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*In the Spirit of Community*

## Safety issue at TC workshop leads to consensus and action

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Kevin St. Jarre

Newly painted lines added on Shore Road near the corner with Cottage Farms Road extend the “no parking” area to match the Cape Elizabeth ordinance on parking away from street corners. Prior to the Town Council workshop meeting, the white lines between the red arrows (added to the photo) were not there, and cars were parking in that space.

Chair Penny Jordan opened the meeting by saying, “I wanted to say up front, and I know I can speak for my colleagues here, your emails have been heard, they’ve been read, the reason we set up this, I would say, workshop here tonight is because of the number of emails we’re receiving about Shore Road.”

She said the Council would discuss the related safety issues on Shore Road brought to the attention of the Council, and while she said she realizes there is a relationship between those issues and Cliff House Beach, the Chair said the discussion for this particular workshop would focus on the safety issues on the road itself, and the issues concerning beach use would be addressed at a later date.

Chair Jordan also said that since the Council had made itself familiar with the issues, in fact a few expressed they had worked on the safety and parking issue on that stretch of Shore Road for several months, that the Council would discuss the issue before public comment, thereby allowing the public a chance to not only express whatever concerns they had brought, but also to respond to the Council’s discussion that evening.

Jordan said the feedback already received included potential solutions, such as allowing parking only on one side of the road, and the concerns of residents, such as sightlines obstructed by parked cars for those coming out of side streets and onto Shore Road. Side streets the Chair referenced included Mountain View, Cottage Farms and Ocean View roads.

She also said a concern is what she called the “ripple effect” into the neighborhoods, meaning if parking were to be limited on Shore Road, that those motorists would then park on the side streets which adjoin Shore Road unless something were done. Options brought up at the meeting included making side street parking available only to those with the Cape Elizabeth resident stickers.

Councilor Caitlin Harriman asked what the Council was hoping to accomplish that

night. She said, “Of all the concerns, in a list of priority...we need to make it safe to get out from the side streets [onto Shore Road] number one.” She went on to acknowledge that progress needs to be made on the larger Shore Road reconstruction project, but that is “a whole other discussion,” but she said asked if the setbacks from the intersections for parking could be set a little further in order to make entering Shore Road safer, “to get something done out of tonight’s meeting.”

Chair Jordan said, “I agree, and doing something that doesn’t require us to go through an ordinance process. What are the real, near-term things that we can just get done.”

Town Manager Patrick Fox did express that whenever a solution is found, there are often those who will seek exceptions. For example, if a Cape resident were having guests, the resident would seek a parking exception for the visitors.

An audience member did express that these issues can be addressed with solutions such as temporary parking passes provided by the town, via the Cape resident, to their guests for the duration of the visit.

Town Manager Fox pointed out that suggestions that Cape Elizabeth simply extend what South Portland has done to manage use of the roadway, while heard, are difficult to implement on an older, existing roadway. South Portland redesigned and built new infrastructure leading up to the Cape Elizabeth town line, and so had the opportunity to maximize the roadway efficiency.

Fox pointed out that those types of solutions take time and millions of dollars. He said that there was much they can learn about the town’s needs by “doing this temporarily” before incurring large costs.

Fox said, “Everything that’s down there in white paint can be adjusted.”

Fox also said that while some people say that the newly painted parking spaces wid-

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## News from July Town Council meeting

By Hanna Gilley

### Town Council Reports and Correspondence

Chair Penny Jordan commenced the meeting by thanking the councilors for wearing yellow clothing or yellow ribbons in support of domestic violence awareness month. Jordan also thanked Rachel Davis, Directory of the Thomas Memorial Library, for her efforts in bringing awareness to the Cape Elizabeth community of domestic violence. Davis mentioned that requests for a domestic violence awareness yard sign can be requested online and picked up at the library’s campus.

Councilor Thompson suggested that the town make available to the Privacy Committee and town staff an online cyber security training available through the Maine Municipal Association (MMA).

### Town Manager Monthly Report

Town Manager Patrick Fox said that the

“wheels are still turning” and planning staff are still working on research and data comparison for land ordinances in communities similar to Cape. Participating towns were “happy to participate” and also have access to the data.

Fox shared that the new traffic safety working group will have its first meeting on August 6 at 8:00 a.m. He hopes that people will be able to attend and participate on their commute to work. The first meeting will discuss street lights, “children playing” signs and parking safety in certain locations.

There were no bids received for the new basketball court project. However, Fox said that town staff, an engineering consultant, and Cape Hoops will work on “getting it done on time and within budget.”

Fox also shared that an RFP for a new dump truck has been published and that the project has budgeted funds for the 2026 fis-

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## Organic tennis community grows in Cape, courts need help

By Kevin St. Jarre

What started as a few enthusiastic local tennis players taking advantage of Cape Elizabeth Community Services has grown to include more than 100 members.

According to Lauren Schuman, who grew up here and graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 2000, the group has grown into a vibrant, welcoming network of more than 100 members who connect through an email list to play regular pick-up sessions of tennis at the CEHS courts, and occasionally in neighboring towns. Schuman said that

the tennis group has been informally led “by the ever-welcoming Susannah ‘Zannah’ Ford.”

Ford explained how she got involved, saying, “A few years ago I enrolled in a tennis program through Cape Elizabeth Community Services in hopes of becoming a worthy doubles partner for my husband who has been playing tennis since high school. From the first session, the instructor Niamh Colpitts encouraged us to practice outside of the structured lessons and encouraged us to

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Contributed photo

A local tennis group has formed, and grown to more than 100 members supporting each other and their love of the sport. Some of the members are pictured here, from left to right: Renee Rogers, Lauren Schuman, Sarah Laduzenski, Jon Courtney, James Shanahan, Erica Shanahan, Terri Febraro, Zhyldyz Kabaeva, Eleanor Villforth and Tana Leonhart.



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## 'Any insight would be appreciated'

This is not a take on the safety of a striped or unstriped road. However, reading Mr. West's 'Striping is unsafe' letter, I have several questions, the most important being, "How does road striping affect him mowing his lawn?"

Is the striping equipment the impediment? Is it being operated from his lawn?

Or perhaps his lawn itself is being striped?

Is it the noise that is the issue?

Any insight would be appreciated, as I can't fathom a scenario in which road work is a hindrance to lawn care.

**Alex Campbell**

## Correction

In the last issue of the Courier, in a story about the 100% pass rate of CEHS students on several AP tests, a teacher's name was inadvertently left out. Mr. Drew McNeely is the teacher of AP Pre-calculus, and his students also had a perfect success rate on the national exam.

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## News from July Planning Board meeting

By Hanna Gilley

### Cape Community Temporary Ice Rink Site Plan Amendments

The town of Cape Elizabeth is requesting amendments to the site plan approval for the temporary ice rink located on Gull Crest Drive to align the site plan with the use of the site.

Mike Backman, representing the Cape Community Arena, shared changes and updates made to the site plan as requested by board members and other town staff. These site changes include rubber mats for walkers, snow fences that contain all skaters to the area, a built platform for spectators and skaters, and the removal of benches from the parking lot.

Changes also include the relocation of portable toilets, a 20 foot by 40 foot tent, and chiller and storage container. Additionally, the heaters for the zamboni room need to be either "electronic or propane fired" as requested per the insurance company. Backman is also working with Code Enforcement Officer Ben McDougal on finding a solution to have "beefier tents" around near the warming huts.

The applicant also noted that all signs have been removed from the advertising wall, however, they are requesting for amendments to that ordinance via a letter to the town.

Sebago Technics suggested to the applicant that concrete barriers be added as vehicles stop in the parking lot rather than rubber curbing. Sebago Technics also noted in their soil erosion study that the area appears to be stable.

The board voted unanimously to approve the site plan on merits of completeness. A condition of approval was added stating that the site plans "can only go through" if the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approves the waiver of one-year relief from loaming and seeding the site in the off season.

### Center Court Site Plan

Bob Gaudreau of HardyPond Development is requesting site plan review and a subdivision amendment to construct

a 35-unit residential apartment building to be located on lots 3 and 4 of Town Common Circle. Board Member Natalie Burns recused herself from discussions for "conflict of interest in the matter."

John Mitchell of Mitchell and Associates and representing Bob Gaudreau and HardyPond Development, presented the site plan to the board for review. Mark Mueller of Mark Mueller Architects also presented with Mitchell.

Mitchell shared that lots 3 and 4 of Ocean House Common, if combined as requested, will have a total area of 1.8 acres and a vegetative buffer along the easterly side of the lot. Secondary access would be available at the rear of the Town Hall lot. Mitchell added that Town Common Circle is a private road built in 2020, and that all utilities are installed underground. Stormwater management would tie into the existing infrastructure, and drip edges for additional impervious space would be installed for parking and walkways.

The proposed development includes two 25,000 square foot footprints for the apartment buildings with a connected entrance, lobby and common facilities. There will be a one-story, covered parking garage consisting of 13 vehicle spaces at the north end of the proposed buildings.

Mueller shared that the proposed buildings would contain a combination of 1- and 2-bedroom apartments with all units having a deck space. Mueller said the buildings would be visible from the road but set back with "nice outdoor spaces." He added he thinks the apartments will add pedestrian activity to the town center.

There is no intention by the applicant at this time of having generators at the proposed development.

Jim Huebener made the motion to approve which Derek LaValle seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve site plan review as presented and scheduled a site walk for Monday, July 21 at 5:30p.m.

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# Vehicle stolen from driveway

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 6-10 An officer met with a subject in the police station to discuss a threatening letter he had received.
- 6-24 Two officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the Mitchell Road area.
- 6-25 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 6-25 An officer received correspondence from a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 6-26 An officer met with a subject regarding theft by unauthorized taking or transfer in the Spurwink Avenue area.
- 6-27 An officer met with a resident regarding a possible missing person in the Scott Dyer Road area.
- 6-30 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 7-3 An officer met with a resident of the Woodland Road area who reported that sometime during the night his vehicle was stolen from his driveway.
- 7-6 An officer responded to a resident in the Broad Cove area for a report of a habitually barking dog.
- 7-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 7-7 An officer met with a resident from the Shore Acres area who reported that one of her bank accounts had been compromised and the bank's fraud division was investigating it.
- 7-8 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding the theft of a bicycle from his garage.
- 7-8 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a possible missing juvenile. Subject was later accounted for.
- 7-8 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road who reported that he had sold a car two and had failed to remove the Maine plates. The plates, which are now expired, are illegally attached to a vehicle in Rhode Island and he is getting letters from police departments and E-Z Pass for unpaid parking tickets and fees.
- 7-14 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 7-15 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 7-16 An officer met with a subject who turned over a silver colored chain with an ornament that was found on top of the sand at Kettle Cove Beach.
- 7-21 An officer responded to a residence in the Broad Cove area for a well-being check.

## SUMMONSES

- 6-24 South Portland resident, speeding (77/50 zone), Ocean House Road, \$278
- 6-24 South Portland resident, operating vehicle while using a hand held device, \$325
- 6-24 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, unregistered vehicle, Bowery Beach Road \$271
- 6-25 Windham resident, uninspected vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, \$148
- 6-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding, Bowery Beach Road
- 6-29 Lewiston resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$148
- 6-29 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using a hand held device, Bowery Beach Road, \$85
- 7-1 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, \$85
- 7-3 Portland resident, speeding (60/50 zone), Ocean House Road, \$129
- 7-4 Shapleigh resident, speeding (50/30 zone) Mitchell Road, \$230
- 7-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/35 zone), Sawyer Road, \$114
- 7-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating left within 100 feet of bridge, Sawyer Road
- 7-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Ocean House Road, \$170
- 7-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding, Route 77
- 7-19 Portland resident, no vehicle registration, Cottage Road
- 7-21 Oxford resident, attaching false plates, Scott Dyer Road

## JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 7-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, illegal possession of alcohol
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- 7-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, illegal possession of alcohol
- 7-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding, Sawyer Road
- 7-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding, Spurwink Avenue

## ARRESTS

- 7-12 Westbrook resident, operating under the influence of alcohol

## ACCIDENTS

- 6-25 Kai Gardner, Kieran Walls, accident on Shore Road.
- 7-11 Stella Morrison, accident on Fowler Road

## FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 36  
EMS calls: 92

# Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

## Summer Heat Waves Bring Out Utility Scams

The summer heat is here, and so are scammers posing as the utility company. You might get a call or email from someone threatening to shut off your electric service due to unpaid bills. With high temperatures making air conditioning essential, these criminals use fear to pressure you into acting fast. They may demand immediate payment using gift cards, wire transfers, or mobile payment apps. Real utility companies don't threaten immediate shutoff without notice, and they don't demand unusual forms of payment. If you receive a threat like this, contact your utility company directly using the number from your bill—not the one the caller gives you.

## Grandparent Scams Meet AI

You get a call from a panicked grandchild or other family member. They say they're in a time-sensitive crisis—hospitalized after a car accident or jailed for example—and beg for immediate financial help. They may hand the phone over to someone they say is

a police officer, lawyer or court official who provides detailed instructions for sending money via gift card, wire transfer, Cryptocurrency or cash. This is the beginning of the grandparent scam and it's more sophisticated than ever. Criminals now have generative artificial intelligence tools to make the fake situation seem all-the-more real. But there is no emergency: It's a setup to steal your money.

If you receive a call like this, verify the situation by contacting your loved one directly using a number you know is theirs. Above all, if you receive an unexpected communication that puts you into a state of high emotion and involves urgency, let that be your signal to take an "active pause." Give yourself time to reflect on what you might know about the situation or to reach out to someone for guidance. AARP Fraud Watch Network TM is mounting an educational campaign to "Pause. Reflect. Protect."

Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network. Suspect a scam? Call our free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to one of our fraud specialists about what to do next.

# Children and Family Grief Walk to be held on August 9

The Center for Grieving Children, in partnership with the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, is hosting a Children and Family Grief Walk on Saturday, August 9 from 10 a.m.-noon. The event is open to the public and will have crafts, snacks, and a Story Walk featuring "A Shelter for Sadness", a children's book on grief by Anne Booth and David Litchfield.

Supplies will be provided for participants to build their own shelters for sadness as a way to process grief in a healthy way by creating a space to store the complicated emotions that come with the grief of losing someone important.

"We're delighted to partner with the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church again

this year to host this event," said Mary Bristol, Director of Programming at the Center. "Being outside with nature is a meditative and therapeutic experience as people grieve and is an opportunity to acknowledge their own grief while remembering that person who has died along the way."

Those interested in participating in this year's Grief Walk can RSVP to mary@cgcmaine.org, but it is not necessary to do so. The event will kick off at the back of the Cape Elizabeth UMC parking lot, 280 Ocean House Road (Route 77) in Cape Elizabeth.

Activities will take place in the church's Outdoor Chapel and in Robinson Woods.



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## Town Council

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cal year. Additionally, Gorrill Palmer, an engineering consulting company, has started their pavement condition analysis report of town roads.

### Item # 76-2025 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Annual Spurwink Rod & Gun Club Range Inspection

Police Chief Fenton and Code Enforcement Officer Ben McDougal conducted an annual inspection on June 24 at the Spurwink Rod & Gun Club. No concerns were found at the property by either Chief Fenton or McDougal.

Councilor Sahrbeck said he “appreciates all they’ve done at the Rod & Gun club to be in compliance.” The council voted unanimously to approve acknowledgement of receipt of the annual report.

### Item # 78-2025 LD 2003

Councilor Harriman made the motion to adopt the amendments to LD2003 and adjusting the maximum accessory dwelling unit (ADU) size to 1,200 square feet. After Councilor Sahrbeck seconded the motion, Councilor Anderson proposed an amendment to strike language in the amendments that align ownership of the primary residence and an ADU on the same property to be “in compliance with the requirements of the Maine Condominium Act.” The motion had a vote of 2-5 with Councilors Anderson and Thompson voted in favor.

Councilor Thompson offered a second amendment that would adjust the maximum size of an ADU from 1,200 square feet to 1,100 square feet. That motion also failed with Councilors Anderson and Thompson and Chair Jordan having voted in favor.

The original motion as presented was approved by the council with a vote of 5-2, with Councilors Anderson and Thompson having voted against the motion.

The LD2003 amendments were referred to the Planning Board by the Town Council in December of 2024. A public hearing was held by the Planning Board and the Board voted to recommend amendments back to the Town Council in January 2025. A workshop was held by the Town Council

in February 2025 and amendments were presented along with another public hearing in March 2025. An additional workshop on the amendments was held before the regular Town Council meeting on July 14, 2025. The amendments voted on in the regular Council meeting were the supplemental LD2003 amendments as presented in the January 2025 packet.

### Item # 79-2025 Contract Zoning

Councilor Harriman shared that the ordinance committee held a meeting a few weeks prior where they had voted 3-0 to recommend that the Town Council not adopt contract zoning amendments as presented.

Councilor Sahrbeck said that he was “more comfortable not adopting it at all” compared to tabling the motion indefinitely as suggested as an option by Town Manager Fox. Sahrbeck added that since there was no enforcement mechanism in the amendments’ language, he did not think “it’s ready for prime time as it’s written.” Multiple councilors agreed with Sahrbeck.

The council unanimously voted to not adopt the contract zoning amendments.

### Item # 80-2025 DEI Committee Ordinance Change

The Ordinance Committee reviewed amendments to the DEI Committee’s charge as requested by members of that committee. The DEI Committee is requesting that the name of the committee be changed to “Accessibility and Inclusion Committee” to align with other boards and committees as an advisory role to the Town Council. The Council voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing on August 11, 2025 related to the recommendations.

### Item # 81-2025 Approval of FY25 Carryforward Balances

Councilor Scifres shared that the procedure to approve carryforward balances is “done every year,” and means that projects that were budgeted for fiscal year 2025 will be carried into fiscal year 2026. The total balance is \$60,541.47 and is being carried forward from five different departments.

Town Manager Fox offered his thanks to all town departments for “looking at everything they could” to put in the unassigned

fund balance as it helps in the future when looking at tough budget decisions or emergencies.

### Item # 82-2025 Council Goals Update

Fox shared that while “things feel like they move slow at times” some progress has been made as it relates to council goals. Chair Jordan and other councilors shared that the report and its format were “great” and a future workshop would be beneficial.

A workshop on Town Council Goals and their updates will be held before the regular scheduled Town Council meeting in August.

### Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Andy Patton shared a few comments and insight with the council including that he believes it’s a “public safety issue” that there is no cell phone service at Crescent Beach. Patton also said it would be helpful to the public to hear any updates from the Town Assessor regarding tax bill concerns as well as “bigger items such as the Pay and Display parking, excise taxes, building permits” and others that go to the unassigned fund balances, adding that “every little bit helps.”

## Tennis

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connect with each other. Another member, Tana Leonhart and I decided to create an email list for people to set-up tennis play.”

They eventually set up regular tennis times to get together, three times weekly, and Ford said that with the help of Sarah Laduzenski last year, they started an annual Cape Elizabeth doubles tennis tournament.

“Thanks to Nick Bevins, we added a Round Robin doubles tournament this summer which will definitely become another yearly event. It has been amazing connecting with this group of tennis enthusiasts. Players vary in age [from] early 20s to early 80s and level of play, [from] beginner to lifelong players and everyone nurtures the tennis skills of others. As a beginner a few years ago, I was grateful for the encouragement and guidance I received from the more experienced players,” Ford said.

Schuman said, “What makes this group unique isn’t just its size, but its spirit. Players of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels rally together. Many met through the Cape Community Services Adult Match-play classes led by Niamh Colpitts, and the courts have since become a hub for friendship, fun and competition. USTA teams have blossomed from the group, new

friendships are forged every season, end-of-year parties have become a tradition, and even community-wide tournaments have taken root—with proceeds going to support youth tennis.”

Lauren Schuman said, “Recently, the community organized to advocate for much-needed improvements to the CEHS courts—addressing cracks, enhancing the grounds, and, thanks to the dedication of member Jon Courtney, building and installing a practice wall that’s already proving invaluable for players of all skill levels.

Together, this grassroots initiative captures how local passion, collaboration, and a love for tennis are making Cape a better place to live—and play.”

Ford said the best way to get involved would be to reach out to at zannahjoy@gmail.com to be added to the email list. “Emails are sent out on a regular basis to inform people of tennis activities and for people to reach out to one another whenever they are looking for someone to play with. Other ways to support would be to continue supporting the Cape Community Services program and tennis programs for local youth,” she said.

Schuman said there is a need, however. She said, “The Cape courts are in rough shape. They’ve got a lot of cracks, dead spots and nets that are not in good shape. It would be wonderful to work together to get these repaired. Fort Williams just finished their courts which is great but there are only two of them so not big enough to support the group. Lights to play at night would be wonderful too and I’ve heard it’s been discussed but not sure where the issue stands.”

Ford agreed and said, “The tennis courts at the high school are in dire need of repair and we would love to see the town invest in reconditioning them. One of our tennis members, Jon Courtney, has been a tireless advocate for improving the tennis courts. He recently accessed permission and funding for materials, and built and erected a tennis backboard for one of the courts in the high school. People both in the group and outside the group are thrilled with the addition of the backboard. Jon’s enthusiasm and dedication to the local tennis community is unsurpassed. He has a wonderful way of connecting with people and has invited dozens of players into our group. We would love to see the community leaders support the tennis play in Cape Elizabeth as well. The two courts at Fort Williams were recently reconditioned and look great. With some of the courts at Fort Williams being converted to Pickleball courts, the courts at the high school are in even higher demand.”


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# CEEF welcomes new Executive Director



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Mika Reynolds has been named the new Executive Director of the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, effective August 1. Reynolds has been a dedicated CEEF board member for several years, serving most recently as CEEF's Vice President.

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) is proud to announce the appointment of Mika Reynolds as its new Executive Director, effective August 1. A longtime advocate for educational excellence in Cape Elizabeth, Mika brings a deep passion for public education, extensive non-profit experience, and a strong track record of community leadership to the role.

Mika has been a dedicated board member for several years serving most recently as CEEF's Vice President and revitalizing both the Red Apple program and the CEEF Kitchen Tour. Her appointment marks a new chapter for the organization as it continues to expand its impact on Cape Elizabeth schools through strategic grantmaking and community partnerships.

"Mika's energy, vision and unwavering commitment to our mission make her the perfect choice to lead CEEF into its next phase," said Board President Eliza Sandals. "She understands firsthand how important it is to support teachers, students, and school leaders with resources that spark creativity, innovation and elevate learning."

In her new role, Mika will oversee

the foundation's fundraising initiatives, grant programs, community engagement and daily operations. She will work closely with school administration, educators and CEEF's board to identify and fund projects that enrich Cape Elizabeth students' academic experience and help them thrive.

"I'm honored and thrilled to step into this role," said Mika. "CEEF has been a meaningful part of my life and our community's schools for many years. I look forward to building on the foundation's impactful work and collaborating with our dedicated board members, donors, and school staff to ensure every student in Cape Elizabeth has access to extraordinary learning opportunities."

To learn more about CEEF's mission, past grant recipients and upcoming events, please visit [ceef.us](http://ceef.us).

# Concert on Cape Village Green will take place on August 13

By Jeff Shedd

Famous American and Mainer Henry Wadsworth Longfellow described music as the "universal language of mankind."

In divisive times, according to Maria von Trapp, who experienced extreme divisiveness in Austria while raising her musical family, "Music acts like a magic key to which the most tightly closed heart opens."

Cape Elizabeth families have the opportunity to come together as a community on the Village Green adjacent to the Town Hall to experience the power of music at a concert of the Maine Pops Concert Band on Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The concert is free (though donations are gratefully accepted to support the non-profit band's education-focused mission).

Maine's largest community band, the Maine Pops consists of over 100 musicians, including music educators, teachers, nurses, accountants, computer scientists, pastors and many others, ranging in age from teens to 80s. Several Cape residents play in the band. The band's members love coming together as a community to grow musically while sharing in the

power of music to bring people together. "Community bands have been entertaining our towns since before the Civil War," said band president Bob Swerdlow, "and we are delighted to carry on that tradition - and what could be better than a free concert in the park on a beautiful Maine summer evening?"

While the specific selections that will be played that evening are not yet determined, the band's repertoire includes Sousa marches, Gershwin's "American in Paris," medleys from Star Trek and sixties and eighties rock music, Seventy Six Trombones, "Indiana," (a jazzy number played at the start of every Indianapolis 500), and others. The concert will last approximately one hour.

Cape Elizabeth has not been without its share of divisions recently. Consider coming and bringing your family to be with one another as a community in the unifying presence of music.

And if you are interested in learning more about the Maine Pops Band or might even consider joining us, see the band's website or its YouTube channel for more information.

[Jeffrey Shedd, former principal of CEHS, plays alto sax in the band.]

# Cape Elizabeth Bike Rodeo to be held on August 23

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department, along with Cape Elizabeth Community Services, are hosting the Cape Elizabeth Bike Rodeo on Saturday, August 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The event will be held in the Cape Elizabeth Community Services parking

lot and is geared for kids ages 4-10. Stop by for a free bike and helmet check, bike parade and simulated road safety course.

For more information or questions, contact Officer Darin Estes, [darin.estes@capeelizabeth.gov](mailto:darin.estes@capeelizabeth.gov).

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# EAA Chapter 141 hosts 28th Annual Spurwink Farm Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 141 hosted the 28th Annual Spurwink Farm International Fly - In and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday July 9 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Spurwink Farm. It's an event I have enjoyed since its beginnings.

The EAA, Chapter 141, located in Limington host the "Annual Spurwink Farm International Fly - In and Pancake Breakfast" at the farm's grass strip

at Spurwink Farm. Spurwink Farm is owned by the Sprague Family who partners with the EAA each year for this fun summer event. This was the 28th year the Fly-In has taken place. The EAA boasts this event has the best pancake breakfast in the northeast. Between 50-75 planes and helicopters fly-in each year.

Many of the planes arriving are modified or built from scratch. While others are antiques (military and civilian) and

-see FLY-IN page 10



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Retired U.S. Marine Corps Pilots pictured with Stephen T. Lyons, a U.S. Marine veteran, at the Annual Spurwink Farm Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast.



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Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee are always a hit at the Spurwink Farm Fly-In. Between 50-75 planes and helicopters fly-in to the event each year.



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# U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen visit Cape Elizabeth

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

A couple of weeks ago, four U.S. Naval Academy training Yard Patrol (YP) crafts from Annapolis, Maryland, arrived in Casco Bay as part of the Academy's annual summer training cruise along the Eastern Seaboard.

"Ex Scientia Tridens" — "Through Knowledge, Sea Power" — is the official motto of the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA). I had the distinct honor of serving as a guest speaker and local guide for the midshipmen during their visit to Cape Elizabeth, sharing insights into the area's military and maritime history. This opportunity came about through a connection with my friend and retired U.S. Marine Corps Major David Cote.

As part of this memorable experience, I met with Lieutenant Commander Carson Hall, the 'officer in tactical command' of the four training vessels. We shared breakfast at C Salt Gourmet Market in town, where I was struck by his professionalism, knowledge, and clear pride in both the U.S. Navy and the Naval Academy.

The Naval Academy is a prestigious institution known for its academic rigor and its mission to develop leaders of competence, character and compassion. Upon graduation, midshipmen are commissioned as Ensigns in the Navy or Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps. Also aboard the training ships were cadets from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and international naval trainees, making for a truly diverse and collaborative crew.

LCDR Hall explained the purpose of the Yard Patrol Craft: to provide hands-on seamanship and navigation training in a controlled, real-world environment. The program focuses on developing the skills of an Officer of the Deck, includ-

ing navigation proficiency and operational awareness.

After disembarking from their ships, the midshipmen boarded chartered buses and visited Fort Williams, Portland Head Light and Two Lights State Park. There, they toured the remnants of the Cape Elizabeth Military Reservation and paid tribute to the fallen sailors of USS Eagle 56.

During their tour, the midshipmen explored Casco Bay's deep military and maritime roots and learned about the region's original Native American inhabitants. Many were surprised to discover that Maine is home to 65 lighthouses — seven of which were constructed to guide vessels through the often-treacherous waters of Casco Bay.

Speaking with the midshipmen, I was struck by their enthusiasm and sense of purpose. These young men and women, hailing from across the country, shared stories of their demanding training, unique experiences and the exciting paths ahead in naval service.

Following their formal visits, the midshipmen enjoyed some well-earned liberty in Portland's Old Port. For many, it was their first time in Maine — but given the impression our state left on them, I suspect it won't be their last.

## Judy's Pantry – a community feeding itself

Judy's Pantry operates at the Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Prior registration is necessary. Recent eligibility guidelines for visiting Judy's Pantry have eased. Please contact Beth Owens: bethowens1@gmail.com. Please consider a non-perishable donation to the IGA drop box.



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen stand by the USS Eagle 56 War Memorial at Fort Williams.



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen stand by the High Head Lady Bird Johnson Garden at Two Lights State Park.



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen aboard four Yard Patrol Craft (YP) in Casco Bay for summer training.





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## Maine Ethics Commission will not investigate CESD

By Kevin St. Jarre

After first holding a public hearing on the issue, and then deferring on the question in order to gather more information, the Maine Ethics Commission has announced that it will not investigate a complaint against Cape Elizabeth School Department.

An ethics complaint had been filed against the CESD and Superintendent Chris Record, by Larry Benoit and Mary Ann Lynch in connection with the purchase of advertisements explaining the proposal behind a school bond referendum question, and CESD's position, before it was voted on in November 2024.

With the commission's decision not to

investigate CESD, Maine Ethics Commission Chairman William J. Schneider said, "I found the ads to be more informational than engaging in advocacy, so I don't need to reach the question of whether a municipality is included in the definition of a person."

Dr. Record has said that the CESD has a right to spend funds for school purposes, and that as a school district they believe it is fundamentally important to inform the citizens of Cape Elizabeth of the needs of the schools and the costs before they consider voting on a project. Record also said that Maine state law "expressly authorizes" school departments to encourage citizens to vote.

## Caper donates to Make-A-Wish



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Brooklyn Glaser, who just completed 5th grade at Cape Elizabeth Middle School, is pictured donating a contribution to the Make-A-Wish Foundation on July 15. In Jewish families, when a child turns four and starts Sunday School, they make a Tzedakah Box. Tzedakah boxes teach children the importance of the mitzvah, or commandment, of giving. Brooklyn's gift to the Make-A-Wish Foundation came from her Tzedakah Box.

## Town of Cape Elizabeth benefits from climate action

By Sam Milton

The town of Cape Elizabeth, led by its Facilities Department and supported by the Energy Committee, has taken a bold step forward in climate leadership, implementing innovative solutions that replace aging systems, reduce our environmental footprint, save energy, and position Cape Elizabeth as a model for other communities.

Thanks to the town's ongoing efforts to develop a climate action plan and its subsequent membership in the state's Community Resilience Partnership, Cape recently secured two competitive climate action grants focused on replacing outdated systems with cleaner, more efficient solutions.

One grant award allowed the town to replace aging lighting systems at Town Hall, the Police Department, and the Fire Department with high-efficiency LED lighting, improving energy performance while reducing operating costs. Another award helped the town to reduce reliance on oil by adding modern, efficient heat pumps to every classroom in the Com-

munity Services building, delivering year-round clean and cost-effective heating and cooling.

The Facilities Department also recently replaced aging vehicles with two fully electric models, dramatically reducing emissions and fuel costs. This shift, along with the installation of four EV chargers at Fort Williams and Community Services in 2023, demonstrates the town's commitment to cleaner transportation and long-term sustainability.

Finally, all daily-use cleaning chemicals in both town and school facilities are now Green Seal Certified, the highest industry standard for health and environmental safety. This ensures safe and healthy spaces for students, staff, and residents, while eliminating the environmental impact of older, harsher chemical products.

This is just the beginning. The climate action planning process is nearing its completion, and additional grant applications are in the works to further replace outdated systems and improve efficiency across our buildings and operations.



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This Hyundai Ioniq EV represents one step in the path towards further notification of Cape Elizabeth's municipal vehicle fleet.

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## Shore Road

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ened those spaces, “It was actually meant to narrow the travel lanes. The travel speed concerns...if you narrow a travel lane, from 12 or 14 feet to 11 feet, it creates that visual perception that it’s a narrower, busier section of road regardless of whether cars are parked there or not. White paint alone is only going to lower speeds by 2 or 3 miles per hour, but our very preliminary data from just one speed sign that’s down there, does show that the striping lowered speeds.”

Fox also said that according to the Cape Elizabeth police, that parking violations with the new striping have been rare. Fox said there are times when there are not many cars, what he called “next to nothing,” and other times when there are “2- or 3-hour periods, lots of times, where there are 50 or more vehicles.”

Councilor Tim Thompson said that he recognizes safety is a primary concern, and that he is aware that “the quality of life in your neighborhoods has changed, and I think that we, as a Council, need to consider that as well.” He went on to say that he understands the frustrations of residents, and the enforcement should be looked into, to “see how we can enforce some of the things we’re trying to do.”

Thompson said that he personally went down onto Sea View Road, to an area where only Cape residents can park, and he found six parked cars, and five of them did not have the required Cape Elizabeth resident sticker. “If there is anything we can possibly do, from an enforcement standpoint” he’d like that looked into, Thompson said.

Councilor Stephanie Anderson said, “I also agree that we have to look at the congestion and the impact that that has on the quality of life of the people who live in that neighborhood. She said she was in favor of not only limiting parking on Shore Road, but also “on the side streets adjacent to Shore Road, to have resident parking only, seasonally. That was what we came up with 15 months ago.”

Town Manager Fox said that with consensus of the Council, he could work with Police Chief Paul Fenton to place Emergency No Parking signs to improve sightlines. He also said that he could have the no parking spaces extended by measuring from a “new measuring point,” meaning a differently calculated point from which to measure than was used initially, to bring those spaces into compliance with existing Cape Elizabeth parking ordinances.

After the Town Council’s discussion, Chair Jordan invited members of the public to comment, saying the Council “would love to hear from you.”

Several members of the public rose to share their concerns, and first to speak was Cynthia Troiano, who brought with her a petition she circulated, signed by more than 250 residents of Cape Elizabeth voicing their support for changes on the issues.

Troiano said she video-recorded Shore Road for 45 minutes, and saw drivers making U-turns, ostensibly to gain a parking spot to access the beach. She said that one driver even “drove onto the sidewalk.” She said people crossed the road without using the crosswalk that was “just steps away.”

Troiano said cyclists “were squeezed between parked cars, buses and nonstop traffic and it was absolute chaos.” She said local residents have witnessed people changing and “naked in front of their homes, cutting through their yards, and picking vegetables and produce from their gardens.”

She said she walked from Shore Road down onto Sea View Road, and not a single parked car had the required resident sticker. Troiano said that the new parking lines have made Shore Road less safe, forcing residents to inch out into Shore Road, attempting to

see around parked cars, as they enter traffic. “This makes no sense,” Troiano said.

She said that limiting parking to one side of Shore Road will not solve the problem, and that the only way to fix the problem is to ban all parking on Shore Road from May to October, and that adjacent side streets must be resident parking only “to prevent the problem from coming into our neighborhoods.”

Much of what Troiano said was echoed by several residents who spoke after she did, recounting their own experiences of having to inch their way into Shore Road in order to see if there is oncoming traffic, because parked cars were blocking their view.

Other points made included the number of beaches in neighboring towns which have parking restrictions, with one resident pointing out that at South Portland’s Willard Beach, there are stretches of road where parking is completely banned.

Councilor Harriman called on the residents from the impacted neighborhoods to submit their feedback on parking on Shore Road and the side streets. “We need solutions, and we need to hear from you,” Harriman said.

Councilor Anderson also requested public feedback: “We have our work cut out for us. Hard policy decisions lie ahead. We need input from those directly affected. Every decision comes with ripple effects – what implications are you willing to tolerate? Should there be parking on only one side of Shore Road? No parking at all? How would that impact local businesses? Should resident-only parking be allowed on your side street? If so, how far up? Year-round or seasonal? What about visitors and vendors? And how would we enforce these rules?”

At the conclusion of the workshop, asked for confirmation, the Council agreed that there was Council consensus to:

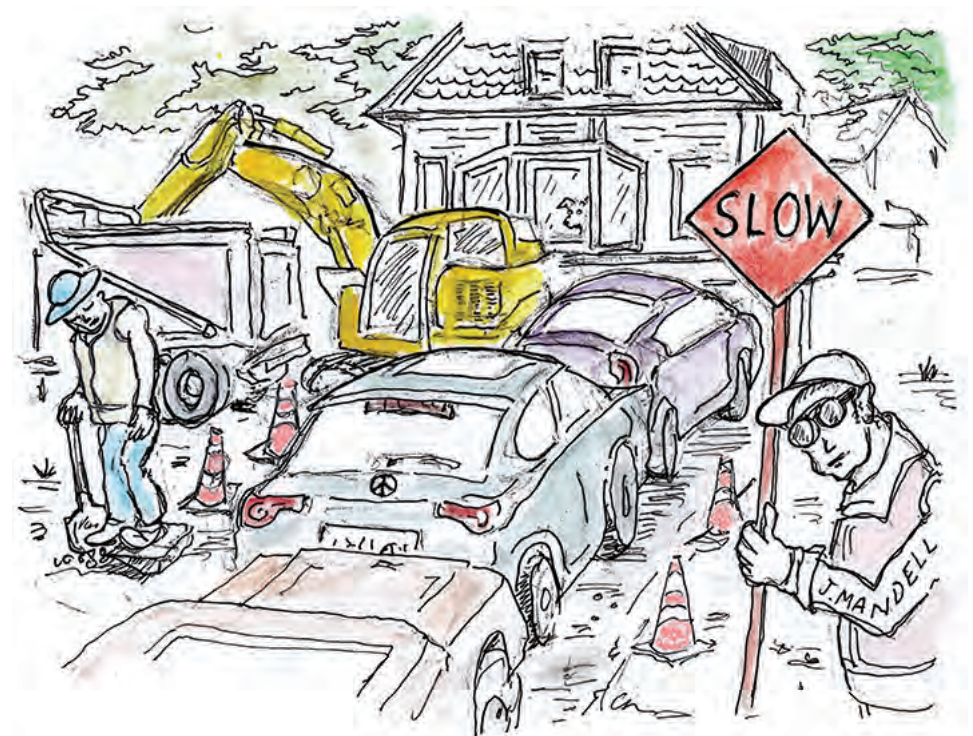
- Have the “no parking spaces” remeasured, extended and painted to comply with existing town ordinances regarding setbacks from intersections, crosswalks and driveways.

- Have the Town Manager and Chief of Police add Emergency No Parking signs in addition to and beyond the marked “no parking spaces” to ensure that the sightlines are clear and motorists and cyclists can see well enough to enter Shore Road safely from side streets and driveways.

In the two weeks since consensus was reached by the Town Council to take these actions, motorists will now find that additional lines have been painted at the corners, preventing people from parking within the setbacks set out in town ordinances.

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By Jeff Mandell



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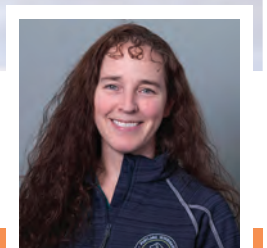
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### Fly-In

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come from a variety of aviation and aeronautics designs. An added bonus of the event is walking the barn and visiting the horses.

The EAA is an international organization of aviation enthusiasts based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Since its inception, it has grown internationally with over 200,000 members and nearly 1,000 chapters worldwide. The EAA hosts the largest aviation gathering of its kind in the world in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and has a large following. It works closely with the EAA Aviation Museum located beside EAA Headquarters. The EAA Museum displays more than 200 experimental aircraft, antiques, classics, warbirds and 20,000 artifacts of historic interest.

The event started in 1984 when a group of EAA members flew in to celebrate one of Cape Elizabeth's well known and respected resident's birthday, Phineas Sprague. It was such a great time and event that the EAA and Sprague Family decided to make the fly - in an annual event for the EAA to raise money for student scholarships and promote aviation. Bunk said the event is a celebration for both aviation and pancake lovers. The annual event provides great camaraderie with fellow pilots.

One of the EAA public outreach programs is the Young Eagles Program. The program is designed to give children ages 8-17 the opportunity to experience flight. The EAA Young Eagles Program provides a meaningful flight experience free of charge to these youth. It is hoped through this experience young people will be inspired to continue a path of aviation or aeronautics. According to one EAA website, as of July 11, 2022 the total

"Young Eagles" flown is 2,263,918.

The event is free and is a great way to enjoy breakfast and enjoy seeing the planes fly-in. Great thanks to the "Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 141 and the Sprague Family for making this annual event possible for all to enjoy.

### Dean's list announcements

The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts:

- Sara Levenson, Class of 2028
- Vaughn Lindenau, Class of 2026
- Tucker Livingston, Class of 2026

Nate Mullen was named to the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island.

Dana Schwartz was named to the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.

Erin A. Volent was named to the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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## Tri for a Cure athletes cruise through Cape Elizabeth

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)



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Erin (Lyons) Miller, Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 2013, cycles through Southern Maine Community College as part of this year's Tri For A Cure.

Once again, Tri for a Cure athletes cycled Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and South Portland.

This annual event starts at Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, South Portland, and ends on the campus of South Maine Community College. USA Triathlon-sanctioned, the triathlon consists of a 1/3-mile swim, a 15-mile bike ride, and a 3-mile run. The course is second

to none, traversing the scenic coastline of Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and Scarborough.

Tri for a Cure is, by far, Maine's largest cancer fundraising event. With over 1,300 participants this year, 21 from Cape Elizabeth, a record breaking \$2,164,357 million dollars was raised for the Maine Cancer Foundation.

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# Local filmmakers return with new road-trip comedy-drama

By Kevin St. Jarre

Nick Cassidy attended Cape Elizabeth High School, where he says participating in the theater program developed his passion for acting, which led to filmmaking. “Childish Things,” the latest indie feature from Nick and Cash Cassidy, enjoyed exceptional reception from festival audiences in California and Vermont. The Vacationland Film Festival in Biddeford also selected the film to kick off its 2025 festival, naming “Childish Things” the opening night feature, as part of a larger upcoming set of theatrical screenings in the state. The Los Angeles premiere on July 13 sold out in just five days.

Shot on an actual road-trip from Maine to California, “Childish Things” follows a 30-year-old amateur musician who, facing pressure from his girlfriend to propose, embarks on a cross-country drive to sell his beloved blue tour bus.

For the filmmakers, who hail from South Portland and Cape Elizabeth, the production of “Childish Things” was a labor of love. With a four-figure budget and a three-person crew, including themselves, the Cassidy brothers defied conventional norms to bring their vision to life. “Working with actors is my favorite part of filmmaking, and improvising all the dialogue made this process even more rewarding. Giving our cast the freedom to explore and follow their instincts is what makes the performances feel so real and alive,” said director Nick Cassidy.

“The bus we shot in belongs to my buddy Tyler, our only crew member. We borrowed our sound gear and lights from the University of Southern Maine, and we cast friends and family in almost every role. This is as grassroots as moviemaking gets,” said producer Cash Cassidy.

When asked if there was any advice for CEHS theater students, Nick Cassidy said, “First off, I want to acknowledge my time in the Cape Elizabeth theater program under the direction of the incomparable and beloved Mr. Richard Mullen. My two years in his class and in his productions were the highlight of my high school experience, and I miss him dearly. As for advice to current theater students: start creating your own work—whether that’s plays, skits, short films, or anything else that excites you. For years, I was laser-focused on becoming an actor and didn’t give myself permission to explore other forms of storytelling. But when I finally started making my own movies, a whole new world opened up. Learning all sides of the creative process only deepens your understanding of performance and can lead to fuller, richer work. You might even discover a new passion, like I did with directing.”

He also said they would love to see CEHS theater students at one of the screenings. “As an independent production company, community means everything to us—and we’d be thrilled to say hi and meet the next generation of actors and creators,” Nick Cassidy said.

Cash Cassidy gave this advice, “You can take yourself seriously. I don’t mean to lose your sense of humor, but if you love what you’re doing in the theater program, and if you think you’re pretty good at it, pursue it. You don’t have to resign yourself to ‘realistic expectations.’ If you give it an honest shot, the worst-case scenario is you become a more interesting person.”

Asked what were the most challenging and most rewarding parts of making “Childish Things,” Cash Cassidy said, “The most challenging part of “Childish Things” was casting Julia. We needed to find a woman who, beyond being a good fit for the role, would be comfortable hopping aboard a bus with three guys she just met and traveling across the country to shoot a film without a script.

We actually delayed our shoot three weeks when we hadn’t yet found a Julia, and were talking about rewrites when it was seeming impossible. But then a friend of a friend sent Guinevere Berthelot’s Instagram profile to Nick. She auditioned, and that was that.

The most rewarding part of “Childish Things,” beyond the part after our screenings when I get to hear all the love for our movie and just how talented I am, was this one morning of the shoot outside of Vegas. We woke up the morning before outside of Rock Springs, Wyoming. We first drove to Salt Lake City to shoot there, then drove to Vegas for more shooting. Our big scene there took us from about midnight to 4 a.m., then we kept shooting to get Vegas-night and sunrise shots. Nick was falling asleep at the wheel after about 15 minutes of driving out of Vegas and had to pull over. He went to sleep, but I was wired. After a ~26-hour stint of shooting, I started doing sprints up and down the desert road and wrote a rap verse, it wasn’t

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Poster designed by Benny Genard

Poster of “Childish Things,” the latest indie feature from Nick and Cash Cassidy.



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# TML adopts new strategic plan, offers program on plovers

## August 7 Closure

The library will be closed on Thursday, August 7 so that staff may attend the town's annual Employee Appreciation Day.

## Library Adopts New Strategic Plan

Developing a Strategic Plan has been a goal for the Thomas Memorial Library and the Thomas Memorial Library Committee since the library reopened in its renovated space in 2016. After a few stops and starts—and the interruption of the COVID-19 pandemic—the process finally got underway in earnest in the spring of 2024 with the hiring of consultant Will Plumley. A Strategic Planning Working Group was formed consisting of members of the Thomas Memorial Library Committee, the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation and Thomas Memorial Library staff. The work began in earnest in September of 2024 with community feedback about the library in the form of a survey and a community conversation. The Strategic Planning working group used that feedback as a starting point for embarking upon its work, meeting monthly until April of 2025.

The library's Strategic Plan, which covers July 2025 through June 2030, was ratified and adopted at last month's TML Committee meeting. It clarifies the library's mission, vision, and values, and identifies five strategic objectives to achieve during the next five years, including welcoming people who may not currently use or feel comfortable in the library, providing opportunities for creative and playful activities for all ages, and a commitment to sustainable solutions in library

operations. Printed copies of the plan summary are available at the library. You can also find detailed information, including a link to the complete plan, on the library's website.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### For Tweens & Teens

Venture Club

Every Wednesday from 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Venture Club is a teen-led board/card game and D&D club for teens 13 and up, with an emphasis on board games. We'll try to play new games every week. No prior gaming experience is needed. Snacks will be provided.

### For Adults

Knitting Group

Mondays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Bring your current project and join a lively group of knitters for coffee, tea and conversation. No registration necessary.

### Death Cafe

Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for this monthly discussion group facilitated by Davinica Nemtzw of Kaneel. At a Death Café people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death. The objective is "to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives."

A Death Café is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. No reg-

istration is required, but if you'd like to be on the library's mailing list for updates or cancellations, please fill out this form.

TML's Death Café takes place on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. (rescheduled for August due to Town Employee Day on August 7).

### 50 Ways to Love Your Plover: Learning About Maine's Coastal Birds

Thursday, August 14, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Come meet Dr. Katie Burns, the Outreach Coordinator for Maine Audubon's Coastal Birds Project. The Coastal Birds Project is an effort to monitor and conserve Maine's endangered shorebirds, namely Piping Plovers and Least Terns. Katie will be giving a presentation on Maine's endangered shorebirds, with a large focus on Piping Plovers and their conservation. She will also provide educational materials for anyone who would like to learn more about how to help these tough little birds.

### For Children

Special Story Time: Dino Tea Party!

Saturday, August 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Children's Garden outside of the side door to the Children's Room (rain plan - Community Room A&B) Children 0-5 and their caregivers are welcome to our shady fenced-in garden outside of the children's room. During the hour we will:

- Read a story or two with Sarah Gabrielson
- Search for dinosaurs in the garden
- Play with the new blocks and water table
- Dig for dinosaur bones in sand bins
- Drink juice and eat cookies (while supplies last)

No registration necessary. Caregivers are required to stay with children.

### My First Book Club

Third Tuesdays of the month, August 19, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Join in My First Book Club for beginning readers ages 6 - 8. Each month offers a new program, so feel free to join in at any time. We'll read together as a group and play some fun games. Every child will receive a free copy of the book to take home. Caregivers are asked to participate alongside their child. August's Featured Book of the Month: "Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark." Registration Required.

### Weekly Children's Programs

Messy Minis: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Let your imagination run wild and join us for Messy Minis time in the Community Room. Let's color, cut, and paste together to make magic! For budding artists ages 2-5 or anyone who enjoys creative play.

### Baby Storytime: Tuesdays, noon

This program is designed for infants and toddlers from birth - 18 months old and their caregivers. Join Family Engagement Assistant Sarah Gabrielson for 20 minutes of short stories, finger plays, rhymes, songs, and movements followed by free time to play and chat.

\*Please note, capacity for this program is 25 people. No prior registration required.

### Toddler Story Time: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

This program is for children who are not ready for a traditional story time but who love to sing songs, move their bodies and listen to stories. This gentle introduction to the routines and props of story time is great for curious, wandering wigglers ages 1-3 and their caregivers.

### Preschool Story Time: Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

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



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Survivors and supporters held a rally in front of the library on July 15 to raise awareness of domestic abuse. That evening about 60 people attended a survivor-led panel discussion at the library.

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# Capers reunite in the Navy



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In 2008 Matt Weiss and Cyrus Wolfinger were playing football at Cape Elizabeth High School. Weiss was a junior and Wolfinger was a freshman. This year they were on the same team again at VT Wildcats, a naval aviation training squadron in Pensacola, Florida. Wolfinger a Lieutenant and Naval Aviator is an instructor, Weiss an Ensign and a student qualifying as a Naval Flight Officer. Pictured above, left to right: Ensign Matt Weiss and Lt. Cyrus Wolfinger in front of their T6A training airplane.

# Birding in late July: Cape Elizabeth's quiet abundance

By Brooks Bornhoff

Late July in Cape Elizabeth hums with quiet abundance. Birdsong drifts through marshes and shorelines—not the exuberant chorus of spring, but a more contemplative music. Juvenile calls mix with the rehearsals of late breeders, and the rhythms of migration begin to stir just beneath the surface. It's a time when the landscape feels full and fleeting, and when a watchful eye might glimpse seasonal transitions, perhaps a fledgling tracing its first flight path, a dowitcher probing the flats, or a wren bubbling into view. This is birding in Cape Elizabeth at summer's height—warm, wild and quietly expectant.

On July 19, a large gathering of Short-billed Dowitchers caught my attention within the tidal wetlands section of Sawyer Road. These plump shorebirds—wielding surprisingly long bills like sewing needles—rhythmically probe the mudflats for invertebrates with mesmerizing precision. Despite their name, their bills rival those of the Long-billed Dowitcher; the “short” is merely comparative. But it's not just their feeding that fascinates—it's their understated beauty and adaptability. Breeding adults wear a tapestry of orange, gold and brown. Juveniles, edged in golden hues, shimmer in shifting light. They nest in boreal wetlands and migrate in flocks, favoring saltwater marshes and coastal lagoons. Their soft “tu-tu-tu” calls and elegant flight add a lyrical texture to northern bogs and our southern estuaries alike. Particularly intriguing is their molt strategy, referred to as molt migration. While many shorebirds molt before heading south, Short-billed Dowitchers delay this process until reaching coastal wintering grounds. Spurwink Marsh serves as a critical stopover point for these long distance migrants, offering sanctuary for rest and renewal.

Another bird I have enjoyed coming across on several occasions in late July along the Pond Cove Brook Corridor Section of Robinson Woods is the Spotted Sandpiper. A distinctive looking bird, they charm with spotted breeding plumage and a signature teetering gait—their tails bob with every step. Remarkably, females flip traditional roles: arriving first, defending territories, and courting multiple males, who take on egg incubation and chick-rearing. This rare polyandrous behavior, seen in less than one percent of bird species, adds intrigue to

their already whimsical presence.

At dusk on July 20 I came across a Black-crowned Night Heron along the banks of Pond Cove Brook Corridor section. Stocky, striking and secretive, these birds emerge when others fall silent. With dagger-like bills and piercing red eyes, they hunt under moonlight—expert predators of fish, amphibians and small mammals. Motionless for long stretches, they strike with lightning efficiency, embodying the stealth of the night.

One late afternoon in late July, my youngest son and I skimmed along the fringes of Great Pond in our canoe. We listened for the bubbling eruptions of Marsh Wren song, as I was eager to catch a glimpse of this elusive vocalist. Cape Elizabeth hosts four wren species annually. The Marsh Wren, similar in stature to the House Wren, nestles between the larger Carolina Wren and the diminutive Winter Wren. Only the Carolina Wren weathers Maine's harsh winters.

Tree Swallows darted above as a flick of motion drew my eye—there he was, tail cocked, feet splayed across a single bent reed like a tightrope walker. The cattails around us seemed spun just for him—hidden, but unmistakably present. And then, the song: a torrent of trills spilled with such flourish that it felt as if the pond itself had begun to sing. I wondered—was it meant for a mate? A warning to us? Or simply an exuberant declaration of self? Perhaps all three.

Yet for all his lyrical charm, the male Marsh Wren plays a ruthless game: piercing rival eggs with surgical precision. It's a stark reminder that even the most melodic lives carry jagged edges. He builds not one nest, but many—some decoys, some invitations—all stitched into the stalks with secret purpose.

On a birding related note, I recently enjoyed reading an article in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's summer issue titled “Listening with Merlin Bird ID, I hear the Patterns We Live By.” The author, Andrew J. Lewis, shares how the Merlin Bird ID app has transformed his birding experience—not just by aiding identification, but by deepening his connection to nature, memory and self. The author's reflection on the Merlin Bird ID app is less about technology and more about belonging. Using the app not only helped him identify an elusive spar-

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# August naturalist's corner

By Erika Carlson Rhile



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A *Polyphemus* moth. These nocturnal pollinators are related to Luna moths. This one measured 5' wing to wing.

August 9, 3:55 a.m.: Full Sturgeon Moon - as fishy as it sounds! Native Americans named the moon this time of year for the once-ample supply of sturgeon in Lake Champlain and the Great Lakes. Maine is home to Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon, often spotted jumping in the Kennebec River. Sturgeon are “living fossils” since they have existed for over 200 million years. They are a protected species in Maine.

Although the Perseid Meteor shower is active through August 23, its peak is August 12/13. It is considered one of the “best” meteor showers for stargazers, producing up to 60 shooting stars an hour! The Perseids are known for their bright displays, so despite the waning gibbous moon, you should still be able to catch some good ones.

We were delighted to find a Polyphemus moth (*Antheraea Polyphemus*) on our screen one morning. Related to the Luna moth, it is one of the largest moths in North America, with a wingspan up to six inches. The most unique markings on the tan to

reddish-brown wings are the two prominent purple and yellow eyespots. This design gave the moth its name, Polyphemus, the one-eyed cyclops mentioned in ancient Greek mythology. The large eyespots serve as a defense mechanism to startle, confuse or simply distract predators.

Hard shell or soft shell? Lobsters must molt their exoskeleton to grow. Shedding is determined by water temperature, so we often catch soft shelled lobsters in the summer and fall. The lobster sheds its old shell about once a year, inflating its body with water and hardening over a few months. Female lobsters need to shed their shells in order to reproduce. Despite being in this vulnerable, jelly-like state, the female has released pheromones in the water to seduce the male into a calmer disposition. She becomes his mate rather than his meal. Fun fact: Lobsters are serial monogamists and do not mate for life, despite what the character Phoebe from Friends says!



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# CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

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

### Wednesday, August 6

Traffic Safety Working Group, Town Hall, 8 a.m.

### Thursday, August 7

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

### Monday, August 11

School Board Policy Committee, Town Hall, 3 p.m.  
Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 12

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

### Wednesday, August 13

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

### Thursday, August 14

Privacy Advisory Committee, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 19

Planning Board, 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, Office: Thursdays 9-noon and by appointment; Museums: Mondays and Thursdays, 9-noon, Saturdays, 11-3; Fort Williams in the brick building closest to Shore Road.

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. second Tuesday of the month, Cape Elizabeth Community Center. Contact: [ccrcme.com](http://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](http://sp-ce-rotary.org).

## CABLE GUIDE

## CETV CHANNEL 1302

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Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.  
Services streamed live or on demand: [watch.capenazarene.org](http://watch.capenazarene.org)

### Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road  
**799-8396**

[www.ceumc.org](http://www.ceumc.org)  
Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.  
In-person Sunday services 10:30 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.

### Rise Church

1047 Congress Street, Portland  
**874-9779**

<https://www.riseportland.church>  
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

### Congregation Bet Ha'am

81 Westbrook St., South Portland  
**879-0028**

[www.bethaam.org](http://www.bethaam.org)  
Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.  
Family Shabbat Services: Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

### Hope Community Church

879 Sawyer Street South Portland  
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Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.  
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### Promised Land World Reach Center

536 Cottage Road, South Portland  
**799-3152**

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

### Redeemer Lutheran Church - LCMS

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

[www.RedeemerMaine.org](http://www.RedeemerMaine.org)  
Sunday Bible Class for all ages: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.  
Services are in person and streamed on Facebook and YouTube

### Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

885 Shore Road  
**799-4014**

[www.stalbansmaine.org](http://www.stalbansmaine.org)  
Sunday Services:  
Rite 1 with Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.  
Rite 2 with Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.  
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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](http://www.fccucc.org)  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. in person and streamed on Facebook & YouTube

### First Congregational Church of Scarborough

167 Black Point Road, Scarborough  
883-2342

[www.fccscarborough.com](http://www.fccscarborough.com)  
Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Nursery Care

## Birding report

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row but awakened a deeper attunement to patterns—both ecological and personal. As Lewis adapted to life in a power wheelchair, Merlin became a bridge between him and the soundscape of nature, transforming his limitations into moments of vivid connection. He coins

the term “visceral technological kinetic fulfillment” to describe this harmony between tool and user, emphasizing that birding is not just about visual records or rare sightings but about resonance, narrative, and joy. For Lewis, listening through Merlin is a way of continuing to inhabit the natural story—fully, meaningfully and with soul.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Georgia Ann Hurtubise**



**Georgia Ann (Wilson) Hurtubise** passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025. Georgia lived in Cape Elizabeth with her husband, Gordon. Georgia and Gordon's children, Ashleigh Hurtubise-Bill of Scarborough and Adam Hurtubise of Scarborough, and grandchildren Dahlia Bill, Haleigh Hurtubise, and Adam Hurtubise, mourn the death of their beloved mother and grandmother and are joined in this mourning by Georgia's siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Georgia is predeceased by her mother and father Adam Winslow Wilson II and Helen Landberg Wilson, and her precious brother Adam Winslow Wilson III.

Georgia was born in Portland, Maine on August 7, 1943. She was the first born child of Adam Winslow Wilson and Helen Landberg Wilson. Named after her beloved grandfather George Wilson, her parents, and the love of all four grandparents, instilled a strong commitment to family and hard work. Being born during World War II from humble beginnings shaped who Georgia became. She spent her formative years with her brother Adam, thick as thieves, roaming and working in her grandfather's hog and dairy farm. Soon her family grew and Georgia's three sisters joined the family. The family moved to the Morrills Corner area of Portland. Deborah (Galarneau), Gayle (DiFiore), and Abby Wilson were blessed to be the younger sisters of Georgia and are eternally grateful for the crucial role she played in their lives. She graduated from Deering High school and went to Northeastern Business School. Georgia also attended Pierre's Beauty School where she became a cosmetologist. Each place she went became a part of who Georgia was and the friendships she made were lifelong integral parts of her identity.

In 1963, while on the stairs of Northeastern Business School, she met the love of her life and the man who would set in motion a

mythic story of love and adventure. In 1965 Georgia was crowned Miss Maine. Her beauty and poise were undeniable. While remembering Georgia her good friend Eleanor remarked that "the woman was Miss America and you would never even know it." That is how Georgia was, she did so much all the time and made it look seamless and effortless.

Gordon and Georgia had a love that began on those stairs in 1963, but life truly began for Georgia with the births of her children Adam and Ashleigh. Georgia excelled at motherhood. The pride she had for her children was unparalleled. Though she did so many things in her bold and beautiful life her greatest role was mother and grandmother.

Georgia had an uncanny ability to put, and hold, everything together for all the people in her life. She made life sparkle and believed that by sharing her sparkle others also felt free to shine their brightest. She was an organizer, a professional, a decorator, a gardener, a chef, a philanthropist, an amazing daughter, sister, and friend, and importantly a mother to her kids and their friends. Georgia's ability to care for others as if they were her own family was nothing short of magical.

Her home was a testament to her profound love for all creatures great and small, especially her cherished cats, who were always by her side. She found immense joy and solace in nurturing the vibrant wildlife and diverse plants that flourished in her beloved yard. There was always a seat at the pool for you at Georgia's.

Her steady and constant faith in God and unabashedly patriotic nature were core values of Georgia's. While never boastful, she was certain in her beliefs and was silent but true to those values. Georgia gave tirelessly to help others through her generous philanthropy. Her unwavering support significantly benefited St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and numerous animal welfare societies, leaving a lasting impact on countless lives.

Georgia was the love of Gordon's life, his wife of 57 years, his closest friend, his home for every season. Their love was quiet and steady, the kind that doesn't need grand gestures to be felt, just a glance, a hand held, a life built side by side. To him, she was everything. Her laughter, her strength, her unwavering love filled their days with meaning. Gordon didn't know a world without her and now that she's gone, everything feels a little dimmer and a little bit quieter. But, even in this deep sorrow, her love remains. It lingers in their children's smiles, in the warmth of their grandchildren's hugs, in every memory etched into the life they made together. She was his heart and she will always be.

Georgia is survived by her best friend and love of her life Gordon Hurtubise, her son Adam (and Carol Hurtubise), her loving daughter Ashleigh Hurtubise-Bill, her grandchildren, Haleigh, Dahlia, and Adam who meant the world to her, and the many friends and family members that surrounded her in life. You know who you are and you know how she loved you.

The loss of Georgia Ann is impossible to express in words. She would want nothing more than to be known for the love and faith she had for her loved ones, for her country, and for God. She wanted that love to be felt by all.

A funeral service and celebration of life was held on July 17. Memorial Donations may be made to Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland or Shriners' Hospital in memory of Georgia Hurtubise.

**Movie**

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good, because I was just so amped about what we had just shot. It was then that I knew we had a real movie on our hands. I didn't sleep until California."

Nick Cassidy added, "I'll echo what Cash said about finding someone to play Julia—it was definitely one of the biggest challenges. But we were incredibly lucky to find the wonderfully talented Guinevere Berthelot. When she was sent our way, she didn't have any acting footage for us to watch, but just from looking at her Instagram, I had a strong feeling her essence aligned with the character of Julia. Out of the 40-plus actors who were recom-

mended for the role, she was the only person we ended up auditioning—and she turned out to be a perfect fit.

Shooting "Childish Things" was one of the best experiences of my life. It felt like a real adventure I got to share with friends and family, and the cherry on top is that we made a movie I'm genuinely proud of—something I'll carry with me forever."

This summer, Childish Things continues its run with screenings around its home state, beginning with the Maine premiere on August 2 at the Entertainment Cinemas in South Portland. Find additional screenings, the trailer, and more at [www.cassidy.pictures/childish-things](http://www.cassidy.pictures/childish-things).

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# Cape Elizabeth Garden Club updating plantings in front of TML

By Tom Atwell



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Above, some of the plantings the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club has been working on updating near the statue of Olympic Marathon winner Joan Benoit, located in front of the Thomas Memorial Library.

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club has begun updating the plantings near the statue of Olympic Marathon winner Joan Benoit, located in front of the Thomas Memorial Library.

Rachel Davis, director of the library, had asked Jane Doyle, president of the local garden club, what could be done to improve the landscaping around the statue. Some of the plants were overgrown and at least partly hid the statue, created by Cape Elizabeth resident Edward Materson (the Art of Edward Materson - Sculpture, Drawings and Paintings).

The original idea had been to prune

the shrubbery. While some items were salvageable, the garden club members, with the approval of Davis, decided that the rugosa roses and forsythia should be removed.

Rugosas are on the Maine invasive species list, although nurseries are still allowed to sell them, with conditions. These roses can only be sold if the nursery displays a sign that the roses not be planted near bodies of water because the fruit, which contains its seeds, can fall off and float to new locations, spreading the non-native plant.

The forsythia had never been prop-

erly pruned, but only sheared, and stood about 10 feet tall. In addition, forsythia has a short blooming period in early spring, and is not particularly attractive the rest of the year.

Members decided that the plants should be dug up and removed.

So far, the garden club has purchased and planted two 'Pop Star' hydrangea macrophylla, new introductions to the 'Endless Summer' series. Future garden renovation plans are to add additional

shorter shrubs that flower earlier in the season. The club also plans to plant some spring blooming bulbs later this fall.

In addition, members have shoveled out excess soil, which had created a mound above the nearby lawn and the brick patio where the statue is located.

People interested in information about the Garden Club should email: capeelizabethgardenclub@gmail.com.

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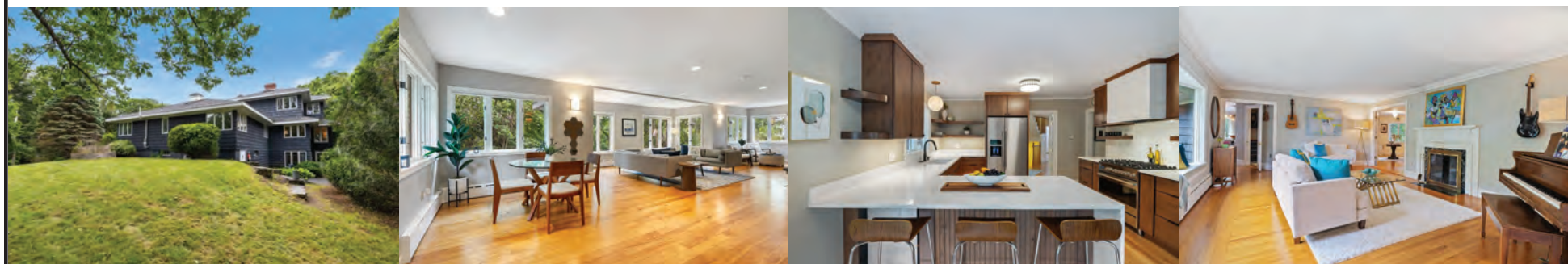


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Matthew O'Donnell, who will be entering 6th grade at Cape Elizabeth Middle School this fall, is a Harry Potter superfan and recently drew the Slytherin house crest.

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