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In the Spirit of Community

Financing and suitability of affordable housing at Gull Crest site – studied, debated

By Kevin St. Jarre

The town of Cape Elizabeth has an ad-hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee looking into the feasibility of locating affordable housing within the community.

It is not simply a matter of finding the physical room to build something, but also to ascertain whether or not financing can be obtained for a specific site, is the potential site not only suitable but desirable, what other challenges a site might present, and to conduct a survey of community members, and so on.

At the August 28 meeting, with a couple dozen items on the agenda and a stack of information from a variety of sources, the committee continued to develop a clearer picture of what Cape Elizabeth's options are.

During the meeting, both issues of financing affordable housing and the

potential of placing such housing near a capped landfill came up.

Indeed, the first speaker during the public comment period addressed both issues. John Voltz stood and said he had a couple of comments which might be addressed in the committee's final report. Voltz said, "I was hoping that in the final report, you would include a section on housing and affordable housing finance. I think the committee has learned a lot about how housing is financed, and how affordable housing is financed...and I would hope that a final report would educate our citizens about how that works, and what those gaps are, and how they can get closed, and successful and existing types of projects under different sce-

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Two CESD employees among finalists for Maine Lit Awards, 'Sardines' takes the win

By Kevin St. Jarre

Each year, the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance presents Maine Literary Awards in 18 categories. For the 2023 awards, two of the finalists in the category of "Book Award for Young People's Literature" are familiar faces in Cape Elizabeth schools.

Erica Marcus, the mindfulness director for the Cape Elizabeth School Department, penned a book titled "Attention Hijacked: Using Mindfulness to Reclaim Your Brain from Tech," and Sashi Kaufman, a 7th grade teacher at Cape Elizabeth Middle School wrote "Sardines." Kaufman's book went on to win the Maine Literary Award for the category.

The book description for "Attention Hijacked" reads: "Technology surrounds us every day: a phone alarm wakes us up, an electronic calendar tracks assignment deadlines, GPS directs us to the new dentist's office, social media keeps us connected to friends and family, and streaming platforms make sure we're never without something new to binge-watch. Our devices and apps can make life much more convenient and entertaining.

But for years, scientists have warned that

too much screen time may have negative effects on our health. With portable devices and remote learning, it is even more difficult to put down electronics. Being intentional about how and when to unplug can help teens and young adults to protect their physical and mental wellbeing in a world where screens and technology are increasingly becoming necessities rather than just conveniences.

'Attention Hijacked' offers a roadmap for those deciding how they want to deal with technology, exploring the ways technology affects the individual, dispelling common misinformation, and using this knowledge to make personalized decisions. Page Plus links in the book lead to mindfulness and meditation audio clips. Using mindfulness techniques, this book gives readers the power to take charge of their technology use."

Marcus' book is available on Kindle, printed and as an audiobook.

The description for Kaufman's book "Sardines" reads: "In this affecting middle grade debut, perfect for fans of Erin Entrada Kelly

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CEHS senior attends Global Entrepreneurship Program in Singapore

By Kevin St. Jarre



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Cape Elizabeth High School senior Saga Hart, seated second from right, spent weeks in Singapore attending the Council on International Educational Exchange's Global Entrepreneurship Program.

Saga Hart is a senior at Cape Elizabeth High School who spent three weeks this summer in Singapore. She was accepted to a program with CIEE, the Council on International Educational Exchange, (ciee.org) to attend the Global Entrepreneurship Program.

Hart went to learn from Nur Iskandar, an accomplished Singaporean entrepreneur. "We attended a 3-hour long class every day, spanning topics such as the Meta Verse, the Lean Canvas Business Design Model, Marketing and more. Eventually, we used these skills to create our own startups. My group's startup is called Connect2Culture, an app designed for immigrants to connect with each other via chat rooms and host in person gatherings to celebrate and learn more about their cultures. Additionally, prospective immigrants will be able to con-

nect with other people from their country living in the town they plan to immigrate to," Hart said.

She said they chose this because of their passion for social change and connection, and because her partners are second generation Americans.

Hart said, "Other than the fantastic experience learning about business, we had lots of time to explore the city and our surroundings. Singapore is known as a 'cultural mixing pot.' The best place to experience this was the Hawker Centers, which are outdoor food courts located all over the island. In a Hawker, you can find Malaysian, Chinese, Japanese and Indian cuisines- and often even more."

Singapore represents many different belief systems; one can find mosques,

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Grymek 'will do what is right for our town'

We are lucky to have Matt Grymek run for Town Council. He is a man that will do what is right for our town, even if its not in his best interest. Matt's character is old fashioned. He is humble, the hardest working person in the room, does not take things for granted, does his homework and understands

that serving others without getting credit is the highest honor. Please join me by placing your trust in Matt Grymek. Vote Grymek for Cape Elizabeth Town Council.

Jen Bodenrader

Anderson 'works to find common ground for agreement'

Stephanie Anderson is running for CE Town Council. I serve with Stephanie on the Housing Diversity Study Committee. I did not know her prior to this but I think this gives me a unique perspective on how she works.

compromise are key to moving forward and Stephanie is good at that.

She is well prepared for every meeting. She is proactive in researching topics on our meeting agenda in advance, and constantly monitors legislative activity in Augusta that have a direct impact on our committee. She is always working.

I've learned that Stephanie has a deep appreciation of how special and unique our town is.

There is no one more qualified than Stephanie to serve on our town council. We are lucky to have her and I'm going to vote for her. She is the right person for the job.

Curt Kelly

Thompson possesses 'demeanor' and 'character' for the job

I am delighted that Tim Thompson is running for a seat on the Town Council. I served with him on the 2019 Comprehensive Planning Committee, he as our diplomatic and skilled chair. This was no small task. We had nine opinionated, passionate people, so meetings could be contentious. Tim guided us with warmth, humor and even-handed generosity. He made sure everyone spoke and participated in decisions, defused conflict, and somehow had us leave each meeting feeling calm and content with the consensus reached. We produced a 330-page road map for the next 10 years that incorporated input from hundreds of citizens.

our town alone, Tim has served as chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee, Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, St. Bartholomew's Parish Council, and been a member of the School Building Committee and Housing Diversity Subcommittee. He and his wife Nancy founded the Thompson Award that each year recognizes an educator who goes above and beyond in the life of a child.

Tim is someone you want to be around. He's charming, modest and insightful. No wonder he is so well known and respected in town. Current councilors would be so lucky to have this effective colleague at the table as they work through several steep challenges in the coming years. I hope you'll join me in voting for Tim Thompson on November 7.

Sara Lennon

The Cape Courier will publish candidate profiles for residents running for Town Council in the September 27 issue. Candidate profiles for residents running for School Board will appear in the October 11 issue.

2023 Publication Schedule

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10	May 26	June 7	21	Nov 10	Nov 22
11	June 9	June 21	22	Dec 1	Dec 13

Then and Now: Guess I'll just mosey along

By Jim Rowe

I've decided to step back from "Then and Now's."

It should be evident to even a Pond Cove School first grader that I'm not a writer- or even more farfetched, a journalist. For me, offering "Then and Now's" has simply been about sharing a few things from our town's (and my life's) past for your entertainment.

...although there was that one poem...

A while back, a moldering carton beckoned from the dark recesses of a storage shelf up over our garage. The box was labeled "Jimmy's Report Cards" in my mother's tidy, but nearly microscopic cursive.

I soon found myself poring through ancient academic assessments. The oldest were handwritten by teachers whose college degrees were awarded by "normal schools." There were also Iowa Test, PSAT, and SAT scores, along with IQ test results... nothing that would raise many eyebrows at MENSA, but not woefully deficient either.

One non-report-card in the box was a vintage 1970 paper from an English Composition class at the University of Maine. For that assignment, Professor Cook suggested that we "have a couple of beers" before drafting a poem. His presumed hypothesis: "The consumption of fermented hops liberates creativity."

Ever the obedient soldier, I hustled back to the fraternity and downed a pair of Schaefer's (not because of any literary promise I could read on the cans, but because they were cheap). I burped, scurried through an imaginary portal into

the realm of bards, pecked Erato (the Muse of Poetry) on the cheek, and began pounding away on my Royal typewriter (with correctable ribbon).

The result was a rather graphic free verse about a fictitious race riot. A few days later, emblazoned atop my poem in garish red ink was "A+" and an accompanying note: "Mr. Rowe, did you really write this?" I didn't know whether to be flattered or offended. Was Professor Cook implying that I was the world's next Walt Whitman? Or was he fishing for an admission of plagiarism? For the record, the poem was all mine- 100% original. And ever since, I have wondered how good it might have been had I prepped with an entire six-pack!

I've learned a lot about our town in researching many of my "Then and Now" submissions over the past 5-3/4 years. I cannot thank Courier editor Marta Girouard enough for what has been a really, really fun adventure! She has been both generous and flexible in providing "column inches." Hopefully I have not abused her trust or our friendship. I thank the Courier proof-readers for making me better than I am. I especially thank the many Courier subscribers who have mentioned to me how much they've enjoyed the columns. This has been appreciated way more than you can ever know!

I read recently where Pabst Brewing Company has resurrected the long dormant Schaefer label. I will buy a can and raise it to you all. I may even attempt another poem, just for old time's sake. And who knows where that may lead?

Letters to the editor

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Resolution 'nowhere in sight'

For the past month folks have been coming into my store to say how happy they are that the town is working to resolve the issues with the Lumberly. This is a gross exaggeration. The only thing the councilors have done is to pause the fines that should never have been applied in the first place and opened the door for their lawyer to figure out solutions with my lawyer to the mess that their Planning Dept. created. This comes after 3+ years of constantly informing the councilors how their policies, procedures and personnel have been hurting my business.

Meanwhile there is still a very real 4.5 million dollar lawsuit that was filed on 10/22 against myself personally as well as my business, unbeknownst to our town councilors, for no discernable reason. There are no safety issues, parking issues,

set back issues, vehicle circulation issues or pedestrian circulation issues. And there have been no complaints. Yet still unbelievably, and to no one's benefit, the lawsuit remains and the resolution is nowhere in sight. I have wasted gobs of money and time on non-issues and the end is nowhere in sight.

It is time to prioritize reducing financial and emotional burdens on businesses that serve this community and begin to focus on addressing the root issues. These include the processes, procedures and personnel that have created and perpetuated a culture of uncommon sense and bullying. The councilors need to resolve this now because unfortunately my lawyer is not on retainer.

Michael Friedland, Owner- Lumberly

High/low tide chart

Date	High Tide				Low Tide				
	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	
13	Wed	11:06	8.8	11:15	9.6	4:57	0.5	5:03	1.0
14	Thu	11:42	9.0	11:52	9.6	5:32	0.4	5:40	0.8
15	Fri			12:16	9.2	6:04	0.4	6:15	0.7
16	Sat	12:28	9.6	12:47	9.4	6:35	0.4	6:50	0.5
17	Sun	1:02	9.4	1:17	9.5	7:05	0.5	7:24	0.5
18	Mon	1:36	9.2	1:48	9.5	7:37	0.7	8:01	0.4
19	Tue	2:12	9.0	2:22	9.6	8:12	0.9	8:41	0.5
20	Wed	2:52	8.7	3:02	9.5	8:52	1.1	9:26	0.6
21	Thu	3:38	8.4	3:49	9.5	9:37	1.3	10:18	0.7
22	Fri	4:31	8.2	4:43	9.4	10:28	1.5	11:16	0.8
23	Sat	5:31	8.0	5:45	9.5	11:27	1.5		
24	Sun	6:37	8.1	6:53	9.6	12:19	0.7	12:32	1.5
25	Mon	7:45	8.4	8:02	10.0	1:27	0.5	1:40	1.1
26	Tue	8:49	8.9	9:06	10.4	2:32	0.1	2:47	0.6

Stephanie Anderson for Town Council



Dear Cape Elizabeth Residents,

I am running for Town Council, and I want to hear from you. To that end, I have organized neighborhood gatherings and community meetings.

Please join me on **Sunday, September 17th in the Community Center** meeting room any time between 4:00 and 7:00 for an informal conversation about our town and community. This is a drop-in gathering, so you can come any time and stay for 5 minutes or an hour.

Or join me on **Thursday, September 21st at The Hub**, 327 Ocean House Road (right next to CVS) anytime between 4:00 and 6:00.

I am organizing these gatherings to listen. I feel strongly that an elected official's role is to listen to their constituents and set priorities accordingly. I am an open-minded listener and eager to hear what you, the residents of this great town, think about any and all topics. If elected, one of my goals will be to create more opportunities for citizens and councilors to engage in less formal venues, like town hall gatherings.

What are your top priorities for Cape? What do you see as some of our challenges? What suggestions do you have for how the council can better hear from you? Give me a piece of your mind!

Please stop by to share your ideas. I look forward to meeting you.

Stephanie Anderson

News from the superintendent

By Dr. Chris Record

I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful summer full of adventures, relaxation and great family times. My extended family enjoyed (mostly, as maybe you can relate to) a weeklong reunion on Wilton Pond to celebrate my family's arrival in Wilton (Maine) fifty years ago. We also enjoyed touring colleges all over New York with our daughter, and with mixed emotions sent our son abroad to Budapest for the first semester of his junior year. I also had plenty of working time with our central office team to close out the last school year and prepare for the year ahead.

In fact, it is a misunderstanding that school districts shut down for the summer. There is a great deal that happened across our schools. I would like to thank the employees that worked throughout the summer on very important projects to keep our district running smoothly (custodians, maintenance, some bus drivers/mechanics, technology, business office, central office, extended learning staff, coaches and members of the District Leadership Team). Please refer to the last edition to see the list of all of the maintenance projects that occurred over the summer, as we aim to keep our aging schools functioning for our current students and staff. We also have these important projects in the queue this fall:

- ~ Security vestibule at PC/MS (improves our main entrance security)
- ~ LED lighting installed at PC/MS (improves learning environment & reduces electricity cost)
- ~ New intercom for PC/MS (vital for daily communication and safety)

We are thrilled to announce all of the great people that are joining our school community (some joined during the previous school year). In fact, we are pleased that

several live in Cape. I am elated to share that we are nearly fully staffed. As you may have read in other publications or heard on the news, unfortunately most school districts in Maine are facing significant staff shortages. Please know, your continuing support of our schools and our budget matters.

Finally, I would like to share an update of the on-going work of the School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC). Please refer to the town website for more information (<https://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/post/4965/>). The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) consists of nine members. The Committee is a joint ad-hoc advisory committee of the School Board and Town Council, assisting them in their respective responsibilities for development of a school building project and funding which meets the Department of Education guidelines for major capital school construction projects and submit to the town voters. We hold public meetings at Town Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. Public comment at these meetings is encouraged.

This summer, SBAC hired an Owner's Representative to guide our work. We issued a community-wide survey to all citizens regarding the last project and thoughts on a new project (results will be shared in September at a public forum on September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall), and are in the process of hiring a new school design team. SBAC intends to have a project referendum before the Cape voters in November 2024. Stay tuned for opportunities for participation in the process along the way.

In closing, I just want to express my gratitude and deep appreciation for your continuing support of our students and staff. We strive to provide the very best education for our students, as they are the leaders of tomorrow. We all will rely on them to

have the skills and knowledge in order to be ready to collaborate to successfully tackle challenges we cannot even imagine. Have a wonderful September and I hope to see you

at one of our many games and events.

Before we know it, we will be celebrating the graduating class of 2024!

NEW HIRES IN CAPE ELIZABETH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

NAME	LOCATION	ASSIGNMENT/Grade/Subject
Kinney, Susan	Business Office	Payroll Coordinator
Cathcart, Melanie	Facilities	Custodian
Lombardi, Kevin	Facilities	Custodian
Talbot, Jon	Facilities	Maintenance Mechanic
Currier, Colleen	HS	Social Studies
Davison, Emily	HS	World Language
Hadiaris, Adriana	HS	LCSW
Hetrick, Eileen	HS	Admin Asst - Guidance
Meekan, Dan	HS	Special Education Teacher
Morgan, Cynthia	HS	Admin Asst - Main Office/Attendance
Wilson, Thomas	HS	English Teacher
Hoopes, Sarah	HS	ED Tech III/Special Ed
Mullen, Patricia	K-12	ELA/Humanities Strategist
Helis, Jen	K-12	ML Teacher
Plummer, Sarah	MS & HS	Student Pathways Coordinator
Brady, Megan	MS	Ed Tech III - Library / Building
Support		
Bruckner, Allyson	MS	Office Admin Asst
Carusone, Tammy	MS	Music/Chorus
Huntington, Eric	MS	Tech Integrator
Nyanutse, Rebecca	MS	World Language
Scaccia, Lauren	MS	Social Worker
Smith-Franey, Brigid	MS	Gr 8 - Science/Math
Townsend, Audrey	MS	Food Service
Monahan, Robin	PC	Special Education Teacher
Sampson, Deb	PC	Ed Tech/ Special Education
Adour, Emily	PC	Gr 2 Teacher
Alexander, Tracey	PC	Gr 3 Teacher
Bromage, Jackie	PC	.5 Social Worker
Bravo, Nadine	PC	World Language, 0.5 FTE
Capobianco, Christine	PC	Grade 4 Teacher
Charpentier, Erika	PC	Social Worker, 0.5 FTE
Clapper, Patrick	PC	RTI Ed Tech
Clune, Maggie	PC	Grade 2 Teacher
DeMerchant, Jeanna	PC	Ed Tech I Lunch/Recess Support
Gassman, Madison	PC	Teacher-Kindergarten
Hayes, Anna	PC	ED Tech III/Special Ed
Karnes, Tiffany	PC	Administration - Principal
Marsters, Emily	PC	Grade 1 Teacher
Meredith-Pickett, Sydney	PC	RTI Ed Tech
O'Leary, Torri	PC	Grade 1 Teacher
Spinner, Rachel	PC	Administrative Support Main
Office		
Van Orman, Lauren	PC	Kindergarten
Parsons, Jamie	PC	Grade 1 Teacher
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Landlord/tenant dispute, theft of jewelry reported

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 8-20 An officer spoke with a resident regarding a landlord/tenant dispute.
- 8-21 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who wanted to report two incidents of identity theft. Someone had used her personal information to apply for a credit card, and additionally, someone else had applied for a car loan using her personal information.
- 8-21 An officer received a report of an abandoned bike in the area of Cottage Lane and Kenyon Lane. The bike was brought to the police station for safe keeping.
- 8-22 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.
- 8-22 An officer responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 8-22 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area regarding a theft of jewelry.
- 8-23 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area with the Animal control officer to investigate a possible animal cruelty complaint.

- 8-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of fictitious license, Broad Cove Road
- 8-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Ocean House Road, \$85
- 8-18 Portland resident, operating without a license, Sawyer Road
- 8-23 South Berwick resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Route 77, \$85

ARRESTS

- 8-15 South Portland resident, domestic violence, assault, endangering the welfare of a child. Scott Dyer Road
- 8-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, warrant, Starboard Drive

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 8-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, assault
- 8-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of interim license, Scott Dyer Road, \$385

ACCIDENTS

- 8-23 Isabelle Cooper, unknown second party, accident on Starboard Drive

FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 12
EMS calls: 35

SUMMONSES

- 8-15 South Portland resident, endangering the welfare of a child, Scott Dyer Road

New staff orientation



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New staff participating in orientation led by Assistant Superintendent Michelle McClellan. The Cape Elizabeth School Department recently welcomed over 40 new hires.

SBAC forum scheduled for September 20

The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) will host a community forum to present the results of the recent school building survey on September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Residents may also join via Zoom; details will be posted at the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com.

Over 1,600 individuals completed the survey - nearly 22% of Cape Elizabeth's adult population. This robust participation underscores the community's strong interest in the future of our schools.

As a reminder, all survey data is anonymous to protect individual privacy, and a comprehensive report of the results will be posted on the town website prior to the forum.

Update on Selection of New Design Firm

The SBAC received five responses to a Request for Designer Qualifications issued August 14, 2023, and is currently reviewing those submissions. The committee will recommend a firm for final selection which will be voted on by the School Board and Town Council in October.

Once hired, the selected firm will develop multiple options for addressing Cape Elizabeth's school building needs. Those options will be shared with the community in early 2024.

Upcoming Community Forums

The September 20 forum is the first of several forums the SBAC has planned to ensure the public has an opportunity to engage and provide feedback on the project.

Dates and details for all forums will be available on the town website.

A second forum is planned for October to introduce the new design team to the public and provide an opportunity for residents to learn about their approach to the project. Residents will have an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions.

A follow-up community forum with the design team will be held in early

2024 to review the proposed design options. This meeting will focus on how each option addresses the deficits in the school buildings and meets the educational needs of students and staff, as well as financial considerations and feasibility.

The SBAC strongly encourages residents to attend the forums. Community participation is essential in shaping the future of Cape Elizabeth's educational facilities.

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:

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Value-Change revaluation letters are in the mail

Town Assessor Clinton Swett began mailing the value-change letters to all residents beginning September 8. The revaluation report, by address and by owner as of September 6, are available to view online at: <https://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/post/6381/>.



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Charity Hews running for Cape Elizabeth School Board



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Charity Hews has announced her candidacy for School Board.

(Press release) - Charity Hews has formally announced her candidacy for School Board in this November's election. Charity is a mom to a recent Cape High grad and a current Cape student.

Hews has an extensive volunteer history working with children and is passionate about giving back to her community. As a dental hygienist, she volunteered with the American Dental Association Foundation's "Give Kids a Smile" program for 12 years, traveling to schools to teach children about dental health. She was also an educator for Young Dental, where she provided continuing education for dental professionals.

An avid rugby player, coach and referee, Hews helped found the Amoskeag Rugby Club and was a board member for many years. "I am passionate about sports and extracurricular activities," Hews shared. "They play a crucial role in both physical and mental health – both of which are vitally important for students today."

Hews is highly committed to keep-

ing Cape's schools amongst the top in the state academically, and believes that children should attain that high-level education in quality facilities. Open to renovation options, she looks forward to the opportunity to work with the board and School Building Advisory Committee on a solution for Cape's school buildings that will be supported by the community. "A lot of hard work and financial resources went into the previous school building proposal, but in the end, the project was unaffordable."

Hews is encouraged, however, that the newly formed committee is more reflective of Cape's community and includes voices not previously represented; she would like to bring that same diversity of thought to the school board itself. Hews shares: "I'm committed to thoughtfully advocating in support of a school building project that will be palatable to Cape voters and will provide the type of learning environment we all want for Cape's students."

Matt Grymek running for Cape Elizabeth Town Council



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Matt Grymek has announced his candidacy for Town Council.

(Press release) - Matt Grymek has submitted nomination papers and will be running for the Cape Elizabeth Town Council in the election on November 7.

Grymek is running for Town Council to influence positive change and smart growth in Cape Elizabeth. As a father of two young children, he is committed to the long-term success and vibrancy of the community. He is ready to roll up his sleeves and do the work needed to improve our schools, public services, housing diversity, business development, social/economic equity and contribute to a higher quality of life for everyone.

"Cape Elizabeth is my home. I am deeply invested in the future," Grymek said. "I believe that by working hard and proactively addressing the needs of our town, we can ensure that our community is one that we are all proud to call home."

Grymek has lived in Cape Elizabeth since 2018 with his wife Jennifer, daughter Alexandra (10) and son Samuel (5). He is a first-generation Polish American born in New Britain, Connecticut. He studied

History and Secondary Education at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, and spent most of his adult life in Somerville, Massachusetts. When he moved to Cape Elizabeth, Grymek knew he had found his forever home.

Grymek has been endorsed by outgoing Town Councilor Nicole Boucher: "Having witnessed how he handled himself with respect and determination when speaking in front of the council last summer during a highly-charged meeting, I have no doubt that Matt Grymek has the vision and resilience to be an excellent representative for our community."

A trained Chef, Grymek works as the head of Admissions at Cambridge School of Culinary Arts. He is also an ultra-marathon runner, accomplished climber, skier and published outdoor photographer.

"I am excited that Matt Grymek is running for Town Council," said incumbent School Board Member Cindy Voltz. "I have had the pleasure of getting to know Matt and his family through his involvement in our community and our schools, and I have no doubt that his dedication, enthusiasm and forward-thinking will make a significant and positive impact on Cape Elizabeth."

Grymek is excited to engage with residents over the coming months and share his long-term vision for Cape Elizabeth. For more information, please visit www.votemattgrymek.com or email him directly at votemattgrymek@gmail.com.



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Arienne Hurder running for Cape Elizabeth School Board



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Arienne Hurder has announced her candidacy for School Board.

(Press release) - Arienne Hurder has announced her candidacy for School Board. Hurder is a nurse with 17 years of experience, and a mom to two CESD students. She is committed to Cape's youth, to Cape's schools and to Cape's community.

During last year's election, the school building bond was a hot topic. Hurder shared her concern then that the high price tag would likely be rejected by Cape voters, and advocated in support of an alternate process that would lead to more affordable options.

"In that election, nearly 2/3 of voters rejected the proposal that had been passed unanimously by the school board, but we have another opportunity to get this right," she said. If elected, Hurder commits to not attributing the failed referendum to inadequate marketing. "Following the example set by Cape leaders who skillfully navigated the Thomas Memorial Library project, I

will take the voters' clear message to heart, and will advocate in favor of a project our community can afford and one our students will thrive in," she continued.

Hurder also remains highly committed to advocating for every student and their families, including those who feel their voices aren't being represented. She remains committed to promoting the trades through Career and Technical Education, while at the same time giving equal credibility to all options beyond high school. And she remains steadfast in her support for policy, such as Cape's impressive student-teacher ratio, that will keep Cape's schools amongst the top in the state.

Finally, Hurder stresses the importance of representing every voter, regardless of connection to the schools. "We all have a vested interest in the success of our youth and our schools. Your opinion - and your vote - matters."

The Cape Elizabeth Kitchen Tour returns on September 23

After a five-year hiatus, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) is bringing back one of its most popular events - the Cape Elizabeth Kitchen Tour on Saturday, September 23.

Presented by Legacy Properties - Sotheby's International Realty, the tour will run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., allowing attendees time to enjoy the 10 beautiful kitchens throughout Cape Elizabeth. Builders, designers and local professionals will be on-hand to discuss their work and attendees can see the latest ideas in kitchen design, flooring, sustainability and more.

"We're excited to bring back an event that, thanks to the generosity of our homeowners and sponsors, truly showcases and brings together our community. So many volunteers participate and we love to see all the family and friends who make a day out of it," noted Mika Reynolds, Chair of the Kitchen Tour and CEEF Board Member. Best of all, the tour raises funds for CEEF to further its mission of funding innovative projects that fall outside of the school budget

for faculty and students across the Cape Elizabeth School District.

For more information, to purchase tickets or volunteer for the tour, visit ceef.us/kitchen-tour.

Annual public dinner at FCC on September 23

The First Congregational Church of Scarborough will offer its 7th annual public dinner on Saturday, September 23, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 167 Black Point Road in Scarborough.

This year's dinner will be served rain or shine, sit-down, dine-in with an option to take home.

Payment will be cash only. Cost will be \$12 for adults; \$8 for under age 10.

Meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis until food runs out. No tickets, no reservations. The sanctuary

will be used for any waiting lines.

The meal will include spaghetti (with meat sauce or a non-meat sauce), salad, garlic bread, beverages (for dine-in) and homemade cookies. Dine-in will be buffet style.

The take-out meals will be boxed by church members who will adhere to all food handling and sanitary precautions.

The dinner is a fundraiser sponsored by the church's Men's Fellowship. Please join us.



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narios.”

Voltz went on to address town-owned land, and he said he hoped that two letters the committee has received would be included in the final report. One, he said, had to do with the proposed site at Gull Crest. Voltz said that the Gull Crest site would not be a solution. “It looks to me that Gull Crest is not financially feasible, or perhaps uninsurable, and the look of it, as one of the letters put it, putting the poor people near the dump is optics we’ll never avoid. So, if you’re including a section on town-owned land, and you’re

looking at financeability, feasibility and desirability, I hope that you will include those points.”

Voltz also recommended that the committee consider the new census data, as opposed to the older data used as a basis for projections included in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, since actual demographic numbers have “overshot” expectations and projections. He also suggested the committee look at the housing planning in communities such as Kennebunk and Cumberland, because they have “made progress” with affordable housing, and it might be worthwhile to see what they have in their planning documents.

Voltz finished by saying that this is-

sue is not “a one and done,” and that this would require a long-term solution with measurable outcomes and metrics along the way.

Cynthia Dill spoke next, and addressed the idea of building affordable housing on a capped landfill. She invited anyone who “is interested in what it looks like to pair affordable housing with a capped landfill, in a coastal community such as ours, to drive up to Cumberland, and to take a left after the town hall on Drowne Road, and you’ll see a lovely Drowne School project of affordable housing that is right next to, adjacent to, a capped landfill that has a solar array on it, and so, it does happen...it’s worked so well...”

Dill said, “I think we should acknowledge that there is a presumption of safety if you meet environmental and you meet zoning laws. To me there’s no reason to think we know better than the law.” Dill also offered to answer any questions the committee may have about any materials she has shared.

One of those items was an email Dill sent to the committee and others, dated August 22, in which she wrote, in part, “Now that the proximity of the proposed affordable housing on 22 acres of Gull Crest to capped landfill is of interest – I draw your attention to Village Green in Cumberland, a 55 plus community of affordable housing located .1 miles from the capped landfill in that community.”

Her email also read, “If proposed projects comply with all existing zoning and environmental laws, the morality of the location and ‘stigma’ of living there should be left to the residents who choose to live there.”

In an earlier email, this one from Regan St. Pierre, dated August 14 and sent to the Cape Elizabeth Town Council and the Housing Diversity Study Committee, concerns were expressed about the proposed Gull Crest/capped landfill site.

St. Pierre wrote, in part, in her email, “I have worked in affordable housing for 20 years. In my current capacity, I review hundreds of affordable housing deals annually on behalf of investors in LIHTC,” or Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

“This includes a review of environmental conditions. As it relates to the Gull Crest site, I can say quite confidently that I have never seen an affordable housing project collocated with so many environ-

mental concerns: capped landfill, near an active town dump, sewer treatment plant, wetlands, ledge and 100 year floodplain,” she wrote.

St. Pierre went on to list other concerns she had, such as, “There are clearly recognized environmental concerns...including methane and other volatile compounds or contaminants. Further investigation may obligate the town to conduct environmental remediation or mitigation. The site is clearly not suitable for residential development...”

In addition, she wrote in part, that the site “...is not likely to pass [MaineHousing’s] environmental review or the environmental review of any commercial lender...It is questionable if any insurance company would issue a builders risk (construction) or long-term policy for this site given its risk profile...”

St. Pierre wrote, “I would be the first in this town to champion the development of affordable housing. I have been part of nationally recognized and award winning housing development projects. In my opinion, while ‘feasible,’ this project is poorly sited, poorly conceived and lacks not only basic common sense, but basic human decency.”

St. Pierre recommended, “The town could buy one of the town center sites for the cost of the Gull Crest site work, issue an RFP with design and affordability parameters, get reimbursed for all if not most of its costs, and encourage the development of something suitable for human conditions.”


St. Pierre’s email concluded with, “The Gull Crest site is at best a distraction from real progress on this issue and at worst a potential liability for the town. We can do better.”

St. Pierre’s email of April 14 appears to have gone to the Town Council a few days too late to prevent a vote to fund a feasibility study of the Gull Crest site, but the Housing Diversity Study Committee had voted against recommending further study of the Gull Crest site when Town Councilor Timothy Reiniger, at the April 10 Town Council meeting, recommended funding just such a study of using the Gull Crest site for affordable housing. The Town Council approved up to \$100,000 for the study.

After input from the community expressing concerns about spending the money, and reemphasizing the problems with feasible financing for affordable housing at the site, Town Councilor Nicole Boucher made a motion at the May 8 Town Council meeting, to reconsider the funding. However; the study, by Sebago Technics, was already underway.

On August 7, in an email to the Housing Diversity Study Committee, Cynthia Dill wrote, “In connection with Agenda Item 5(f) for tonight’s meeting, ‘Gull Crest funding opinion from MaineHousing discussion,’ I direct your attention to the discussion with John Egan from the Genesis Fund that specifically address the financial feasibility of developing housing on Gull Crest. As you know, MaineHousing hired Genesis Fund for the specific purpose of providing this information.”

Dill provided a link to an interview with Egan, and she wrote, “I hope you extend the professional courtesy to Mr. Egan by at least hearing what he has said about this topic before you delay your work further and have him answer a question that’s already been answered. In sum, there are multiple programs available for financing housing on Gull Crest.”





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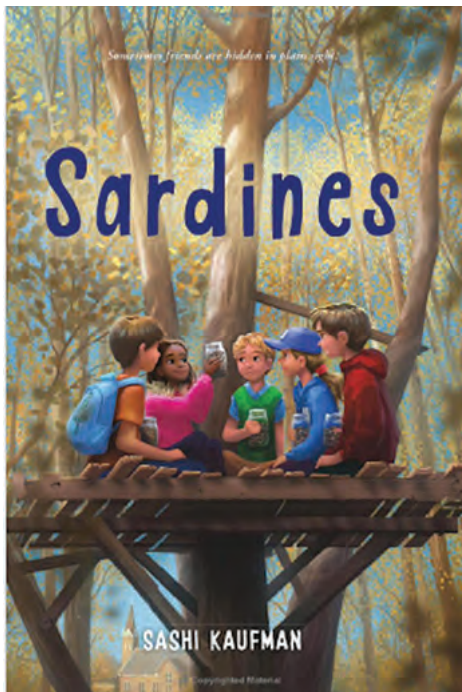
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and Lynda Mullaly Hunt, a boy finds unexpected friendship in a motley group of kids following a devastating loss.

Nothing's been the same since Lucas's older brother died. After the accident, Lucas's mom disappeared without any warning, and his dad is struggling to cope. Lucas is pretty much alone—except for the other kids he meets at his middle school's aftercare program.

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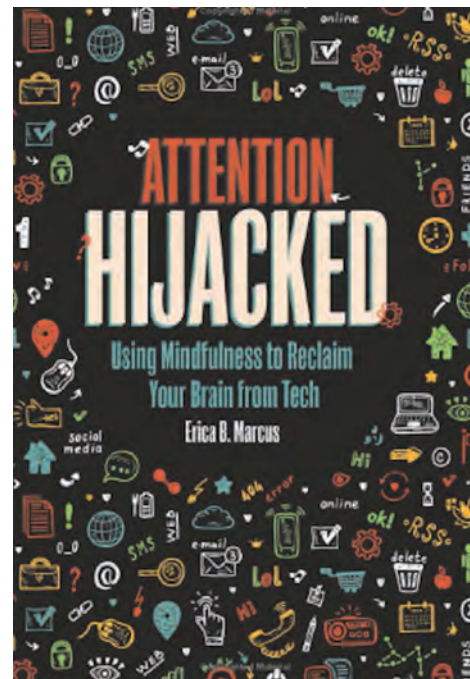
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"Sardines" by Sashi Kaufman won the 2023 Maine Literary Award for Young People's Literature. The book is about "a boy finds unexpected friendship in a motley group of kids following a devastating loss." Kaufman teaches 7th grade at CEMS.

Sardines, a reverse hide-and-seek, the kids realize that each group member has a secret wish. If they work together, the group might be able to help make each person's dream come true. But for that to happen, Lucas will have to find the strength to trust his new friends with his family's secrets."

"Sardines" is also available for Kindle, in print and as an audiobook.

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"Attention Hijacked," by Erica Marcus, the mindfulness director for the Cape Elizabeth School Department, was a finalist for the 2023 Maine Literary Award for Young People's Literature. The book offers a roadmap for those deciding how young people want to deal with technology, exploring the ways technology affects the individual, dispelling common misinformation and using this knowledge to make personalized decisions.

Capetoon: Sneezin' season

By Jeff Mandell



Safe Child Policy at Thomas Memorial Library

Cape Elizabeth residents who have young students in the school system recently received, via email, the Safe Child Policy from the Thomas Memorial Library. The document explains use of the library after school by unaccompanied children.

The policy, adopted on July 21, 2021, requires that children 10 and under must be accompanied in the library by a parent or guardian at least 16 years of age at all times.

Children 11 and 12 years old may use the library unattended for brief periods of time, not exceeding one hour, provided they

demonstrate purposeful intent to use library resources and that their behavior is not disruptive to other patrons or library staff.

Teens 13 and up are welcome to use library resources on their own, again, so long as they are engaged in activities associated with the use of a public library.

Please also note that the library parking lot is not a location for school drop-off and pick-up, as it presents safety hazards. For more information, visit ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

CHARITY HEWS FOR SCHOOL BOARD



Dear Cape Residents,

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- Advocate for ALL students and their families
- Promote ALL pathways beyond high school equally
- Foster greater collaboration with the community

I would appreciate your vote on November 7th!

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Scoping out the scene



Photo by Sarah Beard Buckley

Sarah Beard Buckley captured a photo of this bald eagle perched in one of her two 65-foot Spruce trees. This is the second bald eagle she's seen in about 15 years in this location.

Upcoming Cape Elizabeth Land Trust programs

CELT Mushroom Program in Robinson Woods

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

Cost: \$10 per person.

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.

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 Spurwink 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 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).

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Nature scene around town



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Long toes of a Great Egret.

A deer at Charles E Jordan Road. In other deer-related news, there are reports of a 'purple' deer having been spotted around town.

September naturalist's corner

By Erika Carlson Rhile
CELT Education Committee Chair

September 23

Autumnal Equinox, as of 2:49 a.m. Happy Fall! The sun shines directly on the equator and there are nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. It's the vernal/spring equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.

September 29

Full Harvest Moon - The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox. Unlike other full moons, this full moon rises at nearly the same time—around sunset—for several evenings in a row, giving farmers several extra evenings of moonlight and allowing them to finish their harvests before the frosts of fall arrive. Peak illumination of this full moon will be at 5:58 a.m.

Dragonflies and damselflies can be found hunting over fields and wetlands. They are important predators of mosquitoes, and attack their prey while flying. Dragonflies are stout-bodied, and they land with their wings out flat. Damselflies have long, slender abdomens, eyes on the sides of their heads and they usually sit with their wings together over their backs. Maine has 158 species of damselflies and dragonflies.

Have you noticed all the turkey poults? Not so small anymore, since most are almost ¾ the size of mom, but they tend to travel in large packs with hens.

Fall is usually a mushroom hunter's bounty. When puffballs are creamy white, they are edible and delicious. Once they start to brown, they're more fun to stomp on. Keep your eyes out for the sulfur shelf mushroom. Otherwise known as "chicken of the woods," these are a beautiful bright orange. Want to learn more about identifying fungi? Sign up for the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Mushroom walk on September 16.



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Thomas Memorial Library offers programs on collecting rocks and minerals, New England's big trees

Character of the Month

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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.

Special Events

Sewing Adventure: Stuff & Doll Accessories (ages 8-14)

Saturday, September 16, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Library Conference Room

For ages 8-14. Accessorize your favorite stuffy or doll with a backpack or a beret + more!

In this workshop sewists will bring a favorite stuffy or doll to the workshop, and use fabrics, embroidery, applique, and simple patterning skills to make accessories for our favorite stuffies and dolls. Choose to make a backpack or beret or design your own accessory. Beginning sewists welcome.

No prior experience necessary but complete beginners must be accompanied by their adult to work one on one in learning basic skills of threading a needle and tying a knot for their first few

meetings. All materials provided. Registration required, sign up on our website.

Cupcake with a Cop!

Friday, September 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library's Community Room

Kids ages 5-9 and their families are invited to join members of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department at the Thomas Memorial Library on Friday, September 22 at 1:30pm for "Cupcake with a Cop!" In addition to enjoying cupcakes, officers will read stories and work on craft projects with children and their parents. Please register on the library's website or by calling 799-1720 x 287.

Weekly Programs

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 enthusi-

asts ages 2-5.

Play Date at the Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Ages 0-5)

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 pm (Ages 4+)

A special storytime program for children ages 4 and up. Join us for 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.

Traditional Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 3+)

Join us in the Community Room for songs and stories, bubbles, and Belinda the Bear. Geared toward ages 3-5 or anyone who enjoys listening to a solid two stories.

School-Age Programs

D&D Social (Ages 11-13) NEW!

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

September 21

Looking for an adventure? Travel no further as your next journey awaits within the D&D Enthusiasts Club at the library! A group for Dungeons & Dragons players and enthusiasts ages 11 - 13. Meet other local players interested in this awesome role playing game: share experiences, inspire and encourage each other. Note: this is not a campaign, just a time to socialize and plan your own sessions with new friends. There is no registration for this program; children 10 and under must have an adult present.

Lego Club (Ages 5-12)

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

September 5

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

-see LIBRARY page 13

THOUGHTS ON CAPE'S SCHOOL BUILDING SURVEY

One of our Cape Neighbors is a long-time Cape resident and registered Democrat who votes in most elections. Also a research analyst, this person asked two questions we cannot answer: "How much is Cape going to spend to learn that we cannot afford new schools?" and "How much would it cost to renovate the ones we have?"

The inference is shared by many. A million here and a million there... What else could we be spending that money on?

In 2022, Cape voters overwhelmingly rejected a \$115.9 million bond proposal to build two new schools and to renovate a third. Though the referendum failed, just short of a million dollars was spent on the process. It is important to note that by keeping their spending just under a million dollars, the expenditure did not have to be approved by Cape's voters.

In 2023, Cape voters approved the School Budget by a vote of 55% to 45%. Yet 49.9% of votes were cast for "Too High" when asked about the size of the budget compared with less than 15% of votes cast for "Too Low." And while the budget is in-fact a separate issue, there's a clear message here for anyone willing to listen: a sizable number of people who regularly vote in favor of the school budget also think we're spending too much.

A whopping 98% of Cape's revenues are derived from residential property taxes. And while the town's "one town concept" makes the exact number difficult to ascertain, we also know that the school budget represents most of Cape's expenditures – somewhere in the 70-80% range. No one believes we should skimp on education funding, but given this heavy burden on homeowners, we desperately need to stop spending huge sums of town funds on unrealistic proposals.

Indeed there is little, if any, virtue in spending vast town funds and resources chasing visions that Cape's residents simply cannot afford and will not approve. No survey is needed to understand this. We encourage each member of the School Board, the Town Council, and the School Building Advisory Committee to not only consider this reality, but to keep a truly open mind toward all proposals - including renovation options – as we move forward.

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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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.

Young Writers at TML (Ages 11-13)

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

September 7

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 1st, this program will be full of fun journal prompts and creative group exercises. Register on our website.

Kid's Open Chess (Ages 8+)

Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

(Conference Room)

For ages 8+. Find a friend and play a game during this drop-in time designed for elementary-age children who wish to practice their chess skills. Boards are provided but we also encourage you to bring your own. There is no registration for this program; children 10 and under must have an adult present.

#LibrarySquad (Ages 11-13)

First Friday of each Month, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Library Squad is a community of library-loving middle schoolers that meets monthly, and whose opinions, ideas, and help form the foundation of our programming. Library Squad meets after school on the first Friday of each month from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. at the library.

Book Club: Grades 5 & 6

First Monday of each Month, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Starts October 2

October 2: Bring your own book! We discuss whatever we are currently reading and vote on our November book selection. Register on our website.

Book Club: Grades 7 & 8

Last Monday of each Month, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

September 25: Bring your own book! We discuss whatever we are currently reading and vote on our November book selection. Register on our website.

For Teens

TML Teen Writing Group

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. Register on our website.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

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

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 sustainably 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.

Big Trees of Northern New Eng-

land, with Kevin Martin

Thursday, September 21, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in-person and streamed simultaneously via Zoom

Kevin Martin is a wooden boat builder and the author of a new field guide to New England's big trees. He will share stories of big trees around the region, along with information about the history, management, and caretaking of these impressive living parts of our landscape. From old growth pine and hemlock forests, to a horse chestnut in Portsmouth that was planted by a signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776! Please register on the library's website.

Eastern Cemetery Tour, with Spirits Alive

Saturday, September 23, TIME TBD

In-person: Meet at Eastern Cemetery on Congress Street in Portland

Volunteers from Spirits Alive, a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of the Eastern Cemetery, will take us through the oldest historic landscape in Portland. Established in 1668, the cemetery is home to around 4,000 interred. We'll learn about the history and significance of this fascinating landmark. Please visit our website to confirm the time, and to register.

Collecting Rocks & Minerals, with Roland Charles from the Maine Mineralogical and Geological Society

Saturday, September 23, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., in-person

Fall is a beautiful season in Maine and a great time to go rockhounding. Do you have a rock collection, or want to start one? Roland Charles from the Maine Mineralogical and Geological Society will talk about the geology of Maine, the types of rocks and minerals you can find, where to find them, and how to go about collecting them responsibly.

This program is for adults, families and kids. Feel free to bring along rock specimens you wish to identify. Registration is

not required, but feel free to register on our website if you would like to receive a reminder about the program.

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Daily Fika (Coffee Break)

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

Via Zoom

Pod Complex: A TML Podcast Listening Club

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.

In person

Big Little Lit: Children's Books for Grown-ups

Third Wednesday of the month, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting: September 20

Book: "What I Saw and How I Lied," by Judy Blundell

Guerilla Poetry Whoop

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



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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

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

Monday, September 11

Town Council, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

Community Services Committee, Community Center, 5:30 p.m.
 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 p.m.
 Town Council Ordinance Committee, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

School Building Advisory Committee, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 18

Housing Diversity Study Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
 Riverside Cemetery Committee, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, September 20

School Building Advisory Committee - PUBLIC FORUM, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

Fort Williams Park Committee, 6 p.m.
 School Building Advisory Committee, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Energy Committee, Jordan Conference

Room, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, September 25

Housing Diversity Study Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26

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

SERVICES

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)
747-1113
www.capenazarene.org
 Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.
 Services streamed live or on demand: watch.capenazarene.org

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road
799-8396
www.ceumc.org
 Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
 In-person Sunday services 10 a.m. 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
 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School for children: 10:00 a.m.
 Services streamed live on Facebook
 Potluck dinner every third Sunday

Congregation Bet Ha'am

81 Westbrook St., South Portland
879-0028
www.bethaam.org
 Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
 Family Shabbat Services: Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Hope Community Church

879 Sawyer Street South Portland
799-4565
www.hopesopo.com
www.facebook.com/hopesopo
 Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.
 Kid's Church for ages 4 through grade 5

Service videos available on our website

Promised Land World Reach Center

536 Cottage Road, South Portland
799-3152
 Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
 Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Sermon recordings available to download

Redeemer Lutheran Church - LCMS

410 Main Street, Gorham
839-7100
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
 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)
 Children's Programs 9:30 a.m.
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St Bartholomew Catholic Church of Saint John Paul II Parish

8 Two Lights Road, **207-883-0334**
 Website: 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.
 Additional Mass times in Scarborough & South Portland listed on website

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

301 Cottage Road, South Portland
 799-3361
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
 Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School & Nursery Care

CABLE GUIDE

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

- Housing Diversity Study Committee Sept. 18 - 6:30 p.m.
- Housing Diversity Study Committee Sept. 25 - 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Board Sept. 19 - 7 p.m.

CETV CHANNEL 1302

- School Building Advisory Committee Sept. 14 - 6:30 p.m.
- School Building Advisory Committee Sept. 21 - 6:30 p.m.
- School Building Advisory Committee PUBLIC FORUM Sept. 20 - 6:30 p.m.



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Gull Crest

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HDSC Member Victoria Volent, in an email also dated August 7, wrote to a committee support staff member, cc'ing others including the committee, saying that, "Based on the proposed site location, by a 5-2 vote, the HDSC would like to know if MaineHousing and John Egan consider [the Gull Crest site] an appropriate site for funding through MaineHousing's development programs; do they anticipate any concerns by investors with the site location? As funding is an important component of feasibility, receiving MaineHousing and John Egan's perspective is appreciated."

The minutes from the August 7 HDSC meeting read, "The committee requested with a 5-2 vote, that [the staff member] reach out to Maine Housing and John Egan (sic) to review the Gull Crest feasibility report."

The two members of the Housing Diversity Study Committee who voted against having Egan review the study on the Gull Crest site were Timothy Thompson and Stephanie Anderson.

In an email response dated August 18, Egan began by writing, "I have reviewed the Sebago report - very thorough... That firm does very good work and I can see that their team spent a lot of time on developing pros and cons on the 4 different development schemes" for Gull Crest.

Egan also wrote, "I can't get around the HARD reality of developing affordable housing next to and surrounding a landfill. Regardless of mitigations on water and air quality, and visual screening, the market perception will be forever - 'the lower income people over near the dump.'"

Egan also wrote about being recorded.

"Again, my initial comments on a recorded conversation from a local resident were in a contextual vacuum of surrounding site characteristics. I had no idea this was the municipal site identified."

The Cape Elizabeth Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee is next scheduled to meet on September 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall.

Abroad

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temples, churches and more just by walking block to block, according to Hart. "It's an urban paradise, absolutely like being on another planet. My favorite thing to do was sit on the top of the double decker buses and ride around the city, staring at the skyscrapers covered in greenery," she said.

"Malls are a lifestyle in Singapore. The three to ten floors are always packed with stores, food, activities and life. They're one of the best ways to experience the culture of the city, and do some shopping on the side. My favorite thing to do in the afternoon was grab a pork bun and a boba for about \$3 Singaporean, around \$2.50USD," Hart said.

Hart was also grateful for the help she received to get her there. She said, "I

couldn't have asked for a better experience, and sincerely thank everyone who donated to my GoFundMe to go on this trip."

She said she learned so much about the culture of Singapore, as well as lessons on independence and how to be a good business woman. Hart said, "I made friends that will last a lifetime in my class of 12 kids, from all over the U.S. I now have connections all over, not just in Singapore, but also in New York, Texas, Florida, California and more."



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Arienne Hurder for School Board

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My goals and priorities as a member of the school board include:

- Ensuring that every Cape student is afforded the high quality education Cape's schools are known for.
- Participating in budget discussions for the school building renovation/rebuild project. Ensuring all Cape citizens feel represented in that conversation.
- Making parent/teacher communication a priority. Encouraging transparency and collaboration in support of students' needs.
- Making students and parents aware of all post high school paths. Discussing options beyond 4 year colleges, such as trade schools and military.
- Bringing more awareness to the issue of bullying. Ensuring that every student in the district feels safe when they come to school.
- Encouraging an ongoing dialogue around curriculum and teaching methods to ensure Cape's students benefit from the highest quality education possible.

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School Resource Officer David Galvan along with Principal John Springer and Assistant Principal Nate Carpenter greet Cape Elizabeth High School students as they enter through the doors on their first day back.

Tim Thompson for Town Council

I believe many problems seem insurmountable, but when calmer heads prevail we all benefit and our problems can be solved. We will find that much more unites than divides us if we work toward solutions that are affordable and widely supported by Cape residents.

Goals:

- Bring our community together to solve problems and find solutions through a process of cooperation, consensus building and compromise.
- Ensure a strong education system, the foundation of our community and source of great pride
- Strengthen small businesses with both ordinances and attitudes that encourage their success.
- Assist our lobstermen and fishermen by completing the commercial boat launch in Kettle Cove.

Volunteer:

- Chair, 2019 Comprehensive Plan, 2 years
- Vice-Chair, Housing & Diversity Committee, current
- Member of the School Building Committee, 5 years
- Past President & Board Member, Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, 6 years
- Past Parish Council Chair & Member, St. Bartholomew's Church, 5 years
- Past President & Member, Morrison Center, 34 years

Awards:

- Recipient of the Ralph Gould Award for Citizenship with my wife Nancy for outstanding citizenship and community service in the Cape Elizabeth community.

