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## Promotion, awards announced at CEPD ceremony

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)



Photo courtesy of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department

Sergeant Rory Benjamin has his wife pin on his sergeant badge while his son looks on.

On July 21, Chief Paul Fenton was pleased to announce Cape Elizabeth Police Department's newest promotion, awarding of life saving awards and a plaque dedicated to a retired Cape Elizabeth Police Officer.

### Officer Rory Benjamin Promoted to Sergeant

Cape Elizabeth Police Officer Rory Benjamin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Benjamin, who has been with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department since 2008, has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Utica College and a Master of Public Policy & Management with a dual emphasis in financial and organizational management from the University of Southern Maine. Sergeant Benjamin is a graduate of the Maine Basic Law Enforcement Program, Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert Instructor, Licensed Emergency Medical Technician, and Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Assessor. Sergeant Benjamin recently assisted in the evaluation and accreditation of the Brunswick Police Department. When not at work, Sergeant Benjamin enjoys spending time with family, playing basketball and volunteering for the Hospice of Southern Maine. Chief Fenton said the Cape Elizabeth Police Department Sergeants

are the "Liability Gatekeepers" by ensuring department policies, philosophies and expectations are followed. Four high caliber applicants applied for the sergeant position and the promotional process consisted of a written and oral interview.

### Cape Elizabeth Police Officers Rory Benjamin and Aaron Webster Receive Life Saving Award

Cape Elizabeth Police Department Sergeant Rory Benjamin and Officer Aaron Webster received the Cape Elizabeth Police Department Life Saving Award. In March of this year a young boy fell through the ice at Great Pond. The boy was ice skating and fell though the ice about 150 feet from shore. The boy was hanging onto the edge of the ice when officers arrived. Cape Elizabeth Police Department's Sergeant Rory Benjamin and Officer Aaron Webster, along with Cape Elizabeth Firefighters Boucher and Davis responded to the potentially fatal call for help. Officer Webster, while getting a Stokes rescue basket to the boy, broke through the ice as well.

Both the boy and Officer Webster were pulled with a rescue line by Officer Benjamin and firefighters Boucher and Davis. Both the boy and Officer Webster were transported to Maine Medical Center and treated for hypothermia. The rescue of the boy was a combined team effort of both the Cape Elizabeth Police and Fire Department. Chief Fenton said Cape Elizabeth is fortunate to have such brave and quality police officers and firefighters. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) every year 3,960 fatal unintentional drownings take place. Another 8,080 non fatal drownings take place each year, many resulting in long-term health problems.

### Cape Elizabeth Police Sergeant Rory Benjamin Receives Life Saving Award

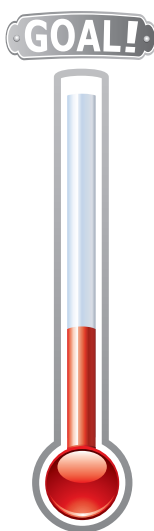
On September 25, 2021, during the early morning hours of 4:21 a.m., Sergeant Rory

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## Town Council report

By Abbey Greslick

### Town Manager's Monthly Report

Sturgis said, "There was an act formalized in law to stabilize property taxes for those who are over 65 years of age and have owned a home for at least 10 years," effective as of April 1, 2023. This would lock in the tax amount for seniors who have been in their home for 10 years and have a homestead exemption. He said that the state will pick up the difference between the frozen tax rates and any increases in valuation or rate. "Applications will need to be filed annually as of December 1st in order to remain eligible," Sturgis said, with the tax assessor automatically mailing out forms annually to those enrolled. Sturgis added that those eligible will also be able to transfer eligibility when moving; this can be transferable to another street, but also another town in Maine. The town is expecting to receive applications from the state by September 1, and assessor Clint Swett is keeping a list of those who have called or emailed about the program so they may be mailed applications when available.

### Safe in Maine Fund

Belinda Ray, Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Greater Portland Council of Governments, presented an overview of the

Safe in Maine Fund. GPCOG was asked in January to try to find housing assistance for asylum seekers. Ray said the current system relies on hotels for temporary housing, which she said are "scattered, insecure and very, very expensive." The Council's recommended solution was to create transitional housing to take the place of the hotels. To help in this, the GPCOG launched the Safe in Maine Fund on June 30, "with the goal of using all funds raised to aid in the creation of 200 units of transitional housing within the next two years." Ray said that these units would initially be used for asylum seekers, but overtime could also be more flexibly used for domestic family needs or seasonal workers. Ray said that she hoped that the Town Council would consider a donation to support the fund.

Town Manager Sturgis said there was ~\$97,000 left over in the general assistance fund. Ray outlined that the goal is to raise 1.5 million dollars within 6 months, and that would be ~10% of the total cost. The goal of building 200 units within two years would ideally be completed even sooner than that. Ray provided numbers of displaced hous-

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## CEHPS moving to Fort Williams

By Bob Dodd  
President, CEHPS



Contributed photo

The Bachelor Officers' Quarters, the new home of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society. CEHPS plans to move its operations in by the fall.

On July 15, the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society (CEHPS) signed a partnership agreement with the town of Cape Elizabeth to become the primary occupant of the Bachelor Officers' Quarters building at Fort Williams, the larger of the two remaining Officers Row buildings.

The move into the larger space is a milestone for the historical society and for the town. The move will allow the historical society, a non-profit volunteer organization founded in 1979, to launch two new projects: the Cape Elizabeth History Center and the Fort Williams Museum.

Exhibits being planned and developed

for the historical society's new home include items from its extensive collection of artifacts, photos, documents some dating to colonial times and gathered and catalogued through thousands of hours of work over many years by volunteer members. Exhibits will also include exciting new acquisitions recently made available as news of the two projects leaked out.

Two large at-scale models will also be on display, the town center at Pond Cove village as it appeared nearly 100 years ago and Fort Williams during its time as a key military base defending Portland har-

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## Carney ‘gives her time selflessly to important issues’

I support Anne Carney’s re-election to the Maine Senate. Living in Cape Elizabeth and having known Anne for many years, I’ve seen firsthand how tirelessly she works to support the people of this area and the state. She gives her time selflessly to important issues facing all of us, especially those who are less fortunate. Her interests are broad, but always aligned with helping people and our community.

Anne’s leadership as Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee has improved Maine’s judicial system, particularly in the areas of human rights and access to legal services. She has also worked to ensure that healthcare is available to Maine’s vulnerable population, for example by sponsoring legislation that will bring pediatric, pregnancy and postpartum care to more than 10,000 Maine families.

Anne loves being outdoors and has always been strongly committed to protecting our environment. As a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, she has promoted legislation to protect our air, water and ground from pollution.

More recently, Anne’s compassion has compelled her to work for serious gun legislation to protect us all, and particularly the children of Maine, from the kind of horrendous violence I witnessed when I was living in El Paso, Texas, where a crazed individual killed 23 people in a Walmart. The fear lingers.

Anne’s hard work on our behalf is part of who she is: a kind, smart, practical, generous, caring person. Please join me in voting to ensure that she remains our senator.

Donna Holshouser Stinson

## ‘Tell the Council we can do better’

With only three weeks until the Town Council’s scheduled hearing on the new schools, the citizens of Cape Elizabeth have yet to be informed of the cost of the project.

Earlier estimates have ranged from \$100-142 million to construct two new buildings, with a cafeteria connecting the buildings. Very few Cape families can afford a 30-40% tax increase. Because the

school buildings are in satisfactory condition (as determined by the architects) they can be renovated for less than the cost of new construction. And renovation is more environmentally responsible than new construction. Tell the Council we can do better. We can act in an environmentally sustainable way and save money.

Mary Ann Lynch

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## Kudos to CEPD/CEFD

On July 28, at 4 a.m., my brother required immediate medical attention. Within 10 minutes of calling 911, the EMTs and Police arrived with lights on but sirens not blaring. It was 4 a.m. after all.

Within 10 minutes of arrival, they had my brother on a stretcher and in the ambulance. I cannot commend the EMTs and Police enough for their professionalism and expedience in rendering service to my brother. From the moment they arrived, they worked with all haste while remaining calm and focused.

Cape Elizabeth should feel both safe and proud that such professional people work for the town.

Darren McLellan

## Thank you, Jim Rowe!

As I laughed out loud at Jim Rowe’s recent “Then and Now: ‘I’d rate it a solid...,’” I was reminded of how much I always enjoy his articles on Cape Elizabeth history. He includes wonderful facts and photos, lovely stories and much appreciated wit.

Thank you, Jim for these excellent, thoughtful contributions!

Helen Muther

## 2022 Cape Elizabeth High School Varsity Baseball Team award winners

MVP Player – Owen Tighe  
 MVP Pitcher – Curtis Sullivan  
 Batting – Owen Tighe  
 Outstanding Juniors – Curtis Sullivan/  
 Owen Tighe  
 10th man – Andrew Libby  
 Defense Award- Gabe Harmon/Charlie  
 Song

**2022 Western Maine Conference Award Winners**  
 Western Maine All Conference All Star- Curtis Sullivan  
 Western Maine All Conference 1st Team – Curtis Sullivan  
 Western Maine All Conference 2nd Team- Owen Tighe



## High/low tide chart

Date	High Tide			Low Tide					
	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	
10	Wed	10:04	9.1	10:17	11.1	3:51	-0.6	3:58	0.2
11	Thu	11:02	9.5	11:15	11.4	4:48	-1.0	4:56	-0.1
12	Fri	11:57	9.9			5:42	-1.2	5:52	-0.4
13	Sat	12:10	11.5	12:49	10.1	6:34	-1.3	6:47	-0.5
14	Sun	1:04	11.3	1:39	10.3	7:24	-1.2	7:40	-0.4
15	Mon	1:56	10.9	2:28	10.2	8:12	-0.9	8:33	-0.3
16	Tue	2:47	10.4	3:18	10.1	9:00	-0.4	9:27	0.0
17	Wed	3:41	9.7	4:08	9.8	9:49	0.2	10:24	0.4
18	Thu	4:37	9.1	5:00	9.5	10:40	0.8	11:21	0.7
19	Fri	5:34	8.5	5:54	9.2	11:33	1.4		
20	Sat	6:34	8.1	6:50	9.0	12:21	1.0	12:29	1.8
21	Sun	7:35	7.8	7:48	8.9	1:23	1.2	1:28	2.0
22	Mon	8:35	7.8	8:45	9.0	2:24	1.2	2:27	2.0
23	Tue	9:28	7.9	9:35	9.2	3:19	1.1	3:20	1.9

## Correction

In Patt Bothel’s letter to the editor that ran in the July 20 issue, the word “CT” (referring to Connecticut) in the first sentence was mistakenly published as CE.

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## Then and Now: The gem called Gull Crest

By Jim Rowe



Photo courtesy of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Undated photo (likely from the late 1970s) of Edward Cooper (left) and Nellie Dyer Cooper (right). Young man in middle is unidentified in the photo.

When Cape Elizabethans hear/read the words “Gull Crest” today, we no doubt think of the expanse of fields, woods, trails and marshlands just south of the Town Recycling Center on Spurwink Avenue. It has become a recreation mecca.

The property has a storied past as a working farm, though. And it is through the detailed recollections- nine single-spaced typewritten pages (remember typewriters?) of former Gull Crest owners Edward Cooper (1913-1980) and his wife, Nellie Dyer Cooper (1920-1980) that we enjoy a marvelous narrative of what it was like to farm in Cape Elizabeth in the early 20th century.

Nellie Cooper’s great-great-grandparents had owned Gull Crest Farm in the late 18th century. It is unclear how the farm left the Dyer family. But in 1910, her parents, Edward L. Dyer (1881-1977) and Virgie Hasty Dyer (1885-1971)- purchased the property. They bought the farm not for sentimental reasons, but rather to build their livelihood.

The Dyers’ management at Gull Crest is the focus of the narrative.

Many of us can only imagine the travails of nurturing crops on a scale that will provide a living. A short growing season in the rocky northern New England soil is daunting. The Coopers’ treatise tells what farming was like before the benefits of modern agricultural science and during the change-over from almost 100% manual/animal labor to mechanized cultivation. Simply finding the right crops that would both flourish and meet the needs of family, neighbors, and/or a fickle marketplace was no easy task. Throw in the heart-breaking effects of an often hostile climate, and we begin to appreciate the courage of our local farmers- whether, as this column suggests, “then or now.”

Hay, cabbage, squash, potatoes, and peas were grown and harvested at Gull Crest Farm for the marketplace. Corn, onions, tomatoes, carrots, radish, spinach and orchard fruits were also raised for the family table.

Marketing produce was another interesting element of the saga. The decision to sell through wholesalers or to circumvent the

supply chain and sell directly to stores/end consumers presented both risk and reward with either option, and needed careful consideration.

One poignant story from the late 1930s tells of Edward Dyer losing an arm in an accident while using a hay baler. Following recovery, Dyer remained undaunted and continued farming for many years thereafter.

Edward and Virgie Dyer’s son-in-law, Edward Cooper, was a well-known and beloved figure here in town. He and Nellie maintained the farm for several years. Cooper’s expertise in orchard arboriculture (gained through his studies at the University of New Hampshire) helped him grow the hardy and locally popular Sunapee and Reliance varieties of peaches. Cooper also served as Cape Elizabeth Tree Warden for several years. He was responsible for tree plantings throughout town, but especially along the Spurwink Avenue corridor.

The town’s 2002 Gull Crest Trails Master Plan indicates that Cape Elizabeth purchased a 113+/- acre parcel in 1998, which was in addition to the 64 acres it already owned (including the site of today’s Transfer Station). One of my sources indicated that the original 64 acres may have been a direct gift from Edward and Nellie Cooper to the town. An “unofficial” report I found lists today’s Gull Crest Trails acreage at 150+/- . Regardless of how much, how acquired, and when, the important things are that the property is now for all to enjoy and that its history lives in the archives at the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society through the Coopers’ marvelous narrative.



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## Planning Board discusses various site plan amendments, Carr Woods project

By Abbey Greslick

### 7 Scott Dyer Rd Site Plan Amendments

Greg Shinberg of Shinberg Consulting represented Dr. Myerowitz to request miscellaneous Site Plan amendments to the previously approved 7 Scott Dyer Road mixed use building. Changes involved additional solar panels on the roof, an added window, design of the stone retaining wall, and removal of screening on the front porch, Shinberg said. There were also some stairs that were made less permanent due to setbacks, and the chimney was altered.

Planning Board member Al Palmer noted that solar panels had been installed prior to this meeting, and asked if that was a violation. He pointed out differences in design around windows versus presented plans, and added that a board member was “vilified on social media regarding an applicant in the town center district.” Shinberg said that there was not an intention to go against the board, and it was his understanding that solar panels did not require board approval. Board member Sahrbeck said “I’m going to give the applicant the benefit of a doubt” that they were following recommendations and that small changes had been made in between meetings with the Chair’s approval. Town Planner Maureen O’Meara said solar panels do not typically need PB review, “but these solar panels on a structure located in the town center district, and the town center district has architectural design requirements, and they talk about the slope of the roof, and we talk about the exterior materials. And when you put solar panels on a roof, you basically change the exterior materials. So it has been the standard interpretation of the code enforcement officer...it’s changing the exterior materials.” Maureen concluded that beginning solar panels may not have the most prudent thing to do,

but it seemed shy of a violation. The PB voted, and the motion passed 5-1.

### Carr Woods Condominium Development

Andrew Carr requested Preliminary Major Subdivision Review for creation of a single family lot and 18 condominiums and a Resource Protection Permit for alteration of 11,449 sq. ft. of wetland on combined lots located in the vicinity of 10 Deep Brook Road. Board member Andrew Gilbert recused himself. Jim Fisher, President of Northeast Civil Solutions, represented the Carr family to seek preliminary approval. He was joined by the property owners, as well as Bill Gerrish (also of NCS), Chris Coppi (Coppi Environmental, wetland scientist) and Attorney David Sherman (representing property owners Andrew and Ina Carr). Gerrish said the open space plan was updated, with information provided for areas in question. He went over plans for detention areas and bioretention filters, the area behind the retaining wall, and landscaping. Gerrish said the road profile was raised slightly, reducing the amount of excavation required. The updated traffic report not only met town standards, but Maine DOT standards, which Gerrish said are stricter. Attorney Sherman spoke to open space, saying that Cape does not clearly define it, and therefore “should be given their plain and ordinary meaning.”

Jim Logan, wetland scientist professional, was asked by the town to provide peer review of mapping information and soils mapping. He offered his credentials, one of several being that he has been a certified soil specialist since 1988. Logan said when abutters provided contradictory reports on the property, he returned out of professional and personal

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# News from the superintendent

By Dr. Chris Record

I hope you and your families are having a wonderful summer. As a school district we have been quite active over the summer months. Among other things, we are in the midst of completing hiring of staff and administrators, finalizing the previous fiscal year, completing state/federal reports, cleaning and repairing all of the schools and buses, participating in summer curriculum work, operating our Extended School Year for some students, preparing for our staff and student return at the end of August, and finalizing our new Pond Cove and CEMS and CEHS renovations building project proposal for both School Board and Town Council consideration in August. Our hope is to gain both School Board (August 9 at 6:30 p.m.) and Town Council (August 22 at 7p.m.) support for having a school project bond referendum on the ballot in November so all Cape voters will have an opportunity to voice their support or not for the project.

Since 2017, seventy six public meetings regarding the condition and future of the schools have led multiple stakeholders to conclude among other things that new schools will provide an exceptional teaching and learning environment for Cape kids for the next 50+ years, will be energy efficient and environmentally friendly, prove to be a great home owner investment leading to increasing property values, and also provide ample opportunities for community use of the new auditorium, gym, outdoor learning spaces, green space in the center of town, and numerous walking paths. These will be schools Cape residents will be proud of and will exemplify the commitment Cape residents have to the fundamental importance of education.

We know from recent presentations by Jo-

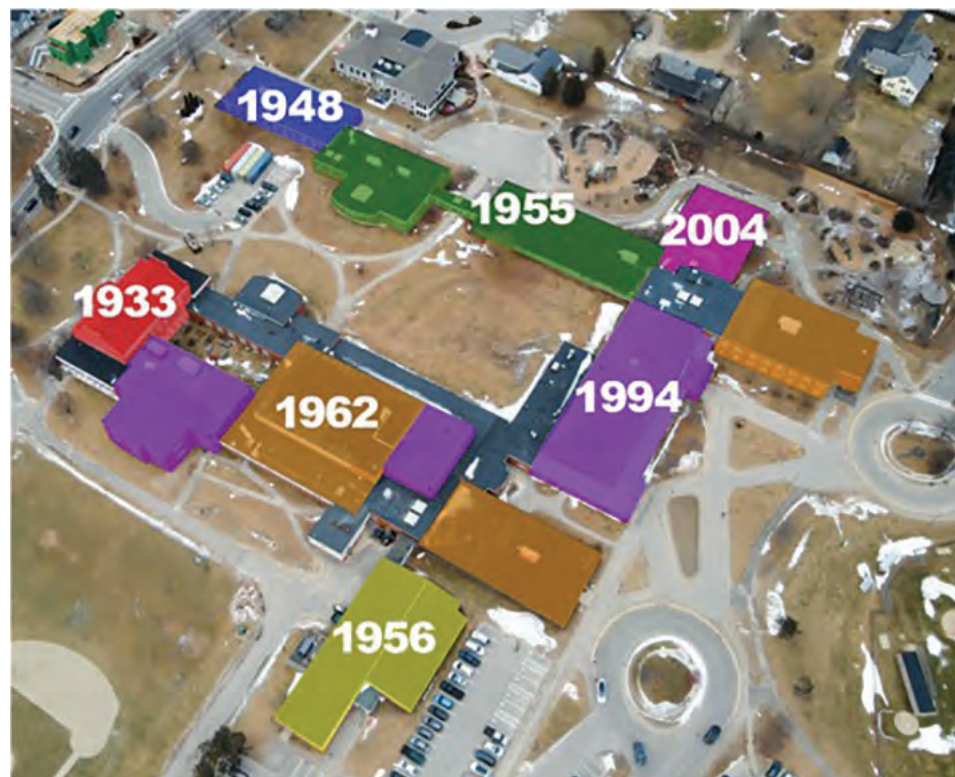
seph Cuetara of Moors & Cabot, Inc. to the Town Council and the Building Fiscal Subcommittee that the town is in exceptional financial health and can absorb these borrowing costs while maintaining its current very impressive bond rating. However, we are also acutely aware of the tax impact this investment will have on individual households. The Building Oversight Committee and School Board are currently examining cost reductions to the plan in time for consideration by the School Board for their vote on August 9.

Some important fiscal information for your consideration:

- The Town of Cape Elizabeth currently has the highest bond rating possible for a town of its size, with a Moody's rating of Aa1 and a Standard & Poor's rating of AAA.
- AAA ratings are issued to investment-grade debt that has a high level of creditworthiness with the strongest capacity to repay investors.
- The bond rating is often the single most important factor affecting the interest cost on bonds.
- Issuing additional debt at this time would not negatively affect the bond rating for the town of Cape Elizabeth.
- The impact on the taxpayer could likely not be until 2026-2027.
- The current town Debt Service Schedule indicates by 2037 the town will only have \$71,225 in debt.

For dates of additions to the current CEMS and Pond Cove buildings, see photo on right.

As you can see, there have been numerous additions to our schools decades ago leading to a sprawling, energy inefficient complex with a deteriorating infrastructure and class-



Contributed photo

rooms that are not conducive to 21st century teaching and learning. New schools are a better investment than costly renovations because of the following reasons:

- New schools can be purposefully built for programming needs. The current schools do not have adequate purposefully designed space for the cafeteria, auditorium, special education, nurses, RTI, ELL, PT, OT, Speech, social workers and counselors, nurses, outdoor learning, etc. Additionally current classrooms, hallways, stairwells, and bathrooms are extremely cramped, dark and demoralizing
- The amount of renovation required to suit the needs of the district would require bringing the building down to its foundation (which is cracked in places) and building back up, however still not with enough square footage
- The building envelope cannot be changed/ fixed and is very energy inefficient & crumbling
- Annual energy costs (heating and cooling) will be higher than a new build
- Many of the major deficiencies identified in the Needs Assessment still won't be addressed
- Renovations would require our students and staff to be in an unsightly and costly

modular city for several years

Please go to [cebuildingproject.com](http://cebuildingproject.com) for more information and regular updates on this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [crecord@capeelizabetschools.org](mailto:crecord@capeelizabetschools.org) if you have any questions.

We are very pleased to introduce to you the following four new administrators to our District Leadership Team:

- Sarah Rubin is our new CEMS principal. She comes to us with experience as a school administrator in Portland, a long-time middle school teacher in Gorham and as a former Director of Seeds of Peace.
- Jake Haugevik is our new CEMS assistant principal. He most recently served as a math interventionist at CEMS.
- Robin Taylor is our new Nutrition Services Director. She most recently served as our Assistant Director of Nutrition Services.
- Steve Young is our new Transportation Director. He has served as a bus driver and mechanic in Cape for over 20 years. He is also the Deputy Chief of the Cape Fire Dept.

I know these remaining summer days will fly by quickly. I hope there has been some fun, rest, joy, laughter and peace for all of you. We are excited for the next school year to begin, but let's not rush it!



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## Representative Rebecca Millett announces bid for re-election



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State Representative Rebecca Millett recently announced her bid for re-election for District 123.

State Representative Rebecca Millett is formally announcing her bid for re-election for District 123 (formerly District 30), which includes most of Cape Elizabeth.

"It has been an honor to serve my community and it would be a privilege to continue my work for the people of this district," said Millett.

Building on her work as our State Senator, Millett continued her efforts to advocate for the educational needs of Maine children after serving four terms in the State Senate. She not only ensured universal testing of Maine's schools' drinking water for lead, she pushed to require healthier air standards for our classrooms. Students who have experienced significant education disruptions from the pandemic have another pathway for graduation by meeting the state's requirements thanks to a bill sponsored by Rep. Millett, and more of Maine's students will be protected by state law governing health and safety standards with the passage of her bill extended these requirements to private schools with 60% or more publicly funded by the state. Millett has steadfastly advocated for 55% state funding of the cost of education in an effort to avoid more pressure to increase property taxes during her 10 years at the State House. This was

finally achieved in 2021. She was pleased to support the Governor's proposal, enacted in the budget, to establish an education stabilization fund that will help avoid fluctuations in state funding during economic downturns.

Millett also sponsored a bill to require green building standards for housing projects receiving state financial assistance to help reduce Maine's carbon emissions, which the Governor signed into law this spring. She was pleased as well to see strong rules proposed by Maine's Department of Environmental Protection regarding toxic emissions from above ground petroleum storage tanks as a result of a law she worked to pass in the 130th legislature. "I appreciate the serious attention paid to this issue by DEP and their efforts to bring forward these rules, and I look forward to having in place rules that will help identify and address toxic emissions and keep our neighborhoods safe."

In recognition of her legislative work, Millett has received awards from the Autism Society of Maine (2021), Maine Gun Safety Coalition (2019), Maine Association for the Education of Young Children (2019), Maine

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## Kettle Cove State Park-what to know about fees for all visitors

By Kurt Shoener, Park Manager

In an ideal world, it would be free for all to enjoy the natural beauty of Maine state parks. However, the truth is outdoor activities, from swimming, sunbathing and picnicking to hiking and enjoying the view of the Atlantic Ocean from a well-positioned park bench, not to mention parking, take their toll. It costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to preserve the parks and keep them looking natural.

Fees are required at all Maine State Parks to generate needed revenue. Kettle Cove State Park is not an exception. This revenue allows the Bureau of Parks and Lands to retain and hire new staff, provide security, and build on the state park system's legacy for outstanding, affordable and healthy outdoor experiences for all.

Park visitors can see those funds at work through educational programming and amenities, including those that make the parks accessible.

Sometimes when visiting the park, a Bureau of Parks and Lands staff member will be present to say hello and kindly remind everyone of the required fee. Other times, only the "iron ranger" or metal honor-system drop box, is there to wel-

come guests.

The park visitor fee to use Kettle Cove State Park is \$3.00 per adult Maine resident and \$4.00 per adult non-resident. Children 5 to 11 years old are \$1.00, and children under five and Maine resident seniors 65 or older are free. Non-resident seniors are \$1.00.

For frequent park users, an annual vehicle pass costs \$105.00 and allows day use for all occupants (up to a 17-passenger vehicle). Individual yearly passes cost \$55.00 and allow day-use for the pass holder. Annual passes purchased on August 15 or later will be honored through the 2023 season.

It is hoped that all visitors, especially local Cape Elizabeth residents, understand the importance of fees to use the Cape Elizabeth parks and for respecting park staff and fellow visitors. Park personnel thank all of the friends of the parks who remain dedicated to helping keep the parks clean and maintained.

Everyone employed by Maine's Bureau of Parks and Lands, particularly the team operating Kettle Cove, Two Lights and Crescent Beach State Parks, is grateful for the support of the local community.



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Visitors to Kettle Cove State Park should note that fees are required at all Maine State Parks to generate needed revenue. Kettle Cove State Park is not an exception; information on fees is included in the article above.



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## Town Council

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ing and the current costs (~\$7,000 monthly rent for hotel housing) and then shared the projected costs with the new units GPCOG is envisioning, which would cost closer to \$1,000 monthly rent. Councilor Penelope Jordan spoke in support of giving to this project, but also said “at the same time, we need to contribute to another project” to support other populations that are in need of stable housing. Town Manager Sturgis said for August there will be an action item for the council to consider, as well as a number for the council’s possible donation.

### Fiscal Review in Anticipation of Potential Borrowing

Joe Cuetara, Moors & Cabot (Boston) provided a fiscal review of the town’s finances in advance of some significant upcoming bond items. “The household per capita of Cape Elizabeth is 185% the national average,” Cuetara said. Other comparisons to the national average put Cape in a ‘very strong’ financial category. Cuetara also described that it is ideal to not rely on taxation of the top 10 taxpayers in a town for more than 10% of your tax base. Relying on so few for a larger chunk of a town’s taxes can leave higher potential for vulnerability. Cuetara gave the example of 20 years ago, Yarmouth relied very heavily (~40%) on a few residents on Cousin’s Island. Cape on the other hand, he said currently has a ‘very diverse tax base and it’s only 4.1% of your top 10 taxpayers which gives a lot of comfort in terms of if one of your top 10 taxpayers left, you wouldn’t have as much of a burden.” Cuetara highlighted several strengths of Cape, but also said the fund balance policy should be revisited, noting the difference in language between ‘excess funds’ and ‘assigned funds.’

### Shore Road Rehabilitation Project Update/Preliminary Design Review

Town Manager Sturgis said that the project initially started in 2019, and this is the third public meeting about it. Since then, plans and costs have been revised. The general plan

centers around rehabbing or replacing various “vintage, 1917” pipes and storm drains along Shore Road. This is slated to be about a 2.5 year, 7 million dollar project. “The last project that had taken place on this was roughly 50 years ago, outside of paving that had taken place in the 90s.” Sturgis described various funding options to pursue, from taxpayer dollars to federal and state funds, the latter potentially including an option that could cover up to 90% of the project.

Nicki Conant, Transportation Engineer for Sebago Technics, outlined proposed plans. Plans included 5-6’ sidewalks with new curb on both sides of the road, 10.5-11’ vehicular travel lanes, 5’ shoulder/bicycle lanes, grass space and trees, as well as crosswalks with detectable warning fields. The Cookie Jar’s existing front of shop parking would be closed off to allow for a sidewalk and outdoor seating, and 14 designated parking spots would be added on the side of the road near Cliff House Beach.

Some residents spoke in favor of flashing lights at crosswalks like resident Debbie Peck, with concerns for pedestrian safety, and some against, like resident Chris Straw noted cutting these flashing lights would save \$18,000.

Ray Clark, owner of Cape Service Station, expressed concern for the two main entrances to his business which requires cars to be dropped off, and large trucks to come and go. The proposed plans show 24 ft entrances but the minimum he needs is maybe 32 ft, he says. “It’s gonna make it really tough to get in and out of my shop.”

With regards to the beach parking spaces on Shore Road, concerns varied from a blocked fire hydrant (per resident Tom Ward), to current wild parking and driving, to sheer volume of cars on a sunny day. Supporters of the parking suggested the benefits of resident and visitor access. Also suggested was eliminating the parking in the area, and that possibly those beach visitors would seek out other beaches with more ample parking and access, such as Crescent Beach (per resident Nat Jordan).

The proposed changes around the parking near the Cookie Jar also had varying reactions.

Some expressed pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns and DOT standards around avoiding backing into oncoming traffic, and others said it was a functioning, safe area that has always worked, and that changing it would be negative for business. A few residents expressed near-misses walking or biking behind parked cars at the Cookie Jar, or planning for the longer term of allowing safer bike and pedestrian traffic there. Others said that this parking has always worked, and they want to protect the Cookie Jar. Cookie Jar co-owner Donna Piscopo said, “We’ve watched all summer long how the flow is, and how courteous people are, and how cautious they are and how many comments we’ve gotten that this works. It’s worked for 70 years... We really don’t know what we’d do if we don’t have the pull-in parking.”

In other general project concerns, resident Nat Jordan asked about enforcement of parking in bike lanes, what snow removal would be like and if there is any town accident data available. Per Steve Harding, Senior Project Manager for Sebago Technics, snow would be cleared in the bike lanes and sidewalks in the winter.

Councilors spoke on pros and cons of each issue, some of them undecided or torn on what to do with particular challenges. Councilor Boucher asked that per typical traffic, the location of the crosswalk in front of Fort Williams be examined and considered on the less trafficked side of the entrance. Chair Gabrielson asked about the cost difference between the main and alternative plans presented, and while Conant said the exact alternative numbers were not available at the moment, the differences would be somewhere around \$50,000. There was no action scheduled to take place on this item at this meeting.

### Request for Parking License Agreement

Mr. Greg Shinberg provided a memo requesting a parking license agreement and construction of parking behind Town Hall. Mr. Shinberg has a purchase and sale agreement to buy lots 3 & 4 in Ocean House Common. Shinberg said that the project has been scaled back from \$20 to \$18 million, and explained, “My plan is to build two affordable condos, one 1-bedroom and one 2-bedroom, four 4-bedroom apartments and fourteen 2-bedroom.” He said that parking will dictate what business may be on the first floor for non-residential use, saying “Parking really drives these projects.” The item was referred to a September workshop for further discussion with the council.

### Agreement between Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society and Town

Bob Dodd, president of CEHPS, presented about this slated agreement for the Historical Preservation Society to utilize the Bachelor Officers’ Quarters building at Fort Williams. Dodd said, “I think it’s really exciting and I hope people understand, when we talk about expanding what we’re going to be offering at the Bachelor Officers’ quarters, thanks to the town.” He said they have talked about it as a “Cape Elizabeth History Center.” The agreement would allow CEHPS to continue and expand their current efforts, “Which would include what we’re doing now, which is safely storing artifacts, and town records, and our own collection of records, but would also be adding an ability to display a lot of things that we now have in boxes in people’s garages for

the town to see. So, that we’d be creating a museum as part of this town history center.” In addition to the Cape History portion of the space, there is also a plan for a Fort Williams Museum, which will give visitors and residents “an idea of what the military base was like.” Councilors thanked Dodd, as well as fellow CEHPS members Ellen Van Fleet and Jim Rowe for their dedication to this. The motion to support the the occupancy agreement was passed unanimously, with enthusiastic applause from those still present (the meeting extended well past 10 p.m.).

### Report of Certification of Citizen Petition - Plan B

The Citizen Petition to Create Community Housing, “Plan B”, was submitted on June 27, 2022. The certification was completed and in total, the number of signatures to move the petition to public hearing and referendum vote did not meet the number of signatures required by Charter.

Public comment opened, and resident Jamie Garvin expressed relief that this petition did not pass and said, “If you do want to see substantial progress towards creating affordable housing in the town of Cape Elizabeth, you have that opportunity by affirming the vote of the Town Council from last fall on the November ballot when that comes up, the wording of which is not yet set, to affirm the 5-2 vote of the council from October to make the amendments to the town zoning that would allow for limited affordable housing developments in the town center district.” Town Manager Sturgis thanked the Town Clerk and assistant for their meticulous work in checking that this petition did not meet the requirements, as he said that is even more work and verification than a petition that does.

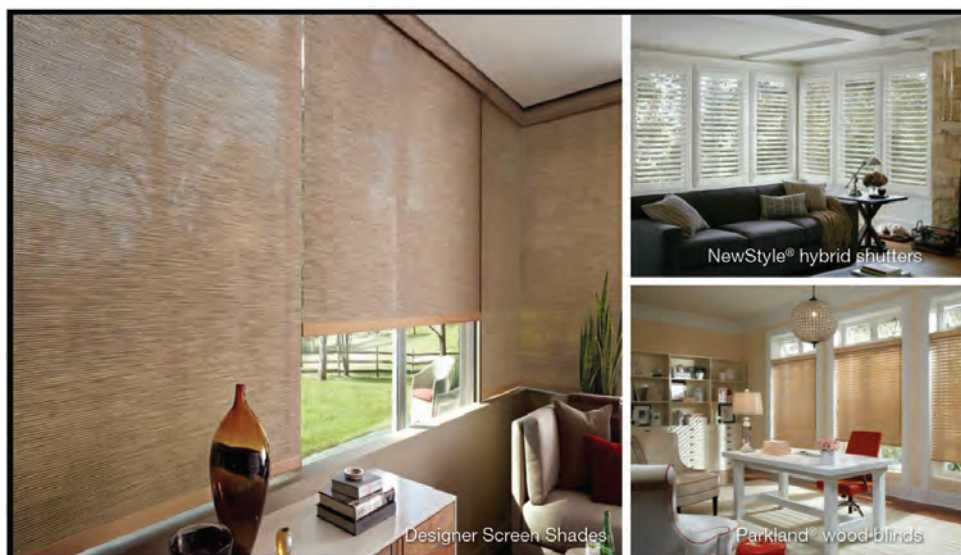
## Ceremony

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Benjamin, while on routine patrol on Spurwink Avenue, discovered a person attempting suicide by car carbon monoxide. Sergeant Benjamin pulled the person from the car and radioed for the Cape Elizabeth Fire/Rescue to treat and transport the person to the hospital. The person’s life was saved due to Sergeant Benjamin’s observations and quick response. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 234 persons died of suicide in the State of Maine in 2020. The Maine Crisis Hotline 1-888-568-1112 (Voice) or 711 (Maine Relay) helps to stabilize individuals and families while assisting in crisis resolution and action planning. If you are concerned about yourself or about somebody else, call the 24-hour crisis hotline and speak with a trained crisis clinician who can connect you to the closest crisis center. For more information visit: <https://heretohelp-maine.com>

### Dedication of Memorial Picnic Table for Retired Police Officer Robert W. Merritt

After the promotion and award ceremony a new picnic table outside of the public safety buildings was dedicated to retired Cape Elizabeth Police Officer Robert W. Merritt who died unexpectedly in 2021. Chief Fenton said officers, family members and invited guests enjoyed an evening of barbecue and conversation after the promotion and awards ceremony.



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## Maine residents, who are veterans, eligible for free lifetime Maine State Park and Museum pass

By Kevin St. Jarre

Many veterans may not be aware that if they meet the eligibility requirements, they may apply for and receive a Maine Resident Free Lifetime Veteran State Park and Museum pass. This was authorized under Public Law Chapter 370 (L.D. 1656).

The state will issue a free day-use pass to state parks, historic sites and museums to eligible Maine veterans. Eligibility is as follows:

- The person is a resident of Maine; and
- The person received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions.

A pass issued under this section does not expire and is valid for the lifetime of the holder.

A veteran that meets the above criteria and would like to apply for a park pass can go to the link below for an more information, and to download an application.

<https://www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/recreational-licenses/lifetime-park-pass.html>

The application must be printed, filled out and sent along with a copy of the veteran's form DD214 to:

Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

117 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0117  
These are passes to Maine State Parks and Museums, and are not valid for the following locations:

- Acadia National Park
- Baxter State Park
- Allagash Wilderness Waterway
- Penobscot Corridor
- Penobscot Narrows Observatory
- Maine Wildlife Park

Active duty military personnel are eligible for a similar pass, which is good for the calendar year, and entitles the holder, and the holder's spouse and children when accompanied by the holder, to admission, free of charge, to state parks and historic sites.

Eligibility is based on the following criteria.

- The person's home of residence is Maine; and
- The person is serving in an enlisted grade in the armed forces as defined in 10 United States Code, Section 101(a)(4).

Passes may be renewed upon application and verification of continuing eligibility. For more information of the pass for active military personnel, go to:

<https://www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/recreational-licenses/park-pass-active-duty.html>

## Millett

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Public Health Association (2019), Maine People's Alliance (2019), Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatricians (2018) and the Maine Education Association (2016).

Should Rep. Millett have the honor of continuing her service to Cape Elizabeth in the Maine House, she will continue her work to implement gun safety measures, support students and teachers in our schools, grow Maine's workforce by pushing for affordable post-secondary education and training, protect reproductive freedom, reduce Maine's carbon footprint, preserve Maine's natural beauty, and push for meaningful changes to our healthcare system to ensure affordable and quality care.

Prior to being elected to the State House of Representatives and State Senate, Millett served on the Cape Elizabeth School Board for six and a half years.

As a graduate of the Portland public schools, Millett left Maine in the early 1980s to attend American University where she received a B.A. in International Relations and a B.S. in Business Administration. In 1989, Millett was awarded an MBA from the University of Chicago.

Representative Millett's work experience includes nonprofit consulting, project management and business management for nonprofits, and banking.

She and her husband Kevin have lived in Cape Elizabeth for over 20 years where they raised their twin son and daughter. "We feel so fortunate to have raised our children here in Maine where we could share our love for the outdoors and natural beauty of Maine and raise them in a safe and close-knit community."

For more information or any questions, contact: Rebecca Millett, [rmformehouse@gmail.com](mailto:rmformehouse@gmail.com), (207) 415-3770.

## Third Annual Woodstock Celebration & Fundraiser set for August 27

The Ocean House Road Band is hosting its 3rd annual Woodstock Celebration on August 27 from 3:00 p.m. to sunset. It will be held at the home of Curt and Nancy Kelly at 374 Mitchell Road in Cape Elizabeth.

We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with Good Theater to assist two Ukrainian families who have just arrived in Portland on July 28.

The families are here in Maine thanks to two local sponsors through the DHS program "Uniting for Ukraine." Both dads remain in the fight in Ukraine.

The families fled with only the belongings they could carry. They have been provided housing in Portland thanks to the generosity of a patron of Good Theater.

It will take them about eight weeks to get their work visas so they are in need of numerous essentials.

If possible, please consider donating a gift card from Amazon, Hannaford, Kohl's or Walmart.

Ed Gatta from Good Theater will be present at the celebration to accept your gift cards on behalf of the families.

We are also very pleased to announce that Alive In The Root, a Maine band, will be opening for us. This amazing trio features great harmonies and multi-instrumental acoustic roots.

If you would like to attend, you must RSVP to [Curtis.Kelly@me.com](mailto:Curtis.Kelly@me.com) by August 15.

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# Capetoon: Pent-up demand

By Jeff Mandell



After 2 years of no B2B, racers came from everywhere.

## Planning Board

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concern with GPS and mapping, “and in every case found that we couldn’t agree with the abutters.”

Public comment began. First to speak was Brandon Mazer of Perkins Thompson, P.A., representing the Johanssons, abutters. He said “we have calculated the open space to not meet the 45% standard but be closer to 41.94%” as features like stormwater drains and the retaining wall are “structures” and should be omitted. Attorney André Duchette spoke on behalf of Sheila Wellehan, property abutter. He shared concerns about issues such as open space, land that is frequently inundated by water, and a narrow and limited area of development. Lise Pratt, abutter spoke with concerns about open space and setbacks. Abutter Sheila Wellehan spoke, asking for a focus on supporting “sustainability rather than simply aesthetics” in terms of open space. Resident Richard Blake shared info on the large number of tourists using Shore Road, and had concerns about wildlife on the Carr Woods property. “An updated wildlife assessment should be necessary,” he said. Resident Nat Jordan spoke in support of the project. He said that this project has been overly scrutinized, and that the development rate in the town is too slow. He said, “It is important in a town that builds housing that the Planning Board approve projects that meet all of the ordinances.” Fisher said the town’s reviewing engineer has already scrutinized open space calculations and agreed with the developer.

Town Planner Maureen O’Meara outlined how the town’s guidance helps to prioritize open space to be saved, but does not require anything beyond the 45%. Board member Palmer said certain portions of the property that don’t add value to open space should be excluded from calculations. He spoke in support of removing stormwater structures from the open space calculation, and Chair Huebener said he would “go along with that” not because of the flat tops on the structures, but because of the surrounding slopes, and when it rains you can’t use that “down at the impoundment area”. This, Palmer estimated, would bring open space to closer to 40-41% for the property. Councilor Matthew Caton said at a minimum he would discount spillways, as they are rocky areas that would remain as such.

Councilor Derek LaVallee said he was on board with these things. Attorney Sherman asked if open space would be the last issue to be dealt with in the August meeting, and the board agreed that was the intention. The board voted unanimously to table the motion until the August PB meeting.

### Gull Crest Temporary Ice Rink Site Plan Amendment

The Cape Community Arena Group, which is volunteer run, requested a site plan amendment to the Gull Crest Site plan to construct a Temporary Ice Rink adjacent to the athletic fields parking lot. Mike Tadema-Wielandt of Terradyn Consultants, and also a Cape resident presented plans. The rink is slated to be 200 ft long by 80 ft wide, which is a regulation hockey rink. There are plans for 49 parking spots, a heated zamboni storage pod, rink chiller, a changing tent, two portable toilets and portable bleachers. The rink is also to be surrounded by temporary lights to extend usable hours in the winter. Tadema-Wielandt said the facility will be light on utility needs, except for power and water. He said they are working with CMP to get the power ready before hockey season begins late fall. The water will be a matter of slowly filling the rink at the start of the season, and then a matter of upkeep. It was estimated that 4-5 times a day the zamboni would fill with 180 gallons of water.

Tadema-Wielandt said the rink was funded by a donor, but said, “The problem that we have with getting this program up and running in time for the skating season is really a timing issue. So there are several items that need to be - pieces of equipment - that need to be purchased and or secured through a lease as soon as possible.” Approval from the PB, and subsequent approval from Town Council would lead to their donor making equipment purchases. Tadema-Wielandt said there is a plan to hire a third party rink manager. Various board members and Town Planner O’Meara had questions about parking, utilities and noise levels (such as from the chiller). Chair Huebener asked that CCAG come back in August with every issue addressed. The board voted unanimously to deem the site plan complete, scheduled a site walk for July 23, and then unanimously moved to table discussion until the August meeting.

### Food Truck Amendments

The Town Council referred to the Planning Board review of proposed amendments to regulate food trucks. One amendment would allow any resident to operate a food truck on their property for five calendar days per year. This change was intended to address when people invite a food truck to their home to celebrate a special event or host a party. The other amendment would allow for 20 days of parking for bigger events, when a permit is issued by the Town Council. The board moved to recommend the motion to the Town Council for consideration.

## Richmond Island reservation information

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# Local business spotlight: Lucky Catch Cruises

By Marta Girouard



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Captain Tom Martin of Lucky Catch Cruises pictured with his niece, incoming CEHS senior Sally McCoy, on a recent tour where they caught a starfish. McCoy is one of eight Capers who works on the Lucky Catch.

In 1984, Captain Tom Martin began setting lobster traps as a summer job for his neighbor Andy Strout. By the end of the day, Martin was hooked and had found his calling. "It was always a thrill to discover what was waiting inside the next trap" he recalled. "I guess that's the reason it's still enjoyable today." The following summer, he began working for Andy's brother Frank Strout. While working on Frank's boat, the 36-foot Nancy J., Martin began building some of his own traps and was soon hauling them by hand on board his own 21-foot lobster boat.

A few years later, this boat was replaced with another 30-foot lobster boat and in 1996, Martin decided to take on a new approach. During the summer months, he began taking out passengers out to tend his traps. On the 37-foot boat named the Lucky Catch, guests could experience the routines of a real Maine lobsterman on a one and a half hour excursion. "I started Lucky Catch in response to the trap limits set in the mid 90's. I was concerned

that the limit could go so low that lobstering wouldn't be a full-time job anymore and luckily that did not happen," Martin explained. In December 2007 the new 40-foot Lucky Catch was launched in Northeast Harbor. This boat carries passengers in the summer but lobsters commercially the remainder of the year.

When asked what is the best part of operating Lucky Catch Cruises, Martin said, "We feel blessed to visit with returning customers year after year and also meet so many interesting people from all over the U.S. and the world." Martin added that he is also extremely lucky to have a very knowledgeable and energetic crew, which includes eight Capers, in addition to crew members from Portland, South Portland, Westbrook, Gorham, Standish, Scarborough, Falmouth, Peaks Island, Long Island and Freeport. According to Martin, the challenges he faces are similar to those of most businesses in the Old Port:

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# Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson



## Veterans Fraud Resource Center

One out of every three American veterans has had a scammer try and steal their benefits. This statistic highlights how veterans, active-duty service members and their families are nearly 40% more likely to lose money to scams and fraud. To help combat this AARP recently launched an online resource center focused on veterans-related scams.

Two common schemes to steal from veterans are pension poaching and medical device scams. Shady investment advisors often target veterans with promises to “maximize” their pension benefit or offer to buy out their benefits. These offers often require personal information or up-front payments and rarely deliver on what is promised. Similar to the pension scams, health care offers of low-cost or free medical devices to disabled vets often require sharing their personal VA information only to find out that the device never arrives.

To find out more about scams targeting

veterans and how to protect yourself from them visit [aarp.org/VetsFraudCenter](http://aarp.org/VetsFraudCenter).

## Rental Housing Scams

Renting a home or apartment is a big expense but it could be an even bigger one if the rental is a scam. Criminals copy legitimate listings and look for easy cash by collecting the first month’s rent, deposit and application fees and then bolt before handing over the keys. Numerous versions of rental frauds abound; some are bait-and-switch while others will attempt to rent out properties that are already leased or otherwise unavailable.

These fake rental schemes happen every year and would-be renters are losing hundreds or even thousands of dollars. When renting a place, watch out for scammers who ask you to sign before seeing anything or request payment via wire transfer, peer to peer apps or cash. Do your research on the property and owner and read agreements carefully.

# Maine welcomes nation’s governors at Fort Williams

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

The National Governors Association (NGA) met in Portland July 13-15 to discuss best practices and national policy. According to the NGA website this conference allows the nation’s governors (from all fifty states and five territories) to develop and implement innovative solutions to governance and policy challenges in their states.

According to the association’s website, the governors meet twice a year. NGA’s winter meeting is held in Washington, D.C. and their summer meeting is held in a different location each year. Locations are determined through a bidding process, and this year the association’s executive committee selected Governor Janet Mills’ proposal to host the summer meeting and to showcase the fine state of Maine.

On July 14, Fort Williams Park closed to the public so a group of about 650 governors, staff and honored guests could enjoy a lobster bake at Fort Williams Park/Portland Head Light. Discretely protected by highly skilled law enforcement, the evening’s program welcomed roughly half the country’s governors and allowed guests the opportunity to relax and enjoy traditional Maine foods and beverages. Much of this fine fare was donated by producers, crafters and purveyors from across the state. Each of the governors attending the lobster bake received a gift bag of All Things Maine, with compliments from Governor Mills.

Large party canopy tents covered a major portion of the former Civilian Conservation Corps field near Portland Head Light. Hundreds of white chairs, tables covered with red checkered clothes and iconic elements

like lobster traps, canoe paddles and fresh-picked Black-eyed Susans evoked a classic New England picnic. Music sounded from speakers positioned in the field and echoed throughout the park as light rain showers cooled the evening air.

Many guests were bused to Fort Williams Park from their hotels in Portland, and once at the park, they strolled along the rocky coastline of Casco Bay. While I didn’t get to speak with any of the visiting governors, I met several NGA staff. Just like many first-time visitors I’ve met in my years as a volunteer at Portland Head Light, they loved Maine at first sight and hope to return on vacation.

The guests were lucky enough to have a step up from the portable porta potties usually used by visitors to Fort Williams Park. Portable restrooms were set up alongside portable offices. Maybe the governors and their staff didn’t get the real Maine experience after all. Maine - the way life should be!



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

Large party tents line the coastline of Fort Williams Park for the National Governors Association meeting.

# Jewelry missing from home, theft reported at Crescent Beach State Park

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 7-7 An officer responded to Cliffhouse Beach for report of a dog on the beach outside of permissible hours. The officer located the dog and owner, explained the rules, and issued a verbal warning.
- 7-12 A resident of the Scott Dyer Road area dropped off a silver mountain bike that had been abandoned near her home for a couple of weeks.
- 7-13 An officer met with a resident who reported that jewelry was missing from a family residence in the Shore Road area.
- 7-13 An officer received a wallet that was turned in. Owner was identified and contacted.
- 7-15 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a received package they had not ordered.
- 7-14 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding the theft of money.
- 7-17 An officer met with a resident who reported that his unlocked vehicle was entered while parked at Crescent Beach State Park. A wallet and two cell phones were taken from the car.
- 7-19 An officer spoke with a subject who reported that her car was damaged by a hit and run accident while parked on Shore Road.
- 7-21 An officer responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a suspicious person complaint.
- 7-21 An officer spoke with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a domestic disturbance.
- 7-24 An officer met with a subject who reported that her beach bag had been

stolen from Crescent Beach. It appears that the bag was accidentally picked up by another park visitor and was returned.

## SUMMONSES

- 7-8 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road, \$325
- 7-8 South Portland resident, seatbelt violation, Shore Road, \$85
- 7-9 Pownal resident, animal shelter violation, Fort Williams
- 7-13 South Portland resident, seatbelt violation, Route 77, \$85
- 7-15 South Portland resident, operating vehicle using hand held device, Cottage Road, \$85
- 7-15 Rochester MN resident, seatbelt violation, Shore Road, \$85
- 7-24 Scarborough resident, speed (58/45 zone) Bowery Beach Road, \$129

## ARRESTS

- 7-16 South Portland resident, Fugitive from Justice
- 7-18 Chesterville resident, Aggravated Criminal Trespass, violating conditions of release, Mitchell Road

## ACCIDENTS

- 7-5 James McCormick, accident on Bowery Beach Road
- 7-11 Pearl Friedland, Kathleen Stawarz, accident on Humphrey’s Road

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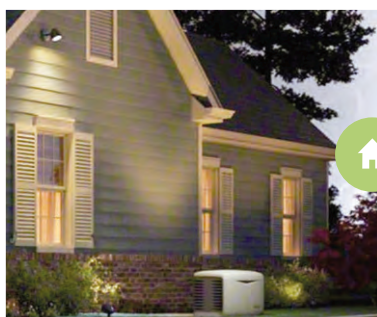


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# Cape Elizabeth artist using paint, light, 3D work to prevent complacency

By Kevin St. Jarre



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*Ningbo International School Music Hall mural process meeting with the painting crew. The medium is latex paint on plaster.*

Cape Elizabeth resident Kaspar Heinrici specializes in painting murals, featuring bright colors and sweeping lines. Some of his recent work includes painting five benches for the public waterfront in Lisbon as part of a revitalization project at Lisbon Falls.

Currently he is working on two three-dimensional geometric dolphins made of plywood and fiberglass that are illuminated from the inside with color changing LEDs that respond to sound and music. These will be installed at the Greenwood Reggae Festival in Brunswick, running August 5 to August 7.

Heinrici said, “The dolphins I am currently working on represent the best of all the mediums I work with. I began drawing in high school, and then went to graduate school for industrial design and worked as a product designer for about 10 years before getting into public mural painting. The dolphins were originally part of a 500ft wall that my wife and I painted at a kindergarten in Ningbo, China.”

Heinrici knows a furniture maker who runs a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine and who suggested the artist make a three-dimensional version of his geometric animals. “I developed a version that could be cut out of flat panels from a digital file on the CNC and assembled into a 3D form. In the process, I figured out a technique of using fiberglass to join the pieces as a hinge which also serves as a negative space that lets light through from the inside, so when it is dark it almost appears like the structure is held together by lines of light. Finally, it will be installed in a public place that is open for many people to see. It is important to me to install work where it can be experienced by a wide range of people, so this project is really the culmination of a lot of goals,” Heinrici said.

Of his style, Heinrici said, “I utilize geometric abstraction, saturation, value and hue to create patterns or representational images that although simplified in form have enough color and shading information to express what they might be in the real world. It is typically geometric and colorful, to put

it simply.”

He added that while the medium has changed, and the subject matter has changed, his focus on pattern making, and using tricks of perception to make very simple abstracted versions of reality, is still a constant.

For some artists, the business side of creating can be a struggle, but Heinrici has a different take. “I think of art and business as being part of the same spectrum. Since I am a designer by profession I don’t really see a divide. I use my technical skills as someone who runs a design business to execute my art and the studies that I do for my art ultimately have a bearing on my professional work. As a designer you are an artist at the service of a client or customer, as an artist you are subject to your own will and can decide who the audience is you are trying to appeal to. When I produce a drawing as a

consultant, my only concern is if it serves the client. When I produce an illustration for Maineimals, my brand of silkscreen printed t-shirts, I am concerned with appealing to a customer while exemplifying my style of art in a way that they see a value of expression in wearing it. When I do public art there are still constraints but because it is a wider audience to appeal to and usually less compensation so there can be more freedom. At the end of the day whether for monetary reasons or simply logistical ones I think it is good for art to have some constraints to give it direction,” he said.

When asked about artistic influences, Heinrici names Keith Haring. “The way he created a visual symbolic language to communicate complex political ideas and inserted them into the existing billboard spaces of the subway system, while using pop culture to give it mass appeal, continues to inspire me. His way of simplifying things down to representational icons and confronting people with his graffiti for maximum exposure showed me the power of public art. Although not as subversive, I hope my work has a similar effect,” he said.

Heinrici said he is typically inspired by travel, but he created his Maineimals series of work, and the resulting t-shirt brand, based on his love of Maine. He said, “I have been doing stylized geometric animals for some time and it made sense to do a lobster, mermaid, moose and now a dolphin. I am a surfer and spend a lot of time in the water; there is definitely a harbor seal piece in my future.”

The artist sees art as a way to open eyes and hearts. “It is very easy to get bogged down in the way the world is and art shows the possibilities, opening windows onto new attitudes and versions of beauty. It is

important to challenge how people are used to perceiving the world. People should care about art because it is what prevents us from complacency, it can transport you to another time, show you another perspective or just expose your own subjectivity. I think we need more opportunities to be removed from our own understanding of the world these days,” Heinrici said.

He wishes there were more venues to install public art, he said, and like most creative people he is always looking to increase technical skills. To that end, he would like to spend time in places like Austin, Shenzhen or Berlin to work in a shop with production tools like CNC and 3D printing.

Those interested in learning more about Heinrici’s work can go to his studio website with his design portfolio of past projects at [www.treibdesign.com](http://www.treibdesign.com).



Contributed photo

*Kaspar Heinrici with Roman Heinrici selling Maineimals apparel and accessories at the East End Vend. Medium: Polyblend Bella + Canvas unisex shirts with water-based discharge silkscreen printing by the Arm Factory in Portland with design by Kaspar Heinrici.*



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## TML offers reading buddies programs, seaside story time, program on scavenger species

### Library Closed on August 18th

The library will be closed all day on Thursday, August 18 for the town's annual Employee Appreciation Day. We will resume our regular hours on Friday morning.

### Summer Reading Programs for All Ages Run throughout August

Our annual Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults will run throughout August. You can sign up at any point to enjoy challenges, weekly prize drawings, fun, and a whole summer's worth of reading. Check our website for complete details on the programs for each age group, and then stop by the library to register and pick up your Summer Reading sheet.

### 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. A selection of Duncan's photos will be on display throughout August in the library's Stier Family Gallery.

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

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

### Summer Literacy @ TML

#### Read To a Dog

Children in grades K – 6, especially struggling or less-than-confident readers, are invited to sign up for 15-minute time slots to read with a certified therapy dog. Check out the sign-up sheet in the children's room for appointment availability and to "meet" our dogs.

### Reading Buddies Return! Now Seeking Teen Volunteers

We are very excited to reintroduce our Teen Reading Buddy program into the summer and beyond. Teen Reading Buddies are supportive, enthusiastic listeners who can help your child practice reading here at the library or in virtual sessions. Children who participate can sign up to read with a Buddy for up to 30 minutes at a time. Currently, we are seeking volunteers interested in becoming Teen Reading Buddies. Our Teen Reading Buddies are Cape Elizabeth students who have a particular interest in working with children and reading. If you are between the ages of 13 and 17, you can become a volunteer Reading Buddy and work with the library to set up your own schedule.

For more information about becoming a teen volunteer, or updates about when appointments become available, please visit the Tween & Teen section of the website, or email Megan Smith, [msmith@thomas.lib.me.us](mailto:msmith@thomas.lib.me.us).

### Weekly Programs

Due to community transmission levels of Covid-19 in Cumberland County, all children's programming will be outdoors until further notice. If anyone in your family is sick, please resume attending when everyone is feeling better. Thanks for helping keep us all safe, healthy, and learning together. We'll post on our website and Facebook if programs are canceled due to weather, and please feel free to call the library to confirm if the weather is questionable.

#### Art in Plein Air

Mondays at 10:30 a.m., weather permitting

Join Kiah for an outdoor art activity in our children's garden. Outside in the children's garden, weather permitting, for ages 2-5.

#### Dress Up and Dance

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., weather permitting

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, August 26 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. 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) 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. 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.

### Award-Winning Children's Performer Matt Loosigian Performs Earth Jams Family Concert

Thursday, August 23, 6:30 p.m. (Rain date: Thursday, August 25)

On the library's front lawn

Jump on the Song Toboggan and sing-along with Matt Loosigian of Earth Jams at this family-friendly outdoor summer concert! Matt is a Brunswick based folk singer, guitarist, and songwriter specializing in playful, funny songs about ecology and being green. Join him as he works his musical magic in this interactive and fun music show on the library's front lawn. All ages are welcome. This event is weather permitting, check our website for updates. Learn more about Matt's music at [www.earthjams.com](http://www.earthjams.com).

### School-Age Programs

#### No Boundaries Summer Book Club

Friday, August 26

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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.

#### Crafternoon Club

Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

August 4, 11, 18, 25

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

August 11: DIY Tote Bag: Make a cool customized tote bag for your stuff

August 18: Library is closed

August 25: "Invasion of the Book Hed-

gies": Learn how to fold a book into the world's cutest hedgehog.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

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

### Maine Wildlife Series: Scavengers Assemble!, with the Center for Wildlife

Tuesday, August 23, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Scavenger species are often looked down upon, but this month we're celebrating the importance of nature's clean up crew. Join Center for Wildlife educators and ambassador animals as we explore the world of scavengers and highlight a few of the important species found right here in the state of Maine. Register for this program on the library's website.

### From Lawns to Landscapes: Save Time, Money, and Have a Great Yard, with Ali Clift 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 Clift from the 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.

### Cape Elizabeth Garden Club Presents: Planting Now for Garden Color All Fall

Thursday, August 25, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in person at the library

Did you think planting season was over? Time to think again! Grace Frost of Highland Farm in Scarborough will join us to discuss how you can fill your garden now with colorful perennials that will bloom throughout fall.

### Pod Complex: A TML Podcast

#### Listening Club

First Thursday of the month, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: September 1 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. 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.

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## Local birding report

By E. Brooks Bornhofft

As the humid, dry conditions of July wore on many of the forest songbirds seemed to have become discouraged from song. After months of wooing and raising broods, bedraggled bird parents' feathers appear unkept and shabby making identification even more challenging. Still conspicuously calling in late July were Hermit Thrushes, Eastern Woodpeewees, Great-crested Flycatchers, Eastern Kingbirds, Red-eyed Vireos, Gray Catbirds and Robins. While flycatchers are not considered songbirds, the Wood Peewee's plaintive song of three sliding notes is simple and true. If you find yourself in the woods in August listen for their whistled twilight song.

Additionally, while fishing with my son on July 18 along the bank of Great Pond, a new family of four Eastern Kingbirds appeared on a snag overhead and launched into their metallic-sounding chatter and chase. Also, on the late afternoon of July 21 a single Eastern Towhee was singing along Charles Jordan Road and on July 24 just before dusk I heard the lush, flute like song of my first Wood Thrush of the year somewhere along the woodland fringes of Crescent Beach State Park.

Late July through August marks the time of year where shorebirds start to pass through Cape in significant numbers. On July 24 I counted forty Semipalmated Plovers heading towards Richmond Island. On July 27 along the salt pannes of Sawyer Road I almost overlooked a dark colored heron that appeared from a distance to be a Glossy Ibis. Nearby I could make out the throaty murmuring noises coming from a foursome of foraging Glossy Ibis. As I refocused my attention on this single dark colored bird in question my binocs revealed a distinctive slaty-blue medium sized heron with a white belly and a bright blue patch of skin around part of a long beak – it was a Tri-colored Heron. Fortunately a Snowy Egret was close enough that I could compare and contrast the heron with the egret. Formerly known as the Louisiana Heron, the first known breeding pair of these herons in

Maine was not until July of 1977. Described by Peter Vickery as “a festively-adorned treat in Maine’s southern coastal marshes,” this rare heron is known to sometimes breed on Stratton Island, just off our coastline. Interestingly, Stratton Island is the northern edge of this bird’s breeding range which has expanded along the eastern coast from North Carolina to Maine from 1940-1970, and likely as a result of the increased nesting habitat made available as the Intracoastal Waterway was constructed. Other shorebirds seen on along Sawyer Road that day included Short-billed Dowitchers, Semipalmated Sandpipers and two White-rumped Sandpipers.

On July 29 along the same stretch of road I stumbled upon another uncommon migrant, the Little Blue Heron. When I first laid eyes on the bird I thought it was the Tri-colored Heron I had seen a few days prior. Fortunately, I was able to observe the bird working the edges of the Spurwink with a Snowy Egret, which, again allowed me to gauge the bird’s relative size and attributes. I also checked eBird and noticed that fellow Cape birder Ingrid Whitaker had earlier reported seeing a Little Blue Heron! Said to appear in the hot days of July and August this elegant Little Blue has a blue-gray belly versus the Tri-colored Heron which has a white belly. Additionally, in their first year Little Blue’s are almost entirely pure white and often mistaken for Snowy Egrets. First confirmed breeding in Maine was not until 1971 and yearly surveys taken on Stratton island report having three pairs breeding in most years. I also spied a single Nelson’s Sparrow dashing from one haunt to another.

Additional mentionings from across town include a male Belted Kingfisher and many Cedar Waxwings sallying and gleaning over the Pond Cove brook corridor in Robinson Woods III, Seven Piping Plovers along Kettle Cove Beach on July 29 and an Artic Tern, a Black Guillemot and a Bonaparte’s Gull just offshore from Stratton Island on the last day of July.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting: August 11 (Second Thursday this month)

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: September 21

September books: “Wolf Hollow” and “Those Who Favor Fire,” both by Lauren Wolk

## Cape Elizabeth youth sailors dominate HYC Regatta

By Tess Straw



Photo by Chris Straw

Ten CEMS/CEHS students recently participated in the 2022 Harraseeket Junior Regatta in Freeport. At the end of the regatta, Cape Elizabeth sailors had three Top 10 boats in the Club 420 fleet and almost all finished in the top half. Pictured above is CEHS student Story Straw on left (with non-Cape crew Christian Corcoran).

On July 13-14, ten CEMS/CEHS students participated in the 2022 Harraseeket Junior Regatta in Freeport. This regatta, consisting of over 100 youth sailors, is one of the three large competitions of the Maine summer sailing season. In a sport normally dominated by sailors from private yacht clubs, the Cape sailors helped supply the best showing ever by members of the SailMaine Community Sailing program, of which they sail as members. After a large storm rolled through the Portland region the day before the regatta, wind conditions were nearly too light to host the races until the afternoons of each day brought heavier breeze allowing the regatta to continue. With the course bookended by an island on one side and a river current on the other, each race provided ample opportunity for gaining and losing ground to opposing boats.

Going into the last day of the regatta, multiple Cape students and their crews took turns challenging for the podium in the fleet of 39 Club 420 boats. At various times throughout the day, Cape skippers Sage Evans, Story Straw and Phoebe Evans each held potential podium positions until they were nudged out of contention by older sail-

ors by the final races.

At the end of the regatta, Cape Elizabeth sailors had three Top 10 boats in the Club 420 fleet and almost all finished in the top half. Skipper/crew pair Tess Straw/Jack McCormick finished 2nd Place, Sage Evans and her crew (Julietta Smithwick) were 5th (losing a 4th place tie breaker), Phoebe Evans and crew (Ian Doherty) took 7th, Story Straw and crew (Christian Corcoran) took 13th, Luc Francis/Trevor Oakley were 18th, Vio Voltz and skipper (Harper Rowse-Garsoe) were 19th, and Gabe Tourangeau and skipper (Nell Fernald) finished 28th. Rounding out the Cape sailors was Gideon Straw, who took 14th in the Opti Champ fleet.

Tess Straw and Jack McCormick were also awarded the Sportsmanship Award by the Race Committee for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanlike conduct throughout the days of challenging conditions.

## Library

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**Daily Fika (Coffee Break)**

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Guerilla Poetry Whoop**

Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Next meeting: August 11

**E-ldering Conversation Gro** 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: September 6

**Adult Book Group**

Normally third Thursday of the month,



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# CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Please see the town website, [www.capeelizabeth.com](http://www.capeelizabeth.com) for meeting locations

Instructions for joining videoconference meetings listed below will be posted on the town website, [www.capeelizabeth.com](http://www.capeelizabeth.com).

## Wednesday, August 10

Community Services Committee, Community Center, 5:30 p.m.  
 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 7 p.m.  
 Town Council Ordinance Committee, Town Hall, 7 p.m.  
 Riverside Cemetery Committee, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

## Tuesday, August 16

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, August 17

School Board Building Oversight Committee - PUBLIC OUTREACH, 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, August 18

Energy Committee, 7 p.m.

## Monday, August 22

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

## Tuesday, August 23

Board of Zoning Appeals, 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.

## CABLE GUIDE

Subject to change. Please see [cetv.capeelizabeth.org](http://cetv.capeelizabeth.org) for latest program guide and video on demand.

**Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene**

## CETV CHANNEL 1302

Aug. 13, Aug. 14, Aug. 20, Aug. 21 - 9 a.m.

# St. Alban's invites local artists to exhibit in Bonoff Gallery

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Interested artists should contact [art@stalbanmaine.org](mailto:art@stalbanmaine.org) for an exhibitor application.

## SERVICES

### Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)  
747-1113

[www.capenazarene.org](http://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](http://watch.capenazarene.org)

### Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road  
799-8396

[www.ceumc.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hopesopo.com)

[www.facebook.com/hopesopo](http://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](http://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.  
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### St John Paul II Parish

### St Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church

8 Two Lights Road  
207-883-0443

[JP2me@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:JP2me@portlanddiocese.org)

Website: [www.JP2me.org](http://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](http://www.fccucc.org)

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

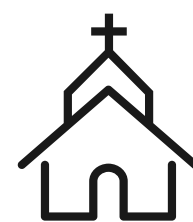
Preschool Child Care: 10:00 a.m.  
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### First Congregational Church of Scarborough

167 Black Point Road, Scarborough  
883-2342

[www.fccscarborough.com](http://www.fccscarborough.com)

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bor. And recordings from several of the town's most wonderful storytellers.

**The long road to Fort Williams home**

It has been a long and winding path to historic society's new home. The historical society's archival collection, currently located at the Public Safety Building, has been closing in on the site's storage capacity limits in recent years.

The path began in May, 2016, when the Town Council initiated its search for a successor to occupy the old Spurwink Schoolhouse that had served, in part, as the children's library of the Thomas Memorial Library. The old schoolhouse where William Widgery Thomas, the library's namesake, had once taught became a vacant structure upon the completion of the new library.

In March, 2018, the Town Council's Spurwink School Reuse Committee completed its search and recommended the historical society as the next occupant. The council agreed. The Spurwink Schoolhouse was to get a new occupant – the Cape Elizabeth History Center offering all of the current programs of the historical society and the addition of a new town museum.

By November 2021, it became clear the plan would not work. The excessive costs of bringing the old schoolhouse to code and removing the asbestos found under the aging carpet meant the plans for the building had to be revisited by the town.

At about the same time, the Fort Williams Commission submitted its updated Fort Williams Park Master Plan to the Town Council. In the plan, the commission called for a section of the park to be set aside as a Cape Community Campus. The section included the two remaining Officers Row buildings.

Jamie Garvin, then council chair, called Jim Rowe, past president and historical society board member, to see if the organization might be interested in occupying the larger of the buildings in the

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Community Campus section, the Bachelor Officers' Quarters.

The answer from the historical society board was a strong affirmative.

**The differing long range vision for the two projects**

The Fort Williams Museum is being launched as a permanent feature in the Bachelor Officers' Quarters. The museum will be open to the hundreds of thousands of park visitors each year, as well as to Cape residents of all ages. The museum will tell the stories of the impact of the military base on the town and region, on the people who served there and their families who lived there.

The committee assembled to design the Fort Williams Museum has already begun its work. An opening date has yet to be determined.

The Cape Elizabeth History Center may have a shorter lifeline at Fort Williams. For now, the Bachelor Officers Quarters will be a welcome and wonderful home for the historical society's work to safely maintain and catalogue town records and its own archival document collection, to digitize and catalogue old photos and artifacts, to help community members with historical town and family research, to organize and present informational programs for the public and the schools, to advocate for historical preservation, and to begin placing artifacts on public display.

In the longer term, the History Center with its focus on town history and with the addition of a full-fledged town museum may eventually seek a home closer to the town center, schools and library.

These two projects envision bringing our town's history vividly to life, to help define our town's character for generations of Cape families and visitors to come. The work begins now.

For information on how to help go to [www.cehistory.org](http://www.cehistory.org).

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There will not be any foraging during the program; rather, it is an educational program to learn about these fascinating organisms. Participants registering at least 48 hours in

advance of the program will ensure they will receive notification of changes or cancellation. Please register through Cape Elizabeth Community Services <http://www.capecommunityservices.org/>. If you have any questions contact The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust 767-6054.

Date: Saturday September 10  
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Location: Robinson Woods Kiosk Shore Road  
Cost: \$10 per person



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# Beach to Beacon is back



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

After not being held in person since 2019, the TD Beach to Beacon 10k is back. Pictured are Cape Elizabeth Public Works employees Jason Emery and Darren Brown placing the mile markers in the ground for this year's race, which occurred a couple of days after this issue went to print. Check out our next issue for more Beach to Beacon coverage.

# Cape Elizabeth Lions Club selects Leadership Team

By Roger Bishop

Recently the Cape Elizabeth Lion Club membership selected their new slate of officers for the 2022-2023 club year. Colette Howe will assume the role as Club President. The other officers are Max Rea, 1st Vice President; James Hewes 2nd Vice President; Liz Huebner and Hannah Richie 3rd Vice President; Mark Fleming Secretary; Richard Brooks CPA Treasurer. Board Members at large are Rich Daniels, Charles Catroppo, Keith Rodda, Carolyn Vetro and Roger Bishop Ex Officio past president

The Lions Club begins its new year on September 6, 2022. The board is in the process of establishing the activities for the upcoming year. The prior year concluded with a super Family Fun Day, which resulted in the largest single revenue event in the Lions Family Fun Day history. Thank you to the citizens of Cape Elizabeth and the town of Cape Elizabeth for supporting this activity. The revenue generated will be distributed to the 14 charities selected by the Cape Elizabeth Club. Future events will include chicken

and spaghetti dinners, food drives for our local food pantries, fund raisers for the club's scholarship funds, continuation of our use of the club house facility for public and private events, our medical equipment loan program and the sale of our custom designed hats. The hats are being sold at the IGA and Fort Williams gift shop. The Lions are always looking for new members to join the organization and assist in providing support to our local nonprofit organizations. If you think you would like to join, drop them a message at lionsclubcedmed@gmail.com.



Contributed photo

Newly elected Cape Elizabeth Lions Club President Colette Howe.

## Lucky Catch

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parking and congestion.

Lucky Catch Cruises offers lobstering excursions daily from the first weekend of May through the last weekend in October departing from their location at Long Wharf in Portland. Some of the different tours include a Portland Head Light Lobstering Cruise, a Seal Watch Lobstering Cruise and a White Head Lobstering Passage Cruise. Special excursions and private charters are also available. In addition to running Lucky Catch Cruises, Martin continues to commercially lobster in the fall and winter. Lucky Catch also operates the

ferry services to Cushing's Island from May through mid-October.

In 2019, Stephanie Mulligan, who worked on Lucky Catch for eight summers, wrote a book called "How to Catch a Keeper." The children's book is about sea life and catching Maine lobsters and is based on her adventures aboard the Lucky Catch. The book is available for purchase on Amazon and in various local shops; for more information, visit: <https://stephmulligan.com/>.

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