After 19 years, Beach to Beacon volunteer coordinator moving on

By Jane Vaughan

Some might say that Maya Cohen has always been destined to be a crucial part of the Beach to Beacon. She moved to Cape Elizabeth in 1998 on the inaugural day of the race, and she lives in the home near Fort Williams that used to belong to Joan Benoit Samuelson’s grandmother.

Cohen and her husband spent their first few years in Cape volunteering as a host family for the race, but in 2001, she decided to take over as volunteer coordinator, a position she will step down from this year after 19 years in the role.

“It’s been a great ride,” Cohen said. “There’ll be tears, I’m sure of it.”

Although her professional background is as a clinical pharmacist, she said she “wanted to be more involved with the race and take on a little more responsibility. I felt like my organization skills could be useful in an event like this.”

At this point, she said, “I’ve done this longer than I’ve practiced pharmacy.”

When Cohen took over, the race was still in its infancy, and she said it was a lot of work to figure out how to manage it all. Over the years, she’s learned more and more about organizing such a large event, including coordinating the over 750 volunteers that keep the race running smoothly.

Most of her work entails communicating with the volunteer coordinators for the various programs, such as water, transportation and runners’ gear check.

The race has grown tremendously since it began and now nearly 6,500 runners race each summer, making it the largest road race in the state.

Manager reports ‘good week’ as Fort Williams Parking parking-fee program gets underway

By Tina Fischer

Cape’s flower fields are starting to bloom

By Tina Fischer

The pay-and-display parking program underway at Fort Williams Park had a good first week. Town Manager Matthew Sturgis reported gross revenue of $33,214 for the inaugural week of the program that began July 1. The first day was a challenge, Sturgis said, but the program soon hit its stride and was buoyed by a busy holiday weekend, exceeding projected weekly revenue by about 10 percent.

“We did install some additional meters to make it easier for people to do what they need to do, because people were cueing up to pay,” Sturgis said in his monthly report to the Town Council on July 8. His personal observation however was that visitors appreciate the condition of the park and are happy to help support it.

Sturgis, who said he checks in at the park often, reported a high volume of visitors in June as well, with about 75 percent from out of state. Future reports will break parking-fee revenues down by number of seasonal passes, all-day rates and hourly rates. Free parking areas, near the playground and Children’s Garden and away from the ocean, are being used, Sturgis said, but generally visitors are choosing the premium parking areas that have pay-and-display meters.

The parking program has also prompted Cape Elizabeth residents to obtain Recycling Center decals, which exempts their vehicles from the parking fee. Decals are available at the Recycling Center and the Police Department. In other news, Sturgis reported:

• Cape police are responding to speeding and other traffic complaints as the weather improves and tourism increases.
• The town is anticipating an increase in state revenue sharing, approximately $100,000 more than the $475,000 budgeted for fiscal 2020, as a result of the approved state budget.
• The lawsuit against the town over the parking fee is ongoing.
• The Beach to Beacon race is coming up. Drivers are urged to be cautious during the event and to check the town website for road closures.

Flowers in bloom at Jordan’s Farm.

Cape farms are known for many delicious fruits and vegetables, but at least seven farms also grow fresh for the eyes as well as the palate: cutting flowers. Some farms focus on wholesale, but two offer the opportunity to pick your own bouquets: the W. H. Jordan Farm on Wells Road and Norm and Greg Jordan’s ‘The Farm’ on the corner of Ocean House and Fowler Roads.

Greg’s family has grown flowers for ‘u-pick’ at the current location for more than 30 years; his dad started the flowers as a “hobby.” Greg remembers, “In the ‘old days’ relatives ‘from away’ would congregate on Memorial Day and plant the entire flower garden in one day, then say ‘good luck’ weeding a football field-sized garden in the summer heat!”

“Out of the need for self-preservation, the new generation has made some adaptations including: plastic ‘mulch’ between the rows and a high-tech watering system. No more weeding, hoeing, or rototilling, no rocks or piles of weeds to trip over, no hoses or sprinklers to move and watch constantly.”

Another innovation is Greg’s creation of a welcoming picnic area in the middle of the flower garden. “It looks like a semi-private arboretum … with trellised cucumbers and string beans dangling from the walls. Customers have often stopped by, to take a break or have lunch on the lawn, so why not expand that concept and offer a dedicated space for people to enjoy? This year I made it twice as big.”

One thing hasn’t changed at The Farm: picking and paying is still self-serve. Greg explains, “We have scissor, vases, water, rubber bands and bags, and customers use the ‘honor system’ mail slot to pay.”

The Farm has u-pick raspberry and blackberry patches too. At Jordan’s Farm on Wells Road, the pick-your-own flower field is easy to spot; it’s dead ahead of the parking area and right next to the little outdoor restaurant, The Well.
Community should have ‘opportunity to vote’ on dog issues

Cliffside beach, the last dog-friendly bastion in Cape Elizabeth was recently closed to dogs. So my question is this — what’s up with the pervasive anti-dog sentiment in Cape? I’ve been enjoying Cliffside with my dog for years without incident. I keep him on a drag lead to prevent him from disturbing other beach-goers. But in the past five years I’ve watched as almost every seaside spot has been closed to dogs (including Casino Beach, where I’m a dues-paying member of the Cape Cottage Beach Association.)

Cliffside has always been a wonderfully under-the-radar spot with a mellow, relaxing “locals” vibe. It’s not uncommon to see fishermen, families, college kids, and the occasional topless sunbather all comfortably co-existing alongside canine companions. But visiting the other day with my dog I was immediately set upon by the newly self-appointed Dog Police — a shrill woman marching up and down the beach with weaponized hazing poles. I was barely off the stairs before she set upon me. Informing me I was breaking the law. When I calmly informed her I’d been coming there for years with my dog, and that the new sign was obviously an elaborate prank by a hothead sign maker, she went balistically and threatened to call the police.

It seems ludicrous to me that on a giant peninsula, parks too many cars, has too many guests at a time, poses safety issues, may not be properly permitted, or is a nuisance to your otherwise peaceful neighborhood, you are not alone. Please do not be shy about picking up the phone or writing to the Cape Courier Executive OFFICE EVERY TIME there is an issue: Ben McDougall, Code Enforcement Officer, 799-1619, benjamin.mcdougall@capeelizabeth.org

If you are unaware of the rules, don’t know how to monitor, or are understandably uncomfortable calling town officials to report your neighbors, you are also not alone. We’re all learning. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns, big or small, using this anonymous form: http://bit.ly/caperentals. With insights from neighborhoods across Cape over the coming months, we’ll undoubtedly have better conversations and land at better solutions together.

Sarah Morrissette
Tim Hedda

Richmond Island closed August 5 through 16

The Sprague Corporation will be closing Richmond Island to the public August 5 through 16. There will be an on-duty presence on the island during that period informing visitors of the closure. During that time we will be performing maintenance on trails, campsites and fields. We thank you for your cooperation.

Jen Williams

More importantly, I once again took time to appreciate how fortunate we are to have access to so many trails like Robinson Woods, Gulf Crest, Great Pond and others in large part thanks to the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust.

I applaud the Land Trust’s most recent purchase of Richmond Woods III, adding as additional 52 acres to Richmond Woods (now a total of 197 acres)!

I have been an annual donor to the Land Trust and urge other Cape residents to do the same so that we, our children and our children’s children can continue enjoy this beautiful natural trails that we have right here in our own special community.

Cape ‘fortune’ to have access to so many trails

For the last 25 years, I have been a daily runner and dog walker at Robinson Woods. Recently I was dismayed to see that a large section of woods adjacent to the trail has been closed.

Evidently, what I thought was part of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is a private lot, an extension of the Cranbrook Estates. So apparently, someone is building a house, by which all appearances will be the closest and most visible home along the Robinson Woods and Greenbelt trails. While saddened, I am not writing this as a letter of protest. For after further reflection, I came to a couple conclusions: First, this land owner has every right to build a house on his/her own land. Trails can be rerouted.

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HELP NEEDED WITH SHORT-TERM RENTAL MONITORING

At the July 8 Town Council meeting, we raised concerns of how short-term rentals are changing our neighborhood.

Councillors were unaware of this issue, and encouraged us to report all short-term rental violations to our Code Enforcement Officer ahead of the next council meeting in September.

We would like to extend this invitation to all of you. If you have a short-term rental in your neighborhood that is turning over too frequently, parks too many cars, has too many guests at a time, poses safety issues, may not be properly permitted, or is a nuisance to your otherwise peaceful neighborhood, you are not alone. Please do not be shy about picking up the phone or writing to the Cape Courier Executive OFFICE EVERY TIME there is an issue: Ben McDougall, Code Enforcement Officer, 799-1619, benjamin.mcdougall@capeelizabeth.org

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SHOULDN’T FACILITIES ‘BE IN ORDER?’

Last week, the week of the Fourth of July, I went to Fort Williams to play tennis. I approached the upper court and found that a stump was being used to hold up the net. It was there when I visited the court three weeks earlier.

Playing on the court I found the grass surrounding the court to be two to three feet high. Balls were soon disappearing and could not be easily found.

My partner and I left to use the lower courts. There we found indications of snow near the stumps still on the court, two of the wind-screens tarps were lying balled up in the corner and broken glass was in the service area of one of the two courts.

This begs the question, if the town is asking non-residents to pay a parking fee, shouldn’t the facilities be in somewhat of a respectable order?

Fred Thompson

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Impatient Cape Elizabethans complain about the time it takes to get into Portland. Various traffic lights conspire to keep us on the southern banks of the Fore River forever. And heaven forbid that the bridge might be up!

The same complaint has existed since the arrival of Europeans on these shores—not the traffic lights or bridge openings, perhaps, but the inconvenience.

The earliest English settlers were left to their own devices to cross the not-so-mighty Fore River. They used canoes and bateaux, but could also travel "upriver" far enough so that their horses could negotiate narrower and shallower fords.

Then a succession of ferrymen ran commercial operations, mostly from the foot of Sawyer Street (then Cape Elizabeth) to the piers on Fore Street (Commercial Street was not built until 1850). Service was apparently erratic at best. Boats ran on no set schedule, but rather at the whim of the operator(s). So it was entirely possible to arrive at the dock at "Ferry Village," and then grow old waiting for service across the harbor. Fares were also inconsistent.

A demanding public brought the ultimate demise of Portland-Cape Elizabeth ferry service with the construction of the first Fore River Bridge in 1822. Tolls were collected ($0.2/pedestrian, $0.6/horse). The bridge was doctored several times over the ensuing decades, earning the sobriquet "gridiron of death," due to its confusing, and at times treacherous, landing at the Portland end.

In 1916, "The Million Dollar Bridge" was born—a state-of-the-art span with aesthetically pleasing concrete supports and railings. The drawbridge initially connected Ocean Street, South Portland with Brackett Street and State Street (both then two-way) in Portland. In the early 1970s, Waterman Drive was built to improve traffic flow to and from the Million Dollar Bridge. The move was not without economic repercussions, however. The once bustling Knightville neighborhood evolved from thoroughfare to destination, with some businesses suffering. Thankfully, entrepreneurs have brought welcome revival.

Late-century, things began to crumble—figuratively and literally. Moderate tanker and freighter traffic to the "upriver" side of the bridge caused frequent draw openings, which became a real nuisance to those who were stuck trying to make an "X o’clock" appointment in Portland while watching a tanker inch past at "X o’clock minus five minutes." Also, occasional falling bits of crumbling concrete became a worry.

Finally, after much debate and a lot more money ($130,000,000), today’s mid-level Casco Bay Bridge was opened in 1997. The bridge’s intersection with Broadway at Waterman Drive became the new main ingress/egress point between Portland and South Portland/Cape Elizabeth.

The blood pressure of motorists still occasionally races the rising draw skyward, but the bridge’s increased elevation and declining oil tanker activity make openings far less frequent today than with the old Million Dollar Bridge.
Fully Involved: A View Into CEFD, volunteer to career

By M ara Deorge

The Cape Elizabeth Fire Department has approximately 60 members on the roster across five companies; two fire companies, ambulance company, WETeam, and fire po- lice. Only two members, Chief Peter Gleeson and Captain Maryanne Denison, are regularly scheduled employees of the Department. All others are either paid-on-call members or per diem part-time employees.

Paid-on-call firefighters break away from what they are doing to answer emergency calls. They are residents of Cape Elizabeth or South Portland who, just like you, have an interest in helping his or her neighbors whenever a fire, accident or other natural di- saster strikes. As a paid-on-call department, the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department depends upon the timely and determined response of these citizen members who selflessly serve their community when the alarm sounds.

Under the general direction of the fire chief, a paid-on-call firefighter or EMS personnel is responsible for answering calls, extin- guishing fires, protecting life and property, operating and maintaining fire equipment, apparatus and quarters, and providing patient care and transport to area hospitals. The po- sition requires extensive training in the use of apparatus, tools, and equipment and the performance of hazardous tasks under emer- gency conditions. At times this may require strenuous exertion under such handicaps as smoke and crammed surroundings, and the inspections of buildings for fire hazards to prevent fires from starting.

Per diem employees are part-time employ- ees who take daily shifts in the fire station to cover both the ambulance and engine for im- mediate readiness upon dispatch. Per diem employees are scheduled for twelve hour ambulance and engine shifts. They are stationed at Town Center Station. ready for immediate deployment when an emergency call is dispatched. Depending on what type of manpower or equipment is needed, paid-on-call (POC) members either respond to the station to hop on a truck, or re- spond directly to the emergency scene. POC members are paid for each call they respond to and training exercises.

The Cape Elizabeth Fire Department is one of the last, full Call Companies in the Metro Portland area that does not have full- time staff beyond its Chief and Administra- tive Staff. All other departments have transi- tioned to be full-time departments. Member Liam Keating says, “Cape Elizabeth has a strong Call Company. We work well together on large-scale incidents as well as with other departments [mutual aid].”

Chief Peter Gleeson has been a member of CEFD since 1976. In the first Fully Involved edition, he shared, “There are many members who have served for 30+ years, but that mod- el is unsustainable. It’s becoming harder and harder to attract Cape residents. The Depart- ment needs new members, and I feel it’s more like more Cape residents to join, but I recog- nize the intense training commitment against many residents’ already busy work and fam- ily commitments is a challenge.” People also hold a false belief that they can’t possi- bly have “what it takes” to be a firefighter or rescue worker. Chief Gleeson points out that nothing could be further from the truth. He says, “The most important qualifications above all else include a strong desire to help people and give back to the community. If somebody has that, they could be a good fit for the department. We can provide the train- ing and the gear.”

Some new members come to the depart- ment by way of the Student Program. Histori- cally, CEFD has participated in an annual high school career day to recruit student members, and adult members come by way of word of mouth. New members must be a minimum of 16-years-old, and are limited on functions until they graduate from high school, includ- ing no burning buildings or medical calls with trauma. Interest and numbers have declined in recent years. Some presume this to be a result of increasingly busy personal lives and diverse forms of leisure. Jim Martin describes having a lot of fun times with other per diem fi re departments I pass on the way here. I’ve turned down other jobs but I’ve never left.”

James Martin, South Portland Fire De- partment

James Martin started in 2008 as a junior in high school and had his driver’s license. He wanted to leave class if there was a call. He described the early part of his career saying, “I didn’t think I wanted to be a firefighter as a kid. I went to flight school for a year and realized I didn’t want to do that, but the year away made me realize I did want to do this. So I went to SMCC for Fire Science. I went on to work full-time in Wells as a firefighter for five years. It is a smaller department, run- ning approximately 1500 calls per year, but I eventually wanted something bigger. I know I was in places Portland operated and wanted to go there.”

Martin describes having a lot of fun times participating in the department efforts such as the Burns Fireman’s Games, which is always exciting for him and felt good. He shared that it was a great way for guys to get together, but it was a lot of hard work.

Martin is no longer on the Call Company because he lives too far away, but he feels a strong affinity to be part of the Department, which is why he still takes per diem shifts here. He said, “I earned my EMT, FF1&2, and hose testing here. All the training I needed to get to me where I am today. I went through Cape. I do not feel this department owes me anything; however, it knew many other per diem fire departments I pass on the way here, but I don’t stop at any of them. I came back here. I’ve turned down other jobs to take shifts here and I could not go encour-

Deputy Chief Steve Young joined the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department when he was 16-years-old. He recalls his beginning saying, “I still showed up. I don’t remember if we could get into the fire station, but we would do grass fires, etc. I didn’t even have my driver’s license, so my mother or father had to drive me to calls. My brother was in the department already. I went on a waiting list for the regular company for two years till I became 18 to be on provi- sional list. The members voted to immediate- ly put me in an officer position. Becoming an officer was young was unheard of around here because it was mostly the old guys.”

At the time, there were 30 regular mem- bers and the number was capped. In order for Young to participate, someone needed to leave, move or die. He shared, “I got inter- ested in the fire service because I had family here in the department. I don’t remember ex- actly how it went, but the older relatives en- couraged me and I didn’t know anything else that I’d do except become a fireman.”

Out of high school, Young enrolled in the Fire Science program at SMCC. From that program, 22 were hired in Portland, and he was lucky to be one of them. He went through drill school, earned his full-time career, but continued to stay active in Cape Elizabeth as much as he could for the next 30+ years.

“Years ago, I was a lieutenant on Engine Two, I stepped down when we had a child and just came to meetings. I felt loyalty to stay active out there where I got my start.” Clearly he has enjoyed it. He said, “A few of us don’t have to be.”

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Local businesses scammed, cleaning company cleans wrong house

COMPLAINTS
6-18 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area regarding an assault complaint.
6-19 An officer met with a resident at Fort Williams who had reported a wallet lost in the fort. Owner was contacted and property returned.
6-19 An officer met with a resident in the Shore Road area who had returned home and found that someone had been in his residence and had done housework. While speaking with him a representative of a cleaning company came to the residence and advised that her crew had accidentally gone to the wrong house and cleaned.
6-19 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a fraud complaint. Someone purchased a new phone and added phone lines and charged them to the victim’s account.
6-20 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
6-21 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Rd area for a possible burglary. After searching the residence and a check of the suspected point of entry it appears that a screen was not secured and had simply been lifted giving the appearance of a possible illegal entry.
6-22 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who had found an unwanted firearm while cleaning out her parents home and wanted to dispose of it.
6-22 An officer met with representatives of two local businesses who advised that both business had been scammed by a pushy overnight white male, average height, red/blond mullet hair style and red/white mustache wearing a dark ball cap, jeans, black Bruno’s t-shirt and walked with a limp. He claimed to have purchased food a couple of weeks ago and the food was mouldy and wanted a refund.
6-23 Two officers responded to the area of Waban Road for report of a suspicious male. Subject was located and lost. Eventually officers were able to disregard the house he was visiting.
6-27 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.
6-27 Two officers responded to Bowery Beach and Fowler for report of a bicycle accident. A large group of cyclists were traveling east when one lost control due to a mechanical problem and fell into several other cyclists.
6-27 An officer met with resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a possible theft of prescription medication.
6-27 An officer met with resident of the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
6-28 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
6-28 An officer met with a resident in the Woodland Road area regarding a possible theft complaint.
6-29 A resident of the Scott Dyer Road area found a phone at the Middle School and turned it in at the police station. The owner was contacted and property returned.
7-1 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a home repair fraud complaint.
7-2 Two officers responded to a residence n the Scott Dyer Rd area over a false disturbance.
7-4 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who had posted a dress for sale on Poshmark for $40. A perspective buyer emailed the seller and made arrangements and then sent another e-mail stating the “secretary” may have sent a check for too much and asked the seller to send her back the difference with the dress. The complainant received the check which was fraudulent and contacted the police department.
7-5 An officer responded to Fort Williams where a mower threw a rock striking a window of a car.
7-5 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding an assault complaint.
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7-5 An officer met with the owner of the Mitchell Road area regarding a criminal mischief complaint.
7-6 An officer met with a tenant at Fort Williams Park regarding a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Taken from the car was a purse containing an iPad and personal ID.
7-6 An officer met with a subject in the Scott Dyer Road area regarding an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle complaint.
7-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance.
7-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a trespass issue.
SUMMONS
6-20 Lewiston resident, operating a suspended registration, Littlejohn Road, $208
6-22 Texas resident, failure to yield, Shore Road, $154
6-26 Pennsylvania resident, speeding, (47/35 zone), Two Lights Road, $129
6-26 Pennsylvania resident, speeding, (47/35 zone), Two Lights Road, $170
6-27 North Carolina resident, speeding (50/35 zone), Two Lights Road, $170
6-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, dog disturbing the peace, Salt Spray Lane, $20
6-27 Manhattan resident, speeding, (65/35 zone), Two Lights Road, $170
7-1 South Portland resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Ocean House Road, $208
7-1 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding, (54/35 zone), Ocean House Road, $170
7-3 Raymond resident, speeding (40/35 zone), Two Lights Road, $114
7-3 Pennsylvania resident, speeding (70/50 zone), Ocean House Road, $208
7-5 South Portland resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Ocean House Road, $208
7-5 Pennsylvania resident, speeding (53/35 zone), Two Lights Road, $170
7-5 Pennsylvania resident, impound speed, Two Lights Road

JUVENILE SUMMONS
6-25 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of marijuana, $75
7-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, towing unregistered trailer, Shore Road, $208
7-7 South Portland resident, violation of interim license, Spurwink Avenue

ACCIDENTS
06-22 Valerie Manning, Kathy Macvane, Shore Road
07-07 Richard Bacher, Thomas Jones, Fort Williams
07-07 Unknown, Cathrin Whalen, Two Lights Road

ARRESTS
7-6 Waterford resident, warrant, Kettle Cove

FIRE CALLS
06-18 South Portland Mutual Aid
06-18 Masefield Terrace Fire Alarm
06-18 South Portland Mutual Aid
06-19 Peppergrass Fuel Leak
06-19 Shore Road Grass Fire
06-20 Farms Edge Rd Investigation
06-20 South Portland Mutual Aid
06-21 Park Circle Fire Alarm
06-21 Meadow Way Fire Alarm
06-22 South Portland Mutual Aid
06-24 Ocean House Road Transformer Fire
06-25 Oakview Drive Investigation
06-27 Ocean House and Fowler Motor Vehicle Accident
06-29 Hannaford Cove Road Fire Alarm
06-29 Ocean House Road Lighting Strike
06-30 Old Ocean House Road Investigation
06-30 South Portland Mutual Aid
07-01 Wildwood Investigation
07-02 Cape Woods Drive Investigation
07-03 Salt Spray Lane C/O Alarm

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Cape Elizabeth resident brings home silver

Cape Elizabeth resident, Ellsworth “Derry” Rundlett recently returned from his 9th National Senior Games, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a silver medal as the anchor/captain of the 4 x 100 relay in his age group, 70 to 74. Rundlett also competed in the 100, 200 and 400 meter events after qualifying in those races last year in the Maine senior games. He has been the state champion or medalist in those events since 2001.

The irony of this accomplishment is that his teammate, William Spirdione of New Hampshire, has beaten Rundlett in the 100 and 200 in the past several seasons at the Maine senior games. “I went to New Hampshire several years ago for the New Hampshire senior games and came to Maine for the same event and has beaten me every time since then,” Rundlett said. The other two teammates were Dave Wells of New Hampshire and Jan Cucera of California. Rundlett and Spirdione also took a silver medal in the 2017 National Games in Birmingham, and a 4th place in the 2011 games in Houston.

Marilyn Rundlett also competed in the national senior games taking 19th in the 1500 power walk. Notables at the all sport event, which had 14,000 athletes, were singer Pat Boone who was playing basketball at the age of 85 and a 103 year old woman who ran the 100 meter dash. “She was actually running,” Rundlett said, “and was an inspiration to everyone there. If I had raced against her I wouldn’t have been too far ahead, even though I am 30 years her junior.”

The Maine senior games has events going on this summer, including the state senior games track meet to be held on July 27 in Scarborough.

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Suzanne McGinn, CELT Board Member, Eric Hopkins (holding painting, Casco Bay from Back Bay to the Cape), and Greg Aritzauer, CELT Lands Committee member, at time of painting’s receipt.

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) announced on July 10 that it will exhibit and subsequently auction an original watercolor by Maine artist Eric Hopkins to raise funds for its land conservation, stewardship and education work. The painting, Casco Bay from Back Bay to the Cape, was generously donated by Hopkins, and will be auctioned by Thomaston Place Auction Galleries, a long-time CELT partner and supporter, in its Summer Auction on August 23-25.

In the interim, local residents and others will have the opportunity to view the painting, which is now on exhibit at Inn by the Sea until August 8.

“The painting will also be featured in a one-day only show of Eric Hopkins’ broader work at a community open house hosted by Ocean House Gallery & Frame in Cape Elizabeth (299 Ocean House Road) on Saturday, August 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Hopkins will be present at the community open house to answer questions and discuss his work. Beverages and snacks will be provided. All are welcome.

One of Maine’s most celebrated and well-known artists, Eric Hopkins has been a supporter of Maine lands trusts for decades. Hopkins is a pure artist of multiple mediums (watercolor, oil, glass, wood cut-outs, etc.). His most powerful tools are his paint, his palette, his ideas and his spirit. He donated the watercolor to support CELT’s conservation and care of local lands, as well as the organization’s educational programs. As is true for many of Hopkins’ paintings, Casco Bay from Back Cove to the Cape provides perspectives of the earth from the sky, which Hopkins believes is needed to encourage deeper contemplation and reverence for earth. “I’m an earthling,” says Hopkins, “my passion isn’t really painting or art, it’s life on The Home Planet.”

The exhibition of the painting at Inn by the Sea reinforces another long-term partnership, as the Inn has been an annual sponsor of CELT’s Paint for Preservation auction benefit since 2010. Michael Briggs, the Inn’s General Manager expressed his support: “Inn by the Sea feels privileged to have the opportunity to briefly host this wonderful Eric Hopkins painting of a very local, coastal scene for the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust. Eric Hopkins perfectly captures the essence of the Maine coast in this aerial view of the Cape Elizabeth area. We do hope the painting will generate a great deal of interest for CELT and help support their important conservation work. We welcome all those dropping in at the Inn to view the painting to enjoy the Inn’s permanent installation of regional art, including another Hopkins.”

Graham Wood, the founder and owner of Ocean House Gallery & Frame, is also a dedicated CELT supporter. The gallery and frame shop has been a sponsor of Paint for Preservation from 2015 through 2018. Graham, himself an artist, has been a participating painter in the Paint for Preservation event from 2017 through 2019. Speaking about the community open house, Wood said ‘For decades, Eric Hopkins’ aerial views of coastal Maine have charmed and challenged us to enlarge our appreciation and co-existence with the earth. His exuberant blues and greens accentuate the urgency essential to protect land and sea everywhere. We are pleased to host this one-day show, which will exhibit the painting to be subsequently auctioned. The show will also include other Hopkins’ work for sale and proceeds will be shared among the artist, CELT and Ocean House Gallery.”

Interested parties may bid on the painting on site at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries or may register for online bidding. The full catalog, schedule, auction rules and registration details will be available at www.thomastonauction.com on August 1.

“This collaboration unites many of CELT’s partners from different perspectives,” said CELT Board President, Elizabeth Goodepeed. “We are grateful to Eric Hopkins and Thomaston Place owner Kaja Veilleux for making the auction of this painting possible and to Inn by the Sea and Ocean House Gallery & Frame for their promotion of exhibitions.”
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She is also proud of how the race’s many programs have evolved over the years, how its green/sustainability program has grown and how strong the transportation shuttle program has become.

The work it takes to run the race is nearly year-round. After each year’s race, the organizing committee creates post-race reports about what went well and what could be improved upon in the future. After a few months of break, Cohen then begins working on the next year’s race in December.

Despite all the work and busyness that are required in her position, she said she has “really enjoyed the camaraderie of working with people on the committee, and I’ve just enjoyed feeling like I’ve made a difference in someone’s experience.” She felt that this year was “a good time” for her to step down from her role.

“it was time for someone else to come in and bring a new energy, a new perspective. It’s ultimately really healthy for an organization to have that,” she explained.

Chandra Leister, who is currently on the race’s board of directors, will soon take over for Cohen.

Looking forward, Cohen said she’s not sure what’s ahead for her: “I have 19 years of experience in volunteering. It would be nice to share that information with other people. I don’t really know yet, but I’ve got time to think about it.”

She’ll still be helping out on August 3, but this time as a program volunteer.

One thing Cohen has never done is run the Beach to Beacon, because, as she explained, “I have never really felt that I could run the race because my responsibility was to the race.”

Many at Woodland South Apartments caught by surprise by eviction notices

By Kevin St. Jarre

In mid-June, at least 14 residents of the Woodland South Apartments, near the corner of Woodland and Mitchell Road, received a letter which read, across the top and in all uppercase, “THIRTY (30) DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION AND NOTICE TO QUIT.” Tenants served in this way shared they were stunned, and the scramble to find new places to live in the tough housing market began. Perhaps especially difficult for some was the fact that children who had been attending Cape Elizabeth schools suddenly faced the prospect of not returning in the fall.

The letters, dated on or about June 15, 2019, read, in part:

“Dear [Tenant’s name],

As you may already know, the Woodland South Apartment Complex is under contract and due to transfer ownership in the coming days.

As per Section 10 of your lease, referenced below, this letter shall serve as formal notice that your lease is hereby terminated upon thirty (30) days’ notice from the date of service of this notice upon you.

The letter goes on to read, “…and you are further notified that you are to vacate said premises by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you.”

The letter is signed by Karen Twogli, owner and manager of Commercial Properties Management, representing Cape Venture, LLC, the owner before the sale, doing business as Woodland South Apartments.

Twogli’s letter indicates that tenants with questions may contact her, or that they “may contact Kyle Frazier, prospective ownership representative.”

A multi-year tenant who received such a letter, asking his name be withheld, said, “I received the notice to quit on June 17” and said he had no indication that the notices were coming until they received them. He said that “rumors began circulating during the winter of a potential sale [but] we had no indication whatsoever that the new owners would be trying to push people out.”

The stress comes not only from the short time period, according to the tenant, but also because “the cost of housing in the Portland area is absurd; many apartments’ rent are more than mortgage payments. Finding housing on such short notice is nearly impossible. One neighbor moved out with tears in her eyes last Sunday; she had nowhere to go, her grandmother took her in. I am only off the street due to the kindness of a friend.”

Another tenant who received a notice, also asking that her name be withheld, said she enjoyed living in the apartments for more than a year. She said, “The best part of living here are all the wonderful neighbors, always very kind!”

While she does not have children in Cape schools, she said, “[Many of the residents that received the notice to quit do have children in Cape schools. One of which will be graduating next year…they don’t want to pull her out in her last year at CEHS.”

She agrees that finding another place is difficult: “It is impossible to find a new place to live in this area! Most folks here live week to week with no savings. So, no

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Our Library: Making a difference

This column by Thomas Memorial Library Foundation shares true stories from library users on how our library is making a difference to them and to the community.

Grannie, Can We Go to the Library?

By Mary Capobianco
Chair of the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation Story Committee

Elizabeth and Anna Capobiancos in the kitchen play area of the children’s section at the Thomas Memorial Library

August is the month that all of my grandchildren come to visit and enjoy Maine’s beautiful summers. Last year the week following the Beach Visits, the children’s librarian, Tom, allowed us to choose some books for bedtime reading with puppets as they retold stories they had heard that morning. When the Mother Goose program ended, all five girls ran into the children’s section and right to the kitchen center filled with pots, pans and plastic food. As I sat in air-conditioned comfort, all of the girls concocted desserts and fancy coffee for me.

Next, we put puzzles together and played with puppets as they retold stories they had heard that morning. When I looked at my watch, it was past lunch so we chose some books for bedtime reading and headed home.

The next day the hot, humid weather had subsided and again I could hear their Mom encouraging them to get their bathing suits on so we could get to the beach to see who could find the most sea glass. But instead of the usual flurry of little legs into polkadot swim suits followed by the lathering of sunscreen, I heard instead a chorus of voices, “No, can we go to the library? I want to play with the puppets; I want to bring back my books and get another piggy book and Grandma needs her cappuccino!”

Maine might offer great beaches, hermit crabs, sea glass and sand castles but the Thomas Memorial Library offers a wonderful world of books, toys and puzzles for young minds.

As a grandparent of nine little ones, I am so grateful for the opportunities that the library provides to children. As one of my grandchildren told me, “This place is cool, Grandma.”

Many children have played with the toys purchased through funding from the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation. While the toys and story hour make the library “cool,” the children also learn to love reading and develop new skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

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By Kevin St. Jarre

Before diving into the deep end of writing for younger readers, Cape Elizabeth resident Anna Crowley Redding’s first career was as an Emmy-award winning investigative television reporter, anchor and journalist. The recipient of multiple Edward R. Murrow awards and recognized by the Associated Press for her reporting, Anna now focuses her stealthy detective skills on digging up great stories for young readers. “Google It: A History of Google” received a starred review from Booklist and was recognized by the National Science Teacher’s Association as a best STEM book of 2019.

Her latest book, “Elon Musk: A Mission to Save the World,” is a riveting YA biography that shows how a once-bullied schoolboy became an iconic visionary who the New York Times described as “arguably the most important and successful entrepreneur in the world.”

Elon Musk is the visionary behind SpaceX and Tesla, theHOLDER that built this country. And yet his story is completely accessible. If it feels like a dry textbook, you can spot us writers easily… laptop open and working our fingers to the bone. So, whether you want to dive into the human stories behind technology, or simply enjoy her latest success. She really wants young readers to feel the story and relate to it in a human way. And to achieve that, you really just have to dig into the human stories behind technology, and that part of the research is usually so interesting. As we celebrate the moon landing anniversary this summer, we aren’t as focused on the excruciating detail of how the rocket was constructed. Instead, what moves us is the very human story that made the mission possible: bravery, visionary thinking, and problem solving and enormous pride.

What isn’t exciting about that? So, whether I’m writing about history or science, I want to put the reader firmly in the action so they can feel the story and relate to it in a human way. At the same time, when you are writing about emerging technology, you have to make sure it’s accessible. If it feels like a dry text book, then I’ve failed.”

The author’s style of writing has changed through the years, as her audience has changed. Crowley Redding said, “I started out as a TV news reporter and that writing is super-fast and to the point. The story structure in TV news is designed so that people can quickly understand what’s happening while they are busy doing other things like making dinner or helping with homework. Learning how to write that way and under deadline is a lot of fun. Writing books, and especially for younger readers, requires a different mindset. It’s all about drawing readers in, from one page to the next so that they can fall in love with the very things that captured your interest about the story. And it’s great to have the space to do that in a book! At the same time, having years under my belt of writing under deadline pressure helps a ton with self-discipline and actually getting a book written. I always chuckle when I walk into a coffee shop, you can spot us writers easily… laptop open as we stare out the window completely lost in daydreams. So that deadline pressure of TV news truly helps me reign it in and get the job done.”

The business of art influences her creative work, in that getting a book out to market is a team effort. “Writing books is a very collaborative process, which I love. It starts with a rough draft or an idea. Then I take it to my Maine-based critique group. We share our writing and offer feedback which jump starts the revision, editing or shaping. Once I have a manuscript as far as I can, I send it to my agent who is amazing with editorial feedback and also knows when a story is ready to go out on submission. Then it goes out to editors who either make an offer or ask for a revision. Even when they reject a project, the critical feedback is helpful in reshaping or reimagining a book. Once a book is sold, then you go through revisions with your editor and I love that process. The end result is so much better than what any one part of the team could have come up with alone. Watching a book take on a life of its own is exciting,” she said.

As far as influences, Crowley Redding says she loves the work of Mary Roach. “Her take on nonfiction is so fun and accessible and smart. Can’t recommend her enough. And P.G. Wodehouse is one of my favorites. When you read his work, you are treated to the absolute joy of writing. Every sentence is a feast of humor and description that makes you feel like you are wrapped up in a sweater, by a fire, belly laughing with best friends! Both of these authors keep their work square-focused on the reader and the reader’s experience. They are not trying to impress us, though they do, but they are just trying to tell us a great story and do so masterfully. That’s what I am always chasing,” she said.

Many YA books have a crossover appeal, and many adults now read these books. While Crowley Redding writes for younger readers, the appeal extends well beyond. “I write for readers ages 3 to teen. And the biggest surprise with my first book is how many older adults were reading it. We took that into account when writing about Elon Musk,” she said.

You’ll find the author writing in coffee shops. “The din of chatter and people coming and going reminds me of newsrooms and helps me focus,” she said.

If someone were to send her somewhere to focus solely on her writing for a month, she says she would choose Italy or Scotland, and then added, “But honestly, I’d miss Maine after three days.”

Those who want to dive into Crowley Redding’s work can find her books wherever fine books are sold. “Elon Musk: A Mission

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Two parents and their children congregate around the new language book shelves at the South Portland Public Library.

The Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth has donated more than $1000 to the South Portland Public Library for special shelving for language studies. The Club began this ongoing youth literacy program in 2007.

The youth librarian, in thanking Rotary, says, “The kids and adults are always hovering near these shelves looking for language books. The interest has burgeoned since we now have shelving that is visible and accessible. Young readers seem much more interested in languages now.”

The Rotary donations enable the local libraries to provide additional materials to enhance youth literacy that the libraries would otherwise not be able to purchase through normal funding.

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

Rotary Club president Fran Bagdasarian says, “For 13 years we have made these donations to help increase interest in reading and education among our local students. It is part of our Rotary club’s service to our communities’ youth and our commitment to literacy initiatives.”

means to move,” she said. She also said she didn’t know the apartments were in the process of being sold. “We just signed out new lease in April. We had absolutely no idea the property was for sale,” she said.

She says she reached out to the representative of the prospective owners, and she said, “When I called the new manager he told me [that they] don’t want to kick anyone out, [they] just want fair market value. I asked how much more. He said over 40% increase. Which for us would be $420 more per month.”

She said, “This has caused a major panic for all involved! Folks can’t sleep, folks don’t have anywhere to go!”

Twichig, reached for comment, wrote, “We really don’t have anything to add . . . other than confirmation that only 15 of the 54 residents at Woodland South were sent notices from this office as part of the closing requirements for the sale of the property. These notices were allowed under the law. We really cannot comment on anything other than that. Everything else must be addressed by the new owner.”

Attempts to reach the representation of the new owner were unsuccessful at the time of printing.

As for the issue of students being displaced from Cape Elizabeth schools, Superintendent of Schools Donna Wolfram, when asked for comment wrote on July 8, “I just learned about the Woodlawn Apartments situation at a department meeting an hour ago. One of the things I will be doing today is researching how many of our students are impacted by this. From the explanation we were just given by Matt Sturgis, the new owners are within their rights for this action. I have not been contacted by any of the parents, so far. If students/families are considered homeless as of the first day of school they will need to work with Cathy Stankard, our McKinney-Vento liaison to make arrangements for attending school and transportation, either in our district or where they are located at the time. They can contact Cathy at Central Office. If families find housing in other districts, they should enroll their students in those districts. Parents/guardians of students who live outside the district but wish to attend Cape Elizabeth Schools need to contact the Superintendent of Schools in the district where they are residing and request a Superintendent Agreement. Both Superintendents must agree to this. Parents who have secured temporary housing but plan to move back to Cape Elizabeth should also request a Superintendent Agreement from the Superintendent of their temporary location. I realize that this is a difficult and stressful situation for parents, and I would be happy to answer questions and work with individual families to assist them in the process of fall enrollment. They can reach me by calling Central Office: 799-2217.”

Sell-out crowd at wet paint auction raises funds for land conservation

Perhaps energized by the lightning, thunder and torrential downpours, guests at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust’s 12th annual Paint for Preservation wet paint auction on June 30 bid enthusiastically in support of protecting Cape’s special places. A sell-out audience of more than 400 friends and supporters braved the elements at the seaside estate of the Holden Family at Garrison Field. They were rewarded not only with stunning artwork by 30 award-winning artists, fine food and drink, but finally, with a double rainbow over Pulpit Rock.

More than 70 volunteers gave their time to the event, many of whom carried their umbrellas to park hundreds of cars in the open field for several hours.

“Thankfully, the artists ended up with fine Marine Interiors, E. Erlich in plein air (foreground), and Ed McKee on Friday and Saturday,” noted event founder and chair, Claudia Dricot. “That was most important to ensure that the artwork being auctioned on Sunday was of the highest interest and quality.” The accomplished artists are juried to participate, and donate 50% of the sales to benefit the land trust. Anne Zill donated her time as the juror to select the artists.

Auctioneer Kaja Veilleux of Thomaston Place Auction Galleries was charged with facilitating the bidding in several quite animated volleys as guests kept prices rising.

CELT Board President Elizabeth Goodspeed made special note of the Holden Family for sharing their lovely home with the crowd. “Jeff did a lot of work to prepare the site before the event, as did Frank Stratou and Jim Cox in providing the parking space next door, without which this event could not have happened.”

CELT also greatly appreciates the generous sponsorship support from many area businesses, including ETHOS, Key Bank, R.M. Davis, Inc., 360 Uncouted, Eyecare Medical Group, Inn by the Sea, Oak Hill Beverages, Town and Shore Associates, Wright-Ryan Construction, Inc., Casco Bay Frames & Gallery, The Marc Gup Realty Group of Keller Williams Realty, Huffard House Interior Design, Knickerbocker Group, Maine Limousine Service, Two Lights Dental, Veterinary & Rehabilitation Center of Cape Elizabeth, and Thomaston Place Auction Galleries. Geary Brewing Co. and Lone Pine Brewing Co. provided the beverages. Photography was graciously provided by Bob Harrison, Dick Sanyer, and Meghan Wakefield, and can be viewed on CELT’s website and Facebook photos page.
Cape Elizabeth birding observations for early July

By E. Brooks Bornhofft

This time of year, there are many stellar birds to be spotted and heard across Cape. The last days of June through the 15th of July yielded good numbers of Baltimore Orioles – both juvenile and older – and many great looks at molting adults and begging young. It ceases to amaze me that long distance neotropical migrants like Baltimore Orioles choose to give birth and raise their young (albeit very briefly) in Cape. Younger birds (under two years of age and/or don’t have young to raise) will soon begin their three-month migration south to the tropics.

Early July yielded some rather oppressive days to be deep in the woods, alas from the depths of Robinson Woods II & III I heard and saw encouraging numbers of Black-throated Green Warblers. Common Yellow-throats were entirely common too. Amidst the whining masses of mosquitoes, I was pleasantly surprised to hear the song of Pine Warblers along the banks of Pond Cove, high within the stands of old white pines. I also could hear at least one Black and White Warbler. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks have made a good showing across Cape and although harder to see this time of year, one can definitely hear them singing high above the canopy. Additionally, this is the first year that we have had consistent male and female grosbeaks at our feeders, including one juvenile female. Great crested Flycatchers are still making their presence known as well. Listen for a loud, whistled, buzzy wheeps echoing through the woods.

A pair of Brown Thrashers were seen concomiting along the fringes of the soccer fields bordering the Gulf crest trails. Tangled masses of shrubbery make this area an excellent possible nesting place for Thrashers.

On July 10 a single Eastern Towhee was heard along the back of the Transfer site of the Gulf Crest trails thick undergrowth. This was the first Towhee I have heard this season. Populations of this bird in the Northeast have declined seriously in recent decades. One thing that this secretive creature does have not going for it is that Towhee nests on or very near to the ground. The breezy, ethereal song of the Veery can be still be heard from dawn to dusk, as can the Hermit Thrush’s wavering pitch and prominent overtones.

On a related note, our local male House Wren seems to have given me the slip. I have three house wren boxes on the property and all three have nests built in them however as of July 15 they appeared to be abandoned. Apparently, the male wren often makes “dummy nests” within their territory and boy was I fooled. Male House Wrens want to give the female some choices… that is if a female shows up at all, and she may choose an entirely different nook for nesting. I have heard males calling well into July (unsuccesfully) before they move along or disappear.

Ruby throated Hummingbirds are consistent and widespread across Cape right now as well. As of July 7, an Eastern Phoebe has been singing outside our window every morning starting around dawn. This bird is most likely looking to start a second brood.

Other mentionables include: A female Common Eider teaching a gaggle of chicks to dive for crustaceans, several Swamp Sparrow fledglings – a Red bellied Woodpecker with three young continuing to devour our suet and Song Sparrow, Timice and Chickadee fledglings are out and about as well. Chimney Swifts, Tree Swallows and Barn Swallows dart gracefully over our meadows and farmyards.

CELT Tuesday Stewardship Nights

For the remaining weeks of the summer, CELT is running weekly volunteer groups every Tuesday evening for some trail maintenance and invasive species removal.

Join your friends and neighbors from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at various CELT Properties (weather permitting). We will provide tools and gloves but feel free to bring your own. Please dress appropriately - we recommend long pants, a long sleeve shirt, a hat, and work shoes. Please bring water and bug spray.

Contact summer intern Maddie Stephens at mstephen@capelandtrust.org to sign up and see where we’ll be every week. You can also check the CELT Facebook page for updates.
ADULT PROGRAMS

The library will be closed on Thursday, Aug. 15, for a townwide Employee Appreciation Day. All regularly scheduled programs have been moved or are cancelled.

Senior Tech

Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 a.m. – noon

Senior Tech meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We’re here to help in any way we can with your tech questions. We work together as a group to answer similar questions, and break out into smaller groups to answer individual questions. You wouldn’t believe some of the things we’ve been able to help solve.

Summer Outdoor Concert: The Modernistics

Thursday, 7/25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We’re excited to bring you the toe-tapping excellence of Music and Dance from the Great American Songbook presented by The Modernistics. This stellar jazz ensemble from Boston performs hits by Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, Duke Ellington and other master tunesmiths.

Our Summer Concerts are a wonderful outdoor gathering for patrons of all ages. Bring a blanket to picnic, or chairs to sit on under a canopy of trees. We’ll have cookies and lemonade available for purchase as we enjoy great music on a delightful summer evening. In the event of rain, the show still goes on – the fun just moves inside. This event is generously sponsored by the TML Foundation.

Summer Outdoor Concert: Jud Caswell

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

TML favorite Jud Caswell, often called “one-man folk festival,” and cellist April Reed-Cox are stopping by in August for an outdoor lawn concert. Jud’s songs draw on a long musical history and wide-ranging influences from jazz and Piedmont blues to contemporary folk and rock. Jud promises to fill the air with banjo picking, guitar riffs, and beautiful celli/guitar melodies.

Our Summer Outdoor Concerts are a great place for friends and family to gather to hear great music in a relaxed setting. Feel free to bring a picnic, blankets, and lawn chairs. Jud’s music is suitable for all ages. In the event of rain, we’ll move the concert inside. Thanks to the Library Foundation for helping us bring you this outdoor concert series.

Maine Wildlife Series: Monarch Butterflies

Thursday, Aug. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Audobon staff naturalist, Doug Hitchcox, joins us in August as part of our Maine Wildlife Series. Doug promises an informative and interactive talk about Monarch butterflies with a focus on conservation issues and concerns surrounding this iconic North American species. Doug will also discuss the Monarch life cycle and natural history, current challenges Monarchs face in Maine and beyond, and what you can do to help conserve Monarchs. We are delighted to learn more from Doug and welcome the wonderful Maine Audubon Society to TML.

Chair Yoga

Monday, Aug. 12, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

No prior experience is needed for this experience of gentle, mindful movement and deep breathing to calm the nervous system. Our focus will range from standing and balancing postures accessible to all. We’ll finish with a guided body scan that invites you to relax into the present moment, that place where true power lies. When you tap into this ancient practice you’ll learn many ways to find a more peaceful, powerful you. No mats or towels are needed. Just wear comfortable clothing, sneakers or flat shoes, and bring water to drink.

Democracy Café

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where do you get your news? Are stories related to democratic ideals jumping out at you these days? In August, we’ll center our discussion on the latest headlines. Does what we read aloud in the news deserve more time and thought? You bet it does! The Democracy Café meets on the second Tuesday of each month. We hope you’ll join us this month for another great discussion. All are welcome.

Morning Book Group – “Little Fires Everywhere”

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Our morning book group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. In July, we’ll be discussing “Little Fires Everywhere,” by Celeste Ng. We hope you’ll join us to read and discuss. New members are always welcome.

Summer Outdoor Concert: Folk Duo Raianne & Mark

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We close out our Summer Concert Series with the wonderful music of folk artists Raianne Richards and Mark Mandeville. These artists blend their distinctive voices with rich, tantalizing harmonies and a wide range of accompaniment (guitar, harmonica, ukulele, clarinet, penny whistle, electric bass) featur- ing original and traditional acoustic Folk/ Americana songwriting.

Our summer concerts are a wonderful outdoor event for patrons of all ages. Bring a blanket to picnic, or chairs to sit on under a canopy of trees. We’ll have cookies and lemonade available for purchase as we enjoy great music on a delightful summer evening. In the event of rain, the show still goes on – we’ll move inside. This event is generously sponsored by the TML Foundation.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

• Knitting Group – every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

• Chair Yoga – second Monday at 11:30 a.m.

• Democracy Café – second Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

• Songwriting Workshop – fourth Tuesday from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

• Morning Book Group – second Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

• Writers’ Accountability Group – third Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-noon

• Senior Tech – fourth Wednesday from 10:30 am-12:00 p.m.

• Cape Entrepreneurs- ON HIATUS TILL 2020

• YA Anonymous Book Group – first Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

• Maine Wildfie Lecture Series – second Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

• Evening Book Group – third Thursday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

• Chair Café – every Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Weekly

Tabletop Club (Tuesdays from 2-6 p.m.)

Come in to the library every Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. to play some of our tabletop games. We have Betrayal at House on the Hill, Shen- jock Holmes: Consulting Detective, Pandem- ic, Catan, and more! Feel free to bring your own games as well. Open to teens ages 12 and up. For more information, contact Alyssa at alapierci@thomas.lib.me.us.

Monthly

Crafternoon Summer Workshop: Squirtgun Painting

Thursday, July 25 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Join Kisha of AYA Gallery for a different craft project each month. This month we will be painting with squirt guns outside on our pa- tio. We will provide the materials, including a canvas for youth to paint. Open to ages 11 and up. No registration required.

Teen Takeover: Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come hang out at the library after hours. We will be having an ice cream social to beat the heat, along with a movie. Movie TBD, but we’ll be “space” themed. Open to ages 12 and up. Registration is REQUIRED, so please visit our website for more information.

Cape Con 2019

Saturday, Aug. 24 from 12-4 p.m.

Join us for our second annual Cape Con. We will have free buttons, gaming stations, local illustrators and drawing tutorials, a cosplay contest judged by professional cosplayer, and much more! Don’t forget to dress up in your best cosplay; we will be giving out prizes to the best-dressed. All ages welcome.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Our regular story time schedule continues with weekly programs for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and families, with the addition of a couple of new programs beginning in July (see our complete schedule on the library’s website.) We also have some special events and monthly programs coming up.

Summer reading program continues all summer long

This year’s summer reading program, Des- tination TML: A Universe of Stories, features a binge game for kids, teens, and adults, as well as a set of early literacy activities for ba- bies and toddlers. Registration began on June 17, and continues all summer long. Stop by to sign up and win some prizes.

New Times for Tiny Tunes and Story Explorers on Fridays

We continue to offer our Tiny Tunes music and movement program for babies toddlers and preschoolers on Thursdays at 10:30. Our Friday session, however, will be run from 9:15 - 9:45 in order to allow some transition time between it and our new Little Frogs Yoga Story Time program. Our regular Story Explorers program will begin 15 minutes later, from 10:45 - 11:15 on Fridays.

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Are you paying too much for Oil?

Tired of paying too much for heating oil? Join the Cape Elizabeth Buying Group with Irving Energy and save! This buying group was established for local residents by a local resident who was tired of paying too much.

Contact Myndilee at: myndilee@me.com

Please put Irving in the subject line.

This buying group closes on August 31st.

*even if you’re already an Irving customer, this price is below their regular residential rate!
New Program: Unplugged Play
for ages 3 - 5
Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Join Rick weekly for crafts and games that use old good-fashioned technology—marbles, paper airplanes, and baseballs, and more! No registration necessary.

New Program: Dress Up and Dance!
for ages 2 - 6
Thursdays, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.
Do you have a child who loves to dance? Come to this weekly program to give chil-
I am able to help people at their worst, so I switched to Business. Then I real-
ized I didn’t want to deal with people at their worst...
Blue Hill Bach to perform at St. Alban’s

On Monday, July 29, at 7 p.m., Blue Hill Bach, one of the foremost summer music festivals in Maine, will present a special post-season concert for the whole family at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Road, in Cape Elizabeth.

The group, which celebrates the music of the Baroque era with period instruments, will perform Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons,” with the wonderfully talented violin soloists, Lisa Rautenberg, Jude Ziliak, Anatole Wieck and the 2019 Young Artist Fellow YuEun Kim. They will be joined by Mark Wieck and the 2019 Young Artist Fellow Ongoing each week

Cable Guide

parated at 310 Broadway, South Portland will hold a yard sale on Saturday, July 27 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. There will be something for everyone: clothes, household items, books and more.

Free summer concert at Cape Memory Care

Cape Memory Care, a Maine-based, family-owned and operated senior living community, will host free live music concerts every other Friday throughout the summer. Live music begins at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be available for purchase with all proceeds supporting the Alzheimer’s Association, Maine Chapter.

When: August 14: Falmouth Flukes Game Room

When: August 21: Cape Memory Care Family Night

Where: Cape Memory Care, 126 Scott Dyer Road, Cape Elizabeth Cost: FREE

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)
747-1113
www.capeNazarene.org
Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.
Services streamed live or on demand: watch.capeNazarene.org
Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church
280 Ocean House Road
799-8396
www.ceumc.org
Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
Child Care & Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
29 Ocean House Road
799-4321
Sacrament Meeting:
Sunday, 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Primary: 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Relief Society, Priesthood:
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
The Church of the Second Chance
Greater Portland Christian School
1338 Broadway, South Portland
641-3253
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Congregation Bet Ha’am
81 Westbrook St., South Portland
879-0028
www.bethaam.org
Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.
Family Shabbat Services: Second Friday, 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church of South Portland
879 Sawyer Street South Portland
799-4565
www.spbfc.com
Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
301 Cottage Road, South Portland
799-3361
www.fcucc.org
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Child Care: 9:30 a.m.
Game Room
First Congregational Church of Scarborough
167 Black Point Road, Scarborough
883-2342
www.fcscarborough.com
Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Care

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Board of Zoning Appeals replay
July 24 & 25 – 2 & 8 p.m.
July 27 - 10:30 a.m.
Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
July 27 & 28; Aug. 3, 4, 10 & 11 - 9 a.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.
First Baptist Church of South Portland
6 Two Lights Road
799-5328
www.saintbarts.com
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Monday & Tuesday Masses: 8 a.m.
First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
301 Cottage Road, South Portland
799-3361
www.fcucc.org
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Cape Calendar

Thursday, July 25
Energy Committee, 6:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thursday, August 1
Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Saturday, August 3
TD Beach to Beacon 10K, 8 a.m. Library open at 10:20 a.m., Fitness Center and Richards Pool open at noon

Tuesday, August 6
Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Monday, August 12
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, August 13
Conservation Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Albans Church.

Yard sale on July 27 at Peoples United Methodist Church
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Graduations and dean’s list announcements

The following local residents were named to the dean’s list for the spring 2019 semester at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Massachusetts: Zachary Vaughn of Cape Elizabeth, a member of the class of 2019 majoring in computer science. Sophie Chase of Cape Elizabeth, is a member of the class of 2022 majoring in chemical engineering.

Henry J. Menz of Cape Elizabeth was recently named to the dean’s list at Colby College in Waterville, for the 2019 spring semester. Menz is the son of John and Elizabeth Menz of Cape Elizabeth.

The following local residents were named to the dean’s list for the spring 2019 semester at the University of Maine in Orono: Michaela Arsenault, Connor Flaherty, Ethan Gillespie, Sophie Chase, Sydney Hallowell, Ryan Harvey, Quinn Jones, Erin Sewall, Mookie Williams. Michaela Arsenault, Connor Flaherty, Ethan Gillespie, Sydney Hallowell, Ryan Harvey, Quinn Jones, Erin Sewall, Mookie Williams.

Lindsay Stewart of Cape Elizabeth graduated from Bates College in Lewiston with a dual major in Biology and Economics. She was inducted as a member of Sigma Xi, an honor society that recognizes excellence in scientific research. She presented her student thesis research entitled “The Effect of Chronic Hyperoxia on Somatic Growth and Thermoregulation” at the 18th Mount David Summit. Michaela also worked closely on research projects with Dr. Ryan Bavis and Dr. Helen Papatsioanou, Bates professors of the biologic sciences.

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Having a yard sale? Want to spread the word about a new business or service? Tell them here! Classifieds in The Courier work!

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Pictured above are Joe and Cass Wright the first day of their river Cruise to Zurich. Joe grew up in Cape Elizabeth and graduated with the CEHS class of 1958. After Colby College he attended USAF pilot training. After tours in Vietnam he moved his family of four back to Cape Elizabeth in 1970. He retired after flying for 33 years. The Wrights live in Orono, and stay in touch with several Cape classmates.