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In the Spirit of Community

## CEHS XC looking to make a run this season, expectations high

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Jill Young

The CEHS XC Girls huddle at Gull Crest where CEHS hosted a Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country Preseason two-mile race. The Capers apparently feel no pain in the morning rain, as both teams had a strong showing. MaineHSRunner.com has the girls picked as the likely state champs for this coming season.

The Cross-Country Running Team at Cape Elizabeth High School is already out in the trails, rain or shine. Head Coach Andrew Lupien has been joined by a new assistant coach, Michael Young, who is a history teacher at the high school, and who was previously an assistant coach in the wildly successful Girls' Varsity Soccer program at CEHS.

The Capers hosted a rainy, preseason opening, 2-mile race against South Portland High School at Gull Crest trails re-

cently.

Of the girls' race, Coach Young said, "We had a small but mighty group of girls running this morning. Ellie Mainville, Emma Young and Jane Curtis formed a strong pack up front...leading from the start. Ellie finished strong taking the win, and Jane and Emma were close behind. All three broke 15 minutes. Maddie

-see XC page 4

## Things may look different...

When I moved here 14 years ago with my family from Toronto, I was in awe of this small community paper. Not only was it an incredible source for Cape news but it was also a place to showcase the accolades of its incredible residents, which I have to say still thrills me. Whether it is a high school state championship or an award-winning author, this town never ceases to amaze me with its talent and ingenuity. And The Cape Courier has been delivering these news free of charge for the past 36 years.

We have always been able to accomplish this through advertising sales, a lot of volunteer hours and resident donations. We have definitely seen hard times, for sure. It still amazes me that we survived Covid! But as of late we have been facing challenges again. With several increases in postage fees, a decline in print advertising sales and less donations, we are looking for ways to con-

tinue to bring you your community news without "losing the farm" as they say. One of the ways that we hope to do this is by introducing household flyers to the paper. We will be doing a test run starting in the next issue and look forward to your feedback. We do not want to compromise the integrity of our newspaper but are trying to get creative with spending so that we may continue to serve you for another 36 years.

We will also be increasing our voluntary subscription amount to \$25 and our out of Cape subscriptions to \$30 to keep up with rising postage rates. If you would like to donate to The Cape Courier, please visit us at [www.capecourier.com](http://www.capecourier.com) or mail a check to The Cape Courier, PO Box 2248, South Portland, ME 04116. As always, we appreciate your support.

Tara Simopoulos, Publisher

## News from August 14 Town Council meeting

By Hanna Gilley

### Citizen Comment for Items Not on Agenda

Susan Carey of 178 Ocean House Road shared her concerns over the traffic this past summer coming in and out from Fort Williams. She said "it's hard to see up the hill coming out of the park and some signs obscure people riding bikes." She suggested a parking circle as a possible solution. Chair Gabrielson said that there are designs in the works for a Shore Road rebuild and "one of the hopes is to address this."

### Town Manager's Monthly Report

Town Manager Sturgis shared sad news with the Chamber that on August 1, 2023 John Quartararo, Cape Elizabeth's Finance Director, passed away from cancer. Sturgis said of Quartararo, "he had a colorful personality," that he "filled the room," and this was "definitely a loss for us and the town."

He shared that the sidewalk project in the town is mostly complete with some landscaping left to be finished, and that he's "very proud of all the teams that assisted" with the 25th Beach to Beacon race.

### Updates from the Town Assessor

Clinton Swett, Cape Elizabeth Town Assessor, said of John Quartararo he was a "good guy, great to work with, he'll be missed."

Sweet shared that the town revaluation project is nearing the finish line and that the field work is done. Value change letters will

be mailed out the week of August 21. He shared that if a resident believes that they're "wildly over assessed" that they can contact the office directly.

Tax commitments based on the new mill rate and property values will be sent out in September. Appeals to the revaluation can be made from six months, or 185 days, after the tax commitments are distributed. After discussion with some councilors, Swett clarified that all the details will be explained in the value change letters.

Swett also shared that the Senior Tax Freeze program (LD290) that the state implemented last year, has been completed. Over 1,200 Cape Elizabeth residents have had their applications approved accounting for nearly 25% of the town's population. These applicants will have their taxes frozen for one year, however, the program has been sunsetted by the state legislature and will not be renewed again for following years.

The Property Tax Fairness Credit and State Property Tax Deferral Program are available to alleviate some burden as well as the locally administered Senior Tax Relief program. This program has been enacted for the past five years and issues refunds of up to \$500 for qualified seniors in the community. Applications for the following year will be available in September.

-see TOWN COUNCIL page 14

**SCHOOL BUS**

The start of school is quickly approaching, and the Cape School Transportation Department is busy finalizing this year's bus routes. Although our goal is to maintain existing routes, each year the arrival of new students to our schools requires some adjustments to routes and stops. The buses and drivers are ready for the start of a great new year.

Check out this year's routes at  
<https://www.cape.k12.me.us/page/parent-resources>.

Students should be at the stop closest to their house five minutes before scheduled stop time. Any questions about bus routes should be directed to [mcooke@capeelizabethschools.org](mailto:mcooke@capeelizabethschools.org) or (207) 396-6476.

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## 'Please support the momentum'

Have you heard the good news? The Gull Crest Affordable Housing Feasibility Report commissioned by the town council says that between the transfer station and the Spurwink River there are 22 acres of land where a neighborhood of 78 multiplex homes with private entrance, modest lawns and garages - similar to Cape Colonial Village and what I have been calling Community Housing - can be developed within existing zoning laws. It's wonderful!

I am grateful for the study and the work continues. We have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the housing shortage while respecting zoning, environmental and civil rights law and our values. Please support the momentum by responding to the housing survey supporting housing on Gull Crest within existing law.

Sure, if we rezone Gull Crest, density

could be increased - but raise your hand if you wish to go through another tortuous zone amendment process. Amending the zoning ordinance would take years and is fraught with complication and the opportunity for dissension.

Please respond to the Housing Diversity Study Committee survey and convey your support for developing affordable housing on Gull Crest within existing law. And don't be fooled by dissenters sounding an alarm about "health risks" and "ethics" and the landfill. If Gull Crest is good enough for our Public Works facility and its employees, the Community Gardens, and all the other recreation facilities we enjoy, it's good enough for families to have a place to call home.

**Cynthia Dill**

## Anderson 'will make thoughtful and appropriate decisions'

I write this letter in support of Stephanie Anderson's candidacy for the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. Stephanie and I were contemporaries at the University of Maine. Like most of us, we are attentive and celebrate when our classmates succeed in their chosen professions. Unlike most of us, however, Stephanie's work history is the proverbial "matter of public record." She served as Cumberland

County District Attorney for 28 years (1990-2018), winning seven elections in a variety of political climates. Throughout her tenure, her reputation remained unsullied- testament to the high esteem in which she was held by supporters and adversaries alike. I invite you to research that work history. If you will do that, you will discover a person I truly admire.

Stephanie's attributes as a highly regarded public prosecutor transfer easily to the job of town councilor. Above all, she loves her constituency and embraces the challenge of doing what is best for Cape Elizabeth. Over and over, Stephanie has demonstrated that she is prepared. She is intelligent. She is principled. She is articulate. As she did as DA, I know that Stephanie will carefully assess the issues coming before the Town Council and will make thoughtful and appropriate decisions.

That Stephanie is offering her unique experience, skillset and work ethic to our Town Council presents a remarkable opportunity for our community. Please join me in voting for my friend, Stephanie Anderson, for Town Council on November 7!

**Jim Rowe**

## Correction

In the August 16 issue, Helen Obiri's pace for the Beach to Beacon 10k race was listed as a 5:36/mile, which was the information provided to the Cape Courier at press time. Obiri's official pace was 5:06/mile.

## SBAC announces community forum set for September 20

The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) is excited to announce an upcoming community forum slated for September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. This forum will present the results of the community survey regarding school building needs and priorities. Residents will also have the option to join the meeting online via Zoom. Zoom details will be made available on the town of Cape Elizabeth website, [capeelizabeth.com](http://capeelizabeth.com), as the date approaches.

Cynthia Voltz, SBAC Co-Chair, encourages the public to attend. "The survey is an important step for the committee to ensure all voices in our community are heard. We look forward to sharing the findings from the survey with the public, and continuing to engage the community as we progress through our work. We deeply appreciate the community's participation so far and hope for a great turnout at the forum."

Portland Research Group, who designed and implemented the survey with input from the SBAC, will present their findings to the public. Approximately 20% of residents over the age of 18 responded to the survey and the results will provide valuable data to guide the committee's work. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide public comment.

This forum is the first of several that are planned by the SBAC to engage the community as the committee works to devise a school buildings proposal that satisfies the diverse needs of Cape Elizabeth students, residents and educators.

More details available online here: <https://www.capeelizabeth.com/events/24564/>

### About the Cape Elizabeth School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC)

The SBAC, formed in March 2023, is a joint ad hoc advisory committee of the School Board and the Town Council. Their mission is to develop a strategic, cost-effective plan to address our town's school building needs, following the rejection of a \$116 million school bond referendum in November 2022. Their work is centered on thorough assessment, comprehensive community outreach and creating a plan that serves the needs of students, educators, families and the community.

For additional information or media inquiries, please contact: Christopher Record Superintendent, Cape Elizabeth Schools, [crecord@capeelizabethschools.org](mailto:crecord@capeelizabethschools.org), 207-799-2217.

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# Then and Now: Anybody seen Judge Crater?

By Jim Rowe



Judge Joseph Force Crater

AP photo

Ninety-three years ago, New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Force Crater vanished. His sudden disappearance produced and sustained headlines nationwide. The judge's name even entered the jargon of pop culture. Whenever anyone or anything had not been seen for a while, they were said to have "pulled a Crater."

Transcript of the grand jury investigation into the matter is fascinating. The story has all the elements of a Dashiell Hammett novel. It has a wronged wife, at least one mistress, known crime figures, a burgeoning federal investigation into NYC political corruption, missing valuables and strange behavior. Everything but resolution.

Crater's mistress and a lawyer friend were the last to see him leaving a posh New York City restaurant on August 6, 1930.

Or were they the last?

Enter a Portland Press Herald article dated November 24, 1930. The article relates that Lieutenant L.C. Collins and two restaurant workers named James Billis and Arthur Johnson saw a man strongly resem-

bling Judge Crater's widely distributed photograph. The man was wandering listlessly near the rocks at Fort Williams. Billis even spoke with the man, asking him if he was a new hire working for the Quartermaster, to which the man responded vaguely, "No. Just looking around." To connect this man to Joseph Crater might be a stretch, but not that farfetched, as it turns out. The Craters owned summer property in Belgrade, Maine. Pre-Maine Turnpike Cape Elizabeth wouldn't have been that far off the beaten track between the Big Apple and the Belgrade Lakes. We'll of course never know if the sighting at Fort Williams was in fact the judge. But the remote possibility of a despondent man's fall (or jump) from a Fort Williams cliff into an ebbing tide is no less intriguing than many of the other unproven theories that swirled at the time.

Judge Joseph Force Crater was declared legally dead in absentia on June 6, 1939, and the missing person case was officially closed in 1979.

## July 2023 Cape Elizabeth real estate transfers

NEW OWNER	LOCATION	SALE PRICE	USE
ELIZABETH ANNE WRIGHT	14 HANNAFORD COVE ROAD	\$1,100,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CATHERINE E MACDONALD	6 WATERHOUSE ROAD	\$519,000	SINGLE FAMILY
JACQUELINE M ROUDA	177 OCEAN HOUSE ROAD	\$660,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ANDREW & KARLA HSU	13 BRENTWOOD ROAD	\$765,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CHARLES O & SORINA G STALLA	62 CROSS HILL ROAD	\$1,250,000	SINGLE FAMILY
COOMAU LLC	423 MITCHELL ROAD	\$315,000	SINGLE FAMILY
DANIELLE M & DAVID S DANE JR	5 RAMBLE ROAD	\$725,000	SINGLE FAMILY
91 OLD OCEAN HOUSE ROAD LLC	80 WELLS ROAD	\$329,000	RESIDENTIAL
EVELYN S GURR & BRIAN GURR	38 CRANBROOK DRIVE	\$1,295,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ARINDA L STOKES	7 ROCKY KNOLL ROAD	\$237,300	SINGLE FAMILY
ROBERT A DODD	6 OAKVIEW DRIVE	\$415,000	CONDOMINIUM
MUELLER & HAINES LIVING TRST	10 CRAGMOOR	\$861,900	RESIDENTIAL
MUELLER & HAINES LIVING TRST	12 CRAGMOOR	\$2,453,100	SINGLE FAMILY
GRETCHEN & JOHN NOONAN JR	2 WOODCREST ROAD	\$835,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MICHAELA & DAVID GOODWIN JR	2 CARDINAL LANE	\$2,100,000	SINGLE FAMILY
RYAN F WALKER & EMILY WRIGHT	152 OCEAN HOUSE ROAD	\$524,300	SINGLE FAMILY
RACHAEL K BROWN	63 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$650,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MONTE & JUILLET REVOC TRUST	202 TWO LIGHTS ROAD	\$1,320,000	SINGLE FAMILY
BARBARA I & MICHAEL J GRELA	33 STARBOARD DRIVE	\$399,000	CONDOMINIUM

# Stephanie Anderson for Town Council



Dear Cape Elizabeth Residents,

I am running for town council because I care about **all of the issues** facing us in the future. Among them are three major ones:

**Education:** Providing our children with an excellent education is a moral imperative. We have supported schools that are second to none, despite facilities that need to be addressed. I want to work towards a facilities solution that will be acceptable to the great majority of Cape residents who have never hesitated to invest in our children, maintaining a high standard of excellence for our entire school community.

**Environment & Housing:** In addition to the schools, people move here because of our attractive, friendly neighborhoods and recreational open space. We need to respect the town's character while also addressing the need for more diverse housing opportunities. It's a challenge, and that's why I volunteered to serve on the Housing Diversity Study Committee. I want to make sure that people who already live here and want to stay are able to do so. And I want to provide housing that our seniors, those who work in town, and new families can afford.

**Economy:** We need to have a more vibrant town center. That won't happen if we appear hostile to local business owners who are investing their passion, time and money to serve Cape residents and visitors so well. Let's work together to support small businesses in Cape Elizabeth.

I would appreciate your vote in November, Stephanie Anderson

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# Water balloon complaint, officers find intoxicated male sleeping on front porch

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 8-1 An officer met with a resident of Bowery Beach Road regarding a fraud complaint.
- 8-2 An officer responded to a complaint of subjects throwing water balloons at cars at the corner of Stonegate Road and Mitchell Road.
- 8-4 An officer met with a resident of the Bowery Beach area who had discovered that money had been withdrawn from his account at a bank branch in Pennsylvania. He also notified his bank.
- 8-4 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a possible burglary in progress. They discovered a heavily intoxicated man sleeping on a bench on the front porch. Arrangements were made to transport him to a location in a neighboring community. There was no damage to the residence.
- 8-6 An officer responded to a location in the Shore Road area for illegally parked vehicles.
- 8-6 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding a criminal threatening complaint.
- 8-6 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 8-10 Two officers responded to a location on Route 77 for a domestic disturbance involving two pedestrians. The subjects were located and denied any altercation.
- 8-12 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for an unwanted person inside the residence.
- 8-12 An officer responded to the end of Two Lights Road for a report of a minor motor vehicle accident. The damage was minor and non-reportable. Both parties exchanged information.
- 8-12 Two credit cards found on Shore Road were turned into the police station. The owner could not be reached and the bank asked that the cards be destroyed.
- 8-13 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who turned in a found wallet. A message has been left at the owner's residence informing him the wallet was in police possession.

### SUMMONSES

- 8-2 Brownfield resident, littering, Mitchell Road
- 8-3 Cumberland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$148
- 8-6 Winterport resident, speeding 59/45 zone, Bowery Beach Road, \$128

- 8-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (59/35 zone), Bowery Beach Road, \$230
- 8-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Shore Road, \$85
- 8-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Shore Road, \$85
- 8-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (39/30) zone, Old Ocean House Road, \$114
- 8-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Route 77, \$85
- 8-14 Indianapolis resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Route 77, \$85

### JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 8-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of interim license, Bowery Beach Road, \$385

### ACCIDENTS

- 8-3 David DeKantow, Kenneth Marston, accident on Gallery Boulevard, Scarborough
- 8-5 Emily Cyr, unknown, Shore Road
- 8-9 Colin Wilcox, accident on Old Ocean House Road
- 8-9 Mary Godfrey, accident on Ocean House Road
- 8-12 Gareth Roberts, unknown, accident on Ocean House Road

### ARRESTS

- 8-5 Westbrook resident, violation of conditions of release, domestic violence terrorism
- 8-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, outstanding warrant, Resolution Place

### FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 16; EMS calls: 37

## Judy's Pantry- a community feeding itself

Judy's Pantry operates at the Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3-5 p.m. Prior registration is necessary. Please contact Beth Owens: bethowens1@gmail.com.

# Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

### Disaster Charity Scams

It's hurricane season - along with wildfire and flooding season - and one of the things that often comes with all of the personal losses from a natural disaster are fake charities offering to help. Americans contributed more than \$485 billion to charity in 2021, according to the Giving USA Foundation's annual report on U.S. philanthropy. That generosity can help a devastated family or community start to rebuild but it can also put someone at risk of unknowingly supporting criminal activity instead.

Here are three ways to avoid criminal charity scams. Rather than respond immediately to donation requests, do some research. Look up the charity on sites such as CharityNavigator.org or Charity-Watch.org to make sure that it is legitimate and that much of the funds raised goes to the organization versus overhead. Consider creating a (researched) list of charities you will support in the coming year and stick to the list. If other charities reach out, let them know you've made your giving plan but can consider them for your list the following year. Also consider using a credit card when making your contribution - it's easier to

keep track of it, and if your card is misused, you have more loss protection than with other forms of payment.

### Fraud Watch Scam-Tracking Map

When it comes to fraud, knowledge is indeed power. But how can we spread that knowledge around so more people are empowered to protect themselves? One great way to share what you know is through the AARP Scam-Tracking Map (www.aarp.org/scammap). The map shows scams that people experience every day, and it also includes law enforcement warnings. You can submit scams you've encountered and explore what's being reported in your geography. We're all in this together - let's share what we know so the next target doesn't become the next victim.

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## XC

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McEvoy took 5th overall, improving her time from 2 years ago by 48 seconds. Addie Mazzeo finished right behind Maddie, as our #5 runner on the day. Addison Young kicked it in to finish under 16 minutes. Ella Boyer took 15th place in her first race for CEHS, and Logan Keller took 17th, improving her time from 2 years ago by 2 minutes and 7 seconds."

In the boys' race, CEHS had 11 boys step up to the starting line. Young said the young men ran hard. "Finn Morris and Seb Hesser ran in the lead pack, taking 3rd and 4th place overall. Finn improved his time from 2 years ago by 1 minute and 7 seconds, and Seb improved his by 22 seconds. Ben Gordon, Alex Emery and Aidan Morris formed a strong pack taking 8th, 9th and 10th place respectively. Alex improved his time from 2 years ago by 1 minute and 55 seconds," Young said.

Simon Shyka-Brown, back at CEHS after studying abroad in the spring semester, came in just a few seconds later than Emery, and took 12th overall.

Young said, "Tiger McCormick made his XC debut, finishing 7th on the team and 14th overall. Wyatt Stoughton jumped right into competition, finishing 18th. Our rookies looked strong in their first race, with Quentin Lombard finishing 20th, Javi Angie-Sutherland finishing 23rd, and Toby Noonan finishing 26th."

According to mainehsrunner.com, the expectations, especially for the Girls' XC team, are very high. From the website:

### Notable Returning Runners: (Based on Personal Bests)


- Hadley Mahoney: Grade 12 17:55
- Emma Young: Grade 12 19:03
- Ellie Mainville: Grade 12 21:07
- Addison Young: Grade 10 21:27
- Avery Palmore: Grade 10 21:32
- Jane Curtis: Grade 11 21:52

### 2023 Outlook:

Cape Elizabeth had their season derailed by illnesses just before the state meet. Without multiple contributors, they finished just 6th, a week after a regional title that saw them beat the eventual state champs. You have to imagine that the Capers are even more motivated after that bad luck last year. Mahoney and [Emma] Young arguably make up the best 1-2 duo in the state. Behind them is a great pack of capable runners, including youngsters [Addison] Young and Palmore. Class B will be very close yet again, but Cape Elizabeth is the favorite.

### Quote from Coach Lupien:

"The girls return their entire top 7 from last spring and add rising sophomore Hannah Frothingham. Hadley Mahoney and Emma Young will lead the team. Hannah Frothingham, Ellie Mainville, Jane Curtis, Avery Palmore, Addison Young, Addie Mazzeo and Maddie McEvoy should form a tight and talented pack. We had some tough luck with injuries and illness last year...but if we can stay healthy and motivated, we should have a strong team for states!"




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# News from August 15 Planning Board meeting

By Hanna Gilley

## July 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes Approval

The Planning Board asked for approval of the July 18, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was introduced and without discussion from the board, passed unanimously.

## Carr Woods

Shore Road Development Partners LLC requested final subdivision review and a Resource Protection Permit for Carr Woods, a 16 unit condominium and 1 single family home lot located on Deep Brook Drive.

Bill Garrish from Northeast Civil Solutions, representing co-applicants on the Carr Woods project, updated the board and those present on topics of concern that were raised in the July Planning Board meeting.

These included the concern of damage to trees, particularly those close to the tree protection line, and of the potential for clear cutting. Along with the tree warden Jeff Tarling, he and Garrish had successfully identified trees that were in decline or might suffer damage from construction.

He also addressed concerns regarding Casino Beach and adequate drainage from storm water and additional water flow from the proposed residential sites. Garrish explained that he had met with the Cape Elizabeth Public Works Director who urged Garrish and his partners to “try a little harder” with the proposed drainage design. Although the project design currently meets the ordinance’s standards, the Public Works director wanted “more detention” and to “help lower peak [water] levels more.” This is likely because the runoff volume will increase with the addition of lawns and paved driveways to the site.

Garrish also shared that an additional .55 acres were added to the proposed

open public space.

Members of the public expressed their concerns with the proposed Carr Woods project. These included Richard Blake, who shared concerns with protecting the tree buffer and wildlife between the Sherwood and Oakhurst neighborhoods.

Elise Pratt, an abutter, discussed “blasting” at the project site and asked that their be a condition made to the applicant’s that there be a blasting plan including information for damage claims and a scope of where and how many days blasting would take place.

Katie Blackburn and Hannah White shared similar concerns of Casino Beach, particularly erosion, and the financial capabilities of the applicants.

Derek LaVallee of the Planning Board said that this application is “with some problems” and wants to assume that this project is in good hands, but the “evidence is lacking.”

Board members discussed at length along with the applicants the technical capabilities of the applicants, particularly in infrastructure development. Al Palmer said the board looks at both technician and financial capability but that it “doesn’t appear we have any information demonstrating infrastructure development.” Palmer asked one of the applicants to compile a list of projects they’ve developed and their estimated values to demonstrate this capability.

The board ultimately decided to ask the applicants for their consent to table the motion until the next regular Planning Board meeting in September so that they may have more time to discuss as well as the chance for more public comment. The applicants responded that the request was “fine with us.”

It was introduced to table the motion until the September 19 Planning Board meeting and it was passed unanimously by the board.

# Employees recognized at luncheon

From Town Hall website

Town Manager Matthew Sturgis and town employees gathered at the Town Center Fire Station on Thursday, August 17 for the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon, which was preceded by annual employee training, offers the chance for all departments to recognize and celebrate milestone service anniversaries of all Town employees.

Sturgis first announced 10-year record awards and ended with one, 50-year service record awarded to Edward Hunt, Clerk of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department. Town Council Chair Jeremy Gabrielson attended the awards ceremony and thanked all for their service on behalf of the Town Council.

Below is the complete list of service awards for 2023.

### 50 YEARS:

- o Edward C. Hunt, Clerk, CEPD

### 35 YEARS:

- o Al J. Ward, Department Clerk, Public Works

- o Sgt. Kevin D. Kennedy, Police Officer, CEPD

### 30 YEARS:

- o Rachel Q. Davis, Director of Thomas Memorial Library, Library

### 15 YEARS:

- o Sgt. Rory M. Benjamin, Police Officer, CEPD
- o Joshua M. Dennison, Equipment Operator, Public Works
- o Peter H. Gleeson, Fire Chief, CEPD
- o Aniko S. Varadi, Office Manager, ACP

### 10 YEARS:

- o Community Liaison Officer Darin J. Estes, Police Officer, CEPD
- o Lisa A. Moulton, Crossing Guard, CEPD
- o Benjamin T. McDougal, Code Enforcement Officer, CEPD
- o Officer Eric D. Vanasse, Police Officer, CEPD

# New magazines added to digital subscriptions

Thomas Memorial Library began offering access to a suite of digital magazines through a platform called Flipster in January of this year.

After analyzing usage during the first six months, the library decided to drop some titles and add others.

Library cardholders can now access the current issues—as well as all of the back issues—of the following titles for free:

- Allrecipes
- The Atlantic
- Audubon
- Birds & Blooms
- Booklist Reader
- Consumer Reports
- Consumer Reports Buying Guide
- Consumer Reports on Health

- Crochet World
- Family Handyman
- Harvard Health Letter
- Homebuilding & Renovating
- Interweave Knits
- Kitchens & Bathrooms Quarterly
- The New Yorker
- Taste of Home
- Vanity Fair
- Writer’s Digest

Issues and articles can be downloaded, saved and printed. To access these titles, download the free Flipster app and log in with your library card, or visit the library’s website for desktop access and other options.

The library’s Flipster subscriptions are generously funded by the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation.

# High/low tide chart

Date	High Tide				Low Tide				
	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	
30	Wed	10:58	9.8	11:14	11.4	4:44	-0.9	4:55	-0.4
31	Thu	11:50	10.3			5:36	-1.3	5:50	-0.8
1	Fri	12:08	11.5	12:40	10.7	6:26	-1.4	6:44	-1.1
2	Sat	1:01	11.4	1:29	10.9	7:14	-1.3	7:38	-1.1
3	Sun	1:53	11.0	2:18	10.9	8:02	-1.0	8:31	-0.9
4	Mon	2:46	10.4	3:09	10.6	8:52	-0.4	9:27	-0.5
5	Tue	3:43	9.7	4:03	10.2	9:44	0.2	10:26	-0.1
6	Wed	4:42	9.1	5:00	9.8	10:40	0.9	11:28	0.4
7	Thu	5:44	8.5	6:00	9.4	11:39	1.4		
8	Fri	6:48	8.1	7:03	9.1	12:32	0.8	12:42	1.8
9	Sat	7:53	8.0	8:06	9.1	1:38	1.0	1:48	1.9
10	Sun	8:51	8.1	9:03	9.2	2:40	1.0	2:48	1.8
11	Mon	9:42	8.3	9:52	9.4	3:33	0.8	3:39	1.5
12	Tue	10:27	8.5	10:36	9.5	4:18	0.7	4:23	1.3



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## Portland Head Light tower tours

By Cape Elizabeth Community Services



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Portland Head Light is once again participating in the Annual Maine Open Lighthouse Day, which will take place this year on Saturday, September 9.

Portland Head Light will again participate in the 15th Annual Maine Open Lighthouse Day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9.

As always, the gates to Fort Williams Park will open at sunrise. Beginning at 8:45 a.m., the U.S. Coast Guard will distribute approximately 280 free tickets on a first-come-first-serve basis to those present in line. Tickets include an entrance time to climb the 85 steps up the spiral staircase to the top. The 360° view of the park, islands of Casco Bay and Portland Harbor will be waiting for you. Participants must be at least 48 inches in height.

Sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, Maine Office of Tourism and American Lighthouse Foundation, this event aims to increase awareness of our maritime heritage and the rich history of our lighthouses and lighthouse keepers. Portland Head Light

lighthouse, along with 19 other on and off-shore lighthouses will be open to the public for guided and self-guided tours. For additional information on participating Maine lighthouses and lighthouse attractions, visit [lighthousefoundation.org](http://lighthousefoundation.org).

While waiting to climb the tower at your designated time, enjoy the ninety-acre park offering picnic facilities, walking trails, sports and recreation areas, food trucks, a beach area, a children's garden, historic structures and unlimited ocean views. The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, featuring local and military history exhibits, will also be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is located in the former Bachelor Officers' Quarters at the far end of the Parade Ground.

So get up early and get in line to climb the tower at Portland Head Light on the one day of the year it is open to the public.

## Housing Diversity Study Committee releases survey

The Housing Diversity Study Committee's survey for the residents of Cape Elizabeth is now live. The committee requests the public's participation in this important survey which will play a crucial role in defining the future of Cape Elizabeth in terms of housing, zoning, and the allocation of tax

dollars.

This survey is totally separate from the School Building Advisory Committee survey. To fill out the survey, visit:

<https://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/post/6319/>.

## CESD custodians, maintenance move mountains, again

According to a letter from Cape Elizabeth School Department Superintendent Christopher Record, the custodians and maintenance staff, led by Director David Bagdasarian, were hard at work cleaning Cape schools, often "in very humid conditions," and making the following upgrades:

- \* All schools passed our 3-year AHERA (asbestos) annual re-inspections
- \* Pond Cove Elementary School and Cape Elizabeth Middle School passed the 5-year fire sprinkler test
- \* 8 coats of wax all of the floors
- \* 100+ teacher requests performed

### Pond Cove Elementary School

- \* Window blinds were replaced throughout the school
- \* Painted all the 1st-grade classrooms
- \* New bathroom flooring for multiple staff bathrooms
- \* Built-in interior entrance matting throughout the school
- \* Gardens were weeded and mulched
- \* Several glass replacements on doors
- \* Storm drains jetted

### Cape Elizabeth Middle School

- \* Painted 8th-grade classrooms
- \* New flooring and partitions for 5th-grade bathrooms
- \* Built-in interior entrance matting

added

- \* Storm drains jetted
- \* Masonry repairs
- \* Sheetrock repairs and painting for the new Beacon room on the Lower Level

### Cape Elizabeth High School

- \* Painted the entire gym, including the ceiling
- \* New auditorium carpeting
- \* New ADA walkway, ADA door, and ramp for 2nd-floor access
- \* New bathroom flooring for two bathrooms
- \* A few classrooms painted
- \* New water fountain in the World Language wing

### Pre-Kindergarten- located at Community Services building

- \* Canopy installed over their play ground
- \* A wall was removed to make for a larger classroom space
- \* A bathroom was added to the building
- \* Sinks were plumbed/added to the classroom spaces

Dr. Record said there are additional projects in the queue and they will be completed soon.

## Town receives check for good performance and loss prevention programs

From Town Hall website

Municipal officials are pleased to announce that the Town of Cape Elizabeth has received a \$11,935 dividend check from the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) because of its good performance and loss prevention programs.

The Maine Municipal Association offers three self-funded pools for municipal and quasi-public entities in Maine: The Workers Compensation Fund formed

in 1978, the Property & Casualty Pool formed in 1987, and the Unemployment Compensation Fund formed in 1978.

The programs are overseen by governing boards of elected and appointed municipal officials. At its May meeting, the board approved another dividend distribution. Actual allocation and eligibility are based on the individual member's own loss experience. Michelle Pelletier, Director of Risk Management Services for MMA, said more than 82% of program participants received a dividend this year for their good risk management practices and favorable loss experience.

This year the Workers Compensation Fund has distributed almost \$725,000 in dividends to participants and the Property Casualty Pool has paid dividends of nearly \$600,000, for total payments of just over \$1.3 million returned directly to MMA members.

Maine Municipal Association has been paying dividends since 1997, the two programs have returned over \$27 million to participating members. For more information about any of the MMA Risk Management Services programs, including online training programs and other services, check the offerings on their website at [www.memun.org](http://www.memun.org) and click on the Risk Management Services link, or call 1-800-590-5583.



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# CCAG making plans for Cape ice rink

By Kevin St. Jarre



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Youngsters take part in activities last season at the Cape Ice Rink. CCAG provided more than 150 Cape Elizabeth youth with rink programs last season, and had hockey and skating programs for all ages.

The Cape Community Arena Group is gearing up for another season on the ice. According to Julie Furt, the chairperson of CCAG, the group provided more than 150 Cape Elizabeth youth with Cape Ice Rink programs last season, and had hockey and skating programs for all ages.

“We are planning on repeating our skating and hockey programs, as well as community ‘open skate’ and community-focused events, like RinkFest, for the 2023 to 2024 season. We also plan on adding Pond Hockey tournaments for both children and adults, concessions at Friday night open skates and an opportunity for pictures with Santa on the ice in December,” Furt said.

According to Furt, CCAG has a number of planned amenity improvements, including:

- a second warming hut / changing area
- modular rink dividers
- LED lighting for hockey lines in the ice
- improved viewing areas

The group is also planning on having the first skate in early December, a month earlier than last year.

Of course, none of this is free for CCAG to provide. The total cost for the 2023 to 2024 season is currently estimated at \$250,000. There is some variability in these costs that CCAG are working through, according to Furt. “For example, CCAG paid more than 4 times the electricity costs than the town’s negotiated rates, as we understand it. We have requested from the town to have the rink included in the town’s municipal electric bill, which would greatly reduce our operating costs,” Furt said.

The group is looking to raise at least another \$200,000 this season, but hopes to raise even more in order to progress with design and permitting of the full Cape Community Arena project. “Our current estimate for the full project design and build is \$5 million,” said Furt.

Operational funds will come from a mix of advertising, rink rental and program fees revenue as well as private donations via a rink supporter membership drive and fundraising events, like Rink Fest.

Furt said, “We will also continue to look for ways to reduce the operating costs, like exploring the possibility of taking advantage of the town’s municipal electricity rates” as previously mentioned.

Furt said, “CCAG’s continued end goal is to plan, build and donate a four-season, open-air, multi-purpose covered arena for year-round, multi-generational activities to the town of Cape Elizabeth. We believe that this can be done through private donations and grants. Once built, the facility is capable of operating at break-even or even a small surplus through rental revenue.”

For 2022 to 2023, CCAG and the Cape Elizabeth community were incredibly fortunate to have a single donor who funded the season and provided a rink kit and Zamboni for future seasons. Going forward, CCAG is looking for new sources. “As mentioned, we will be funding the 2023 to 2024 season through alternative donor and revenue activities, along with potential town support. We are looking to repeat the level of accessibility of the rink to the community – over 270 hours of open skate time in the first season – but we will be relying on business sponsors and donations to fund our open skate time,” Furt said.

Businesses interested in purchasing ad space, or sponsoring open skate and being featured on the schedule, can contact [info@capearena.org](mailto:info@capearena.org); those looking to donate can get more information at <https://capearena.org/donations>.

# Courier makes stop at the White House



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Cape Elizabeth residents Michael and Matthew O'Donnell recently visited Washington D.C. and took the Cape Courier to the White House.

## Road paving to begin August 28

From Town Hall website

Road paving will begin on Monday, August 28. The following roadways will be affected:

- Woodland Road
- Woodcrest Road
- Hermit Thrush Road
- Arrow Point Road
- Rocky Knoll Road
- High Bluff Road
- Glendon Road
- Vernon Road

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 799-4151.

## Dean's list announcements

**Kathryne Clay**, daughter of Robyn and David Clay, was named to the Dean's list at Colby College in Waterville for the spring 2023 semester.

**Maeve McQueeney** was named to the Dean's for the spring 2023 semester at Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania.

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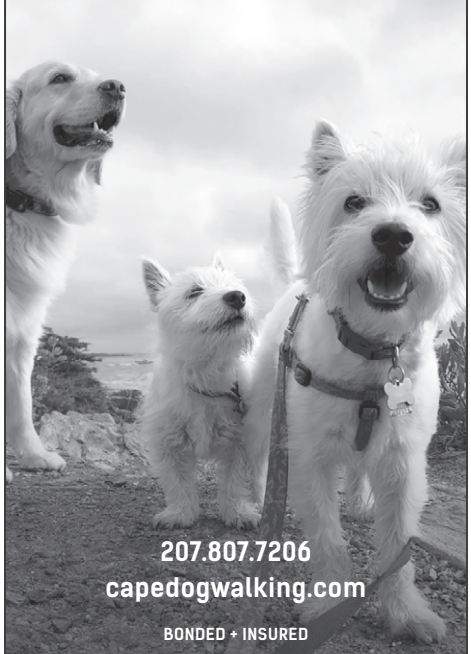
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# Monica Cooke is new Transportation Director

By Kevin St. Jarre



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Monica Cooke is Cape Elizabeth's newest Transportation Director. Cooke has 34 years of experience in the transportation industry, and has worked for the last five years in the Cape Elizabeth school district.

Cape Elizabeth Transportation has a new director, but hers is a familiar face to many. Monica Cooke has taken over the position, and is already incredibly busy.

Some may think that the job entails making a schedule to get children to school, but it goes well beyond that.

Cooke said, "Yes, I make sure that all the students get to school safely and efficiently, but that's only a small part of the day."

Some of the work is as hands-on as training new drivers for Commercial Driver's Licensing, training all Cape's drivers, both regular route and spare drivers, on safety.

Cooke said, "I, along with Ms. Berry, work in the classrooms and on the buses to teach Student Safety. She said she works "with the ever-changing Athletic Department and all their busing needs."

Indeed, the list of responsibilities for the transportation director goes on and on.

Cooke is excited and proud of the team. "We here at Cape Elizabeth Transportation have an amazing group of drivers, both regular route and spare drivers, and are one of the few districts that does not have a driver shortage. We are well-supported by the school and have great parents. Having worked with this group of amazing people for 5 years is the only reason I applied for the Director of Transportation position. They make the job easier, and believe me it's not easy. I have never worked with a more dedicated and fun group."

For 34 years, Cooke has driven a school bus. "I had an uncle who was driving and said to me, after I had my first son, why don't you drive a school bus. I was working [at the time] for one of the largest tourist attractions for the state of Connecticut, promoting and booking group tours, and couldn't imagine leaving my new son in daycare. Connecticut at that time allowed you to bring your non-school age kids with you, and since I like to drive big vehicles

- I'm a closet gearhead - and I really like kids, I thought, 'Why not?' Three days after applying for a job, I had my license and was driving around in circles!"

She said, "After 10 years, I moved with my family to Rangeley, and I thought, 'Okay, you had 10 great years- my sons are older and I will do something else.' Well, the short story is Rangeley's long-time driver was leaving. I had a CDL license, and next thing I knew I was the Director of Transportation in Rangeley, and also driving a regular route. For the next 20 years, there I was, sometimes driving 3 hours each way to sports games, doing all field trips, as well as driving a regular run. I was almost driving 3rd generation students when I left. I still have some of the best relationships with kids who went from the worst of the worst to the best of the best. Never judge a child."

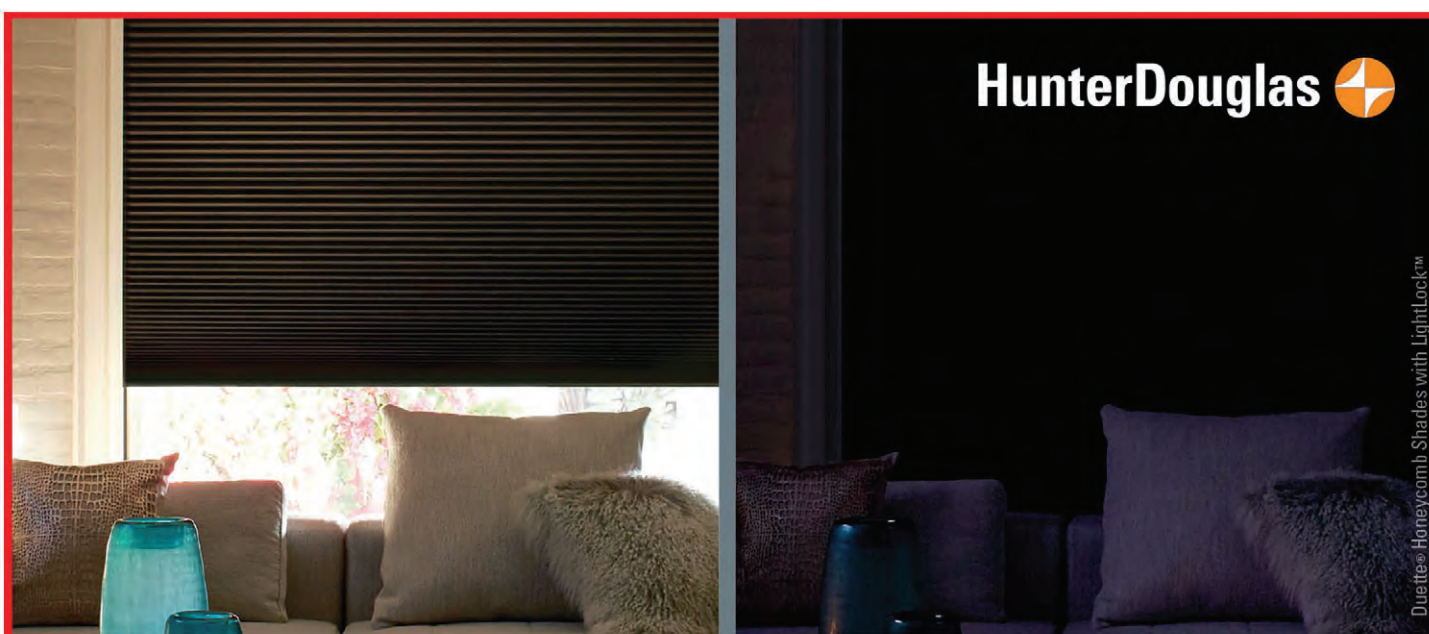
Cooke said as life goes on and things change, she started to realize she was no longer enjoying a job that she had done for years, so she chose to leave and went on a trip. "I went and sat on a beach in Texas for 2 weeks, and thought about what I really wanted to do next. What I soon realized was that what I really wanted to do was just drive kids around in circles. So where and how was I going to do that?"

While maintaining a home in Rangeley, she knew she could live in southern Maine with a winter rental, so she went job hunting on the Serving Schools jobs website. She said, "[T]here was Cape Elizabeth looking for a bus driver. What I knew about Cape Elizabeth was that, for over 20 years, I took the 2nd grade class from Rangeley to the Children's Museum in Portland, then to Crescent Beach and to Kettle Cove for ice cream, before we started our 3-hour bus ride home..." According to Cooke, every time they passed the school entrance on Route 77, the 2nd grade teacher on board the bus, Mrs. St Louis, would point and say, "That's one of the best schools in the state."

Cooke said it was a "no-brainer." She said, "Cape Elizabeth was the closest I could get to a town like Rangeley, in the southern part of the state. The size and the sense of community were a perfect fit for me. It didn't take me long, working with the group of drivers here, to see that they were an amazing and unique group of people. I cannot say enough about the group of drivers that work here. Most of them have been here for years, they work together, get along and are always willing to help each other."

Five years later, she never expected to take on a managerial position again, but, as she pointed out, again life changes "Our last director, Steve Young, who was a long-time Cape Elizabeth driver chose to follow his true passion and became the Chief of the Fire Department. We were so happy for him but then the decision became- do I apply? I knew I had to give up my bus run and what I called 'my kids.' That was truly the hardest part, however the easiest part was the thought of managing the drivers. They are, again, the only reason I choose to apply for the position."

Cooke said there are new advances being made. "This year we are implementing an advanced electronic bus routing system. This system, with its onboard touchscreen tablets, will help us design more efficient bus routes, and enable drivers to better monitor student ridership. Look for more information on the many benefits of this new system in the coming weeks."



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# Cape resident is songwriter and playwright, show to premiere in late September

By Kevin St. Jarre

Hadley Johnson is a resident of Cape Elizabeth, a playwright and songwriter, who happens to be young enough to still be attending Cape Elizabeth High School. Her latest work, "Afterthought," will debut in late-September.

Johnson said that the work is a full-length musical that is predicted to run about 2 hours, with 21 songs. Of the process, she said the earliest days were collaborative, with her friend. " 'Afterthought' began with an idea that Eliza Green - a fellow rising senior at CEHS - had in 2020. We often found ourselves fantasizing about pursuing the arts and going to New York City together to follow our dreams. The main characters, Sam and Rachel, and the opening scene of 'Afterthought' were developed based on our enthusiastic conversations," Johnson said.

She said her hope is that "Afterthought" will reach a wide range of audiences. "The musical's plot tells the story of two childhood friends whose paths diverge before they coincidentally meet again in New York City as young adults. While teenagers and young adults would probably relate the most to the main storyline, the play also addresses struggles of parenting, unrequited love and pursuing dreams, so I think it has something for everyone," she said.

When Johnson and Green began brainstorming the project, they were remarkably young. Johnson said, "When Eliza and I came up with the idea of 'Afterthought' during the summer of 2020, we drafted possible outlines for the show and wrote a couple of snippets of songs that would later become full tracks in the show, like '14'. However, when 9th grade started, the project got pushed to the side like many other unfinished ideas over the years. Then, in March 2021, I felt inspired to revisit the idea. Since then, I have been crafting the book, songs, lyrics and arrangements, with ongoing support from Eliza. The first full draft of the book, as well as vocal and piano parts for each of the songs, were completed around January 1, 2023. Following that milestone, I've been workshopping and revising with the help of the 22-person cast, and arranging the musical for a 9-person pit orchestra. I've consulted an orchestrator throughout my process of arranging the musical and worked with Stephen Price, our set director, on developing set designs and beginning to build."

When asked to describe her style of writing, Johnson said, "I like to write realistic fiction because it allows me to focus on people and their relationships in my work. It is important to me that the characters feel real and are relatable to the audience. In terms of the music, I would describe my style as combining areas of pop songwriting with musical theater."

Johnson said that she's a big fan of Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, who worked on "Dear Evan Hansen, The Greatest Showman," and "La La Land," which are some of her favorite musicals. "I also admire Sara Bareilles and her work on 'Waitress.' I look up to Alex Lacamoire as an orchestrator, best known for 'Hamilton,'" she said.

Johnson explained where she likes to work. She said, "When it comes to musical theater writing, I see script writing and the songwriting as processes that go hand in hand. So, my favorite place to write is at a piano, or somewhere near one, preferably the piano in my living room at home."

For writers, while they usually become fond of their main characters, there is often a secondary character that is a favorite. For

Johnson, this was true as well. She said, "In 'Afterthought,' there is a secondary romance that occurs between the characters Jessie and Christopher. While the main characters Sam and Rachel experience a lot more angst and uncertainty, Jessie and Christopher are there for comedic relief. I particularly enjoyed writing for Jessie, a crazy, confident, fashionable friend and roommate of Sam's."

When asked if someone would cover all expenses for the trip, where in the world would she like to go for two weeks, with the main purpose of finding time and space to write and research, Johnson had an answer ready, "I would love to go to New York City, and stay in an apartment with a grand piano and tall windows. NYC is the central setting in 'Afterthought,' and it would be a great experience to walk around the city streets, as if I were a character from the musical. I would also attend a number of Broadway shows for inspiration, of course."

Just as with perhaps every writer, Johnson feels one of the biggest challenges is finding time to work and create. "I would like to have the ability to stop time. With 'Afterthought,' I have been constantly overwhelmed with the many aspects of writing and putting up the show, while trying to balance things like academics, family, friends and fun. I would really take advantage of the ability to stop the clock, and take my time with my next project."

Johnson added, "I'm so thankful for the way the Cape Elizabeth High School community has embraced this project, and would like to give special thanks to the generous support of donors to the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation. 'Afterthought' will be performed at Cape Elizabeth High School from September 28 through October 1, and I can't wait to share this work with as many people as possible!"

Those wanting to learn more about this show, to purchase tickets and learn more about Johnson as a writer, can go to:

Purchase tickets to "Afterthought": <http://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/75418>

Her YouTube channel to see with videos of her performing original works: <https://youtube.com/@hadleyjohnson3513>

Instagram, look for account: @hadley\_anne13



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## Upcoming CELT events

### Volunteer Day September 9, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join CELT staff and volunteers at the CELT office (330 Ocean House Road) to plant new vegetation near the office building and clean up around the site.

We'll have tools and gloves to share, but certainly bring any you may have. There's parking onsite, across the street in the shopping center, and behind the Town Hall. Free, but please email [ardath@capelandtrust.org](mailto:ardath@capelandtrust.org) or call (207) 767-6054 to let us know you're coming.

Register online at Cape Community Services for the following programs. All participants must register at least 48 hours in advance of the program and will receive notification of changes or cancellation.

### CELT Mushroom Program in Robinson Woods

September 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Join mushroom expert Dan Agro of AgroMyco on this CELT sponsored event about edible and medicinal mushrooms.

Topics for discussion are the best times of the year to find local medicinal and culinary mushrooms, ideal growing environments and what to look for in the forest, safe and thorough species identification and how to preserve and/or cook your mushrooms. There will not be any foraging during the program, rather, it is an educational program to learn about these fascinating organisms. Meet at Robinson Woods Kiosk on Shore Road. Cost: \$10 per person.

Participants registering at least 48 hours in advance of the program will ensure they will receive notification of changes or cancellation.

### CELT's Cross Town Walk

October 7, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person / \$5 per person for Half Walk.

**Full Walk:** Join CELT staff and volunteers for the annual Fall Cross Town Walk traversing both town of Cape Elizabeth and CELT trails from the Portland Head Light to Kettle Cove, highlighting Cape's great places.

This walk offers a unique overview of Cape's diverse ecosystems including Spur-

wink Marsh, Robinson Woods and Great Pond. The full walk takes approximately five and a half hours; a second-half-only option starting at the CELT office takes 3 hours.

Full-day hikers will meet at the Portland Head Light and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to Fort Williams after a picnic at Kettle Cove. Snacks, drinks and lunch should be brought by each participant. Participants should be 12 years or older; please call about younger ages.

**Second Half Option:** If you are interested in the Cross Town Walk but not ready to commit to all 8.2 miles, join CELT at its office (330 Ocean House Road) for a half-distance (~4.5 miles) walk highlighting Cape's great places, including Spurwink Marsh and Great Pond. The walk takes approximately three hours. Hikers will meet at the CELT office in Town Center at 10:30 a.m. and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to the office after a picnic at Kettle Cove. Snacks, drinks and lunch should be brought by each participant.

### In the Thick of It; CELT New England Cottontails program

October 15, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6 per person.

Join Sarah Dudek from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for a 1.5 hour a CELT sponsored walk at Runaway Farm.

Participants will enjoy learning about the state-endangered New England Cottontail, the conservation effort taking place to recover the species here in southern Maine and what you can do to help. Cape Elizabeth is home to the largest known population of New England cottontails in Maine. The cottontails' range has declined by 86% over the past 50 years due to loss of large thicket and young forest habitats.

Come learn about where they live, what other animals also need these thickets and what we are doing to help cottontails rebound in Maine. All proceeds go to CELT. Participants registering at least 48 hours in advance of the program will ensure they will receive notification of changes or cancellation. Meet at the parking lot by the soccer fields at Gull Crest (1 Gull Crest Drive).

## CELT's summer farm coupon matched by Piper Shores



Contributed photo

*Piper Shores is once again matching CELT's summer farm coupon.*

Thanks to the generous support of Piper Shores, your gift to CELT this summer will be matched, and will earn you a \$10 coupon redeemable at participating Cape Elizabeth farms.

The need to support local food sources and celebrate Cape Elizabeth's rich agricultural heritage is now more apparent than ever. CELT's coupon program makes it easy for you to double your impact in the community, supporting both farmers and the conservation of open spaces.

Donate \$35 or more to CELT between now and September 30 to get your \$10 farm coupon redeemable for fresh, locally-grown fruits, vegetables and seafood. Since its inception in 1985, the land trust has supported

farmland conservation, working with farmers to preserve their legacies. CELT currently has easement agreements with the Wm. H. Jordan Farm, Old Farm Christmas Place and Maxwell Farm-Dyer Field that enable these farms to continue to endure for generations.

"Piper Shores is excited to participate in this program again," said Marketing and Life Enrichment Director Andrea Killiard. "We have long been supporters of land conservation in Cape Elizabeth; this program is unique because it supports the sustainability of our local farms and farmers."

To get your Farm Coupon, make your gift at [www.capelandtrust.org](http://www.capelandtrust.org), or call 207-767-6054.

## Garden Club holding flower bulb sale

This fall the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club is again offering fall-planted flower bulbs for sale in order to raise funds to support the club's activities.

The club is offering 10 different flowering bulbs for sale, including daffodils, tulips, alliums and irises as well as some that are a bit more exotic.

The Garden Club has held a similar

sale for the past five years, taking a break in 2022 to regroup and reorganize.

The bulbs are provided from John Scheepers/Van Engelen, a highly regarded company based in Connecticut.

Part of the profits from the sale will be used to conduct Cape Elizabeth Garden Club programs that are held at Thomas Memorial Library and are open to the public. Some of the more popular programs over the past year have been on growing edible mushrooms at home, growing dahlias, growing clematis and how to avoid using peat moss.

Some of the proceeds also go to a scholarship for a graduating Cape Elizabeth High School senior entering an accredited college program in horticulture, environmental studies or a related field. This year that award went to Ander Erickson.

The deadline for ordering bulbs is September 22, but ordering earlier will guard against the bulbs selling out. You can order from any Garden Club member or online at <http://bit.ly/CEbulbs>.



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# Nature scene around town



Photo by Martha Agan

The Least Tern is the world's smallest tern; it weighs in at about the same size as a mockingbird. Its thin yellow bill and yellow legs during breeding season help separate it from similar species.



Photo by Martha Agan

A Great Blue Heron at the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. This heron with its subtle blue-gray plumage often stands motionless as it scans for prey or wades belly deep with long, deliberate steps.

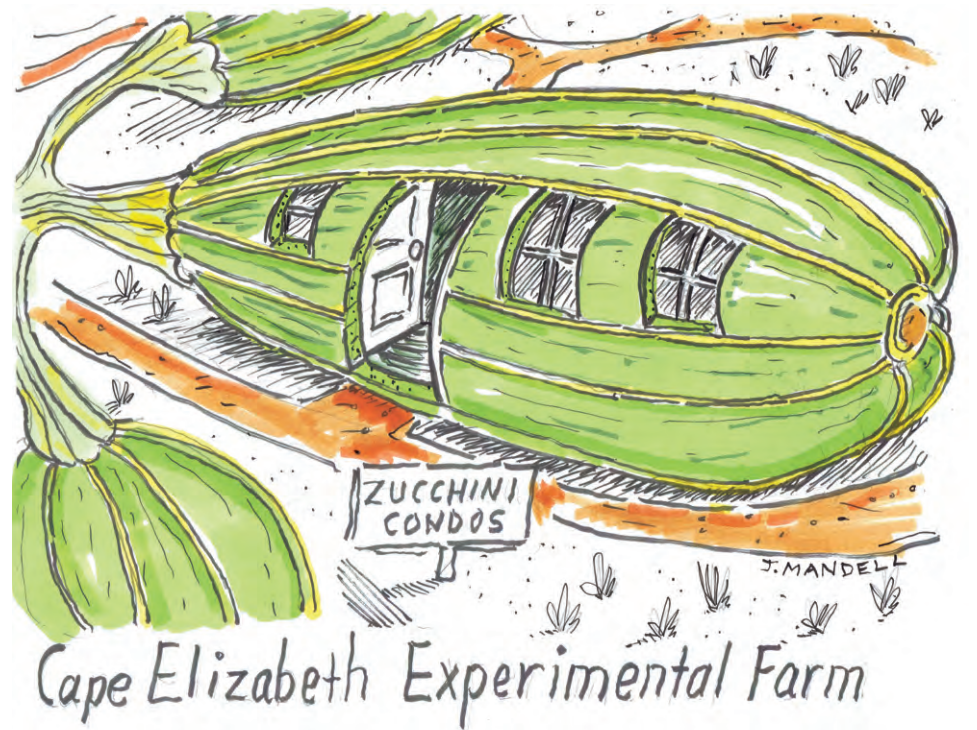


Photo by Martha Agan

While they may move slowly, the Great Blue Heron can strike like lightning to grab a fish or snap up a gopher.

# Capetons: Organic housing

By Jeff Mandell



# New sign installed at Thomas Memorial Library entrance



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A new sign at the entrance to the library's parking lot has been installed. The sign was funded entirely by donated funds, with a significant portion coming from a bequest from the estate of Darthea Libby, as well as from the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation.

The sign was designed to match the look of the recently renovated building and is illuminated at night. The library plans to add landscaping around the sign in the coming weeks.

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[www.showtix4u.com/event-details/75418](http://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/75418)

## Thomas Memorial Library offers ecomaine virtual tour, photographs by John Tiedje on display in Stier Family Gallery

### Photographs by John Tiedje on Display in September

Gorham-based photographer John Tiedje will show a selection of his work in a show entitled "The Landscape Observer." His subject matter features old worn buildings, barns, sculptural shapes in rocks, old wharfs, stumps of trees and winter landscapes.

Tiedje comes to photography from a background as an Art Director for advertising agencies and design shops. He has directed many photo shoots for ads and brochures, and written and produced film shoots for television commercials here in Maine. He graduated from East Carolina University School of Art and Design. His photos have been featured in state and national shows, and he received the Photographer's Forum Best of Photography Award of Excellence in 2016. His show will be on display in the Stier Family Gallery from September 1 - 30.

### New Sign Installed at the Library Entrance

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The sign was designed to match the look of the recently renovated building, and is illuminated at night. The library plans to add landscaping around the sign in the coming weeks. Drew Serbin, owner of Burr Signs, which built and installed the sign, was thrilled to work on

the project, as Drew got his very first library card at Thomas Memorial Library as a child!

### 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>

#### Character of the Month

Stop by the children's room to celebrate a true Porcine Wonder: Mercy Watson.

We'll have fun activities throughout the month of September, like our popular scavenger hunt.

#### 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, or call the children's room for more information.

#### Weekly Programming

##### Messy Minis! Process Art for Curious Kids

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 2-5)

Let your imagination run wild and join us for Messy Minis time in the Community Room. Let's paint, color, cut and paste together to make magic. Each week

we'll have different supplies out for you to be creative with. Some supplies may be limited, so be ready with your flexible and creative muscles. We can't wait to see what you make! For budding artists ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

#### Dress Up and Dance

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 2-5)

Join us for 30 minutes of moving and grooving to our favorite playlist, special dress-up costumes, and everybody's favorite bubble song. For dancing enthusiasts ages 2-5.

#### Play Date at the Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (All ages)

Drop-in playtime session for children and their caregivers. This informal program is a fun and engaging way to explore literacy practices along with social and imaginative play. Through play, young children learn about their world. With this knowledge, they can understand books and stories once they begin to read. The Community Room is open for exploration during this time, with special toys and stations while you visit with friends.

#### Ready for Reading Club

Wednesday, 1:30-2:00 p.m. (Ages 4+)

A special storytime program for children ages 4 and up. Join Miss Martha to enjoy longer stories, fun with music, and a variety of simple early learning games and activities.

#### Tiny Tunes

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 1-3)

This inclusive program is for children who are not quite ready for a traditional story time, but love to have fun with friends. Join us for a movement-based program that's a gentle introduction to the routines, songs, and props we use for storytimes, but without the books. Great for curious, wandering wigglers, ages 1-3, and their caregivers.

#### School-Age Programs

##### Lego Club (Ages 5-12)

First Tuesday of each Month, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Community Room)

Come create with Legos at TML's LEGO Club. The library will provide the Legos; you provide the imagination. Come free build or pick up a challenge card to try something new. Masterpieces will be put on display until the next Lego Club meets. There is no registration for this program; children 10 and under must have an adult present.

##### Open Chess Play for Kids

Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
Conference Room

Learn to play chess or find a friend and play a game during this drop-in time designed for elementary-age children. Boards are provided but we also encourage you to bring your own. Join us for some heated-but very friendly-competition in the very cool Conference Room

-see LIBRARY page 13

## Cape's Town Council at a Crossroads: The Lawsuit Against the Lumbery

Two months ago, most of us first learned about Cape Elizabeth's lawsuit against the Lumbery and its owner, Michael Friedland. Our community rallied in support of Mr. Friedland and his small business, and several questions arose.

In the July 26 issue of the Courier, Cape Neighbors Alliance shared a well-documented timeline that, at minimum, gives the appearance that the lawsuit may have been retaliatory in nature. Per that lawsuit, the Lumbery had been in violation of its site plan for over two years - yet no suit was filed until a few weeks after a letter to the editor authored by Friedland was published in the Courier. That letter questioned whether Cape's town planner was "above reproach," and suggested that she should be replaced.

Given these circumstances, it seems more than prudent to question the timing and motivation of the lawsuit. Frankly, it seems unreasonable and suspicious NOT to question the timing. And it certainly makes sense to review the planning process itself.

It also appears that Cape's Town Councilors, like most Cape citizens, knew nothing about the nearly year old lawsuit until Friedland went public at the end of June. But at this point, the Council owns this issue. They have full authority to bring the lawsuit to an end. And they have the full power - and arguably the responsibility - to investigate its origin.

These facts are clear: No ordinance, town policy, or town plan mandated the lawsuit to be filed, and especially a lawsuit that egregiously threatens to bankrupt a small business. Rather, a real person - or, real people - made a conscious decision to file the lawsuit. And a real person - or, real people - apparently chose to keep the Town Council in the dark.

What path will the Council now take? Will they offer real relief to Mr. Friedland and the Lumbery, drop the lawsuit, and investigate the suit's origin? Or will they circle the wagons and add even more credence to the concerning appearance that certain town leaders - as town employees - are indeed above reproach?

### What is the Cape Neighbors Alliance?

We are a group of Cape citizens who believe that good governance happens when our community is heard, our government's processes are transparent, and personal agendas are set aside. We intend to stand with our neighbors and our community to ensure this vision becomes reality.

# Library

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downstairs in the library this summer.

### Young Writers at TML

The first Thursday of the month at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Are you a young writer looking for a way to practice your craft? Join us at TML for our own budding writers group. Designed for students between the ages of 10-12, this group will focus on exploring the imagination through fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction.

With monthly meetings on the first Thursday afternoons starting on June 1, this program will be full of fun journal prompts and creative group exercises. Email Sasha at skohan@thomas.lib.me.us to sign up.

### TML Teen Writing

Saturdays at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Are you a teen who loves writing? Join us at TML for our very own teen writing group. With weekly drop-in sessions and monthly genre workshops, we'll go over basics like voice, plot, style and form,

with a multitude of writing prompts and the opportunity to give and receive feedback. Come to the downstairs conference room on Saturdays at 2 p.m. starting June 3rd for a rad, rollicking, good writing time. Email Sasha at skohan@thomas.lib.me.us to sign up.

### 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/>.

### India Street: Immigration & Innovation Walk, with Greater Portland Landmarks

Saturday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in person. Meet at Intersection of Congress and India Streets in Portland

This tour through Portland's oldest neighborhood encompasses the full sweep of the city's fascinating history, from busy seaport to railroad and industrial center, to today's dining and tourist destination.

The tour focuses on the heyday of the neighborhood, the mid-19th to early 20th century, when it was home to a diverse population of Irish, Italian and Jewish immigrants and one of the nation's oldest free black communities – all living next to the wharves, train yards and factories that were the city's economic engine. Walk with us through a compact urban neighborhood that has reinvented itself many times over.

### Homes of Portland's Golden Age Walk, with Greater Portland Landmarks

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in person. Meet at Intersection of Spring and High Streets, across the street from the Portland Museum of Art

This tour explores the architecture and history of the Spring Street/State Street neighborhood, a vibrant district adjacent to the Congress Street Arts District. Once considered "the most beautiful neighborhood in Portland," this area was home to many of the city's wealthy and powerful in the 19th century.

The tour includes stories about stately homes and their inhabitants, including Victoria Mansion, Safford House and the present-day Cumberland Club. We'll also discuss how the neighborhood changed with the times, adding duplexes and row houses to meet the needs of an emerging middle and working class, and how it was impacted by urban renewal.

### ecomaine Virtual Tour, with ecomaine & Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in-person and streamed simultaneously via Zoom

Have you ever wondered what happens to your trash and recycling after you throw it in the bin? Come join ecomaine for a "virtual" tour of our Waste-to-Energy and Single-Sort Recycling facilities at Thomas Memorial Library in Cape Elizabeth.

Learn about how ecomaine implements the waste hierarchy in order to sus-

tainably manage over a third of Maine's municipal solid waste and leave with the knowledge to be a more efficient and effective recycler.

This event is for all ages. Please register on the library's website.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

#### Daily Fika (Coffee Break)

ON HIATUS: JULY 29 – SEPTEMBER 6  
Wednesdays-Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Via Zoom

#### Pod Complex: A TML Podcast Listening Club

ON HIATUS IN AUGUST  
First Thursday of the month, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom

#### Songwriting Workshop (with Jud Caswell)

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Next meeting: September 5  
In person at the library

#### Guerilla Poetry Whoop

ON HIATUS IN AUGUST  
Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

#### E-ldering Conversation Group

Wednesdays  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
In person AND via Zoom

#### Adult Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Next meeting: September 21  
August book: "Down The Road A Piece," by John McDonald  
In person at the library and streamed simultaneously via Zoom



Photo by John Tiedje

'Torn Barn' is one of the photographs by John Tiedje on display in the Stier Family Gallery during the month of September.



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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).

## Tuesday, September 5

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

## Wednesday, September 6

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

## Thursday, September 7

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

## Monday, September 11

Town Council, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, September 12

School Board Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 pm  
 Conservation Committee, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Fridays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland. Parking in rear.

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 Mondays and Thursdays when "Open" sign displayed, Fort Williams, in the brick building closest to Shore Road (ring the doorbell).

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 Elizabeth Republican Town Committee, 6-8:30 p.m. first Wednesday of the month, Cape Elizabeth Community Center. Contact: [cercme.com](http://cercme.com) for Cape information.

South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays at 107 Preble Hall, Southern Maine Community College, 2 Fort Road, South Portland. [sp-ce-rotary.org](http://sp-ce-rotary.org).

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

## CETV CHANNEL 1302

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

No CETV listings for Aug. 30 - Sept. 12

## Town Council

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### Status Report - Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee

Kevin Justh, Chair of Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee, asked the council for an extension through the end of the year for their work on the Gull Crest feasibility study. The council agreed to put the item on the agenda for the September meeting.

### Update from the Cape Community Arena Group

Scott Liston of the Cape Community Arena Board presented that he and the board are "close to starting the second season of the Arena" being open."

He shared that the inaugural year had suc-

cesses that included 29 business sponsors, 100 volunteers, 430 hours of ice time with 270 of those hours being open to the public, 70 Arena supervisors, over 140 hours of hockey and 150 Cape Elizabeth youths registered for miscellaneous hockey and rink programs.

Liston and the board want to keep the Arena a "community asset" and do not wish to rent the space out very much. Because of this, he asked the council to consider the town taking care of their monthly electric bill of \$12,000-15,000 so that the board may focus on other fundraising efforts. He shared that the usage did not exceed their estimations but that the drastic increase in electric rates caused the bill to exceed estimations.

Liston shared he wants "residents in town having the first shot at everything" regarding

-see MEETING page 15

# 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. 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 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

## Redeemer Lutheran Church - LCMS

410 Main Street, Gorham  
**839-7100**

[www.RedeemerMaine.org](http://www.RedeemerMaine.org)

1st Saturday of the month 10:00 a.m. with masks  
 Sunday Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Service: 10:15 a.m.  
 Wednesday Vespers: 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday and Wednesday services are in person and streamed on Facebook

## 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 ([stalbanschannel](http://stalbanschannel))  
 Children's Programs 9:30 a.m.  
 Celtic Eventide 5:30 p.m.  
 Room for all

## St Bartholomew Catholic Church of Saint John Paul II Parish

8 Two Lights Road, **207-883-0443**

Website: [www.JP2me.org](http://www.JP2me.org)  
 Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon. and Wed. 8 a.m.  
 Sacrament of Confession: Mon. 8:30-9 a.m.  
 Faith Formation Activities: Please contact us  
 Additional Mass times listed on website

## First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

301 Cottage Road, South Portland  
 799-3361

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. in person and streamed on Facebook & YouTube

## First Congregational Church of Scarborough

167 Black Point Road, Scarborough  
 883-2342

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

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
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**Meeting**

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the use of the Arena, but that if it were to be rented out, that demand would be “through the roof.” He also added that “community support resoundingly exceeded our expectations” and that it’s the board’s long term goal to have an enclosure constructed over the Arena.

**Public Hearing Proposed Amendments to Chapter 7 Dogs**

Animal Control Officer Maxwell and Police Chief Fenton had created a number of recommendations to make the dog ordinance in the community more enforceable. The proposed changes were accepted by the council unanimously.

**Item #105-2023 Consideration of Next Steps Following the Gull Crest Affordability Housing Feasibility Report**

There was robust public and council comment on consideration of next steps for the Gull Crest Affordability Housing Feasibility Report.

Cynthia Dill urged the council not to “refer this to the ad-hoc housing committee” but to the “town manager to determine whether he can take the recommended steps within our current budget of \$100,000.”

Eamon Dundan from the Portland Regional Chamber shared that “the study looked at the physical constraints, but not the financial feasibility to construct affordable housing in Cape at Gull Crest.”

Stephanie Anderson, a member of ad-hoc housing committee, said that “some objections that have been raised unfairly mischaracterize the potential of this site.”

Tim Thompson, shared that a challenge has been finding the land for affordable housing so that “young families can move here.”

Councilor Penny Jordan said she “would love to see workforce housing” but she raised concerns of affordable housing being constructed near a capped landfill, a sewage treatment plant, an active municipal dump and other potential environmental issues.

Councilors Boucher and Noonan shared similar sentiments that the council hold off on any further action until we hear more from the public.

Councilor Penny Jordan motioned to send the issue to a Town Council workshop, adding, “I don’t want to be part of creating a development in an area where there may be health risks.” The council voted unanimously to bring the motion to council workshop in October or November after the public survey regarding affordable housing has finished.

**Item #106-2023 Consider Entering into a Contract with Cumberland County for General Assistance Administrative Services**

Town Manager Sturgis explained to the council that due to personnel changes the town’s contract with Opportunity Alliance, which provided general assistance for the town’s administrative services, has come to an end. Sturgis provided to the council that he arranged to have a similar service agreement with Cumberland County staff. This includes six hours a week of assistance, the same as with Opportunity Alliance.

**Item #107-2023 Affirmation of the Appointment of Finance Director**

Town Manager Sturgis introduced Kristy Bradbury to the Council for confirmation of her new position as Cape Elizabeth Finance Director. He said she’s a “fantastic match with our personnel” and the needs of the community. Previously, she has worked with RHR Smith, an auditing firm in Portland, ten years as deputy Finance Director with the City of South Portland, and also with the towns of Scarborough and Biddeford. Bradbury is also “well-versed” in the new software programming Cape has recently adopted.

Kristy Bradbury introduced herself to the Council and said she was “looking forward to working with the town of Cape Elizabeth.” She also shared that she is “looking for a sense of community” and that Cape is like a second home to her.

**Item #108-2023 Consideration to Refer On-Street Parking Regulations to the Ordinance Committee**

Regarding discussions of on-street parking regulation updates, Chair Gabrielson said that it’s “time for us to take a broader, holistic view of our parking ordinances,” what the “strategies and solutions might be and how we can think more broadly about how we’re dealing with on street parking.” Chair Gabrielson motions to send the issue to the Ordinance Committee for consideration and was approved by the council.

**Item #109-2023 Ratify Award of 2023 BAN to Raymond James**

Council presented a motion to ratify an award of a Bond Anticipation Note for the school construction project to the lowest bidder, Raymond James and Associates. This BAN would have a coupon rate of 5%, a net premium of \$34,903, net interest of 3.754%, and net proceeds of \$1,934,903.

Councilor Boucher shared her opinion that “bonding is a good way of having the people who will be using the product in the end paying for it instead of everyone paying for all right now.” The motion was moved by Councilor Boucher, seconded by Councilor Noonan and was unanimous among the council.

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**Item #110-2023 Municipal Election Warrant - November 7, 2023**

The council discussed the upcoming 2024 ballot citizen initiative regarding residential pesticide use and whether or not to place a summary or the full text language on the ballot.

The Town Clerk recommended providing a summary on the ballot as the full text would increase ballot pages, printing costs and personnel needed to manage the extra ballot pages.

Councilors Noonan and Jordan advocated for a summary to be included provided that there will be plenty of accessibility of the full language for the public to review before the election next November.

Chair Gabrielson provided that whichever way the council decides to present the ballot initiative, “if it passes, there will have to be an education component for the public.”

A motion was approved to include a summary on the ballot with proposed clarifying language as follows: “this ordinance pertains to pesticide use on residential property. The ordinance prohibits the use of certain pesticide on residential property in the town of Cape Elizabeth.”

**Item #111-2023 Maine Municipal Association Annual Ballot**

A draft motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the annual voting ballot to elect the proposed 2024 nominees passed unanimously and without discussion. The nominees are recommended by the Maine Municipal Association nominating committee.

**Item #112-2023 Enter into Executive Session - To Receive from the Town Attorney an Update on the Progress Relating to The Lumbery, 287 Ocean House Road Enforcement Action**

Mike Friedland, one of the owners of The Lumbery shared with the chamber that there’s been an “enormous emotional toll” as a result of the \$4.5 Million dollar lawsuit against him and his business. He said it’s “weighed intensely on myself, my family, my partners and the staff” and has also impacted other area businesses who rely on The Lumbery to make purchase orders. He urged the council to “drop the lawsuit and we’ll work together to come up with a solution that works for everyone.”

Community members Kate Stewart, Diana Doiron, Jennifer Friedland Stora, and Mike Bachman also urged the council to drop the lawsuit, with Bachman saying “nobody wants to move their business to Cape Elizabeth after the optics of what’s happening to Mike [Friedland].”

The council entered Executive Session to receive updates from the Town Attorney regarding the Enforcement Action on The Lumbery.

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# CEHS Class of 1973 donates to Class of 2024 Scholarship Fund



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The Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 1973 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion on August 12 at Spring Point Marina. The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club fund raising Portland Headlight Caps worn by the 50 attendees during the celebration equated to a \$1,000 donation towards the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club 2024 HS Scholarship Fund.

# Harvestfest is back on October 21

By Jennifer Bodenrader, PCPA



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Harvestfest is back for the first time since 2019 and will take place on October 21.

We are excited to announce the first Harvestfest since 2019. Harvestfest is a school community event with games, live music, arts and food that will take place on Saturday, October 21 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is an opportunity for our community to gather and also raise funds to support the students and teachers of Pond Cove Elementary School.

This year we are designing Harvestfest around the handiwork of a very special lady. In digging through the cobwebs of Harvestfest storage, we found boxes of hand cut and sewn felt banners and decorations, some more than 25 feet long. Susan Hancock, mom of Pond Cove's 4th grade teacher Julie Merriman made these beautifully and lovingly crafted items for Harvestfest more than a decade ago. She has since passed away but her Harvestfest decorations have been hung

at every Harvestfest since. This year we have re-created Susan's hand-crafted signage for our Harvestfest t-shirts. We are looking forward hanging her banner again.

Please help us bring back this wonderful event. We are seeking donations of Halloween costumes for our costume exchange. If you have costume(s) to donate, preferably for ages 5 to 10, please email Michelle Boyer at michelleboyer@yahoo.com.

We are also seeking many volunteers to help run the fun. We need extra hands to run games, serve concessions or assist with pre-event activities like baking, or picking up donations. Please sign up as a volunteer using the following link:

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Harvestfest is organized by the Pond Cove School Parents Association (PCPA), a volunteer led non-profit group of parents and guardians that work to enrich, support and enhance the social and learning environment of the students at Pond Cove Elementary School in Cape Elizabeth. Proceeds from Harvestfest fund teacher grants, visiting artists/author programs, field days and other student enriching activities.

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