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In the Spirit of Community

Completing the circle

By Kevin Jordan



Photo by Holly Ready

Kevin Jordan and Holly Ready recently traveled to Italy and while there, visited the Florence American Cemetery. Jordan's uncle, Lloyd Jordan, is among the entries inscribed on the Wall of the Missing.

Memorial Day is the holiday on which we, as a nation, honor and thank those who have served in the military to protect our precious freedom. For those who paid the ultimate price, our country has created moving memorials and pristine national cemeteries to ensure that we remember their sacrifices. Examples include Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. Most of us know of these.

Probably most are not aware, however, that poignant memorials honoring the sacrifices of American soldiers exist elsewhere in the world too. For example, the Florence American Cemetery can be found a short distance south of Florence, Italy, nestled in the lush, green hills of Tuscany. This breathtaking landmark honors American soldiers who fell mainly in the northern region of Italy fol-

lowing the liberation of Rome during World War II.

There, more than 4,400 reverent grave markers of equal size, equidistant from each other, and laid out in precise symmetry, climb a gentle slope. Closely cropped and perfectly manicured green grass floods the space between the white stones. Looking across the expanse evokes a feeling of standing before a solemn and silent amphitheater.

A magnificent marble edifice known as the Wall of the Missing crowns the slope. More than 1,400 additional names are memorialized on plaques affixed there. These are the missing in action for which earthly remains have never been found, the majority of whom were members of Army Air Force crews lost

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News from May 13 TC meeting

By Hanna Gilley

Citizen Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda

Michael Hussey shared his concerns of the School Board Advisory Committee being disbanded earlier than its contracted timeline. He said there's still lots to do in the next couple of weeks to educate Cape voters on the proposed new school and renovations before its put up for referendum in November. A Mr. Benoit and Mary Ann Lynch shared similar concerns with Mr. Benoit saying the School Board Chair is "seriously misinformed" and Lynch saying that dissolving the SBAC is "premature" and "cuts off a very important part of their work."

Town Manager Report

Interim Town Manager Michael K. McGovern started his position on May 13. He spoke briefly during the meeting, referring the public to his submitted report. His report offers best wishes to Matt Sturgis in his new role with the town of Cumberland, lists several accomplishments the town made while Sturgis was manager, including: strengthened

financial systems, enhanced relationships between the police department and the community, increased available emergency medical response with 24-hour EMTs, infrastructure updates, and successfully leading the town through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Consent Calendar Item #92-2024 - Item #97-2024

Councilor Stephanie Anderson asked the Council to remove consent item #93, and Councilor Penny Jordan asked that consent item #94 be removed from the agenda.

Anderson shared "some citizen concern" over the serving of alcohol during a Beach to Beacon 10k showing of a documentary by Joan Benoit Samuleson on August 1, 2024. Chair Reiniger asked Anderson if it was process or policy that was of concern. Anderson replied "the alcohol part." McGovern shared that there is a 2-drink per ticket limit to encourage limited alcohol consumption. Shipyard beer will be available at this event.

Councilor Jordan suggested that consent

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Cape's Tracy Burke is 2023 female athlete of the year

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Aimsel Ponti

Cape Elizabeth resident Tracy Burke has received the 2023 Female Athlete of the Year award from the Maine Senior Games.

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Maine Senior Games held its annual Celebration of Athletes banquet in South Portland. Burke, 58, an award-winning pickleball player

Maine Senior Games held its annual Cele-

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'What could have been for Cape'

What a farce. What could have been for Cape. Fourteen months of work by the School Building Advisory Committee was thrown to the grinder by five of its members, as they voted "yes" for the "B" option drawn up by Harriman Architects. This option, one which offers no long-term solutions for our schools, no significant new infrastructure, no stability for our students and faculty, and which will cause serious disruptions to the learning process, was enthusiastically embraced by five committee members as the "compromise." Never mind an overwhelming majority of surveys said a new middle school was wanted. Never mind the faculty of our schools have said the current state of our schools are insufficient. Never mind the 20-year cost of new infrastructure is cheaper. Never mind par-

ents want the best for their children. The five member majority decided disruption to athletic fields and indoor basketball courts was too much to bear.

I am genuinely saddened to see the governance of this community fail its citizens once again. A new middle school is desperately needed, but five members of the committee said no, repeatedly stating a 320 foot by 100 foot new cafeteria space was all we need to solve our problems. 32,000 square feet. That is what our children, our teachers and what Cape deserves. Not a new school with modern systems, modern safety, modern inner workings.

A cafeteria. That is what 85 million dollars will get you.

Andrew Swayze

Won't vote for Option B

So what will we get for the Option B plan approved by a 5-4 vote of the School Building Advisory Committee? Tens of millions of dollars wasted on patchwork repairs. Years of disruption for children and teachers who'll be forced into temporary classrooms during that work. Collaborative educational benefits that would be possible in a new middle school passed up. And the certainty that we'll be facing many of the same fester-

ing issues in six to ten years, only with a much higher price tag.

To be clear, we share the oft-voiced concerns about the added tax burdens from any construction plan. But doesn't the strong support for Option E in the latest voter survey mean that the SBAC's herculean efforts to inform voters about the various options have changed enough minds among previously skeptical Capers to give the far wiser, more cost-effective Option E a fighting chance next November?

As seniors, we therefore stand with the many parents and others who say they won't vote for option B or any proposal that just provides expensive temporary fixes for our aging schools. We call on the School Board and Town Council to reject Option B and instead put some form of Option E on the ballot in November.

Gina and Lee Mitgang

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'Thank you to the SBAC for its recommendation'

Thank you to the SBAC for its recommendation to the School Board to renovate and add an addition to Pond Cove and the middle school, and make significant investment in the high school infrastructure.

It builds 36,000 square feet of new space and renovates an additional 36,000 square feet in the elementary and middle schools. Part of the new addition will be a secure entry for Pond Cove and the Middle School, addressing the # 1 priority: safety. Other new areas include separate new cafeterias for both schools, served by a single, efficient kitchen.

It addresses the highest priority needs of all three schools, investing \$36 million in essential infrastructure, such as heating, cooling air handling, electrical, plumbing, lighting, building code compliance and many other repairs. Nearly \$16 million will be invested in the high school and another \$20 million is split evenly between the middle school and elementary schools. Most of all, the recommended option will enhance security, especially at Pond Cove and the middle school.

The renovation converts the current cafeteria into a modern performing arts theatre with quality seating for 370, improved acoustics and a stage large enough to accommodate an entire class.

The SBAC recommendation achieves the best balance between taxpayer impact and the educational, environmental, and safety needs OF ALL THREE SCHOOLS. If approved by the voters, it will authorize a record amount of money (\$77-85 Million) for a Maine school project that is 100% locally funded!

Mary Ann Lynch

SB 'must now reject' Option B

I was heartened by the overwhelming turnout of Cape citizens at the recent SBAC meeting, hundreds of people coming together to demand a sustainable, long-term solution for our schools and our town.

Committee members Sweet, Voltz, Bell and Cotter, thank you for your leadership. Your willingness to compromise, to work to the very end to get a plan that benefits the entire community is inspiring.

To the children who spoke at the meeting: the empathy and courage you showed in making your voices heard is a level of maturity that the majority of the SBAC could not muster. You are a credit to our town.

The school board must now reject fiscally irresponsible Option B. It is better to go another year without a plan than to do the wrong thing.

Finally, to the detractors. I am disappointed you allowed the voices of special interests

to drown out the voices of your community – the people who were in the room, willing to compromise with you. I'm disappointed that you sabotaged our public schools and the long-term financial health of our citizens. But I know, in the end, you will lose. I think you know that too.

I chose to live in Cape Elizabeth, to raise my children in the same community that their grandparents live, the community I loved as a child. And I'm willing to fight like mad to fulfill the promise I made to my kids: that this town is worthy of them. Onward!

Joy Engel

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Support for Dill

The comfortable political labels of liberal and conservative are proving irrelevant to what has been emerging as the greatest civil liberties challenge of our time: protecting personal data privacy against pervasive surveillance technologies and automated data collection systems.

The ability for individuals to exercise control over the collection, use and disclosure of personal data is a fundamental condition for freedom. In Maine, a fundamental

next step is passage of a data protection law similar to that in New Hampshire and many other states.

As a longtime civil rights attorney and activist with Common Cause, Cynthia Dill would be a needed advocate for restoring the balance of data privacy against surveillance - for our freedoms - in Augusta.

Timothy Reiniger

Support for Monaghan

I fear for my grandchildren's future when our society can't even ban assault weapons. That's why I'll be supporting Kim Monaghan as our next State Representative.

When it comes to attacks on our rights, Kim is a fighter. When she served as our State Representative from 2011-2018 she was a leader in fighting off former Governor Paul LePage's most extreme policies.

Kim has stood up to the gun lobby be-

fore and will continue to do so. Further, I believe she is our best candidate to fight attacks on our reproductive rights.

She will fight for making the climate emergency a top priority and will fight to protect our Social Security and Medicare.

Please join me in supporting Kim Monaghan for State Representative.

Jean Ward

Recent vote 'highlights a concerning disconnect'

The recent SBAC vote highlights a concerning disconnect between those who are making decisions for this town and what our residents actually want. Two school board members maintained a focus on the best interests of our schools, students, faculty, staff and a long-term facilities plan. The other seven members of the committee had a duty to represent our town as a whole, either as town councilors or as community members.

Five of those seven failed in that duty. In March, all five voted to spend town money on a survey to understand our community's sentiment before their final vote. Then, they ignored the community. They saw our town

in clear support of needed investments that cost over \$100M, in support of a new school. They saw our town reject an expensive, disruptive renovation.

Those five individuals would not compromise. They voted against a plan to do the best we can for a price we can afford. In the end, those five voted to go down a path supported by only 17% of this town.

Cape will continue to suffer from that type of decision making until we have leaders who actually represent our values.

Brandon Sweet

Concerns about public discourse

Many community members interested in serving our town have confided in me, expressing their concerns about the implications of personal attacks and unfair public scrutiny on themselves and their families. I am deeply troubled by the growing number of potential volunteers and public servants who are deterred from serving our community due to the fear of facing such attacks, particularly on social media platforms.

As a School Board Advisory Committee volunteer, I have witnessed how personal attacks on social media and the misuse of FOIA requests are used to intimidate and stifle discussion. These acts drive away dedicated volunteers, threatening the long-term vitality of our community.

We must remember that our committee members and volunteers are neighbors committed to improving our town. They deserve consideration for their well-being before being subjected to undue criticism or demands.

Our community must strive to create a more supportive and constructive environment for public discourse. We need to foster an atmosphere where civility, respect, and empathy are the norm, ensuring that public service remains a safe and rewarding experience. I urge my fellow Cape Elizabeth residents to actively challenge personal attacks when they occur, use social media responsibly, and ensure that FOIA requests are used to enhance transparency, not for personal vendettas.

We can and must nurture a more supportive civic atmosphere and encourage more residents to contribute to our civic life.

Michael Hussey

Support for Boyer

I am writing in support of Michelle Boyer, Democratic candidate for State Representative for District 123.

As a State Representative in my third term, I have had the pleasure of working with Michelle over several years on gun safety legislation. Michelle was instrumental in researching policies to keep our state safer and brought her experiences as an involved community member to our discussions. She's smart, energetic and a very hard worker - ex-

actly the kind of person we need in the House of Representatives.

I know Michelle Boyer will represent the people of Cape Elizabeth extremely well. She will be a strong voice for you in Augusta, and I urge you to vote for her in the upcoming primary election in June.

Vicki Doudera
Maine State Representative

'2024 has been grossly disappointing'

We have a democratic candidate running for the Maine House seat and encouraging republican voters to un-enroll as republicans in order to secure the democratic nomination. We have a majority on the School Building Committee who ignored an outcry of public sentiment in opposition to Option B and who ultimately failed to center students and teachers when they voted for the very disruptive and incomplete Option B. We have a majority in the Town Council that makes up or rewrites the rules in order to serve their own agendas. We have some of the wealthiest individuals in town claiming that tax hikes will negatively impact those with fewer resources, while undermining efforts to enhance affordable housing opportunities, by undoing 18

months of progress made in implementing Cape's initial version of LD2003. We have town councilors calling school board members "stupid" during public meetings.

Why does it feel like any attempt to be civic minded is futile? How do we keep faith and hope alive when it feels like so many in our town are influenced by self interest? 2024 has been grossly disappointing in Cape from a policy and government perspective. I'm not a sore loser - I want to live in a town where decisions are made fairly and with respect.

I am so thankful that the community I've met doesn't behave this way and that the goodwill in this town is at the very least able to persist in our daily lives.

Aglae Shaw

2024 Memorial Day parade

Memorial Day in Cape Elizabeth will be observed with a parade, followed by a ceremony. The Fire Department is pleased to announce the return of the Open House. Immediately following the ceremony, attendees are welcome to visit the Town Center Fire Station at 2 Jordan Way.

The parade begins at 9:00 a.m. Parade participants are asked to gather at the Middle School parking lot at 8:30 a.m. The parade route begins there, turns right on Scott Dyer Road, turns right onto Rt. 77 and ends at the Village Green adjacent to Town Hall. A brief ceremony and laying of the wreath will be held at the Village Green after the parade.

The parade will include members of the Cape Elizabeth police, fire and rescue departments, the Water Extrication Team, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Middle School Marching Band, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Veterans and active-duty personnel are invited to march. We encourage anyone who

has a family member on active duty in the armed services to notify Jim Huebener prior to the parade at 207.767.1754 or jhuebener56@gmail.com so they can be recognized. Groups interested in marching should also contact Jim Huebener.

The 2024 Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshal is Major Lukas Huebener, a USAF veteran and currently part of the New Hampshire Air National Guard.

The event will be canceled only in the event of heavy rain. The cancellation will be announced on the Cape Elizabeth town website by 7:00 a.m. on the day of the parade. No alternate location has been set.

Note: The portion of Route 77 at the Village Green will be closed to vehicular traffic during the ceremony. Alternate routes are Scott Dyer Road to the north and Fowler Road to the south. The road will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so.

CEEF welcomes new board members



Contributed photo

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) is excited to announce four new members of the Board of Directors: Aglae Shaw, Kate Benthien, Jessica Gilman and Anna Crowley (not pictured). We look forward to the energy and perspectives that they bring to the board, and continuing our work to support Cape Elizabeth teachers and students.

2024 Publication schedule

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CELT spring/summer programs

Birding ID Skills: Learn How to Identify Birds by Sight and Sound

Are you looking for a challenging new hobby to get you outdoors or just curious about what types of birds are singing in your backyard? The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust and Thomas Memorial Library are excited to collaborate with Cape resident and National Audubon Society scientist Carrie Gray for this informative talk.

During the two-hour program, Carrie will teach you techniques to identify bird species you may encounter around town. Birds come in all shapes, sizes and colors and we will discuss strategies for differentiating birds based on their physical appearance, as well as by the habitat they occur in, their behavior and the time of year you see them. We will also cover simple songs and calls that will allow you to identify some birds without even seeing them.

Date: Thursday, May 30

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Thomas Memorial Library

No registration required

CELT's National Trails Day Cross Town Walk

Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust staff and educators for the annual Spring Cross Town Walk. Beginning at Portland Head Light, located at Fort Williams, this walk will traverse 8.2 miles of trails highlighting Cape's great places; including Spurwink Marsh, Robinson Woods and Great Pond.

The walk takes approximately four hours and includes a BYO lunch stop. Hikers will meet at the Portland Head Light and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to Fort Williams. Snacks, drinks and lunch should be brought by each participant. Interested in joining but concerned about the length of the walk? Consider signing up for the "Second Half" option, which is listed as a separate event. All participants must register at least at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Saturday, June 1, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meet at Portland Headlight near the lighthouse.

\$10 per person

Max 15 / Min 5

CELT's National Trails Day Cross Town Walk (Second Half Option)

Interested in the Cross Town Walk, but not ready to commit to all 8.2 miles? Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust for a half-distance (~4.5 miles) walk highlighting some of Cape's great places, including Spurwink Marsh and Great Pond. The walk takes approximately three hours and includes a BYO lunch stop. Hikers will meet at the CELT office in town center and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to Fort Williams after lunch. Snacks, drinks and lunch should be brought by each participant.

All participants must register at least at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Saturday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meet at CELT Office

\$10 per person

Max 15 / No Min

Invasive Plants Nature Walk

Join Mike Hankes, a member of Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Stewardship Committee, at Runaway Farm to learn about invasive plants found in Cape Elizabeth. During this CELT sponsored event you can expect to learn how to identify specific invasive plant species, eradication strategies and why invasive species pose a threat to an ecosystem. Participants should meet at the upper parking lot at Gull Crest field off of Spurwink Avenue, and be prepared to go on a gentle hike, rain or shine. All participants must register at least at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Wed June 5, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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Spring cleaning: Don't trash, donate

By Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Spring is here! It's a time of year when we often clean out closets, garages, sheds and anywhere else we've got stuff stored. The result can be multiple trips to the dump – with a lot of items ending up in the trash. In an effort to help us reduce waste, save the town money, and minimize impact to the environment, we rounded up some resources to help you find ways to recycle or reuse common household items.

Cape Elizabeth Swap Shop: Bring gently used items for others to take. One person's "trash" is another person's treasure.

Buy Nothing Cape Elizabeth: This group on Facebook is free for any town resident to join. Members can offer items free to their neighbors, including clothing, toys, furniture, household items, plants and even food.

Apparel Impact: Donate tied bags of well used or damaged clothing, footwear, accessories, sheets, or towels to be reused or down-cycled into industrial products like insulation or carpet. Bins are located at the Transfer Station and at the Lumbery.

Furniture Friends: Donate furniture and even mattresses to this local non-profit that provides furniture to people in need in greater Portland. The organization asks that you review their list of acceptable items and fill out their donation form online before dropping items at their warehouse in Westbrook. They also offer pickup in some cases. See more at furniturefriends.org.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland: Donate furniture, appliances, and many other items for resale or use in donated homes. You may drop off items at ReStore at 659 Warren Avenue in Portland Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They also offer pickup in some cases. See more at habitatportlandme.org.

Maine Needs: Donate clothing, household items, children's books and more to help families and individuals meet their basic, material needs. Drop off donations at 332 Forest Avenue in Portland on Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon. See more at maineneeds.org.

Goodwill Northern New England: Donate clothing, furniture, toys, household goods, sports equipment and more at the Goodwill at Mill Creek Plaza in South Portland Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. See more at goodwillnne.org.

Salvation Army: Donate clothing, furniture, household goods and more at the Salvation Army bin at the Transfer Station. See more at easternusa.salvationarmy.org.

Greater Portland Family Promise: Donate bedding, towels, baby products, and toiletries to help homeless and low-income families by emailing michelle@gpfamilypromise.org.

Preble Street: Donate new or gently used clothing, blankets, backpacks, water bottles, sunscreen, toiletries and more to support people experiencing homelessness, hunger and poverty. Donations can be dropped off in Portland at 18 Portland Street Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. See more at preblestreet.org.

Post-grad plans

The Cape Courier traditionally publishes post-graduate plans for Cape Elizabeth graduating seniors, either from CEHS or another high school. This information must be submitted by students or parents.

Please submit plans, including student and parents' names, and the college or activity, and location, to Debbie Butterworth at dbut-terw72@gmail.com by Friday, May 31.

Join St. John Paul II Parish in supporting the "Walking with Moms in Need" project

By Ryan Bilodeau

St. John Paul II Parish, which includes churches in Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and South Portland has recently joined the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) initiative called "Walking with Moms in Need" (WWMIN), aimed at increasing outreach and support for local pregnant and parenting mothers. This initiative is a direct response to Pope Francis' call for our parishes to be "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference," reflecting our commitment to ignite our collective compassion and challenge indifference.

We have compiled a comprehensive resource guide of available resources in the Greater Portland and Cumberland County area to better serve mothers in need within our community during pregnancy and the early years of their child's life. In a time when accessing reliable medical care, finding quality childcare, and pursuing educational opportunities can be particularly challenging, it is our mission to provide mothers in the need with essential information to navigate these complexities.

We encourage all those in Cumberland County to actively participate in the "Walking with Moms in Need" ministry. By visiting our parish website at <http://jp2me.org>, you can access our comprehensive list of resources. Additionally, we seek your help in guiding pregnant and parenting moms to these resources by distributing our downloadable flyers in workplaces, coffee shops, schools and medical facilities.

As we embark on this deeply meaningful

journey with the launch of our "Walking with Moms in Need" initiative, we are filled with hope for the profound impact we can make in the lives of many. This project is more than a program — it's a heartfelt invitation to support the most vulnerable among us: pregnant and parenting mothers needing assistance.

To learn more and get involved, please scan the QR code below, visit our initiative's dedicated webpage at <http://jp2me.org/walking-with-moms-in-need> or reach out to Ryan Bilodeau at ryan.bilodeau@portlanddiocese.org.

Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of mothers in need.

Please note that St. John John Paul II Parish does not supervise the sites listed in the resource guide, nor is the parish responsible for changes made by our resource partners. Please inform us of any concerns encountered so that we can keep our information up to date.



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 Podcast Host
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Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

Gift Card Scams: What You Need to Know

Gift card sales rose from \$130 billion in 2015 to \$173 billion in 2021, and while they are popular with consumers, they are also popular with criminals. In fact, researchers estimate that \$40 to \$50 billion is stolen from fraud victims in any given year.

Here's what you need to know about the two primary ways people are defrauded using gift cards. Criminals have several ways of claiming gift card balances so that the money is gone before the card is even delivered. In fact, a 2022 AARP survey found that one in four respondents to the AARP survey said they had given or received a gift card that turned out to have no value on it.

To combat this purchase cards directly from the business that issued them, preferably by ordering them online. If you do purchase them in a store check to make sure that the packaging hasn't been tampered with and register your card with the retailer if that option is offered.

Lastly, criminals prefer gift cards as a form of payment from their victims because they are readily available and hard to trace. If anyone asks you to pay for a debt or obligation with a pre-paid gift card it is a scam and you should cut off communication.

Moving Scams

School is winding down and summer is fast approaching which means the window to relocate is opening. But whether you're relocating for work, downsizing or sending a child off to college who you hire to help with the moves matters a lot. Cutting corners to save money on your move could lead you right to a criminal scammer.

Moving scams are committed by rogue operators that exist primarily online. They solicit business by offering lowball estimates, often without so much as laying an eye on what's to be moved. They might demand a hefty deposit, or even full payment in advance.

With your deposit in hand, the "movers" might simply not show up at the appointed time and place. Or they'll try to change the deal at the last minute by raising the price. Worst of all some companies will pick up your belongings but then demand more money to deliver them.

To avoid these scams, make sure to get multiple quotes and check the references of any company you hire. While we are all looking to save money these days, when it comes to moving your personal goods safely and securely, cheaper isn't always better.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360. Need a scam prevention speaker for your group? Go to aarp.org/me or call 1-866-554-5380.



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Computer scams continue

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 4-22 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area who reported receiving an email he believed to be from his financial company regarding unusual purchases made on his account. The email provided yes and no boxes to click to respond. He clicked no and immediately received a phone call. The number on caller ID matched the company phone number. He answered the phone, provided personal information and allowed the caller to access his retirement account. Once the caller had access to the money he moved the money from the retirement account to a second account, and then into a PayPal account. At this time, the victim realized what was happening and secured the remaining funds in his retirement account.
- 4-24 Two officers responded to a residence in the Old Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 4-26 Two officers responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for an unwanted trespasser. Subject was contacted and served a trespass notice.
- 4-26 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding suspicious papers left in his mailbox.
- 4-27 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights area who turned in a wallet he had found.
- 4-28 An officer reported to a residence for a disoriented elderly person. Person was identified and returned home.
- 4-29 Two officers responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for a trespass complaint.
- 4-29 An officer met with a resident who turned over a wallet, the owner was identified and contacted, wallet returned.
- 4-30 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 4-30 An officer responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
- 5-2 An officer met with a resident who turned over a found purse. The officer located a phone number and called the owner.
- 5-3 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who reported he had received a pop up on his computer claiming to be from Microsoft, informing him that his computer had been hacked and he needed to call the

number provided. He was told to go to Lowes and purchase several thousand dollars worth of gift cards. He did that, and returned home, sent a photo of the gift card to the scammer. He then realized he had been scammed. The officer contacted Lowes and learned that the money was still on the cards but could not be frozen at the local level. However, the victim had used a credit card to purchase the gift card, so Lowes was able to cancel the gift cards and cancel the charges on his credit card.

- 5-5 An officer spoke with a resident who reported she had received a "system error" message on her computer and could not get rid of it. She finally clicked on the message that redirected her to what she thought was Apple Support and called the number provided. "Mark" answered her call and claimed to be from her bank security and advised her that a transaction from her account had been paid to PomHub.com. "Mark" led her to believe she was being investigated by the FBI, and gave her a password and was told not to speak with anyone about this unless they could recite the password back to her. He convinced her that her money was not safe and needed to be transferred to a bitcoin account where her money would be safe. "Mark" later convinced her that her money was still not safe where it was and needed to be moved to two escrow accounts and had her send two different checks to different addresses. She sent the check overnight mail. "Mark" then had her download a security program on her computer that connected all of her accounts. She then called her bank and learned she had been scammed. The bank froze her remaining assets. She was advised to have her devices and computer wiped clean.
- 5-6 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.
- 5-6 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.

SUMMONSES

- 4-23 Texas resident, operating vehicle while using handheld device, Route 77, \$85
- 4-23 South Portland resident, operating vehicle while using handheld device, Shore Road, \$85
- 4-23 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77, \$325
- 4-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using handheld device, Scott Dyer Road, \$85
- 4-25 Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$85
- 4-29 Falmouth resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, \$148
- 5-2 South Portland resident, speeding (55/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$230
- 5-2 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (54/35 zone) Route 77, \$170
- 5-3 Scarborough resident, seatbelt violation, Shore Road, \$85
- 5-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (58/45 zone) Ocean House Road, \$129
- 5-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 4-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (48/30 zone), Mitchell Road

ARRESTS

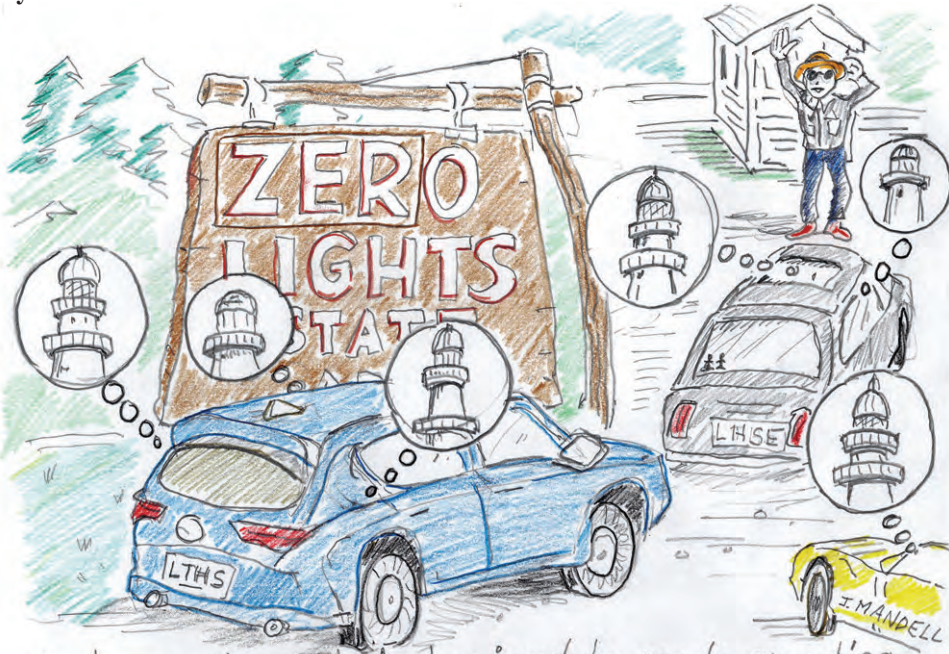
- 4-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, Operating under the influence of alcohol, unlawful possession of scheduled drug, Ocean House Road
- 5-4 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road

FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 8
EMS calls: 38

Capetoon: Lighthouse season

By Jeff Mandell



Each year, the park is besieged by people expecting to see lighthouses. This year, the siege began early.

Cape Elizabeth Democrats welcome new members to leadership team

(Press release) - The Cape Elizabeth Democrats are thrilled to announce new appointments to their leadership team, bringing fresh perspectives and energy to the group's mission of promoting Democratic values in the community and supporting Democratic candidates running for elected offices.

On Tuesday April 30, Cape Elizabeth Democrats met in person to appoint the following individuals:

- Chris Gorski, Chair
- Matt Grymek, Vice Chair
- Stephanie Korupp, Secretary
- Katie Swayze, Treasurer

For more information about the Cape

Elizabeth Democrats and to sign up for their communications, please visit <https://www.capeelizabethdemocrats.org/> or contact them at capedems@gmail.com.

About Cape Elizabeth Democrats: Cape Elizabeth Democrats is a local organization dedicated to promoting Democratic values and policies in Cape Elizabeth. The Cape Dems work together for the social, environmental and economic well-being of our community through education, advocacy and elections. While official membership is limited to registered Democrats, the information and resources they provide are intended to benefit all Cape Elizabeth voters.

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, serving the community since 1949

By Kevin St. Jarre

According to Mark Fleming, the secretary of the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, the local chapter was established in January of 1949 and has been serving the community ever since.

"We are also the stewards of our clubhouse, which is a historic old one room schoolhouse, built in 1855, which provides us the opportunity to raise money for all the causes we donate to," Fleming said.

The two largest contributions that the Lions Club makes to the community, Fleming said, are to Judy's Food Pantry, and multiple scholarships to Cape Elizabeth High School students. "In addition, we support the Cape Elizabeth Historical Society, the Cape Arena Group and many other local charities such as Salvation Army, Good Shepherds Food Bank, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Iris Network," he said.

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club also provides a place for the community to gather in their historic clubhouse for community dinners and rentals for private events.

All Lions Clubs are part of Lions Clubs International which is the world's largest service organization. Lions Clubs International was formed in 1917 by a Chicago business leader, Melvin Jones, who wondered what would happen if people put their talents to work improving their communities.

Today, there are approximately 1.4 million members belonging to 49,000 clubs worldwide. The global causes that the international organization focuses on include childhood cancer, diabetes, hunger, vision and disaster relief, and Lions clubs made \$1.2 billion in grants last year.

There a sense of being part of a larger,

positive effort to improve the lives of others. Fleming said, "The motto of the Lions is 'We Serve.' We are all committed to the larger goals of Lions Club International, but we are very focused on genuinely trying to make our community a better place for everyone. This was recently reinforced by an open house we had that allowed us to talk to a lot of the non-profits that we support, including the local food bank and hear the real impact that we are having on local people's lives."

He said that there are many opportunities for new members, from volunteering at events to helping with marketing, membership initiatives, service projects and assuming leadership positions on their Board of Directors.

The Lions Club does not take sides in politics, but instead tries to focus on the community as a whole. Fleming said, "The Lions Code of Ethics stipulates that the club is supposed to be non-denominational, and free from any political or religious discussions. We are always careful to respect that in conducting our meeting and events, and when inviting speakers to come to our meetings."

Although the goals are important, and there is obviously a lot of work done on behalf of the community, it is also fun to be a member of the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club. According to Fleming, "We always try to add a bit of fun to everything we do together as Lions. Our regular dinner meetings are always a mixture of music, socialization and conducting Lions business. I think everyone that has been to one our dinners can attest to the great atmosphere which is largely due to the comradery that we have developed helping each other out and working toward

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Penny Jordan
CE Town Councilor
Owner of Jordan Farm



"I have been working with Michelle on the Conservation Commission, and am continually impressed by her dedication, knowledge, collaboration and sense of responsibility. As a State Representative, she will work tirelessly for the good of our town and state. Please consider giving her your vote on June 11."

Richard Sullivan
Retired Neurologist
CE Conservation Commission Member



"I am enthusiastically voting for Michelle Boyer in the Democratic Primary on June 11th. Michelle's deep listening, critical thinking and sense of fairness will serve our community well. What excites me most about Michelle is her fresh take on issues, inquisitive mind, sense of optimism and her clear love of Cape Elizabeth and our state."

Rebecca Millett
Former State Senator
Former State Representative
Former CE School Board Chair



"Michelle is collaborative; she is a great listener, and she cares about what you have to say. She brings a fresh perspective and the energy to work hard and get things done."

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Graduating senior drives WWII era tank



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As a graduation gift, CEHS graduating senior Cameron Porter had a chance to drive a World War II era Chaffee tank at the American Heritage Museum in Hudson, Massachusetts. Of the experience, Porter said, "It was awesome."

Memorial Day

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in the skies over southern Europe during the war.

"JORDAN, LLOYD E, S SGT - 419 BOMB SQ 301 BOMB GP (H) - MAINE" is among the entries inscribed on the Wall of the Missing. Lloyd was lost near Sardinia while returning to an airbase in North Africa from a bombing mission over Europe on November 29, 1943. He was the oldest son of Raymond and Vesta Jordan who operated a 100-acre family farm on Two Lights Road in Cape Elizabeth. Technically, he would be my eldest uncle, except of course his heroic sacrifice prevented us from knowing each other in person. Nevertheless, seeing his name formally engraved in marble for posterity brought a deep sense of pride and closeness, and a tear or two too. And, as the first representative of our extended family to have the privilege of this experience, it seemed that I was helping to complete a circle overdue after more than eighty years.

An uncanny feeling that Uncle Lloyd was watching over us and showing his appreciation could not be denied. For example, a stranger claiming to be from Hungary, per-

haps in retrospect an actual angel, helped me and Holly, my spouse, to navigate the public transit system and reach the cemetery seamlessly, on a bus eerily containing only us. In addition, despite a very gloomy weather forecast, the sky could not have been bluer, and the sun could not have shone more warmly during our visit.

Unbeknownst to us in advance, the very next day was Liberation Day, the annual national holiday when Italy celebrates its liberation from the Nazis and fascism. The doors to all of Florence's great national museums are open to the public on Liberation Day. This enabled us to enter gratis the Uffizi Gallery and the Academia Gallery to gaze in awe at masterpieces created by Michelangelo, da Vinci, Botticelli, Caravaggio, Rembrandt and many others. Thanks again, Uncle Lloyd.

Lloyd was the second of Raymond and Vesta's seven children. Six of the seven were veterans of war. The oldest, Frances, served as an Army Air Force nurse in India during World War II; Ernest served in the Navy and nearly lost his life while serving; Eveleth served in the Merchant Marine eluding the German Navy to deliver vital supplies to Europe and oil to Russia; Alvin served in the Allied Occupation Forces after the fall of Germany; and Lester, the youngest, is a veteran of the Korean War. The second youngest, Clara, trained as an Army nurse but WWII ended before she was called to serve in harm's way.

It is said that freedom is not free. A visit to a site like the Florence American Cemetery makes crystal clear the truth in that adage. It reinforces the significance of Memorial Day and the need to be thankful to the many heroes who risked their lives in the service of our country. This Memorial Day, I will be especially thankful to the members of my family who served, and particularly to the one who lost his life doing so. Let us all also be thankful to the many veterans who continue to live humbly amongst us still.



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A War Memorial and ceremony for USS Eagle 56 at Fort Williams Park

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

I am always grateful to local resident Jim Huebener and his efforts in support of the annual Memorial Day ceremony in Cape Elizabeth. The public reading of “Poppy Fields” reminds me of the purpose of the day - remembering those who lost their lives in service to our country. It also reminds me we have many current residents actively serving in the military.

This story is about 49 men who died in military service near the Cape Elizabeth coastline, and the U.S. Navy Commander and sailors who honored them at Fort Williams this year.

During World War II, the USS Eagle 56 was ported at the US Naval Frontier Base at Portland and was assigned to U.S. Navy Air Station at Brunswick. As part of the Eagle’s 56 mission, it was assigned patrol work off the coast of Cape Elizabeth, and towing practice targets for aircraft from the Navy Air Station at Brunswick.

Portland and all of Casco Bay were extremely busy port during World War Two, with U.S. Naval ships, fishing vessels and commercial ships all vying for space. The bay was protected by a loop recorder and the Harbor Entrance Control Post (HECP) at Fort Williams. The Post required captains of all vessels to wait for clearance before they could enter or exit the bay. Vessels were identified and granted passage based on pre-arranged challenges and responses using simple passwords, blinking lights and code letters hoisted in signal flags.

In March of 1945, U.S. Navy reports show 1,501 vessels standing through all channels of Casco Bay, and 1,515 vessels outbound for the same period. Regardless of this volume of activity, and the war nearing an end, a German submarine, U-853, was lurking along the coastal waters of Cape Elizabeth. At approximately 12:13 p.m. on April 23, 1945, it torpedoed the Eagle 56, splitting the ship in two. The wrecked ship sank quickly, taking with it the lives of five of its six officers and 44 sailors. Navy ships and military installations along the coast witnessed the explosion and immediately mobilized a rescue effort and counterattack. While valiant in their efforts, the Navy would not find and sink the German submarine until May 6, 1945, off the coast of Massachusetts.

Today, a war memorial is located at Fort Williams Park, near Portland Head Light. Two bronze plaques list the names of all the sailors aboard the USS Eagle 56, the other tells of the ship’s attack and sinking.

On April 23, 2024, some 79 years after the sinking of the Eagle 56, Commander Carne Livingston and crew of the USS John Basilone attended a service at the war memorial to honor the sailors lost in the attack on the Eagle 56. Currently undergoing sea trials at Bath Iron Works, their ship is named for Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone, a Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in action during World War II. The VFW and American Legions also participated in the memorial service.

After the memorial service, I got to meet Commander Livingston. He is a native of Snohomish, Washington, a graduate of Washington State University, earned his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Idaho, and holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. His at-sea assignments demonstrate a clear path to leadership, including Division Officer, Damage Control Assistant, Engineer Officer, Assistant Surface Operations Officer, Sea

Combat Operations and Exercise Planner. Executive Officer Commander Livingston has completed 7 deployments to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf. Ashore, he has served as instructed Seamanship and Navigation at the United States Naval Academy.

Commander Livingston reported to Bath in May 2022 as the Prospective Commanding Officer of the John Basilone. His personal decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal along with various unit and campaign awards.

Commander Livingston first learned about Eagle 56 on a previous visit to Portland Head Light, and was alerted to this year’s ceremony by a member of his pre-commissioning support team. About the service, he said “...For me and my crew, it is important to honor and remember the sailors of the USS Eagle 56 because honoring their life and service, and in this case, their sacrifice helps connect us to the rich history and legacy of Naval service... [and] it helps connect us to the local community here in Maine. It gives us an opportunity to share their stories as well as sharing our stories of service.” He focused on both remembering those who served, and honoring them by answering the call to serve, whether that service is in uniform or as a civilian.

On being selected as Commander of the Basilone, Livingston said it has been a highlight of his Naval Career – an honor, to be chosen to command a newly built destroyer named for such an inspiring Marine. In assembling the crew, he told me he appreciates the opportunity to shape and set the culture of the Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer. The ship’s

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Commander Carne Livingston lays a wreath at the War Memorial USS Eagle 56.



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item #94 requested by Councilor Anderson be sent to a workshop if a “more broad approach” will be taken on the discussion. Jordan referenced a section of the report from the Diversity Housing Study Committee and materials that Anderson created be presented during the workshop. Both items were carried unanimously.

Item #98-2024 Consider Update to the Floodplain Management Ordinance

Councilor Anderson moved that the motion as ordered, to adopt the Floodplain Management Ordinance as recommended by the Ordinance Committee, be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jordan and passed unanimously.

Item #99-2024 Consider Pesticide Ordinance Amendments

During a brief public hearing period, members of the community spoke on the pesticide ordinance amendments, saying that there has been “robust public comment” and a “broad range of comments” since this issue was introduced in April 2023 and the council should consider passing the amendments.

Council members shared that it was time for this to “go forward as written” and any necessary changes needing to be made in the future would be addressed then. The motion was moved by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Thompson and passed unanimously.

Public Hearing - Placing a Non-Binding Referendum on the November 5, 2024 Election Ballot Re: Affordable Housing Referendum Question at Gull Crest

Francis Walsh, a Cape resident with community and economic development experience in New England stated that he “can’t understand why this referendum is being entertained.” He continued that the Diversity Housing Committee “doesn’t recommend Gull Crest, why does the Town Council?”

and that the referendum “erroneously leads voters to believe that the land is viable.”

Jamie Garvin shared that he’s “not opposed to posing a nonbinding referendum question” because he believes it will be “resoundingly rejected.” He said that there are still unanswered questions about the site, particularly environmental tests and studies, and asked the council, “why put a question to voters when all these other questions have yet to be answered?” He also cited a regulation that would prohibit the town to make any future modifications to the existing nearby landfill once the housing had been built.

Chair Reiniger mentioned that the town is still awaiting for the results of the environmental studies to come back and that the council “needs that information to be better informed on which steps to take.”

Councilor Gillis shared that in April 2022 Cynthia Dill collected 866 signatures of community members who would “possibly be interested in” putting affordable housing there. Gillis said that she was impressed with Dill collecting that many signatures and that’s why “I think it would be a good idea to put it on the referendum.”

Councilor Thompson shared that the town of Falmouth recently rejected a referendum on workforce housing in their community, saying that “we [Cape Elizabeth] need to continue to work on this.”

Councilor Jordan added that the council “needs to talk about it, set the direction, and do it,” whether or not any potential developments would be on town-owned or publicly-owned land.

Councilor Anderson said that she was “stunned” how small the town-owned parcels of land are and that Gull Crest is the only “sizable land” that could be considered for housing. She added that she would have rather seen the results of the environmental studies on Gull Crest before making any determinations. Anderson made a motion to table the issue until the regular June meeting along with

a public hearing.

Item #100-2024 Presentation from Tilson Infrastructure Relating to a Potential Cell Tower Project

Henry Gent, a project manager with Tilson Infrastructure, presented to the council a potential cell tower project. Gent said he had initiated the project research with Matt Sturgis, and that the project would address poor cell reception on Shore Road and the Fort Williams area.

Gent said that he knows “intimately how important Fort Williams is to Cape’s identity” and is working on proposing solutions that would limit a cell tower’s visibility. He shared that this presentation is meant to “put it out to the public” to start to get feedback and that his team’s immediate next steps would be to provide photo simulations as a more “concrete, tangible takeaway” for community members.

Chair Reiniger added that not having reliable cell coverage is not only a “major inconvenience” it’s a “public safety issue” especially in light of the severe winter storms that battered Cape Elizabeth and surrounding areas. Councilor Gabrielson supported moving the issue to a workshop and to get the ordinance committee involved right away to get an idea of which ordinances would need to be considered for a project of this scope.

Councilor Jordan talked about the possibility of implementing smaller cells in areas including Sawyer Road, Mitchell Road, Broad Cove and Two Lights Road, saying they are “dead zones” just like the Fort. She added, “it would be nice to know the feasibility [of a tower], but two years is too long, we need to figure out how to make it happen sooner.”

Councilor Gabrielson moved that council bring the issue to workshop. The motion was carried unanimously.

Item #101-2024 Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal General Fund Operating Budget Approval

Councilor Thompson moved that the Town Council approve the Municipal Gener-

al Fund Operating Budget of \$20,976,578 for fiscal year 2025. Additional figures include county assessment of \$2,114,494; estimated non-property tax revenues of \$9,817,893; fund balance and carryforwards of \$850,000; and estimated property taxes of \$10,308,685. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Item #102-2024 Fiscal Year 2025 School Department Budget Approval

Councilor Gabrielson moved that the Town Council approve the School Board budget of \$35,446,986 for fiscal year 2025, with estimated revenues of \$4,109,749. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Councilor Thompson thanked the School Department for “diligently keeping costs for our citizens in mind.”

Item #103-2024 Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget Summary Motion Concerning Property Taxes

The motion carried unanimously to approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget summary motion concerning property taxes. The items are as follows: fix October 15, 2024 and April 15, 2025 as the dates upon each of which one-half of property tax is due and payable; interest will accrue upon taxes due and unpaid after each date at the interest rate of 8.50% per annum; fix the interest rate for taxes paid in excess of the assessment 4.5% per annum in accordance to state statute; and to authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept or decline prepayments of taxes not yet committee or prior to any due date, and pay no interest thereon pursuant to state statute.

Item #104-2024 Property Tax Levy Limit

Councilor Thompson moved to approve the property tax levy limit for municipal services to \$10,308,685 in accordance with state statute. Councilor Gabrielson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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Local birding report

By E. Brooks Bornhoff

Inspirational nature quotes can impact our motivations and shape our mindset. One of my favorite bits of well-expressed birding wisdom comes from Maine's pioneering female ornithologist Cordelia Stanwood who said, "Listen to the silence like the birds do."

As for wild notes from the forest, on May 8 and for the second spring in a row a solitary Wood Thrush began regularly singing from the depths of the nearby woods. A terribly reclusive interior forest bird, the Wood Thrush is more often heard than seen. This pot-bellied, long-legged thrush's scientific name is *Hylocichla mustelina*, meaning "weasel-colored woodland thrush" refers to the bird's rich, brownish red head, back, wings and tail.

Years ago, I was given a copy of John J. Audubon's "Birds of America." First printed in 1827, it contains 435 life sized watercolor prints of birds. On plate 73 can be found *Hylocichla mustelina*. Audubon, a founding father of American birding was undoubtedly a controversial figure, and one whose legacy is intertwined with that of our present and past culture of racial oppression. Audubon was particularly fond of Wood Thrushes and his admiration towards these bewitching birds in was captured in writings such as when he wrote, "seldom, indeed, have I heard the song of this Thrush, without feeling all that tranquility of mind, to which the secluded situation in which it delights is so favorable. The thickest and darkest woods always appear to please it best. The borders of murmuring streamlets, overshadowed by the dense foliage of the lofty trees growing on the gentle declivities, amidst which the sunbeams seldom penetrate, are its favourite resorts. There it is, kind reader, that the musical powers of this hermit of the woods must be heard, to be fully appreciated and enjoyed."

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breed in woodland habitat patches as small as .99 acres however smaller territories increase the risk of nest parasitism and predation.

Additional notes from the field and yard over the last two weeks include:

On May 2 Baltimore Orioles started to show up across town and on May 7 both male and female Rose-breasted Grosbeaks started appearing in our backyard to re-power on sunflower and safflower seeds. Their journey between Central America and Cape spans thousands of miles, following ancient routes that take them through lands where poachers look to trap and illegally traffic them as caged songbirds. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks breed locally in our forests.

On the morning of May 11 while my son and I worked in the garden three Great-crested Flycatchers called loudly above us while a boisterous House Wren exhibited its 'rush-and-jumble song' within the surrounding tangles.

And on May 12 a Sharp-shinned Hawk made an appearance in our yard. I had forgotten how small the males are, not much bigger than a Blue Jay. Later that morning I made an excursion to Hinkley Park in South Portland. This park attracts impressive numbers of migratory birds every spring and fall. On my brief outing I noted twelve distinct types of wood warblers, three types of vireos, a Solitary Sandpiper, four Baltimore Orioles and a striking male Scarlet Tanager.

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Honoring those who serve Cape Elizabeth during National EMS Week

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth Fire Rescue Department provides Emergency Medical Services, known as EMS. According to Margaret Dietz of the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department Public Relations Team, those "providers respond to approximately a 1,000 calls a year, assisting our residents and visitors. Their expertise, compassion and quick response times make a significant impact on the well-being of individuals and families throughout the community."

The week of May 19 marks the 50th Anniversary of National EMS Week.

Dietz said, "Thank you to the incredible men and women of Cape Elizabeth Fire Rescue for your unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of those you serve. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and we appreciate all that you do."

According to Maryanne Denison, the Rescue Captain at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department, the CEFD has 70 EMS providers, at various levels of certification. There are 31 certified Paramedics, 14 certified as Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and 25 certified at the Basic level. "Our calls for services are covered by per diem personnel 24/7. Most of our EMS providers are also fire certified so they work both on the ambulance and engine," Denison said.

She said, "We have providers that were members of our call company so a few of us have been providers for the town for 20+ years."

When asked what advice she might give a younger person interested in going into the field, Denison said, "It is a

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Library offers LGBTQ+ parents' night and youth social

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

All Aboard: A Model Train Look-and-Learn at the Library

Thursday, May 30, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join local model train enthusiasts to learn about their craft and see their trains in action. We are thrilled to have the Maine3Railers Model Train Club return with their fabulous display to transform the meeting room into the destination for train lovers, young and old! (Note: no Tiny Tunes on this date).

Weekly Programs

Read To a Dog

Children in grades K – 6 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.

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.

Tiny Tunes + Playtime

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

This short and sweet program is for young children who are not quite ready for a traditional story time, but love to have fun with friends. Join the circle for 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.

Saturday Family Story Time

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

Join us for a special weekend edition of Story Time. It will feature all our favorites: songs and stories, bubbles and Belinda the Bear. Geared toward ages 3-5 or anyone who enjoys listening to a solid two stories.

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. Upcoming dates are: June 4, July 2

FOR TWEENS & TEENS

LGBTQ+ Parents' Night & Youth So-

cial

Friday, May 31, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Thomas Memorial Library

This social gathering is for parents/guardians to connect with and enjoy the company of others, while providing their LGBTQ+ youth, aged 12 - 18, with a safe and affirming place to connect with and support other queer youth. While caregivers attend an OUTMaine-facilitated discussion, youth are invited to attend a movie night with pizza, popcorn and drinks. Movie night will be co-hosted with Cape Elizabeth High School's GSTA Club. Please register on the library's website.

Dungeons & Dragons

Every other Thursday, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Ages 11+)

Calling all wizards, warlocks, rangers and rogues! TML's Dungeons and Dragons campaign is open to teens and tweens who want to explore their character through interactive storytelling. This group meets every other Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. Upcoming dates are as follows: May 23, June 6, June 20 and June 27. Register on the TML website.

Young Writers at TML (Ages 11-13)

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 non-fiction. Upcoming date: June 6. Register on our website.

#LibrarySquad

First Friday of each month, 2:45-3:45 p.m. (Ages 11-13)

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. Upcoming date: June 7. Stop by the children's desk for an application to join this advisory group.

Second Saturday of Each Month, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Ages 14+)

Are you a teen who loves writing? Or are you someone who just loves to read, and feels like trying your hand at creative writing that isn't for school? In either case, our teen writing program is for you. Join us for monthly meetings where we explore different styles of writing and work on the projects you're most passionate about. Upcoming date: June 8. Register on our website.

TLC: Teen Leadership Council

Last Friday of Each Month, 2:45-3:45 p.m. (Ages 14+)

The Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a group of young people who want to take a more active role in our library community. TLC makes book and informational displays, provides feedback on the direction of the Teen Space within the library, and even gets the chance to design and lead special programs. Monthly meetings include snacks, social time and fun. If you're interested in joining, stop by the downstairs desk and ask for an application. The date this month is May 31.

FOR ADULTS

Writing Hive

Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Writing Hive (formerly Fireside Writing) gives you the space and opportunity to work alongside fellow writers and reach your writing goals. Bring your laptop or your favorite notebook and join us for tea and quiet writing time! Meets weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, with Members of the Cape Elizabeth Fire & Rescue Dept.

Wednesday, May 22, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Drop in to the library for a free blood pressure and/or blood sugar screening, conducted by members of the CE Fire & Rescue Department. Please register on the library's website; drop-ins are also welcome. This opportunity will be offered monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month; the date for next month is June 27.

TML Teen Writing Group

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Yardscaping: From Lawns to Landscapes, with Ali Cliff

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Are you enjoying your yard as much as you'd like too? Create wildlife habitat, grow food for your family, and protect your local waterways while improving the appearance and functionality of your yard.

This workshop will provide you with ways to reduce your lawn and associated maintenance by swapping it for pollinator gardens, edible landscapes, rain gardens, vegetative buffers, groundcovers, wildflower meadows, and other natural landscapes you can pick and choose from to make your yard work for you. Please register in advance on our website.

Self-Care Workshop: Sea Salt Scrubs, with Emma Duplissie-Cyr

Saturday, May 25, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and we're offering this self-care workshop to help promote well-being and learn a new hobby. Make a relaxing salt scrub for use in the bath or shower. All materials will be provided, but if you have your own favorite scented essential oils, feel free to bring them along. Please register on the library's website.

The Making of a Graphic Novel, with Andrés Vera Martínez

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Cape resident Andrés Vera Martínez, whose exhibit "The Art of Courage to Dream" is currently on display in the Stier Family Gallery, will discuss the process of turning ideas into art, working with an author's words to create a shared vision and the long journey to publication for a graphic novel. Andrés' work has been recognized by The Society of Illustrators, American Illustration, 3x3, Junior Library Guild, Slate Cartoonist Studio, School Library Journal, Horn Book Magazine, NPR, and the New York Times. Anyone interested in the publication process, graphic novels or creativity in general will appreciate this opportunity. All are welcome.

Cape Elizabeth Energy Committee Presents: Natural Solutions to Stabilizing Our Coastlines, with Sara Mill-Knapp and Seth Wilkinson

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Learn about the role of nature-based coastal resilience solutions in combatting the effects of climate change in our communities. A representative of the Climate Ready Casco Bay project will talk about the process for developing a collaborative regional resilience plan to mitigate flood risks and manage erosion. This joint project, facilitated by the Greater Portland Council of Governments and the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, is focusing on 11 Casco Bay communities, including Chebeague Island and Cumberland.

We'll also hear from an expert in ecological restoration and coastal stabilization projects about his extensive on-the-ground experience helping land trusts, conservation commissions and private land. No registration necessary.

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Songwriting Workshop (with Jud Caswell)

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. In person. Next meeting: June 4

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

Third Wednesday of the month, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. In person AND via Zoom
Next meeting: June 19

Eldering 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. In person AND via Zoom
Next meeting: June 20

Meeting

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Item #105-2024 Consider Recommendations from the Planning Board Relating to ADU Amendments

Councilor Anderson motioned to move planning board ADU amendments to public hearing on Monday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jordan and carried unanimously.

Item #106-2024 Report from the Planning Board Relating to Outdoor Storage Amendments

Councilor Anderson shared that the Ordinance Committee "went around and used our town attorney to draft" outdoor storage amendments, and therefore wants to send the issue to public hearing during the June 10 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jordan, opposed by Councilor Gabrielson. The motion carried.

Public Comment Non-agenda items

Jamie Garvin shared that he is "confused on the process" for items being pulled out of the consent calendar and whether or not public comment was being offered. He said that the public should have the same option to discuss the items as well.

The council also reminded the public about the annual Memorial Day parade. The parade route will begin at the middle school, travel up Scott Dyer Road, up Route 77 and end at the village green for the ceremony portion of the event. This section of the route will be closed to vehicular traffic. Fowler Road to the south and Scott Dyer Road to the north will be available routes for vehicles.

Athlete

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er was honored for her skills and dedication to the sport and for inspiring countless others. She and her partner have lived in Cape Elizabeth since 2008.

Burke was a Maine high school standout in track and field, and is a former NCAA athlete in basketball and lacrosse. She has been playing pickleball for over 8 years, competing on the local, regional and national stage.

In 2023 she won gold medals in women's doubles at the USAP Diamond Regional Tournament in New Haven, Connecticut, women's doubles at the inaugural Ballpark Series held at Fenway Park, and women's doubles and mixed doubles at the MSG Tournament in Brunswick. Burke and partners were undefeated in each of these wins.

Burke said winning was a complete surprise. "I joke that I still feel 35 and must be too young for this. But seriously, it was quite an honor to receive the award. My introduction to pickleball came just as I turned 50. I feel so lucky to have found a sport where even after 8 years, and at my advanced level of play, I'm still seeing improvement on an

upward trajectory. The friendships I have made are numerous and deep, similar to the friendships I made on high school and college teams. The award from the MSG validates my work and dedication and I hope shows others that your athletic career doesn't need to stop as you get older. It can actually get better because you have wisdom and self-awareness that you didn't have as a kid. The wins are sweeter and the losses don't matter as much," Burke said.

A graphic designer, Burke is the Pickleball Pro at the Greater Portland YMCA and teaches classes at the Portland and Freeport branches and offers private lessons. She can often be found on courts in Cape Elizabeth and Greater Portland, competing, or inspiring others with her enthusiasm for the game.

The mission of the Maine Senior Games is to provide athletic events and wellness opportunities to improve the health and fitness of people 45 and over. MSG offers competitions in age groups in 20 sports each year. In 2023 there were over 600 athletes who competed. The events take place in different cities and towns throughout Maine. For more information, go to maineseniorgames.org.

Lions Club

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a common goal of helping our community."

Those interested in either supporting the Lions Club, or in becoming a member, can reach out by sending an email to lionsclub-ceme@gmail.com. Fleming said, "One of the best ways is to attend one of our many dinners and see us in action! We will also


have a large contingent at Family Fun Day coming up on June 8, so come and talk to us."

Fleming summed it up by saying, "Being a Lion provides a way to make a difference in your community while having fun and forming lasting friendships. Is a highly rewarding experience I would recommend to everyone."

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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.

Wednesday, May 22

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

School Building Advisory Committee, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
 SBAC Subcommittee COMMUNICATIONS, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 28

Board of Zoning Appeals, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29

School Board Policy Committee, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 30

SBAC Subcommittee - COMMUNICATIONS, 8:30 a.m.
 Monday, June 3
 Town Council Workshop, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

Planning Board Workshop, Jordan Conference Room, 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: ccrcme.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.

CABLE GUIDE

CETV CHANNEL 1302

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Board of Zoning Appeals

May 28 - 7 p.m.

School Building Advisory Committee

May 23 - 6 p.m.

Schrank to perform in 'Mary Poppins'



Tom Schrank, CEHS graduate class of 2010, will be performing in Disney's "Mary Poppins," a play that will run at the Portland Players on Cottage Road in South Portland.

The play will run from June 7 through June 23. Performances will be held Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.portlandplayers.org.

Photo of Tom Schrank on left by Joanne Lee.

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 Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.
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Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road
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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
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www.HolySpiritPortland.org

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Sunday Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

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301 Cottage Road, South Portland
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www.fccucc.org

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

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Ceremony

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callsign is Selfless Warriors, "because that name is a fitting tribute to our namesake and our motto: Honor, Loyalty and Sacrifice."

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tough profession to be in because the pay unfortunately is low, you are working nights, holidays and weekends but when you help someone on one of their worse days of their lives, that is something money can't buy."

When asked about what is the most challenging part of the job, she said, "For me, responding to a cardiac arrest because you know that family dynamic will never be the same."

However, when asked about the most rewarding, Denison replied, "Seeing your patient at the local IGA looking and feeling better."

Commander Livingston and the strategic roles of coastal Maine in times of war and peace. Until I have the opportunity to share more, I recommend you visit the war memorial at Fort Williams and pay your respects to those who gave their lives in service to our country.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SBAC)!

After 14 months of hard work, the SBAC has recommended a renovation + new build project to the School Board. This is the best option because:

SAFETY & SECURITY FIRST: New construction for secure entrance halls, administrative offices, and nurses' work areas.

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE: Improves energy efficiency via campus centralization, preserves green spaces and community ball fields, and prevents the carbon emissions caused by extensive new construction.

NEW 2-STORY CEMS & POND COVE ADDITION: 10,000-12,000 sq ft of new classroom space, including modern and appropriately designed spaces for Special Education and guidance counselors, replacing current substandard spaces.

EFFICIENT CAFETERIA DESIGN: Two separate cafeterias served by a single kitchen, promoting efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The more expensive alternative proposal rejected by the SBAC would have created an extra kitchen, entailing additional staff and logistical headaches.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES: New construction and classrooms free up extra room in existing class wings, allowing for flexible spaces to accommodate 21st-century learning needs.

PERFORMING ARTS: Multi-purpose 370+ seat performing arts space, replacing our current inadequate "cafetorium" and providing much-needed additional space for gym classes through retractable seating.

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH (STEM): Brand new construction of state-of-the-art STEM classrooms.

FULL-SIZED GYMNASIUM: Maintains a high-school-sized gymnasium, providing ample space for school gatherings, sports events, and community use. The more expensive proposal rejected by the SBAC necessitated a smaller gym, thus limiting its functionality and potential for community engagement.

COOLING: Cooling for all three schools. The more expensive proposal rejected by the SBAC did not provide cooling in any of the schools, except to a very limited extent in the Middle School only.

HIGH SCHOOL: \$15 Million for long overdue repairs and upgrades, solving all critical needs over the next 6 to 10 years.

CEMS & POND COVE: \$20 Million for needed improvements. The more expensive rejected proposal would have allocated much less to Pond Cove or the High School in order to finance completely new construction at the Middle School.

RESPECT FOR ATHLETIC NEEDS: Our ball fields are an integral part of campus life, where countless students have practiced, played, and grown over the years. This plan preserves these crucial spaces, while the more expensive option rejected by the SBAC would have built over where our most used field currently stands, with no concrete plan to replace it.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: This new blueprint prevents campus sprawl, centralizes key resources among the two lower schools, and makes it possible to vertically stack on top of it any appropriate additions when they should be needed. This flexibility sets the stage for future investments that are both environmentally and fiscally responsible.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://bit.ly/3wyrINJ>

Contact the School Board and Town Council today to tell them that our schools need these critical health-and-safety, environmental, and educational improvements, which are addressed in a financially responsible plan, **with less than a 10% tax increase**. We need to vote on this plan in November. And thank the SBAC, a majority citizen committee, for their hard work:



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