subject regarding a prehistoric survey to determine if there are any significant archeological sites present along the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic assault complaint.
6-23 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a harassment complaint.
6-22 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding the theft of an Old Town kayak.
6-22 A resident of the Oakhurst Road area came to the police station and turned in a black camera tripod she had found at Fort Williams.
6-22 An officer met with a subject regarding a possibly prehistoric criminal complaint.
6-23 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a domestic assault complaint.
6-24 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding a habitual barking dog complaint.
6-24 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic situation.
6-26 An officer met with a ranger at Fort Williams who turned over two bank cards. The banks were contacted and the cards destroyed.
6-27 An officer met with a resident of the ocean House Road area regarding a possible criminal threatening complaint.
6-27 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a harassment complaint.
6-29 An officer met with a subject in the Pond Cove shopping center regarding a hit and run accident.
6-29 An officer met with a resident about a harassment complaint.
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TOWN SEeks Prehistoric Archaeology Consultant

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is requesting proposals from qualified prehistoric archaeology consultants to perform a Phase I prehistoric survey to determine if there are any significant archeological sites present along and adjacent to the Pollack Brook Greenbelt Trail. The prehistoric survey is a requirement of the Recreational Trails program grant project number 1752 and must be conducted in compliance with Maine Historic Preservation Commission archaeological survey guidelines.

The three most important rules of real estate.

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Cape Elizabeth Community Services opens new playground on CEHS grounds

A new playground was recently unveiled at Cape Elizabeth Community Services. Located behind the high school, and open to the community, it is a result of a three-year fundraising project. In addition, funds were contributed to the project by the town as well as a grant from the Sprague Foundation. The playground was built to include many natural elements to encourage the development of gross motor skills. Children can already be seen playing on the new playground, which is sure to be enjoyed for years to come.

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Flaherty Family Farm
123 Payne Rd., Scarborough

*Photo courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Community Services
CELT helps Girl Scouts earn Animal Habitats Badge

CELT Education Coordinator Linden Rayton recently helped Girl Scout Troop 284 earn an animal habitats badge by taking several members of the troop on a nature walk in Robinson Woods in May. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust offers programs to community groups with reservations.

The Animal Habitats badge is part of the “It’s Your Story - Tell It!” badge set introduced in 2011. It replaces the retired Wildlife badge.

Girl Scouts of Maine reports that almost 8,000 girls from across the state are reaching their fullest potential in scouting, with the help of over 4,000 volunteers.

7th Annual Maine Home & Design Cape Elizabeth Garden Tour

More than 600 people attended the 7th Annual Maine Home & Design Cape Elizabeth Garden Tour, a fundraiser for the Fort Williams Park Foundation. The tour consisted of 10 gardens in the Cape Elizabeth area.

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For Sale By Owner: 207-799-0888 Gordon Bryant, kayak2river@gmail.com
Sharing the beach- seal comes ashore, boys play in the sand

Bremon and Sebastian Sims watching a young seal on Crescent Beach. While it is clear that the boys never approached the seal, the general public is reminded to leave seals and pups alone. They rarely need human help, and it is illegal to touch, harass or harm any marine mammal in the United States. Seals are the most commonly-seen marine mammals along the shores of Maine. To report any stranded marine mammal, or if a seal appears to be abandoned, appears on a crowded beach, or shows signs of illness or injury, notify the Maine Marine Animal Reporting Hotline, 1-800-532-9551. In this photo, there are simply three mammals occupying the same part of Crescent Beach, which is certainly large enough to accommodate.

Head them off...at the pass...in Yellowstone

Owen, Jaime and Ezra Steinberg, reading the Courier at Dunraven Pass, Yellowstone National Park.

TD Beach To Beacon 10K Road Race signs are up, countdown to August 5 race begins

It has become a tradition to see Cape Elizabeth Public Works employees putting up the mile marker signs for the TD Beach To Beacon 10K.

The traditional countdown to the August 5 TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race got underway July 5 with the placement of the Mile Markers along the coastal course in Cape Elizabeth. Public Works employees Darren Brown and Jason Emery installed the markers along the route.

This is the special 20th year for the world-class road race, founded by Olympic gold medalist and Cape Elizabeth native Joan Benoit Samuelson. Maine’s largest road race, which attracts top international and American runners, begins near Crescent Beach and ends in Fort Williams Park at the historic Portland Head light.

The event’s lead sponsor is TD Bank, and the 2017 race beneficiary is Let’s Go!, a nationally recognized program of The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center focused on increasing physical activity and healthy eating for children from birth to age 18.
Cape Elizabeth resident Marci Spier, painter, will show art at TML next month

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth resident Marci Spier is an abstract painter who works in oil, acrylic and mixed media.

She is currently working on a project loosely based on the idea of constellations. Spier said, “Ideas, people, things that connect us in visible and invisible ways. I’m also working towards my MFA.”

Of her style, she said, “My work has a certain rawness to it. Most pieces are linked together with a common color: blue.”

Over the years, her art has changed. “The work has become less emotional and more driven with specific reflections of ideas,” she said.

When asked if the business side of art has any impact on her work, she said, “I’m young enough in my career that ‘the business of art’ isn’t an issue although conceptually – art being a business is frustrating, but we all need to eat! I’m slightly romantic when it comes to art and wish that it could be less of a commodity and more a purpose to reflect, grow and learn.”

Spier said her work has been influenced by “the lines and spatial reasoning of Agnes Martin, and Marc Chagall’s color.”

She said she has no trouble finding art. “Art is everywhere! I love a good art trip to NYC. I find the galleries to carry the most living, breathing art,” Spier said.

She said she is “finding inspiration through reading writings, on and of, Eva Hesse and Sol Lewitt.”

The first time Spier sold some of her work it was in 2015 at the Portland Sidewalk Festival.

Asked if someone were to send her someplace to focus solely on her art for a month, she replied, “Without a doubt, Paris.”

Those interested in seeing more of her art can go to: www.marcispier.com and additionally online at Instagram-marci_spier

Also during the month of August, her art will be shown at Thomas Memorial Library, with an opening reception on August 4 at 6:30 p.m.,
Cinnamon in name only...

Cinnamon ferns at Crescent Beach State Park. Reportedly, cinnamon ferns have been used for joint pain and malaise. The spore-bearing, stiff, fertile fronds quickly turn brown. The common name of this plant is in reference to the cinnamon colored fibers found near the frond bases.

Ferns are shade-loving plants well-suited to wet areas. Once established, they come back every year and beautify the landscape. There are many varieties of ferns, and people should be cautious and knowledgeable about which ferns, and at what stages of development, they pick and use these plants. Even delicious fiddleheads of the proper variety of fern should not be consumed raw, or even undercooked, because of the dangers of foodborne illness.

Rugosa rose...a beautiful and tough invader

Rosa Rugosa is a non-native invasive plant which, while beautiful, is difficult to remove once established. The plant tolerates poor soil and salt spray. Cut down, it will resprout. Both the rhizomes and the seeds float, so the plant can spread that way as well.

Enjoying the Outdoors: Great Pond Trail

By Marta Girouard

Great Pond represents the largest body of fresh water in Cape Elizabeth. Accessible only by trails, it provides exception-
al walking trails along this undeveloped pond inhabited by abundant wildlife and wildflowers only a short walk from Route 77. The Great Pond Trail has undergone significant improvement in the past several years including acquisition of trail rights connecting the Route 77 entrance to the trailhead on Fowler Road.

About 400 hundred feet into the trail, you will see boat racks constructed by the Conservation Committee that store boats for use on Great Pond. In March of each year, a lottery is held to determine the 32 individuals that are allowed to store boats on the racks for the summer season.

At approximately 2,100 feet into the trail you will come upon 700 feet of elevated boardwalk that crosses Alewife Brook and hugs the shore of Great Pond. Construction of this elevated boardwalk was recommended by the Cape Conservation Committee and approved by the Town Council in 2010. At the end of the elevated boardwalk, a short uphill section brings you to a high bluff providing views of the entire pond.

The trail continues through the woods away from Great Pond and then running adjacent to Golden Ridge Lane and exiting on Route 77, a total distance of approximately 1.5 miles.

Parking is available at the Kettle Cove Dairy (only those spots fronting Rte. 77) and on Fenway Rd.
Wet Paint auction on stunning evening celebrates Cape Elizabeth’s natural beauty

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust’s 10th annual Paint for Preservation auction on July 9 benefited from a perfect summer evening at a stunning venue on Breakwater Farm Road. A few hundred friends and supporters, more than 70 volunteers, and 30 award-winning artists gathered to raise over $75,000 toward conserving and caring for the natural lands that provide wildlife habitat, respite and recreational opportunities in Cape Elizabeth.

The artists had wonderful weather to paint en plein air (outdoors) throughout the weekend leading up to the auction of their “wet” artwork. Brett Cary’s Chimney Rock artwork warmed up the audience with terrific music, before Kaja Veilleux of Thomaston Place Auction Galleries led an enthusiastic crowd in lively bidding for CELT’s only fundraising event of the year. The setting sun illuminated Richmond Island as the auction drew to a close.

Cape Elizabeth artist Matthew Russ won the People’s Choice Award for his painting of Richmond Island, appropriate given the venue for the event. CELT’s Executive Director Cindy Krum observed that this year’s Paint for Preservation enjoyed all the elements that make a successful event. She said, “We had perfect weather, a beautiful setting, and wonderful guests. Add talented artists and a great group of 70 volunteers and you get a fun and successful event.”

Carignan wins Taylor Emmons award

Congratulations to Jack Carignan, the 2017 recipient of Cape Elizabeth Little League Baseball’s Taylor Emmons award. In memory of Taylor, the Cape Elizabeth Little League recognizes one 12 year-old boy and one 12 year-old girl each year who displays the following attributes: love of the game, commitment, supportive of teammates, good sportsmanship and is a positive role model. This recipient is elected by his/her peers.

Taylor Emmons grew up in Cape Elizabeth and was part of Little League. Taylor loved the game of baseball and being part of a team.

Additional College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners Announced

On July 17, The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced an additional group of winners of National Merit Scholarships. These Merit Scholar designees join other college-sponsored award recipients who were announced in June.

Cape Elizabeth High School 2017 graduate James A. Planinsek was part of this group of winners awarded a National Merit Scholarship. He will be attending George Washington University in the fall.

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Cape residents urged to sign up for CodeRED - get emergency messages by telephone

Cape Elizabeth Public Safety is participating in the CodeRed emergency messaging system. CodeRed is a high speed mass notification system that delivers messages via your telephone. This is a geographically based system alerting residents only in the affected area.

Alerts could be for severe weather, road closures, criminal activity, fires, evacuations, missing persons or whatever Public Safety message needs to be sent to residents of a certain area.

These alerts are issued from the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center with the cooperation of Cape Elizabeth Public Safety. CodeRed is free and registration is simple. Just go online to: https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BBF7CC4C6C0A and follow the instructions. There is also a CodeRed Mobile App that can be downloaded for free to your smartphone from ITunes or Google Play.

Cape Elizabeth Public Safety is asking that residents please sign up for CodeRed so that in the event that an alert is sent out, you will be informed. Should you require further information please contact us at 207-767-3323.

Thank You,
Chief Neil R. Williams,
Cape Elizabeth Police Department
Chief Peter Gleeson,
Cape Elizabeth Fire Department

Cape Elizabeth Garden Club sponsoring 'Gardening Forever'

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club is sponsoring a talk on “Gardening Forever” at 7 p.m. on August 1 at the Thomas Memorial Library.

Ellen Gibson of the Maine AgrAbility staff will discuss how to deal with such problems as aging, back pains and arthritis that come along as gardeners age. Topics will include the difference between physical activity and exercise, technology to assist gardeners, conserving mental and physical energy and avoiding slips, trips and falls. Ergonomic gardening tools will be demonstrated and participants will receive information for how to order tools and find further resources.

Gibson has a Master of Arts in Social Sciences, Community and Environment, from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. Her emphasis was rural community planning. She is trained in Holistic Management practices for managing farms to improve environmental health and economic viability. She applies these techniques on her own farm where she is raising Nubian goats and pastured chickens.

The talk is open to the public while the Garden Club asks for free-will donations to fund its yearly scholarship to a graduating Cape Elizabeth High School student.

Help for your dog and pack, free movie

The Veterinary and Rehabilitation Center of Cape Elizabeth is hosting a free outdoor movie, “Secret Life of Pets” and free Safe Dogs/Safe Kids event on Monday July 31 with Nancy Freedman-Smith of Gooddog Training.

Learn what helps your dog be the ideal family member and how to avoid common mistakes that could cause disaster for your pets and children.

Then stay for a fun movie night. There will be a popcorn machine and cold drinks (and maybe a glass of wine for the adults!) Discussion starts at 7 p.m., with movie to follow at 8:00. Event will be held at 207 Ocean House Rd, Cape Elizabeth. To RSVP, call 799-6952.
Comprehensive Plan Committee reaching out to community groups, willing to take show on the road

The Comprehensive Plan Committee would like to meet with community groups as part of the comprehensive plan process. The comprehensive plan, required by the state, is a document that acts as a guide for town development.

If you represent a neighborhood association, condominium association or general community group, please provide your contact information to the town planner, maureen.omeara@capeelizabeth.org.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee began meeting in January 2017 and has targeted December 2018 as the completion of the draft comprehensive plan.

Between now and then, the Committee is prioritizing public engagement. One element of the public participation plan will be presentations they will offer to community groups. If your group might be interested in hearing a presentation on the comprehensive plan, please contact the town planner, 207-799-0115, maureen.omeara@capeelizabeth.org with a name and contact info.

Once the committee is ready to take their “show on the road,” your organization will be contacted to schedule a time.

Until then, the public is encouraged to check out the latest comprehensive plan information on the town website. Everyone is also encouraged to attend Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings, scheduled monthly at Town Hall.

Fresh Air children continue to come to Cape Elizabeth

By Tara Simopoulos

Each summer several Cape Elizabeth families become host families to Fresh Air Fund children from New York City. The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, provides thousands of underprivileged children with unforgettable summer experiences that they would otherwise never have.

Some of these children have never left the city and subsequently have not had the opportunity to experience things like hanging at the beach, bike riding or even barbecues. Opening your home to these children, ages 6-16, can be a rewarding experience not only for these children but also for the families that host them.

Cape Elizabeth has several families that have opened their doors to the Fresh Air Fund and Cape Elizabeth has been a host to many happy children. To find out more, visit Freshair.org

TD Beach To Beacon 10K Road Race will run for 20th time, will feature its founder running in race

The TD Beach to Beacon 10K is many things. It’s an annual celebration of fitness and health, an opportunity for runners to set and achieve goals, to test themselves in the company of friends and family. For volunteers, it’s an opportunity to give back and make a difference. For a fortunate Maine charity, the race is a spotlight and a platform to tell their story. For world-class athletes, it’s a high-level, not-to-be-missed competition.

And for Joan Benoit Samuelson, the TD Beach to Beacon simply is a dream come true.

This year marks the special 20th running of Samuelson’s one-time dream, a reason to celebrate, to commemorate and to reflect.

An event now on the shortlist of iconic American road races was once merely a training route for a teenage girl growing up in Cape Elizabeth. Young Joan Benoit would later rise to running stardom at Bowdoin College, win the Boston Marathon and, in 1984, win Gold in the very first Olympic women’s marathon in Los Angeles.

But she never forgot her roots.

In the late 90s, anxious to give back to her community, she conceived the idea to stage a major, world-class road race in Cape Elizabeth. She took her dream to the higher ups at what is now TD Bank and found shared enthusiasm.

The race debuted in 1998 with 2,408 runners crossing the finish line. Joanie’s reputation within the running community, together with strong corporate support and a picturesque course, quickly elevated the stature of the race.

Famed race director Dave McGillivray of DMSE Sports also got on board from the start, adding polish and professionalism to the event. The TD Beach to Beacon was on the map – earning a reputation as a big-time, high-level, not-to-be-missed competition.

In 2016, 6,336 runners from 15 countries, 43 states and more than 265 Maine cities and towns finished the winding, rolling, often breathtaking 6.2-mile coastal course. They are supported by more than 500 volunteers and cheered by thousands of spectators along the tree-lined streets and stunning ocean vistas and in Fort Williams at the finish, when the historic Portland Head Light, the most photographed lighthouse in the world, comes into view.

And there beyond the finish line, Joan Benoit Samuelson can be found greeting and hugging exhausted, satisfied runners with handshakes and hugs.

On Aug. 5, when the starter’s horn sounds along Route 77 for the 20th time, Samuelson will commemorate the special day by joining the field, her Field of Dreams.

Joan Benoit Samuelson greets racers in a previous year. This year, the champion and founder will run in the race herself, her fourth time, running every five years.

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Thomas Memorial Library cards accepted at neighboring public libraries, TML to offer music, lecture on beekeeping

Next Outdoor Summer Concert of the Season Features “duquette”

Rob Duquette and his eclectic band “duquette” will perform original and covers of contemporary acoustic tunes, combined with some world music elements. Bring a picnic dinner, and a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and enjoy another evening of fantastic music! The concert will take place on Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. on the library’s front lawn (in case of rain, the concert will take place in the library’s Community Room.)

Folk Troubadour Marc Black to Present Sing-along Musical History

Join New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee, Marc Black, for a musical tour through the 1950’s and 60’s through popular song. You’ll sing along with wonderful songs as diverse as Itsy Bitsy, Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka-Dot Bikini” in the Wind, as well as tunes by artists ranging from Dean Martin to George Harrison.

In addition to the music and discussion, this popular program features a slide show that’s sure to slide you right back in time. Marc will also perform his own group’s top forty hit from 1967... ‘Happy’ by the ‘Blades of Grass’. Marc plays a finger style blues in the traditions of Mississippi Hurt and the great Tim Hardin.

A proud road warrior, he was inducted into the New York Chapter of the Blues Hall of Fame in June of 2014. Marc has performed and recorded with Art Garfunkel, Taj Mahal, Richie Havens, Rick Danko and Pete Seeger to name a few. He was recently named Folk Artist of the Year on ABC Radio, and a winner at the Kerrville Folk Festival. This special afternoon program will take place on Saturday, July 29 from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. (the library closures at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays in the summer, but will re-open at 2:45 for the program only.) All are welcome!

Learn About Bees and Beekeeping

In this month’s entry in the Maine Wildlife Lecture Series, Phil Gaven from The Honey Exchange will join us to discuss bees and beekeeping, and will even bring a live (enclosed) hive, and honey-samples to taste. Phil Gaven is an Eastern Apicultural Society certified Master Beekeeper and owner of The Honey Exchange.

He has spoken to hundreds of students from pre-school through college about honeybees, and taught dozens of beginner beekeeping classes. His educational classes range from simply explaining the lifecycle of the honeybee to classes on the Art and History of Beekeeping and the Honeybee Colony as a Superorganism.

Phil has helped the South Portland city council amend its beekeeping ordinance, mentored dozens of students, and facilitated the founding of beekeeping clubs at colleges and high schools. The program will take place on Thursday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the library’s Community Room.

You Can Now Use Your TML Card at Four Other Libraries

A cooperative borrowing agreement between five regional libraries, including Thomas Memorial Library, is now in place. A long-in-the-works formal cooperative agreement among five neighboring towns is now in place.

Library users at Thomas Memorial Library, South Portland Public Library, Scarborough Public Library, Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook, and Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham can now use their home library’s card at any of these five libraries.

Library users who wish to borrow materials from any of these libraries need only bring their existing Thomas Memorial Library card with them (no photo ID substitute will work in place of the card at other libraries.)

This arrangement among neighboring libraries that are part of the statewide shared catalog Minerva is the first of its kind, and the participating libraries hope this partnership serves as a model for other libraries across the state. The system is pretty straightforward, but for more details about how to take advantage of this new partnership, please see the FAQs on this page.

FAQs about using your TML card at other public libraries

Which libraries are participating in this agreement?


Will I need to get a new library card to borrow from a different library?

No, your current library card will work at another library.

I forgot my library card. Can I still borrow materials from another library?

Although each library may have different policies regarding checking out materials without a library card, you will need to have your card to check out materials at another library.

May I return my library books to a different library than the one I borrowed from?

Yes. Materials from another library will be returned through our courier service.

My materials are late. Will I be charged late fees?

Regardless of where materials are borrowed from, the policies of your home library will determine if late fees are charged.

What can I borrow from another library?

This agreement only covers materials that are available through interlibrary loan. Museum passes, equipment, unique databases etc. are only available to patrons who have a card at that library.

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“The Planning Board acknowledges that processing ordinance amendments during a development review process is awkward,” says a June 21 memo from the Planning Board. “It is not uncommon, however, to identify the need for clarification when applying ordinance provisions to a real-world situation.”

It’s the first time a developer has proposed an agricultural easement, added as a type of open-space preservation in 2015 at the recommendation of the Future Open Space Preservation Committee. The provision relies on the state’s definition of farmland, which includes a 5-acre minimum size. According to the Planning Board, however, the intent of Cape’s provision was not to limit the size. “Developing a farmland definition became problematic and no farmland definition was recommended by the (FOSP) committee,” the memo says, “and certainly nothing with a minimum size.”

The proposed clarification would allow preservation of agricultural land that meets the state’s farmland definition, even if it does not “independently” meet all of the state’s criteria.

The zoning ordinance offers a density bonus for projects that preserve agricultural land, but in this case, developer Joel Fitzpatrick is not claiming the bonus. Fitzpatrick is proposing a 38-unit condominium and 8-unit apartment complex in the vicinity of Spurwink Avenue and Atlantic Avenue Lane. He is looking to preserve more than 8 to total acres, or 46 percent, of the property as open space, including the agricultural acres. If an agricultural easement is not accepted by the council, Fitzpatrick’s representatives have said the 2 acres of agricultural land, owned by Bill and Lois Bamford of the Maxwell Farm, would be offered as traditional open space. The agricultural easement would allow the Bamfords to continue owning and farming the property as open space, including the agricultural acres.
The Cape Cross

Created by Rich Dana

ACROSS
1. Mean theme dog
5. The goal of this puzzle’s theme
14. Once more
15. Bronze, brass, or pewter
16. Double reed woodwind
17. Widespread or common
18. ______ cannon
19. Another word for 62 Across
20. Federal gun agency.
west objectives (abbr.)
23. Appointments at Purpoodock
25. Advantage for a musician
26. Horrifying plotline of the theme’s
vs. evil
27. “The Shining” hotel
28. Valley or dale, or a mash up of the
29. Gordon MacRae lyric in a 1955 musical
30. Ready for customers
31. Pirate captain
32. _____ of 40 Across, popular brand
33. Westernmost of the Aleutians
34. “You ______!”
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52. Natl. Medicare Education Program,
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53. ABC affiliate in the other Portland
area of the Salt Shed.
54. Organized crime, with “the”
55. “Hot Lips” actress Loretta
56. Namesake of our local Italian chain
57. Spike or tie
57. See 5 Down
60. Like the Addams family and the
wetland buff er, and that no access road will
be there to help residents needing assistance.
61. Way up
62. Another word for 19 Across
63. Bad ways to lose
64.…”Hot Lips” actress Loretta
65. “Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin” from
the 1955 musical, for one
66. Like the Aleutians
67. One of the frightening “Boys from Brazil”
68. Be short
69. Noted author from 40 Across
70. Jerk

DOWN
1. Mean theme dog
2. Act together
3. Louise and George of 70s TV
4. Be short
5. With 57 Down, a frightening town in
40 Across
6. One of the frightening “Iboys from Brazil”
7. Much or many
8. 1995 theme novel: ______ Madder
9. Glasses or drops, perhaps
10. “You ______!”
11. Start to spell?
12. Muddy waters
13. Evil residents of a certain “sematary”
15. Bronze, brass, or pewter
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The Recycling Center will be closed on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 for the entire day. This will allow the contractor to safely complete final surface paving. This includes access to the Swap Shop and the Bottle Redemption Building.

Residents will still be able to dispose of trash, recyclables, appliances and bulky wastes out where the “Silver Bullet” recycling containers are currently located in the area of the Salt Shed. The attendants will be there to help residents needing assistance.

The site will reopen on Friday, July 28 at 8 a.m.

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TD Beach To Beacon 10K Road Race is just days away...
Munson named to Dean’s List, advances in rank at Villanova

Kayne Munson, son of Craig and Dawn Munson of Cape Elizabeth, was named to the spring-semester Dean’s List and has been advanced to Midshipman First Class at Villanova University near Philadelphia, PA. A 2014 grad of Cape Elizabeth High School, Munson, a biology major, just completed his junior year at Villanova and was selected to participate in a foreign exchange (FOREX) program cruise aboard a German Navy ship/submarine on the northern coast of Germany during the summer.