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Hulu “Wild Crime” filming takes place at Crescent Beach State Park

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

Pictured left to right at Crescent Beach State Park playing the parts of National Park Rangers in “Wild Crime:” Cade Parker of Augusta, Michael Vice of Portland, Sacra Matthews of Falmouth and Patrick Lavallee Delgado of Portland.

Crescent Beach State Park in Cape Elizabeth recently welcomed filmmakers from Hulu. Entering its second season, the true-crime documentary “Wild Crime” chronicles serious crimes that have occurred in our National Parks.

I had the opportunity to meet the cast and crew while they were on location. This cast and crew included many Mainers and others from away, Los Angeles. In addition to being produced in a beloved local park, I learned that this filming is special because the cast includes Maine residents as ‘extras’ who auditioned through a recent public talent search process.

After exploring a murder perpetrated in Rocky Mountain National Park in its first season, “Wild Crime” is back, sure to pique the interest of Mainers and friends familiar with the landscape of Cape Elizabeth and the Maine coast.

Plus you may see a friend or neighbor

on-screen!

Kurt Shoener, Manager of Crescent Beach State Park, said it’s not uncommon for filmmakers to use Maine’s breathtaking parks and historic communities as backdrops for films and commercials of all genres. In fact, IMDb credits the Portland area as a filming location in 200 titles, from 15-minute documentaries to 120-minute feature films.

Release dates for Season Two have not been announced, but at just 15 minutes south of downtown Portland, you can enjoy Crescent Beach State Park today! Learn more at maine.gov.



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Pictured left to right at the entrance of Crescent Beach State Park: Actor Manny Galarraga of South Portland and Crescent Beach State Park Manager Kurt Shoener.

Planning Board tables Carr Woods project, passes site plan amendments

By Abbey Greslick

Old Business: Carr Woods Condominium Development

Jim Fisher (President of Northeast Civil Solutions) returned to the Planning Board to represent Andrew Carr and family, owners of the proposed Carr Woods development.

Fisher began with a brief recap of the Carr Woods project and recent changes. He outlined that stormwater has been dealt with, soil scientists have reviewed the site twice and landscaping plans are available. Bill Gerish (Project Engineer for NCS) also spoke to what has changed (since the April Planning Board Zoom). He spoke of changes to a four-unit within Carr Woods, stormwater changes and landscaping.

Public Comment was opened, with a limit of 15 minutes.

Erik Johansson, an abutter, spoke of missing bedrock on the provided maps. Brandon Mazer, attorney at Perkins Thompson, P.A. representing the Johanssons, spoke of required open space (45%+) versus what is considered usable space within that (minimum 33% of the open space). He concluded, “We ask that you reject this application this evening.” Dale Knapp, representing BRI on behalf of Johanssons also spoke regarding RPI designation. He said that in Cape ordinances, RPI designation is for an area over one acre of poorly drained soils, and that on some maps, the Carr Woods development is indicated as being 1.24 acres “if not greater.” The parcel itself may be under one acre, but

he also said there are not adequate test pits to determine whether dissimilar soil types (soil types being a factor in wetland designations).

Attorney André Duchette (on behalf of Sheila Wellehan, abutter) said that the subdivision process is starting to feel like “death by 1,000 paper cuts, and we are trying to rely on fatigue in order to seek approval.” He listed his client’s issues with the proposed development, including that open space does not meet town ordinance, the subdivision does not provide vegetative buffer throughout, the wetland alteration will obstruct flow of surface and increase flooding. He said that downstream lands will be impacted, and “Preliminary approval should be denied.”

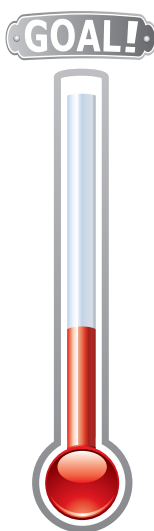
Lise Pratt said that she and her husband (abutters) have lived in their home for 32 years, and requested that the Planning Board table the motion. “The number of times the applicant pushes at the seams of the ordinances tells a story...The site will essentially be clearcut. The proposed construction consumes nearly all of what’s there other than wetlands and bedrock. Maureen [O’Meara] said in her memo that much of the site’s features, “will be significantly altered to accommodate the project” and later, much of the existing vegetation on the site “will not be preserved.” The applicant is required to preserve vegetation when practical.” Pratt said that the board should be who decides what is an acceptable amount of preserved vegetation.

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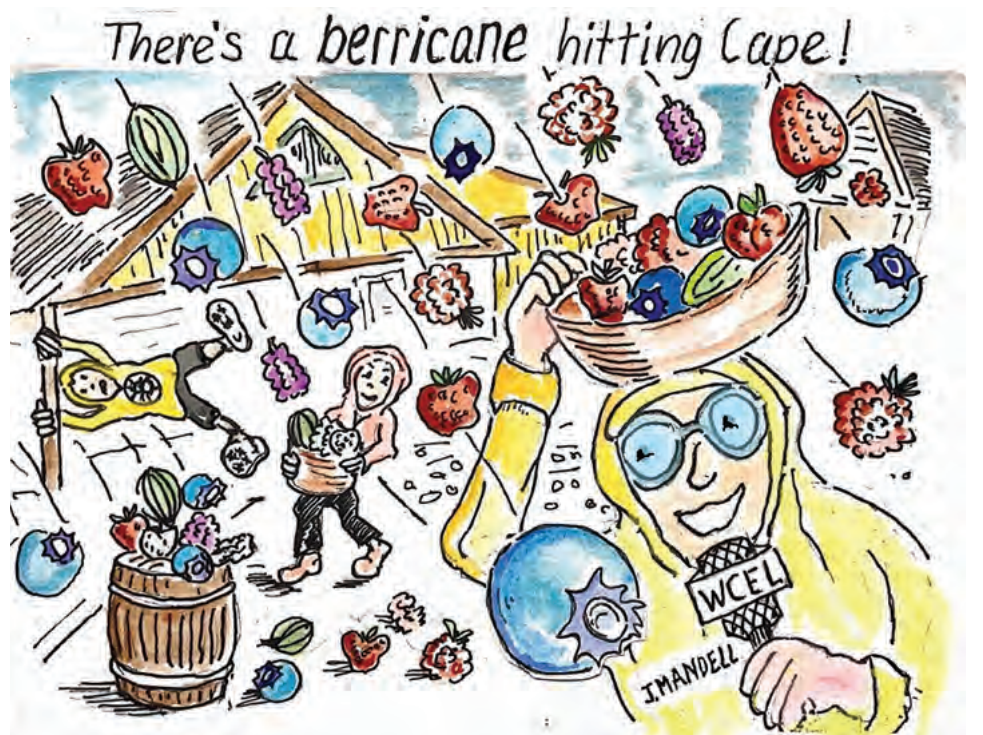
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Capetoon: Weather Report

By Jeff Mandell





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Building from the ground up

It's easy to keep kicking the can down the road. Just look at the map of additions made over the years to our elementary and middle schools and you'll see clear evidence of nearly 100 years of that happening, over and over again. And honestly, I love the scrappy spirit of our community, it's a big reason my family and I chose to move here. But the resulting school is now a sprawling, octopus-like complex with a large, inefficient footprint that's well past the end of its useful life. It's time to reimagine what kind of schools we want for the next three generations of Cape students.

The new schools will offer flex spaces that allow teachers to adapt to different learning styles, but with the added benefit of a smaller, highly efficient footprint.

This opens up a world of possibilities for restoring the historic 1933 portion for new uses, and the promise of more green spaces in the town center.

Great schools aren't created by simply hiring great teachers. They are made from the ground up with efficiency in mind, consideration of student needs, community input, improved safety, and the support of our entire community.

I live in some of the smallest houses in town, well within earshot of what I hope will soon be the sweet sound of new school construction, because I know that if we don't do this now, we'll simply be facing the same dilemma in 15 years but with an even bigger price tag.

Jenna Isaacson Pfueller

'Do your research'

There she goes again, creating hysteria around even the potential for affordable housing in Cape Elizabeth. I am of course referring to Cynthia Dill's latest hyperbolic Letter to the Editor.

Do your research and don't believe the hype about "bleak housing" potential in Cape Elizabeth. She throws out every demonic buzzword on affordable housing in her letter; "Section 8 Housing" oooohhh scary. The new zoning "drastically alters" our zoning to allow for "multiple Dunham Court like projects" What vivid imagination she enjoys. Everyone knows

that we have had absolutely zero initiatives on affordable housing for nearly 50 years.

Why? Because the land simply doesn't exist for it and our zoning actively discourages affordable places to live. I agree with her that we should explore more Colonial Village types of offerings to new members of our community. But these will not happen if someone with an axe to grind can bamboozle 10% of our population to sign a petition. I could convince 10% of our citizenry to ban eating chocolate ice cream on a Saturday night if I twisted everyone into thinking it caused over-population!

All appropriately planned developments, like the Dunham Court project, deserve our due diligence and exploration. Otherwise, we force people who want to work in our community to commute hours to get here. New members of our community deserve to "Live & Work in Cape Elizabeth." A community that is unable to attract starter families into it, will fail to thrive.

Tracy Floyd

Concert on Village Green

The town Conservation Commission recently approved a concert for the Village Green on Wednesday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a performance by the Maine Pops Band, one of the larger community bands in the state, formed in 1988.

The band will play selections from its current repertoire, which includes highlights from Bruno Mars, the musicals "Chicago" and "West Side Story," jazz classics, and marches, among many others. The band, pre-Covid, was 80-members strong. After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, it has rebuilt to 50 and is continuing to grow. Cape Elizabeth members are Joe Bettancourt and Jeffrey Shedd.

The concert will be 60-75 minutes, and the audience should supply their own chairs. Space is limited so get there early!

Patt Bothel

Where the boys at?

Our granddaughter graduated a few weeks ago from Windham High School. She was in the top 10% of her class. That group included 16 girls and 7 boys. Nearly all class officers were girls.

The recent Cape Courier had a report on the top 10% of this year's class at Cape Elizabeth High School. According to the Courier this group consisted of 13 girls and 2 boys.

I commend all these young women for their diligence and hard work to achieve these honors. It does beg the question though as to why the boys are so under-represented, assuming they are roughly 50% of their class. What is with our young men today? Are they losing interest in leadership and academic excellence?

Steve Tinsley

'Now is the time'

Now IS the right time to build a new school. In the early 90's I served on a building committee tasked with creating more space for our elementary school in CE. All three architects we hired agreed that the only way to address all of our issues was to build a new K-4 school.

The voters said no, so we put a large addition on our existing school.

The disruption to education was enormous. Classes that were in the connecting area had to be relocated. Air quality in the building had school canceled on multiple occasions. Art/music/health/library/ and PE were canceled because those spaces were used for the displaced classrooms. The addition was placed where the original playground was, so there was no outdoor recess. What was supposed to take 18 months took three years. The cost overruns, directly attributed to work not done during student hours were 33%.

Within five years of the completion of the addition a brand new K-2 school had to be built anyway.

Back in the 90's here, when CE put 21 million into the last huge renovation, it WAS recommended that a new school be built.

We are now reaping THAT poor decision. We can no longer afford to kick this can down the road. Building a new school is an investment in our future as a town. I ask my fellow townspeople to join me in voting for this investment.

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Then and Now: "I'd rate it a solid..."

By Jim Rowe



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Portrait of George Combe

Through the years, there have been many travelogues sharing observations of Cape Elizabeth.

Early European explorers Samuel de Champlain, Raleigh Gilbert, Capt. John Smith, and John Jocelyn (among others), may have visited or at least skirted the shores of what would later be known as Cape Elizabeth. According to William B. Jordan, Jr.'s "A History of Cape Elizabeth, Maine" (1965), our prominent headland had been noted by Spanish map-maker Diego Ribero as early as 1529. On his chart, he referred to our area as "Cabo de muchas islas" (Cape of many islands). On July 8, 1604, Champlain tagged Richmond Island as "Isle de Bacchus," noting its sturdy oaks, nut trees, and vineyards. Raleigh Gilbert called what we know as Portland Head "Semeamis" (likely a name of native origin, the meaning of which has been lost).

Two of the more interesting observations of Cape Elizabeth from bygone days came from a pair of distinguished British

visitors in July, 1839. George Combe was a world renowned phrenologist (an expert on the then-popular theory that cranium size and shape affect intellect and character). Combe's mastery of phrenology unlocked doors to fame and fortune. While in Cape Elizabeth, he and his wife, the former Cecilia Siddons (daughter of famous English actress Sarah Siddons) stayed at the Cape Cottage, which was owned by well known Portland writer and attorney John Neal. Neal was considered to be somewhat eccentric by many, and he was enthralled by phrenology and its flag bearer, George Combe. They quickly became friends.

Ms. Combe wrote glowingly of her stay in Cape Elizabeth: "Here you may picture us quietly seated in our summer retreat, a handsome, rather large cottage built of wood, clap-boarded, and painted white, with those green outside window-shutters which give such an air of coolness and neatness to New England cottages in general."

(assumed Trip Advisor Rating: Five stars- JSR)

Publicly, George Combe extolled the virtues of the Cape Cottage and of Cape Elizabeth. But it is in his private writings that candor prevailed. He wrote, "I am now blind in one eye, and lame in both feet, from mosquito bites." And later, "Last night the wind increased to a heavy gale from the north and north-east, accompanied by a tremendous rain. Cape Cottage, a frame-house of three stories, clap-boarded, vibrated to its foundations, and our bed shook beneath us. The rain streamed through the roof, penetrated the room above ours, and fell in large drops on our floor."

(assumed Trip Advisor Rating: One star- JSR)

Summer concert series promises free family-friendly fun

By Cape Elizabeth Community Services

Grab your lawn chair, picnic basket and blankets and get ready to hang out at Fort Williams Park. Sounds by the Sea is presented by Cape Elizabeth Community Services, and made possible by the generosity of our sponsors including South Portland - Cape Elizabeth Rotary, AFC Urgent Care, Two Lights Dental, Tammaro Landscaping and Property Services, Legacy Properties Sotheby's International, Inn by the Sea and Ainsworth, Thelin & Raftice, PA.

Kicking off Monday, July 11 at 6:00 pm and slated to perform this summer (weather permitting):

July 25 / The Earthtones / Picnic Shelter
August 1 / Joan Kennedy Trio / Bandstand
August 8 / Joe Boucher / Bandstand
August 15 / The Katie Oberholtzer Septet / Bandstand

Again this summer, the South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary will conduct a food drive during each of the six concerts. Look for The Food Cupboard van in the vicinity of each performance location to drop off your dry good or cash donations.

Join us for a fun-filled family evening of Sounds by the Sea.

For more information about Sounds by the Sea, please visit capecommunityservices.org or call (207) 799-2868.

New property tax law for homesteads of senior residents

By Clinton Swett

All towns and cities in the state of Maine will be eligible for comprehensive tax relief for seniors who are over 65 years old. The bill went unsigned by Governor Mills allowing it to become law on May 8, 2022. The following are the details about the law, described by William Brunelle, Principle Property Appraiser at Maine Revenue Services,

"As you may know, the Legislature passed a new law enacting the property tax stabilization program, which freezes senior residents' property tax at the amount in the year of the application. Here is the official notice, sent out in the bureau's Maine Tax Alert last night:

During the most recent session, the Legislature passed L.D. 290 - "An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Home-

stead for at Least 10 Years." This new law allows certain senior residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. An applicant must be at least 65 years old, a permanent resident of the state, and must have owned a Maine homestead for at least ten years. As long as the individual files an application each year, the tax on their homestead is fixed at the amount assessed in the year prior to the initial application. Eligible residents may transfer the fixed tax amount to a new homestead, even between municipalities. The state will fully reimburse municipalities for lost revenue. The law goes into effect on August 8, 2022, and applies to property tax years beginning April 1, 2023.

Interested taxpayers will need to apply with the municipality where their homestead

-see PROPERTY TAX LAWS page 7

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Going Green: Plastic Free July, a global movement

By Laura Marston, Owner of GoGo Refill

Ready to ditch single-use plastics? Now is your time to shine, and we're here to help! If you haven't heard the news, it's PLASTIC FREE JULY, which is obviously one of our favorite months because it is a great starting point for those who have been looking to reduce their plastic waste, and an opportunity to adopt new low-waste habits. PFJ started in Australia in 2011 and they offer resources to us all to reduce our plastic use. You can find the resources and take the PFJ challenge at www.PlasticFreeJuly.org - it's not too late to join in and take action.

There are lots of ways to participate in Plastic Free July. You can start off by taking their "Pesky Plastics Quiz" which is a great way to identify areas that you can reduce, and then join the millions around the taking the challenge.

Don't worry, there are different levels of participation:

- Reduce plastics at home
- Reduce at the workplace
- Reduce at school/camp
- Refuse ALL single-use plastic
- Refuse takeaway items
- Refuse single-use packaging

I made my pledge a little more specific this year: along with single-use plastic

packaging, our family is really focusing on our snack packaging. Having two snacky kids, we do go through our share of snack-related plastic packaging (like chip bags, etc.) So we're working to eliminate those for July, and hopefully identify some new snacking habits that will last the whole year.

We started off by visiting the Portland Food Coop to see what snacks we could get from their bulk bins. We came home with dried mangoes, yogurt covered pretzels and sesame sticks. A good place to start. Next up we're going to try to make our own crackers.

Starting with only 40 people in 2011, last year 140 million people pledged to reduce some or all of the single-use plastic in their lives during Plastic Free July! Here's a look at the global impact of this initiative.

Plastic Free July by the numbers (from 2021):

- 301 million everyday plastic items refused!
- 2.1 million tons of waste reduced!
- 140 million participants!

Now that's what we call people-power. This is what individual actions can achieve - I hope you'll play along!



Reduce



Reuse



Recycle

News from the School Board

By Kimberly Carr

Thank you for coming out to vote and support the school budget for 2022-23. We are so lucky to live in a community that believes in the value of education and supporting our schools. While the summer months are quieter for some of our students and staff, our custodians are working tirelessly to make improvements, clean and repaint our schools. Thank you for putting in all the time and effort it takes to refresh our schools so they are ready to welcome our students, teachers and staff back in the fall.

The School Board is excited to welcome Sarah Rubin to Cape Elizabeth as our new CEMS Principal. She comes to us from the Portland School District. We are also delighted that Jake Haugevik, who has been working at CEMS will be joining her in the role of Assistant Principal. Congratulations to both of you; we are excited to have you partnering and leading the middle school to new places.

Thank you to our entire community for coming together and making this a successful school year. Our students and families were resilient and supportive. Administrators, teachers and staff worked tirelessly to help facilitate a smooth return to school after a year of hybrid and remote learning. They worked steadfastly and with tremendous grace to keep our schools open despite constant changes due to Covid-19. Together, through all the ups and downs, we completed another successful year in a very challenging time. Our gratitude goes out to all of you!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- July 26 School Board and Town Council Workshop 7 p.m. (in person at the fire station). Discussion on Schematic Design and Consideration of Bond
- August 9 School Board Meeting to Consider Bond Question, 6:30 p.m. (in person at Town Hall)
- August 22 Town Council Meeting to Consider Bond Question, 7 p.m. (in person at Town Hall)

CEUMC sponsoring Wildflower/Nature Walk on August 14



Contributed Photo

Amy Witt

The Eco Team of the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Wildflower/Nature Walk in Robinson Woods on Sunday, August 14 from 1-3 p.m. to be led by Amy Witt, a naturalist, garden coach, horticulturist, educator and director of Earth Walkers, an organization that "provides opportunities to inspire people to wonder about and connect with the natural world." The event is free and open to the public.

Following the walk, Witt will lead an art exercise, asking participants to "meet" and get to know one plant.

Witt is on the adjunct faculty at the Southern Maine Community College and explained she "leads people on journeys with Nature that invigorates their hearts and lets them fully experience Nature in more spiritual ways."

Participation will be limited, so sign up by calling the church at 799-8396 and leave your name, how many will be attending, your phone number and e-mail address. You also can e-mail the information to capeelizabethumc@gmail.com.

Participants should meet at the back end of the church parking lot at 12:45 p.m. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road (Route 77).



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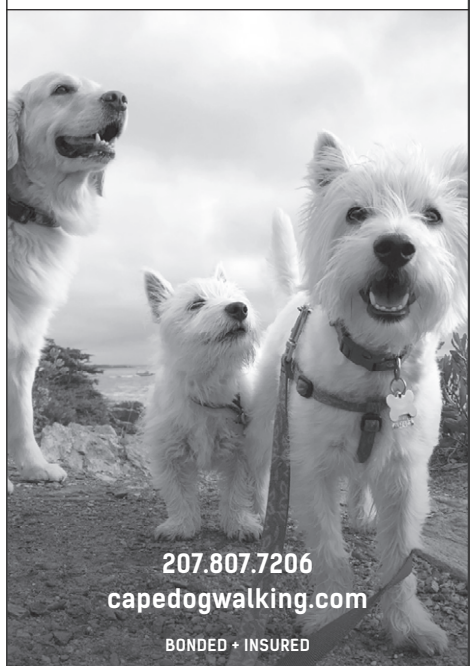
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PayPal scam reported, quarantine issued after raccoon encounter

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

PUBLIC INFORMATION

16-15 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who reported that she received an email that appeared to be from PayPal, stating that there was a pending authorization on her PayPal account for a purchase of \$500 of Bitcoin. She stated to the officer that she called the number listed at the bottom of the email and began speaking with a male who answered the phone. During the process of speaking to him, she ultimately was convinced to purchase two \$500 gift cards from Target as well as purchase and sell the Bitcoin through a Venmo app. Also during this process, she was asked to send requests for money to her daughter-in-law. She told the officer that in the process of the deception, an app was installed on her phone, which allowed the suspects to take control of her phone. At this time, the victim's son arrived at the house and stopped the swindle from continuing.

6-17 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who reported that someone had used her personal information to open a credit card and had made charges.

6-19 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.

6-20 An officer met with a resident of the Cross Hill area who reported that her dog had just had an encounter with a raccoon. She was issued a 45 day quarantine notice.

6-21 An officer responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.

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6-24 Two officers responded to Fort Williams for a report of a fight in progress. A vehicle pulled into a parking space and was over the white line of the car beside it. The driver exited the car, slamming the driver's door into the car next to it. When confronted, a brief fight occurred, but the suspect got back in his car and fled the area.

6-24 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road for a well-being check.

6-24 An officer met with a resident in the Shore Road area for a criminal mischief complaint.

6-25 A resident came to the police station to drop off a wallet and cell phone found on Route 77. The owner was contacted and property returned.

6-25 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.

6-25 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding the possible theft of a package. It was later learned that the package was delivered to the wrong address.

6-26 Two officers responded to the Shore Acres area for a report of suspicious activity. A group of juveniles with beer was located and parents contacted.

6-27 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding hit and run damage to her car.

6-28 An officer discovered criminal mischief to a piece of equipment. The contractor was notified.

7-2 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who reported that someone had fraudulently written and cashed a check against her account. She notified the bank and closed the account.

7-2 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a threatening correspondence.

7-3 Two officers responded to a residence in the Two Lights area for a noise complaint.

7-4 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding damage to a mailbox that occurred during the night.

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

6-26 South Portland resident, violation of interim license, \$385

ACCIDENTS

6-21 John Sullivan, James McCormick, accident on Ocean Road.

FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 7; EMS calls: 20

Richmond Island reservation information

Richmond Island will be closed to public visitors in 2022 from August 1 – 15.

The island will be open to the public for day visitors. Camping will be open from May 27 until September 25. Camping reservation requests can be mailed to Richmond.Island@blackpointcorporation.com

Please check our website for current updates and regulations of the island at blackpointcorporation.com and thank you for respecting this beautiful island. Any additional questions please call 207-799-0011.

Scam alert bulletin board

Reported by Jessica D. Simpson



Door-to-Door Sales Scams

Summer is officially here which means door-to-door sales crews are too. But buyer beware - what they're selling isn't always legit.

Be cautious anytime a stranger comes knocking, especially if the visitor is trying to sell you goods or services. Be wary of contractors who say they stopped by because they just happened to be in the neighborhood. Be on guard for high pressure tactics designed to pressure you to make a quick decision or requests for payment upfront. Your best bet is to proactively seek out the services you need. Remember, it's always okay to explain you don't do business at your front door (or to not answer when strangers knock).

Social Media Scammers

"Where is the greatest risk?" That's a question everyone wants to know regarding scams and fraud. When people are bombarded by criminals on email, over

the phone, text and online it's hard to know where to focus. And while it's important to take every scam attempt seriously, consumers should realize that they are particularly susceptible on social media.

According to the Federal Trade Commission 25% of successful scams last year originated on a social media platform. In 2017 consumers lost \$42 million to social media scams. Last year that total was \$770 million – an 18-fold increase.

Here are three warning signs of social media scams:

1. Friend requests from people you don't know. Think of your parents when surfing the web and "don't talk to strangers."
2. Celebrities who want to connect with you. Scammers clone celebrity profiles.

-see SCAM ALERTS page 14



High/low tide chart

Date	High Tide			Low Tide					
	AM	PM	ft	AM	PM	ft			
20	Wed	5:07	9.4	5:40	9.7	11:18	0.3	11:56	0.7
21	Thu	6:07	8.9	6:35	9.5			12:12	0.9
22	Fri	7:08	8.4	7:30	9.4	12:58	0.9	1:08	1.3
23	Sat	8:09	8.1	8:24	9.3	2:00	0.9	2:05	1.6
24	Sun	9:06	8.1	9:16	9.4	2:58	0.8	2:59	1.7
25	Mon	9:58	8.1	10:03	9.5	3:49	0.7	3:48	1.7
26	Tue	10:44	8.2	10:47	9.6	4:35	0.6	4:33	1.6
27	Wed	11:28	8.3	11:28	9.7	5:18	0.5	5:14	1.5
28	Thu			12:08	8.4	5:57	0.4	5:52	1.4
29	Fri	12:07	9.8	12:45	8.5	6:33	0.3	6:30	1.3
30	Sat	12:44	9.8	1:21	8.7	7:07	0.2	7:07	1.2
31	Sun	1:20	9.8	1:55	8.8	7:40	0.2	7:44	1.1
1	Mon	1:56	9.7	2:29	9.0	8:13	0.2	8:23	1.0
2	Tue	2:33	9.6	3:05	9.1	8:49	0.2	9:06	0.9
3	Wed	3:15	9.4	3:44	9.3	9:29	0.3	9:53	0.8
4	Thu	4:01	9.1	4:28	9.6	10:12	0.5	10:44	0.7
5	Fri	4:52	8.9	5:17	9.7	10:59	0.6	11:39	0.6
6	Sat	5:48	8.7	6:11	9.9	11:52	0.8		
7	Sun	6:50	8.5	7:11	10.1	12:39	0.4	12:50	0.9
8	Mon	7:57	8.6	8:14	10.4	1:44	0.2	1:53	0.8
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Former Governor Paul LePage visits Cape Elizabeth



Photo by Cindy MacInnis

In Cape Elizabeth, the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club held their annual cookout for their members, family, and friends, and they invited former Governor Paul LePage. The event began at 11 a.m., and the former governor arrived promptly on time, chatted with attendees, and took many pictures. In the photo are LePage, Tammy Walter and Mark Mayone.

Cross Town Trail ribbon cutting ceremony



Contributed photo

Pictured above are acting CEUMC Treasurer Jim Tammaro, CELT Executive Director Cindy Krum, CELT Membership and Development Manager Patty Renaud and CEUMC Administrative Council Chairperson Steve Hill.

Thanks to incredible support from the community and a great partnership with the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, CELT succeeded in its campaign to protect the final leg of the 8.2-mile Cross Town Trail forever! A Celebration and Ribbon Cutting was held on Saturday, June 4, appropriately during the half-time break of the Cross Town

Walk held on the trail each spring.

The ribbon cutting was attended by members of CELT and its Board, members of the church, and participants in CELT's spring Cross Town Walk led by volunteer Andrea Southworth, Board president Liz Murley and CELT staff.

Governors choose Portland, Cape Elizabeth for annual event

By Kevin St. Jarre

The National Governors' Association selected Portland as the location for their annual summer meeting, at the invitation of Maine's Governor Janet Mills, and chose Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth for a lobster bake on July 14, prompting the early closure of the park that day.

The National Governors' Association, or NGA, is a nonpartisan organization comprising the governors of the 55 U.S. states, territories and commonwealths.

At the NGA's 2022 winter meeting Gov. Mills invited this summer's attendees. She had previously invited them for the summer 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic derailed those plans. Gov. Mills, in her invitation, mentioned the challenges the governors have faced over the past few years, and said how she has valued collaborating with her fellow governors.

She had a bit of fun, too, saying, "Now I know we haven't been traveling as much as we used to, but now that it's actually happen-

ing, let me offer some trip planning advice. Be sure you book your travel to Portland, Maine, and not Portland, Oregon, or any of the other Portlands across the country. No offense to my friend, Governor Kate Brown, but our Portland was founded first. And when you come to the meeting, be sure to schedule some sightseeing time for you and your families."

Gov. Mills went on to share Maine's attractions, such as the western mountains, lakes and streams which are great for fishing, and Maine's iconic rocky coastline with views which "are unlike anywhere else in the world."

She also mentioned Portland's shops and award-winning restaurants, and acknowledged Governor Hogan's love of Maryland's crabs, but said, "...we've got great lobster rolls that are definitely worth a try." Gov. Mills also mentioned theater and whale watching, and said there was something for

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Planning Board

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Cape resident Dr. Mylan Cohen spoke on behalf of Cape Cottage Park Association regarding stormwater drainage on Maiden Cove, commonly known as Casino Beach. He said, “many of the members of the Cape Cottage Park Association continue to be concerned about any additional runoff in that area.”

Cole Peters, resident and licensed Maine geologist and professional wetland scientist spoke of a letter he submitted to the board regarding test pit info from May. He said there is a need to structure the development’s underground similarly to that of a septic system, with underground detention and filtration, like a leech field. This would be needed he said to provide separation from groundwater. He also expressed interest in looking into the impacts of freezing systems and back to back precipitation events.

Public Comment was closed and Planning Board discussion continued. Board Member Alton Palmer asked if his requests from the April meeting were ready to be addressed (primarily regarding stormwater drainage, traffic study and open space calculations). Gerrish said it was all reviewed, and that stormwater features wouldn’t be considered developed areas, areas of embankment slopes and filters are typically not considered in developed area considerations and that DEP is in agreement with this assessment. Palmer distributed paper copies of a chapter 500 definition of developed area that said “includes all disturbed area.”

Board Member Matthew Caton referenced page 8 of April Planning Board meeting minutes and asked to clarify what information Alton wants. Caton reviewed the list of questions to return and address. Caton noted that the traffic study was not updated yet.

Gerrish said in regards to the list of questions that the 3rd party landscaping review was conducted, the project may provide an additional right of way strip along Shore Road as needed, the traffic study was being conducted ‘as we speak,’ but he was not anticipating significant findings there, and that additional stormwater detention was being provided for though standards were already being met. Fisher added, “The DOT does not allow traffic counts to be taken before June 15 in any given year in any touristed area like Shore Road.” He said the first study was done two years ago when there was more traffic on the road.

Chairman James Huebener asked what the adequate number of test pits would be to make proper determinations about the land. Fisher said there is already a minimum of one test pit per every area of the subdivision, and “this whole area has essentially been test-pitted to death.” Fisher said that all results are favorable.

Town Planner Maureen O’Meara provided an explanation of ‘preliminary approval.’ She said it gives the opportunity to submit for final approval and means the planner is headed in the right direction. Having fine tuning needed is normal but she added, “If you see a glaring thing that does not meet the ordinance standard, at its face right now, that would be a reason to hold off on preliminary approval.”

Fisher asked how many times he and Gerrish will need to present before moving forward. He said, “We’ve been before this board both physically and by Zoom so many times for a project that’s really not that big over-

all, and I think we’ve pretty much bled this to death knowing that we still have to come back here and present all of the crossed t’s and dotted i’s for the final.”

PB member Jonathan Sahrbeck said the info Palmer requested in April “was not given to us.” Palmer made a motion to table preliminary approval until the July 19 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

O’Meara asked if there was still interest in a 3rd party soil scientist (Jim Logan) coming to the next meeting if available to discuss plans. Chairman Huebener said “more information is better than not enough.”

New Business: William H. Jordan Farm Stand Site Plan Amendment

Jordan Farm is seeking to add a 1,600 sq ft addition for product washing and wholesale shipping. Carol Ann Jordan said this “would be directly adjacent to the current farm stand.” The current farm stand and addition would be connected through a breezeway. Jordan said there was no proposed change to current parking or the number of employees, “it’s all a matter of consolidation.”

The motion to amend the site plan was deemed complete. No board members requested a site walk. There were no public comments made. Motion passed unanimously.

553 Shore Road Site Plan Amendment

Kathryn Townsend, represented by Robert Metcalf of Mitchell and Associates (landscape architects), requested an amendment to the previously approved site plan for 553 Shore Road to change the existing building’s second floor use from office to residential. John Mitchell was present on behalf of Robert Metcalf, who was on vacation. Mitchell said that Townsend’s building is currently a “mixed use building, directly across from The Cookie Jar on Shore Road.” Nothing on the site will change, aside from ‘change of use’ on the second floor. The office on the second floor would change to residential. (The third floor is already a residential apartment, and the first floor would remain used for Townsend’s real estate business).

Motion to approve completeness passed unanimously. No site walks were requested. Chair Huebener recalled that in 2019 the original building use proposal caused a big stir in the town over concerns about traffic. The motion passed unanimously.

7 Scott Dyer Road Site Plan Amendments

Greg Shinberg, representing Dr. Myerowitz, was requesting miscellaneous site plan amendments to the previously approved 7 Scott Dyer Road mixed use building. The building changes outlined included removing screening from the front facing porch, stone facade changes, solar panels going on the roof and the addition of a small window. Also outlined were a buried propane tank and changes to a retaining wall.

Motion to approve completeness passed unanimously. No site walks were requested. There was no time provided for public comment, as the review process was not expedited. O’Meara reminded the board that there are specific design standards for the town center that made this process not be expedited. The motion was unanimously tabled until July Planning Board meeting, when public hearing will also be held.

Food Truck Amendments

A public hearing was scheduled to be held on Food Truck Amendments in the July 19 Planning Board meeting.

Property tax laws

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Revenue Services is currently drafting forms and instructions, along with guidance for applicants and municipalities, which will be released in advance of the law’s effective date in August. The text of the new law is available on the Maine Legislature’s website: legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0126&item=5&snum=130.

We hope to have an application available soon.”

As the Assessor, I have been capturing the names and addresses of the Cape Elizabeth seniors who have called my office to inquire about the program. Rest assured that I will mail the appropriate applications as soon as I have them in my possession. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 207-799-1619 or send me an email at clinton.swett@capeelizabeth.org and I’ll get back to you as soon as possible.

Still time to register

There is still time to register for this years Beach to Beacon, which will be held on Sunday, Aug 6. To get registered, visit www.beach2beacon.org



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Local birding report

By E. Brooks Bornhofft

As early summer settles in across Cape there is always something of interest to see or hear and it is just a matter of being out in the yard or the field to chance upon it.

One bird of our leafy woodlands that I have a particular fondness for is the Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Although grosbeaks will readily visit bird feeders, at this time of year they frequently stay out of sight among the treetops. While the female incubates the male feeds her and when he is relieved of this duty he stands guard over the nest, often singing his long sing-songing string of sweet whistles which sound like an American Robin's song but is more pleasing to the ear. On two occasions in early July I found a female Rose-breasted Grosbeak resting in a Crap-apple Tree behind our house while a male sang somewhere overhead in the canopy. She regarded my sudden appearance with bright startled eyes before disappearing into the shadows of the

old tree's branches.

Over the last several weeks I also was able to view four different types of swallows along the portion of Sawyer Road that crosses through the Spurwink Marsh - Barn, Tree, Northern-rough Winged and Bank Swallows.

As for identification of the latter three, Tree Swallows are a good default for comparison with other swallows. Both adult and juvenile Tree Swallows have clean white throats, while the Northern-rough Winged's throat and breast are visibly dingy brown. I had again forgotten how adult female Tree Swallows are often brownish above with limited hints of blue and first year birds are especially brown (not blue). Bank and Northern Rough Winged Swallows are similar in size and can be tricky to differentiate; however, the Bank Swallow's slightly forked tail is often visible as is a brown band along its chest.

Unfortunately, Bank Swallows populations in southern Maine have declined more than any other aerial insectivore



Photo by Tara Simopoulos

This red-tailed hawk moved into the Mountain View Park area with his mate a few months ago and has become a very prominent member of the neighborhood. These particular large birds of prey, which are protected by several U.S. laws, have been known to settle on your front lawn or low hanging branches and make owners of small pets a little nervous. A recent encounter with this majestic male had one resident ducking as the wing span is quite impressive.

and are currently estimated to be at less than 1% of its 1966 population. One additional notable was a single Nelson's Sparrow that popped into view while I was watching the swallows and Least Terns dip and dive, its orangish eyebrow and 'stash' was aglow.

One of many birds that I have yet to see in Cape Elizabeth is the Eastern Meadowlark. Every year a handful or less sightings are reported in Cape. Meadowlarks are robin sized grassland songbirds with long spear-shaped bills, bright-yellow underparts and a bold black "V" across the chest. A bird in steep decline, three out of every four Eastern Meadowlarks have been lost since 1970 for a cumulative population decline of nearly 89%.

A primary reason for this bird's population decline is disappearing grassland habitat. More research is also pointing to Neonicotinoids (a type of widely used insecticide) and although scientists have not yet found a direct link between neonicotinoids and the sharp decline in grassland birds like Meadowlarks, there is growing

evidence that suggests this insecticide impacts the metabolism, reproduction and migration abilities of songbirds. Much of the agriculture seed coatings on corn, soybeans and canola seeds contain neonicotinoids and the largest pesticide manufacturers own most of the seed distributors. Interestingly, according to recent data, 95% of the remaining Eastern Meadowlarks distribution is on private lands. This means that farmland conservation practices (not mowing early in the season for instance) are crucial to the survival of this species.

Another strikingly marked, ground nesting songbird in sharp decline is the Eastern Towhee. Although I have heard several Towhees this season in Cape I had yet to actually lay my eyes on one until a recent excursion to Little Chebeague Island where amongst the abandoned remains of a summer cottage colony I counted five Eastern Towhees, including two males singing and one fledgling female.

Other notes from my field journal include on June 29 before sunset along the margins of the field in Robinson Woods III, a Great-horned Owl was spotted being scolded by two Great-crested Flycatchers and on June 30 along the woodland paths in Gull Crest two fledgling American Woodcocks were testing their wings.

Additionally, on July 4 a Red-breasted Nuthatch and Northern Flicker were dining together on suet in our yard while a Red-eyed Vireo sang high above in a White Oak Tree. The following day my son and I came across two more Red-breasted Nuthatches and a Chestnut-sided Warbler above the shelter at the Winnick Woods trailhead. At dusk on this same day, I spied a trio of Brown Thrashers along the Willow Brook trail.

Lastly, on July 11, a Winter Wren, several Hermit Thrushes and a Ovenbird sang simultaneously at close range, deep within Robinson Woods while a Eastern Wood-Pewee whistled from its sunny perch within the mid-canopy.



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Student volunteers continue tradition



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During the first week of June, five Cape Elizabeth High School seniors joined CELT for their Senior Transition Projects working across town over five days.

Several students volunteered with the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust this month as their school year comes to an end. During the first week of June, five Cape Elizabeth seniors joined CELT for their Senior Transition Projects working across town over five days. At Runaway Farm, they constructed new boardwalks to move the back trail now fully onto CELT property and moved existing boardwalks to cover muddy trail spots. This project has been in the works since last summer. Big thanks to Stewart Kelley, Alexander Medina, Daniel Ryzhov, Tucker Livingston and Hamza Shir for helping to make it happen.

These senior students also worked at Robinson Woods, Great Pond and Town Farm throughout the week. They addressed a large fallen tree over a trail at Robinson Woods. They picked up garbage at Town Farm. At Great Pond, they rolled up the carpets that were installed three years ago to suffocate invasive seedlings at Great Pond. Now CELT can assess the success level of the carpet efforts, prevent leeching into the soil, and determine

the next steps for invasive management (including the June volunteer work party on Saturday 6/18).

After Senior Transition Projects came the week of 8th grade volunteer projects. This week, groups came to volunteer typically one classroom at a time to build the new trail in Chapel Woods. This section of trail is the final section of the Cross Town Trail to be protected in perpetuity, which was made possible through an agreement between CELT and the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church. The 8th grade students helped shovel, rake and trim the new path connecting route 77 with Canter Lane and Robinson Woods. They worked to block off the old trail that meandered around the boundary lines, and installed markers to confirm its new location.

Thanks again to Mike Hanks and Ardash Dixon for organizing and leading these two weeks of student projects on trails all across town. Take a look next time you find yourself at Chapel Woods or the back loop at Runaway Farm as you explore the trails this summer around Cape Elizabeth!



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Cape Elizabeth 8th graders recently spent time volunteering with CELT to build the new trail in Chapel Woods.



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Crescent Beach State Park and LL Bean team up

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

Crescent Beach State Park Ranger Grayson Smith, and Gabe Holmes of Billings, Montana who was returning gear to the L.L. Beach Box.

Crescent Beach State Park in Cape Elizabeth and L.L. Bean have teamed up to enhance an already popular summer activity in Maine, going to the beach.

L.L. Bean, known for supporting local communities and increasing outdoor access for all has done it again with Beach Boxes. These boxes are located at Crescent Beach State Park, Reid State Park and Popham Beach State Park.

The Beach Boxes are filled with L. L. Bean beach products, such as beach chairs, beach umbrellas, books/magazines, kids/adult games, binoculars and more. These beach products are for all to enjoy their day at the beach and enhance their outdoor experience. Beach goers borrow the beach products at the box and return as they leave the beach. Bill Yeo, Community Engagement Coordinator for L.L. Bean, said he was excited about this pilot program and hopes to expand the program by adding a Beach Box at Sebago Lake State Park.

L.L. Bean's website states about the Beach Boxes: "We've filled them with a selection of our favorite L.L.Bean beach products, games and toys, available to borrow to make your day in the sun even more fun."

The boxes are maintained by Crescent Beach State Park volunteers who clean the gear and keep track of the inventory. Crescent Beach State Park Manager Kurt Shoener, said

it's a great way to enhance a day at Crescent Beach State Park and thanked L. L. Bean and the Crescent Beach State Park Volunteers.

Maine's Bureau of Parks and Lands website states, "The Crescent Beach State Park opened in 1966 and offers bathing in the surf or in the sun at one of Maine's finest beaches. There are picnic tables and grills, a children's playground, a snack bar, and a bathhouse with cold-water showers. Kettle Cove State Park, located adjacent to Crescent Beach State Park, offers beautiful coastal views and a walking trail around the cove. Sandy oceanfront beaches, saltwater coves, wooded areas, and rock ledges provide seashore recreation for beachgoers, fishing and watersports enthusiasts, and nature observers. Crescent Beach State Park is a classic saltwater beach park with American beachgrass-studded sand dunes, ocean breezes, herring gulls, picnic areas and views of fishing boats and an offshore island. The park's signature feature and namesake is a mile-long, crescent-shaped beach ideal for strolling and sunbathing, where relatively warm waters and light surf make swimming and boating a pleasure. A few feet from the crowded summer sands are trails for walking and nature watching."

Hope to see you at Crescent Beach State Park with your L.L. Bean gear!

Sisters, each alumna of CEHS, successful entrepreneurs

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo courtesy of Eklund Griffin

Eklund Griffin offers American handmade products that are inspired by Maine, the home state of the company's founders.

After graduating from Cape Elizabeth High School, sisters Hayley and Blair Griffin left Maine to attend university. But the Griffins, both in their 30s now, were drawn back to their home state. In a marriage of talents and strengths, the partnership between the siblings was almost inevitable. The result

was a business venture called Eklund Griffin.

The older Griffin, Hayley, was an experienced and talented artist and designer of fashion and jewelry, while Blair was coming out of college with expertise in business. While

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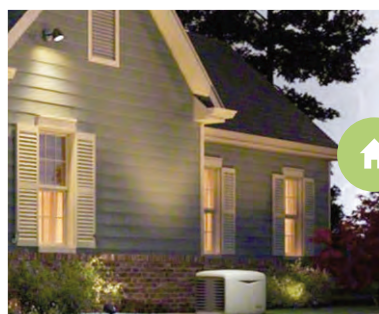


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Nature around town



Photo by Martha Agan

Martha Agan captured this photo of a Woodchuck living under her shed. Fun fact: Woodchucks are the largest members of the squirrel family and can climb trees.



Photo by Martha Agan

A Great Egret catching a fish at Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge.



Photo by Martha Agan

Rosa rugosa growing in very little soil at Two Lights State Park.



Photo by Martha Agan

A Snapping turtle crossing Sawyer Road headed for the brackish water of the marsh. These prehistoric-looking snappers have been around for 90 million years.

Governors

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everyone in Maine.

This year's three-day NGA event was an opportunity for these leaders to collaborate on bipartisan solutions to leading policy issues including computer science education/cybersecurity, economic recovery, infrastructure and youth mental health care. Joining the governors were federal officials and leaders from business, education and philanthropy.

NGA Chairman Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson led an opening plenary session, on July 14 on his NGA Chairman's Initiative, "K-12 Computer Science Education."

A second plenary session the same day focused on the recovery of travel and tourism economic activity.

On July 15, Dolly Parton made a virtual appearance joining governors in a discussion of early childhood literacy efforts, including Parton's "Imagination Library," a program that mails free books to children.

In their final session, the governors announced new NGA leadership for 2022 to 2023.

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Library launches new service for movies and video, offers summer reading programs, Portland in the 70s on display in Stier Family Gallery

Biblio+ Streaming Service Begins July 1

The library is launching a new service for movies and video content called Cloud Library Movies through Biblio+, made possible through funding from the TML Foundation. The streaming service will be integrated into the existing Cloud Library app, which library allows library users to borrow ebooks and audiobooks using their TML card. The Biblio+ content can be streamed to a smart TV using Airplay or Chromecast. For detailed instructions on how to access and use Biblio+, please visit the library's website and click on the Biblio+ icon on the homepage.

Summer Reading Programs for All Ages Runs Through July and August

Summer Reading returns to Thomas Memorial Library July 1. Our annual Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults will run throughout July and August. Challenges, prizes, fun and a whole summer's worth of reading are on their way. Check our website for complete details on the programs for each age group, and then stop by the library starting July 1 to register and pick up your Summer Reading sheet!

July & August in the Stier Family Gallery: Take It Easy: Portland in the 70s

In the 1970s, decades before it was reborn as one of the trendiest and priciest small cities in America, Portland stood anxiously at an inflection point. Moribund and neglected, it was walking a knife's edge toward an uncertain future as urban renewal efforts demolished aging buildings, preservationists rallied to save the city's historic character, and no one knew if any small Northeastern city could ever thrive again in a modern world. "Take it Easy: Portland in the 1970s" revisits those uneasy days through a remarkable collection of long-forgotten, black-and-white images captured by dishwasher, cab driver, and budding street photographer John Duncan. In images he shot while hanging with friends, walking the streets, or driving his taxi, Duncan emotionally and evocatively captured the innocence, mood, fun, spirit, struggle, and melancholy of a city and its people during an iconic era. A selection of Duncan's photos will be on display throughout July and August in the library's Stier Family Gallery. The artist will visit the library on Thursday, July 28 to talk about his work. All are welcome.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

For more information and to register for all library events, visit our online events calendar at the following link: <https://www.thomas-memoriamlibrary.org/events>

Join us for 30 minutes of moving and

grooving to our favorite playlist, special dress-up costumes, and everybody's favorite bubble song. Outside in the children's garden, weather permitting, for ages 2-5.

Outdoor Family Story Time

Fun for all ages

Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays at 10:30 a.m., weather permitting
Join us in the children's garden for songs and stories, bubbles, and Belinda the Bear!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Seaside Story Time @ Fort Williams

Friday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m., weather permitting

Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

Join us for a special destination story time.

Listen to some stories, sing songs, play with your little one, and connect with other parents and caregivers. The program is geared toward ages 3-5 but all are welcome. We'll be using the Picnic Shelter for the program, but feel free to bring water, sunscreen, and even a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards with friends. Make a morning of it and explore the children's garden. This event is weather permitting; check our website for updates. Story Time at the library in the children's garden is canceled on this date.

Swashbuckling Pirate Party with Our Friends from South Portland Public Library

Friday, August 12 (Rain date: Friday, August 19)

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ahoy, matey! Join us aboard the Good Ship Thomas Memorial Library (6 Scott Dyer Road, Cape Elizabeth) for a rousing high seas adventure on the library lawn. Dress as a pirate if you like! We'll make pirate hats, walk the plank, read books, go on a scavenger hunt, and more. All ages are welcome.

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

No Boundaries Summer Book Club

Last Friday of each month, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

July 29, August 26

Miss our book club meetings? Never got to try one? Never fear: we are hosting drop-in meetings over the summer for anyone entering grades 5-8. We'll have popsicles and discuss the plots of whatever we are currently reading, and catch up with friends. Informal, fun, and refreshingly cool!

Crafternoon Club

Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. during July and August

July 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25

Drop-in for social time and a creativity activity, for ages 10 - 13.

July

July 21: Cats Cats Cats: Plant a special treat for your feline friend.

July 28: Button Making: Create up to five of your own customized buttons.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

For more information and to register for all library events, visit our online events calendar at the following link: <https://www.thomas-memoriamlibrary.org/events/>.

Maine Wildlife Series: Wildlife Myths and Legends, with the Center for Wildlife

Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Myths and legends have been used since the beginning of time to help explain the natural phenomena we encounter around us. Many species found in our region have their fair share of myths and legends, with some stories more grounded in truth than others. Join Center for Wildlife educators and ambassador animals as we explore these myths and legends and invite you to share stories of your own. Register for this program on the library's website.

Take It Easy: Portland in the 70s: The Photography of John Duncan

Thursday, July 28, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in person at the library

In the 1970s, decades before it was reborn as one of the trendiest and priciest small cities in America, Portland stood anxiously at an inflection point. Moribund and neglected, it was walking a knife's edge toward an uncertain future as urban renewal efforts demolished aging buildings, preservationists rallied to save the city's historic character, and no one knew if any small Northeastern city could ever thrive again in a modern world. The new book, "Take it Easy: Portland in the 1970s," revisits those uneasy days through a remarkable collection of long-forgotten, black-and-white images captured by dishwasher, cab driver, and budding street photographer John Duncan. In images he shot while hanging with friends, walking the streets, or driving his taxi, Duncan emotionally and evocatively captured the innocence, mood, fun, spirit, struggle, and melancholy of a city and its people during an iconic era. A selection of Duncan's photos will be on display throughout July and August in the library's Stier Family Gallery. Join us in person at the library for this presentation by photographer John Duncan, where he will discuss Portland in the 70s and how his work and his new book came to be. All are welcome.

The Pollinator Victory Garden: Winning the War on Pollinator Decline, with Kim Eierman

Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via

Zoom

Countless pollinator species have suffered dramatic declines in recent years. It's a serious problem for all of us since pollinators are responsible for the reproduction of 80% of all flowering plants, and at least 30% of the food that we eat. Unfortunately, most of our landscapes offer little in the way of appropriate habitat and forage for these essential animals. With simple strategies, you can attract and support not just bees, but an array of pollinators that have different requirements. Join us for this virtual program where you'll learn best practices for pollinators from Kim Eierman, author of "The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline with Ecological Gardening." All are welcome. Register for this program on the library's website.

Bees & Beekeeping 101, with The Honey Exchange

Thursday, August 4, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in person at the library

Meghan Gaven from The Honey Exchange in Portland will join us for a family-friendly talk about bees and bee-keeping, and will bring a live (enclosed) hive for us to observe and examine up close! All are welcome! Register for this program on the library's website.

Yardscaping: Healthy Lawn Care Made Easy, with Ali Cliff from the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District

Tuesday, August 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in person at the library and live-streamed via Zoom

Weed & bug killers can harm kids and pets, and fertilizers can pollute our water. Come discover how to build healthy soil to grow a beautiful lawn without weed and bug killers and with reduced use of fertilizer. Whether you maintain your lawn or hire a professional, round up your neighbors and join us. All are welcome. If you plan on attending via Zoom, please register for this program on the library's website.

From Lawns to Landscapes: Save Time, Money, and Have a Great Yard, with Ali Cliff from the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District

Tuesday, August 16, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in person at the library and live-streamed via Zoom

Ali Cliff from Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District will join us again for this second part of her series on land care practices for maintaining a vibrant yard year after year without relying on synthetic products that are harmful to our waterways. Whether you maintain your lawn or hire a professional, round up your neighbors and join us. All are welcome. If you plan on attending via Zoom, please register for this program on the library's website.

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A buzz in the air at Spurwink Farm

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)



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Retired U.S. Marine Corps/American Airlines Pilot Gregory Vince and David Sullivan ready for take off with their WWII U.S. Navy Biplane “Ole Bessie II” with “Bunk” Chase standing looking on at Spurwink Farm, Cape Elizabeth.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 141 hosted the 25th Annual Spurwink Farm International Fly - In and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 10 between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. at Spurwink Farm in Cape Elizabeth. This is an event I have enjoyed since its beginnings.

The EAA, Chapter 141, located in Limington, host the “Annual Spurwink Farm International Fly - In and Pancake Breakfast” at the farm’s grass strip at Spurwink Farm. The Spurwink Farm is owned by the Sprague Family who partners with EAA each year for this fun summer event. This was the 25th year the Fly

- in has taken place. The EAA boast this event has the best pancake breakfast in the Northeast.

Many of the planes arriving are modified or built from scratch. Others are antiques (military and civilian) and come from a variety of aviation and aeronautics designs. An added bonus of the event was the many antique vehicles that arrived to show off their wheels.

The EAA is an international organization of aviation enthusiasts based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Since its inception, it has grown internationally with over 200,000 member and nearly 1,000

chapters worldwide. The EAA hosts the largest aviation gathering of its kind in the world in Oshkosh, Wisconsin (EAA Website). The EAA has a large following and works closely with the EAA Aviation Museum located beside EAA Headquarters. The EAA Museum displays more than 200 experimental aircraft, antiques, classics, warbirds, and 20,000 artifacts of historic interest.

I spoke with Bunk Chase, an EAA Member and one of the organizers of the Spurwink Farm International Fly - in. Bunk told me how this event started in 1984 when a group of EAA members flew in to celebrate one of Cape Elizabeth’s well known and respected resident’s birthday, Phineas Sprague. It was such a great time and event the EAA and the Sprague Family decided to make the fly - in an annual event for the EAA to raise money for student scholarships and promote aviation. Bunk said the event is a celebration for both aviation and pancake lovers.

Bunk loves the camaraderie he has with his fellow pilots at this event. While Bunk operated the Limington, Maine Airport, pilots from all over, including major airlines such as Delta Airlines, while flying over would radio down and give Bunk a friendly greeting.

One of the EAA public outreach programs is the Young Eagles Program. The program is designed to give children ages 8-17 the opportunity to experience flight. The EAA Young Eagles Program provides a meaningful flight experience free of charge to these youth. It is hoped

through this experience young people will be inspired to continue a path of aviation or aeronautics. According to one EAA website, as of July 11, 2022 the total “Young Eagles” flown is 2,263,918.

“When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return” - Leonardo DaVinci

The next tentative scheduled Annual Spurwink Farm International Fly In and Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, July 9, 2023, between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. at Spurwink Farm.



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

EAA Members cooking the best pancakes in the Northeast at the Annual Spurwink Farm International Fly - In and Pancake Breakfast at Spurwink Farm, Cape Elizabeth.



Town of Cape Elizabeth Town Clerk’s Office Deputy Town Clerk

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is seeking qualified applicants for the full-time (40- hour per week) position of **Deputy Town Clerk**.

This is a professional role responsible for assisting the Town Clerk with the general oversight of services relating to the Town Clerk’s office. Prior municipal/election experience preferred however will train the right candidate. Organizational and time management skills required. Attention to detail a must. The successful candidate will have a unique opportunity to train with the retiring deputy clerk.

Performs administrative, clerical and financial work including the issuance of vital records, elections, licenses and collection of various fees for the Town. Work involves significant public contact, records management, collection of money, and interpretation of ordinances, statutes and policies.

Hours: Monday 7:20-5:05, Tuesday – Friday 7:20-4:05. Flexible schedule required during election cycles.

The Town of Cape Elizabeth offers a comprehensive and generous benefits package including health insurance, a 401A defined contribution retirement plan, paid holidays, sick leave and vacations.

Job description and employment application available at www.capeelizabeth.com/jobopenings.

Please submit letter of interest, resume and employment application by the deadline of Monday, August 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted by mail or during office hours at Town Hall - Town Clerk’s Office.

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk
320 Ocean House Road
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

For more information, please contact Town Clerk Debra Lane at (207) 799-7665 or debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org.



Town of Cape Elizabeth Tax Office – Tax Clerk

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is seeking qualified applicants for the full-time (40- hour per week) position of Tax Clerk.

This is a professional role. Duties include processing vehicle registrations, and accepting payments for property taxes and licenses. The Town is seeking an individual who enjoys working with the public. Desired skills include excellent customer relations, organizational skills, computer experience, and experience handling cash.

Hours: Monday 7:20 am -5:05 pm and Tuesday – Friday 7:20 am - 4:05 pm. Tax Clerks assist the Town Clerk at the polls on Election Days.

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Please submit letter of interest, resume and employment application by the deadline of Monday, August 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted by mail or during office hours at Town Hall – Susan Shaw, Human Resource Manager.

Susan Shaw, Human Resource Manager
320 Ocean House Road
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-2400

For more information, please contact John Quartararo, Finance Director: (207) 767-2273 ext. 259 or john.quartararo@capeelizabeth.org.

CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Please see the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com for meeting locations

Instructions for joining videoconference meetings listed below will be posted on the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com.

Thursday, July 21

Energy Committee, 7 p.m.
Fort Williams Park Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26

Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 28

Thomas Memorial Library Committee - CANCELED, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 2

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

Thursday, August 4

Recycling Committee, Public Works Department, 7 p.m.

Monday, August 8

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

Tuesday, August 9

Conservation Committee - CANCELED, Town

Hall, 7 p.m.

Ongoing each week

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Public Safety Building - suspended until further notice.

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

Cape Farm Alliance, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Community Center

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

Codependents Anonymous (CODA) group at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church. Regular meeting weekly on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 799-4599 FMI.

SERVICES

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.
In-person Sunday services 10 a.m. with masks. For Zoom services, call 799-8396

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/Primary: 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 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.

Church of the Holy Spirit

1047 Congress Street, Portland
874-9779

www.HolySpiritPortland.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School for children: 10:00 a.m.
Services streamed live on Facebook
Potluck dinner every third Sunday

Congregation Bet Ha'am

81 Westbrook St., South Portland
879-0028

www.bethaam.org

Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
Family Shabbat Services:
Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Hope Community Church

879 Sawyer Street South Portland
799-4565

www.hopesopo.com

www.facebook.com/hopesopo

Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.
Kid's Church for ages 4 through grade 5
Service videos available on our website

Promised Land World Reach Center

536 Cottage Road, South Portland
799-3152

Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Sermon recordings available to download

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

885 Shore Road
799-4014

www.stalbansmaine.org

Sunday Services:

Rite 1 with Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
Rite 2 with Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Live Streaming on YouTube (stalban-schannel)

Children's Programs 9:30 a.m.
Celtic Eventide 5:30 p.m.
Room for all

St John Paul II Parish

St Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church
8 Two Lights Road
207-883-0443

JP2me@portlanddiocese.org

Website: www.JP2me.org

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.

Monday Mass: 8 a.m.

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

301 Cottage Road, South Portland
799-3361

www.fccucc.org

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Child Care: 10:00 a.m.

Game Room

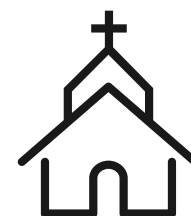
First Congregational Church of Scarborough

167 Black Point Road, Scarborough
883-2342

www.fccscarborough.com

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Nursery Care



CABLE GUIDE

Subject to change. Please see cstv.capeelizabeth.org for latest program guide and video on demand.

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

CETV CHANNEL 1302

Aug. 6, Aug. 7, July 23, July 24, July 30, July 31 - 9 a.m.

Scam Alerts

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files and send personal messages offering investment opportunities or a chance to meet in person. This is a very successful criminal tactic so just remember, celebrities don't really want to be your online friend.

3. Anyone offering investment opportunities. Cryptocurrency scams are exploding, and they typically start when an

online "friend" offers up an investment opportunity. Anytime someone you met online says "investment" or "crypto" it's time to walk away.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP

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MUSIC LESSONS

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Piano lessons for all ages. Beginners through advanced. Sandi Palmquist: 329-8345.

Guitar Lessons: All ages and abilities. Travel to you. Call Richard Corson: 207-400-0484

LIBRARY

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Pod Complex: A TML Podcast Listening Club First

Thursday of the month, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Next meeting: August 4, via Zoom
Love the idea of a book club, but don't have the time for all that reading? Addicted to podcasts, but wish you had someone to discuss your favorite episodes with? Join us for Pod Complex, TML's brand new Podcast Listening Club. Each month we'll feature a different podcast to listen to and dissect together. We'll explore a wide variety of podcasts on all different topics, in all different styles and then turn a critical eye on them as we discuss each month's fresh selection. Listen on your own time at home, or join us for the first hour as we listen together, with a lively discussion to follow in the second hour. Register for this program on the library's website.

ONGOING VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Daily Fika (Coffee Break)
Wednesdays-Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00a.m.

Guerilla Poetry Whoop
Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Next meeting: 8/11

E-ldering Conversation Group
Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Songwriting Workshop (with Jud Caswell)
First Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Next meeting: August 2

Adult Book Group
Third Thursday of the month, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Next meetings: 7/21 and 8/18

July book: "If You Ask Me (And Of Course You Won't)," by Betty White
August book: "And Every Morning The Way Home Gets Longer And Longer," by Frederick Backman

Big Little Lit Book Group
Third Wednesday of the month, 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **On hiatus for summer**
Next meeting: 9/21
September books: "Wolf Hollow" and "Those Who Favor Fire," both by Lauren Wolk

FOR SALE

Enjoy Cape Elizabeth photo note cards by naturalist Martha Agan magan@maine.rr.com. Card assortments available at Ocean House Gallery near the library parking area.

Graduations/ Deans List announcements



Samuel Casey Eisenberg

Samuel Casey Eisenberg, son of Deb and Stuart Eisenberg, received his MD- PHD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine on May 25 at Carnegie Hall in New York City. His PhD thesis was "Regulation of Cell Adhesion and Invasion by the Microtubule." Eisenberg will be starting his residency in internal medicine critical care. He resides with his wife Dr. Lily Eisenberg in Great Neck, New York.

Erik Svetlichny, CEHS class of 2018, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York with a Bachelor of Science degree, Cum Laude, in Computer Science and a minor in Economics. Svetlichny plans to start working for Epic Health Systems in Verona, Wisconsin this August.

Sarah Keniston recently graduated from University College Dublin in Dublin, Ireland with Honors with a degree in Commerce.

Samuel Levenson of Cape Elizabeth recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Team and Project Management from Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

The following students graduated from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont during commencement ceremonies in May:

Isabel Brady of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychological Science.

Eleanor Roberts of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Nursing.

Susannah Graham of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Matthew Concannon of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

The following students graduated from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts on Sunday, May 22:

Nate Ingalls of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a Master of Arts in Teaching.

Anna Kathleen Friberg of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a Master of Science in Communication.

Lucy Keniston was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester at SMCC.

Elijah G. Carollo has been named to the Honors List for the Spring 2022 semester at Husson University in Bangor, Maine. During the spring semester, Carollo was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Communications Technology with a concentration in Audio Engineering program.

Tyler Rodenberger of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.

Rachel Steinberg of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware.

Jake Tinsman was named to the Deans List for Spring Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Gannon Stewart of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the President's List for the Spring 2022 semester at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, New Hampshire. Stewart is a Finance major at Plymouth State.

Theo Brucker was named to the Dean's

List at the University of Maine for spring 2022.

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire.

Caroline Pellegrini, earning High Honors
Charles Bischoff, earning Highest Honors
Caitlin Guthrie, earning Honors
Mia Spencer, earning High Honors
Caitlin Cornell, earning Highest Honors
Isabelle Chase, earning Highest Honors

Enrico Perruzzi from Cape Eliz, ME has been named to the Springfield College dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 spring semester. Perruzzi has a primary major of Education.

Finnegan Raymond from Cape Eliz, ME has been named to the Springfield College dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 spring semester. Raymond has a primary major of Health Science.

Marianna Godfrey of Cape Elizabeth earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Spring 2022 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Friends news and notes: Garden and plant tours to take place July 23 at Fort Williams

By Andrea Southworth, FFWP Ecology Project Manager



Photo by Andrea Southworth

Black-eyed coneflowers in the Children's Garden

Join the Friends of Fort Williams Park (FFWP) on July 23 for a series of garden and plant tours to celebrate the success of the Ecology Project, our long term effort to improve the ecological health and sustainability of the park.

Tours will be approximately one hour in length and will require mobility in an outdoor setting. Registration is limited to 20 people per tour. Sign up now to reserve your spot at <https://fortwilliams.org/> (see "Upcoming Events"). Thank you!

Tour of Cliffside

Time: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Location: Meet at the north end of the Cliff Walk path

James McCain, landscape designer and former Executive Director of FFWP will lead a tour through Cliffside, the Friends' first completed project. Learn the history of the site's design and construction while exploring the beautiful coastal setting. Hear highlights about native trees, shrubs and wildflowers and consider ways to incorporate them into home landscapes.

Tree and Shrub Identification

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Council Ring in the Children's Garden

Alex Donka, Head Gardener of FFWP will lead a tree and shrub identification

walk along the Children's Garden and Tree Succession. Learn distinctive ID characteristics by analyzing leaves, bark, flowers, fruit and growth habits. Discuss the landscape and habitat values of each plant. No prior ID skills necessary!

Invasives to Natives: Restoring Habitats Along the Cliff Walk

Time: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Meet in front of the light house

Invasive plants got you down? Andrea Southworth, horticulturalist and Ecology Project Manager of FFWP will lead a walk to identify invasive plants, discuss management strategies and suggest native plant alternatives. Learn about the Friends' recent tree planting along the Cliff Walk and see the Cliff Walk from an ecological point of view.

Children's Garden Tour

Time: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Council Ring in the Children's Garden

Celebrate the Children's Garden and its sixth year anniversary. James McCain, landscape designer and former Executive Director of FFWP will lead a tour through this much-loved space. Learn about the design and construction of site amenities and planting beds and observe some amazing native plants and pollinators.

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Hayley was the creative energy behind products and design, it was Blair who was working at getting the word out and figuring out how to get her sister's designs out to market.

The sisters said, "Each product is informed by our twin inspirations from the cultural influences of our Scandinavian heritage and home state of Maine. Our great grandparents, Hannah and Wilhelm Eklund, moved to the Maine seaside four generations ago and the ineffable beauty of the rugged coast has held our family captivated ever since."

They said that Maine is everything to them. "It's our color palette, our work ethic, our backdrop, our context and our support system. There's just something about Maine from the soft brush of a sea breeze to the faint forest perfume of a Balsam Fir. It's a place where the smallest things have the power to remind us of the way life should be."

Those wanting more information about the products and the founders can go to <https://eklundgriffin.com>.



Photo courtesy of Eklund Griffin

Eklund Griffin cofounders and sisters Hayley (left) and Blair (right) Griffin grew up in Cape Elizabeth. They returned to Maine after leaving the state to attend university, and created the Maine-inspired, American hand-made brand.

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