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Four candidates running for two seats on Cape Town Council

By Kevin St. Jarre



Stephanie Anderson



Elizabeth Biermann



Christopher Gorski



Tim Thompson

There are four candidates vying for two seats on the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. The two incumbents, Stephanie Anderson and Tim Thompson, are running for reelection, and the two challengers are Elizabeth Biermann and Christopher Gorski.

All of the candidates were provided with identical questions, the same word limit, and given the same amount of time to respond with answers and a photo. Their responses are printed below, as The Cape Courier received them, up to the word limit.

Question 1- It is said that Cape Elizabeth isn't as united as a community as it once was. What would you do to help bring the community together?

Stephanie Anderson-

"I don't agree that Cape Elizabeth is a divided community. We are a diverse community, and with that comes a wide range of priorities and opinions. While national

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Goodspeed is ‘deeply engaged’

As a retired teacher (including 15 years at CEMS) and a parent whose 3 children were educated in Cape schools, I am delighted to support Elizabeth Goodspeed for School Board.

Elizabeth’s professional experience in education administration has uniquely prepared her for the issues facing our schools today. Since moving to Cape in 2013, she has deeply engaged in our community through countless hours volunteering at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust and serving on the Comprehensive Plan 2019 Committee. Finally, with three young children, Elizabeth is in this for the long haul. She is committed to a rigorous and developmentally-appropriate education for all students.

As a teacher, I especially agree with Elizabeth’s concern about the rapid expan-

sion of on-screen learning and the need to assess whether it has benefited our students. Already, she has been a measured voice advocating for a district-wide technology audit to answer basic questions: Which programs are used? For what purpose? And how is student data shared? She will push to ensure technology, including AI, is intentionally implemented only where it demonstrably improves learning outcomes.

Our schools have been through a lot these past few years. Now is the time to take a breath and move forward collaboratively as a community. Elizabeth Goodspeed is the thoughtful voice I want on our School Board. Please join me in voting for Elizabeth on November 3!

Laura Briggs

Lechner is a ‘staunch advocate’

I am writing to enthusiastically support Karen Lechner for the Cape Elizabeth School Board this fall. My support stems from her decades of dedicated work in public education and her deep commitment to our children and community.

Karen spent her career in Maine public education, ultimately retiring as the Guidance Director at Falmouth High School. She understands the real, day-to-day needs of students, teachers and parents. For years,

she has also been a regular voice at our Town Hall meetings, standing up as a staunch advocate for strong school funding and student support.

Karen will bring the unmatched wisdom, patience and thoughtfulness of a career educator to our school board. Please join me this fall in voting for Karen Lechner.

Yona Belfort

Biermann ‘has an open mind’

I will be voting for Elizabeth Biermann for our Town Council and I hope you will join me. Her sharp analytical skills, insight and work ethic will serve Cape Elizabeth very well as the council steers our community through these uncertain times. With nearly 20 years as a lawyer, years of attending Town Council meetings and talking with residents, Elizabeth knows how to listen, weigh competing perspectives and work through complex issues. She would approach the council with an open mind, integrity and no predetermined agenda.

Elizabeth recognizes that Cape Elizabeth faces significant infrastructure and capital needs at a time when residents are facing higher costs. She believes the town needs to take a long-term view, make thoughtful

investments, strategically pursue all possible funding sources, and plan ahead rather than simply defer difficult decisions. Her approach is to ask the necessary questions, weigh the information, make hard choices, and move forward to avoid costly delays.

Elizabeth wants to preserve the agricultural, natural, and community assets that make Cape Elizabeth special while thoughtfully adapting to future needs—including sensible opportunities for housing and economic development, environmental stewardship and resilient infrastructure.

I am delighted Elizabeth is stepping up to serve our community and am excited to vote for her.

Rebecca Millett

Boyer ‘is known for her commitment’

Michelle Boyer was elected to serve Cape Elizabeth as our State Representative to the Maine Legislature in 2024.

We need to celebrate and affirm her dedication as she represents our community in Augusta. At this important time, working on behalf of all of us, Michelle has supported measures to protect seniors like LD 1339, which regulated Virtual Currency Kiosks. These kiosks are a big source of scams upon older Mainers. Millions of dollars from savings were deposited in these kiosks causing terrible financial harm to many Mainers.

During these two years, Michelle worked for ongoing support of the Agency on Aging, and the Meals on Wheels program.

Michelle Boyer has had neighborly conversations with hundreds of Cape Voters as she diligently knocked on doors to listen and learn of concerns and ideas. Constituent feedback is a priority for Michelle.

Michelle is known for her commitment to quality health care access, particularly for maternal and infant care. She serves as a member of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee and was chosen by the Speaker of the House, last fall, to co-chair a Commission on Healthcare Oversight.

I appreciate Michelle and her commitment to serve as she juggles her family and professional life to work in Augusta for the best interests of the people of Cape Elizabeth and Maine.

Karen McLean Hessel

Drug Take Back event on Oct. 24 at CEPD

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department will be hosting a Drug Take Back event on Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the police department, located at 325 Ocean House Road.

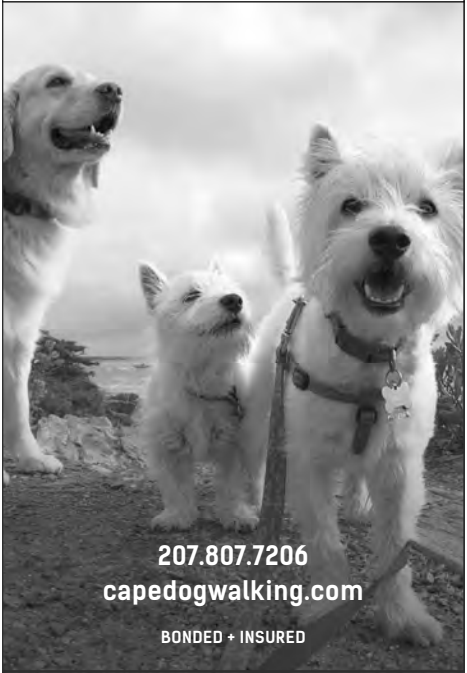
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Contractor dispute reported

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 8-29 An officer met with a resident of Mitchell Road regarding a contractor dispute.
- 8-31 An officer responded to the Scott Dyer Road for a late report of a disturbance.
- 9-1 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding a domestic issue.
- 9-2 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road regarding a dangerous dog.
- 9-2 An officer spoke with school transportation about a vehicle passing a

- stopped school bus.
- 9-6 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a domestic situation.

SUMMONSES

- 9-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Fowler Road \$170.
- 9-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, imprudent speed, Shore Road, \$134.

FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 10; EMS calls: 21

Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

The Invite You Don't Want: Party Invite Scams

Fake party invitations are a newer tactic perpetrators use to capture personal details. They send digital invitations that mimic services like Evite, Paperless Post and Punch-bowl to steal login credentials, inviting you to a fake gathering. Invitation scams exploit curiosity and fear of missing out making people more likely to click suspicious links. Typically, the email comes from someone you know whose account has been hacked. The message asks you to click a link to RSVP, confirm your guest information, or buy tickets. Clicking the link can download harmful software onto your device or send you to a fake website designed to steal your financial and personal information. Checking sender addresses, avoiding unexpected sign-ins, and using multifactor authentication can help reduce risk. If you receive an unexpected invitation, contact the host directly to confirm they sent it.

Deepfakes and AI Scams: Famous Faces, Fake Deals

The AARP Fraud Watch Network™ Helpline (877-908-3360) has seen a spike in fake endorsement scams. Criminals will use images, edited videos and stolen likenesses of famous celebrities to build credibility. They place these deceptive ads on social media to build quick trust with viewers. Today's technology allows video and audio to be easily altered, making public figures appear to say things they never actually said. To create a voice that sounds like a celebrity, scammers only need three seconds of

audio. Just as in a grandparent scam, where you think you are getting a call for help from your grandchild, AI can simulate celebrity voices so effectively that a woman in Texas thought she was receiving voice messages from a famous musician. She sent him thousands of dollars to arrange a private meet and greet. Be cautious of offers or giveaways backed by famous personalities. Don't buy a product based solely on celebrity endorsement. If you're unsure, look up news coverage or check official links to ensure the celebrity's endorsement is real. Know it's a scam if you're being encouraged to send money in some form to claim a 'free' prize or special deal. Because any comments on a celebrity's social media account are public, a bad actor can reach out to fans who have posted and pretend to be the actual celebrity. Remember that a genuine VIP won't send you a private message to solicit funds. "Enjoy your celebrity crushes — we all have them. Just be careful when any 'celebrity' says they need your help," says Amy Nofziger, director of victim support for the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

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Five women who made Cape Elizabeth history



Photo courtesy of CEHPS

Postmaster Annie Burke is one of five women from Cape Elizabeth history featured in Dana Richie's presentation on October 15.

"A lobbyist, a postmaster, a writer, a bus driver and a nurse all lived in Cape Elizabeth. No, this isn't a set-up to a bad joke," writes staff writer Dana Richie in the opening of her story for the Portland Press Herald. Dana will be presenting the talk based on her March 18 article in the Portland Press Herald. Her presentation is part of the series of monthly history-themed talks co-sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society and the Thomas Memorial Library. Lobbyist Maud Wood Park, postmaster Annie Burke, writer Adalena Frances Dyer, school bus/sleigh driver Effie Dyer Alexander, and nurse Frances Jordan Banks will be featured in Dana's presentation. Dana will

tell the stories of the lives of these remarkable women from our community's history. Time will be provided for audience questions and comments. The presentation will take place at the Town Hall Council Chamber on Thursday, October 15 from 6:30-8 p.m. Mark your calendars! The talk is free and open to the public. Note that in a change of venue, the CEHPS/TML history-related talks will generally be held on the third Thursday of the month at the Town Hall Council Chamber. Entry is through the left-side and right-side Town Hall doors. This venue change allows the accommodation of the larger number of attendees the talks have been attracting.



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Candidates

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political rhetoric may influence local conversations, the core of our community remains strong. The best response multifaceted: First, maintain a Town Council that reflects that diversity. Cape Elizabeth is strongest when its leadership includes a range of experiences and perspectives, and I want to continue contributing to thoughtful, collaborative decision making. Second, strengthen community engagement by improving access to information and encouraging participation. Clear, consistent communication is essential. I'm serving on a Working Group to update our Communications and Public Information Strategy to identify gaps, improve outreach and support broader involvement across the community. Third, Cape Elizabeth has a deep tradition of volunteerism, and we can leverage that to support one another and strengthen the town."

Elizabeth Biermann-
"Uniting the community does not happen with one action or one change; it is more of a recipe of building Connection, Participation, Service and Celebration. Cape Elizabeth already has most of these ingredients so I think the challenge isn't in inventing new community-building efforts, but elevating the ongoing ordinary efforts underway in town, encouraging participation, presenting opportunities for volunteering and celebrating our community. For example, I think Town Hall's recent step-up in excellent communication could be expanded with communications in the style of a "Community Pulse." It could regularly feature stories of how residents are doing useful things for their neighbors (for example, local nonprofit efforts, businesses contributing to the community, successes of coaches, accomplishments of public safety personnel or teachers). Increasing town-wide service opportunities would connect folks across the community: such as a "Spring Clean" trash pick-up; or World Cleanup Day event to highlight waste reduction."

Christopher Gorski-
"I don't think Cape Elizabeth is less united. I think people have strong opinions, and when the facts are hard to follow, those opinions harden into distrust. Consider the new school. It took two votes, but residents backed the elected School Board's revised plan, because investing in our schools protects the value of every home in town, and with it people's retirement and what they leave behind, whether or not they have kids

in the building. Our town is unusually transparent. Between agendas, packets, video, transcripts and reports, there's more online than anyone can read. What's missing is a guided way through it, so a resident can easily understand the essentials and the nuance behind decisions. One of my goals is when a resident asks why I voted the way I did, they get a plain-language answer. That's a simple way to bring people together."

Timothy Thompson-
"I think Cape Elizabeth is a very welcoming and united community. Every community today has numerous challenges. First, there is a lack of affordable housing for seniors, young families and town employees. Secondly, Cape has a strong history of an excellent school system which continually needs to be funded effectively. These challenges often require a well thought out approach that requires compromise. Compromise is not an easy position to get to, but Cape often is able to accomplish it. Cape Elizabeth will continue to be a desirable and sought after location for families if our town continues to find solutions to these in a productive and collaborative way."

Question 2- If you believe it matters how people outside Cape Elizabeth view our town, how can this community put its best foot forward so that others can see our true nature?

Anderson-
"We put our best foot forward by staying true to our character as a community that protects its natural assets and supports its residents. Preserving parks, trails, open spaces, and ensuring they remain accessible to residents and visitors is a high priority. We must also protect neighborhoods, maintain the tranquility residents value, and support the quality of our schools. Some outsiders view Cape Elizabeth as exclusive, and it is true we need more workforce housing. It's a real problem when the people who teach our children, protect our community, and support town operations cannot afford to live here. I also support small scale business development. A vibrant town center has long been a community goal, and thoughtful growth in housing and local businesses would strengthen the town and better reflect who we are."

Biermann-
"More than our appearance to outsiders, I am concerned with whether our town's decisions truly align with our values. The more closely we align our actions with those values, the more we will have to be proud of in

Cape Elizabeth and the more others will have to admire.

For example, state data shows Maine facing a housing and affordability crisis falling as much as 80,000 homes short of what is needed by 2030. If our town does its small part to add housing, including affordable options where appropriate and consistent with our commitment to agricultural and preserved spaces, we contribute to a state-wide solution while also reaping the benefits of a more inclusive community.

Likewise, supporting climate resilience and environmental stewardship, by increasing town-wide solar, pursuing federal and state resilience grants, and restoring natural systems when it provides a better long-term solution, benefits Cape Elizabeth residents and our neighbors."

Gorski-
"I think the outside view of Cape Elizabeth is overwhelmingly positive. People want to live here and send their kids to our schools. Where we've stumbled is communication. Take Cliff House Beach. The safety problem was real, and building the rules on feedback from residents in the neighborhood was right. But every town notice was about prohibitions. There was no positive outreach to families who'd come for years saying, "Hey, to our friends in neighboring towns: the beach is still public, but less crowded and more enjoyable, and here's where you can still park or bike in.

Same lesson on the Sawyer Road removal debacle. We post notices all over town for short road closures. If we had informed our citizens with ten times the notice when considering the removal, we could have avoided alienating Scarborough. Our best foot forward is explaining our decisions early and honestly to everyone affected."

Thompson-
"Cape has long been recognized as a well-run town with excellent opportunities to enjoy open space, extensive trail systems, farms, beaches and, of course, our prized jewel—Fort Williams Park. All these spectacular vistas are continually available to people who don't live in our community. We need to continue to endeavor to make these experiences readily accessible to visitors. The last couple of years we have had serious parking problems that needed to be addressed. I think the town council with extensive data and input accomplished a good solution to protect our citizens and preserve these experiences for our visitors to our town."

Question 3- There has not been budget for resurfacing town streets for some time now, and some in-town streets have been in rough shape for ten years (see Cottage Farms Road for example). What can be done?

Anderson-
"The town has consistently budgeted for road resurfacing, with the exception of FY 2026. That year, competing priorities — including maintaining the fund balance and limiting tax increases — led to postponing resurfacing. Three months into FY 2026, however, the council allocated \$232,040.83 in FEMA reimbursements from the Janu-

ary 2024 storms, along with state funds, to address road conditions. For FY 2027, the resurfacing budget is \$1,010,000, and the town plans to invest at least \$325,000 in local funds annually over the next five years. These sums will be augmented by federal and state sourced revenues. Road paving is necessary and expensive, and the town is committing resources each year to improve conditions. Jay Reynolds, our Public Works Director aggressively pursues grants and other funding sources, and the council continues to allocate significant funds while balancing the reality that many residents struggle to afford rising property taxes."

Beirmann-
"While we need to continue targeted repairs and paving based on urgency, we also need to plan for the future. First, we need to continue to support the Town Manager's efforts to shift toward dedicated capital funding for infrastructure, rather than allowing road repairs to be squeezed out of annual operating budgets. Long-term road repair strategies and capital improvement planning will help us determine when and how much we sustainably invest in our roads.

Second, we should continue to secure state or federal funding and grants for repairs and maintenance whenever possible in order to minimize costs to taxpayers.

Finally, we can build a sustainable long-term capital program by exploring expanded TIF revenues and strategically planning for additional borrowing as existing town debt expires. This would allow us to address needed road repairs now and in the future — while minimizing increases in taxes for residents."

Gorski-
"Look at the record and you'll see our paving studies and paving budgets are inconsistent from year to year. Roads are the meat and potatoes of town government. They shouldn't be an afterthought. The first step is establishing a more consistent annual program for evaluating and repairing roads. The second is outreach: ask residents to report problems, and acknowledge them in a regular update.

Another obstacle to road work is the town charter. Until 2012, big projects went to voters only by petition, and the threshold rose with the town's valuation. Voters replaced that with an automatic referendum at a fixed \$1 million, now worth what \$690,000 was then. Because anything over \$1 million needs a vote, the town center got an \$825,000 intersection, not the roundabout residents favored two to one. Simple and sensible updates to our charter will save money and improve our roads."

Thompson-
"In last year's budget we did not have paving included due to serious budget challenges. We do, however, have money in the current years' budget for paving needs. More importantly, we have a well thought out plan for the town road paving requirements. We recently paid for an exhaustive study that will guide our town road paving priorities. It's always about the money and trying to do as much as we can without raising taxes more than is necessary for our taxpayers."

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News from September 21 Town Council meeting

By Hanna Gilley

Citizen Comment Not on the Agenda

Several community members spoke on traffic and pedestrian safety issues in Cape Elizabeth.

Krishna Parker said that 90% of the Shore Acres neighborhood has signed a petition for their neighborhood to be added to the Shore Road parking district. She requested that the council pass along the petition to the traffic safety working group and encourage the council to extend parking regulations and “protections” to Shore Acre Neighborhood.

Others spoke on the severe parking issues in the Shore Acres Neighborhood and Trundy Beach areas. They mentioned that illegal parking has made their “one way in, one way out” access road, a single lane corridor. Aside from the disrespect community members are feeling from cars being parked sometimes in front of their driveways, they expressed concern of “safety issues with difficult and unfortunate outcomes” and they “don’t want to cause harm to neighbors or visitors.” One community member added that they’re asking for a “longer term solution” and they “need safety for our neighbors” as the increase in traffic and excessive parking have created a “high risk situation.”

Additionally, Cynthia Troiano said that she had reached out to various town staff members without reply and wanted to ask on the record “is the 20-foot crosswalk buffer enforced” and also asked why the police department refuses to ticket cars that are parked within that 20-foot buffer, sometimes even parked on the crosswalk line.

Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager Patrick Fox offered a thank you to Darren Brown, Susan Frost, Darren Estes, Mary Ann Dennison, Melissa Newsom, Sarah Gabrielson, Tony Lee Thorick, and John Lombardee for all their work for a town staff day of training, administrative work and employee appreciation.

On Thursday, September 18, all town staff across all departments participated in the training and appreciation day as a “full day of learning, collaboration and engaging activities.” Fox said that the event helped with a “holistic approach to better workplace dynamics and work-life balance for employees.” He added that they’re already thinking of making an even stronger event next year.

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust - Funding request for Improved Access Trail Project at Robinson Woods

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) is requesting \$50,000 from the town of Cape Elizabeth for an Improved Access Trail project at Robinson Woods. CELT is asking the town to use funds from the Land Acquisition Fund as its source which has a total current balance of \$174,770.

The project has a total cost of around \$412,000 and has raised \$211,000 so far from donors and private philanthropy. There are also potential grants available for the project.

David Briman, Executive Director of CELT, was present for the request before the Council. Briman said that it’s really important that Cape Elizabeth “values open spaces and outdoor recreation” as much as it does. He said that CELT and the trail improvement process is about expanding access to nature for all community members and visitors.

The project includes upgrading a half mile section of existing trail adhering to the United States Forest Service trail guidelines of a six-foot wide trail with a grade of 5% or less. The

installation of 140 feet of boardwalk with five resting areas with benches will be ADA accessible, with the boardwalk culminating at Robinson Pond. There will also be two ADA parking spaces placed at the trail head and a complete redo of the parking area at Pond Cove to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety. Briman said the improved trail will expand mobility limitations and provide a “gentler” trail experience for visitors.

The project aligns with Town Council 2026 goals of community driven projects, accessibility and inclusion, transportation safety, safe and accessible outdoor spaces, and public health and wellness.

Briman said that this project will provide “lasting public access” to Robinson Woods and “reinforces Cape’s leadership in conservation, accessibility and community health.”

Several members of the community spoke in support of Briman’s comments, CELT, and the project at Robinson Woods including David Weinberg, and Sarah Clinton and Christina McAnuff, both members of the Accessibility Committee.

The council voted unanimously to approve the allocation of \$50,000 from the Land Acquisition Fund to assist with the construction of the improved access trail project at Robinson Woods.

Council Goals - Progress Update and Discussion

Town Manager Fox provided updates to the Town Council 2026 goals. The Council has several goals that fall into these categories: asset management and capital planning, environment, community driven projects, housing diversity and growth, an informed, engaged citizenry, economic development, transportation, property tax relief, and communication infrastructure.

In the asset management and capital planning goal category, the Town Council has made progress regarding their goals for determining the future of the 1934 Building with the establishment and work done in the 1934 Building Committee.

To address the environment category, there has been an RFP sent out to bid, awarded, and a project underway for a solar grant to be used in the installation of a solar array on the roof of the library.

The construction of the new basketball court and the seasonal ice arena are examples in the community driven projects category. There is currently a land lease agreement with the Town Attorney regarding potential use on Gull Crest for a permanent ice arena.

The work on ordinances LD1829 and LD2173 apply to the housing diversity and growth category. Guidance documents for ordinance language are in the works with

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News from the School Board

By Cindy Voltz

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope everyone had a restful summer. This will be a busy year for our schools, with construction getting underway on the new middle school, work on updating the board’s strategic plan, and continued community conversations about how we support our students.

Thank you to our families for your patience and flexibility with the new drop-off and pick-up routines at Pond Cove and CEMS. Your cooperation is helping the school year get off to a smooth start while construction begins on our new middle school.

The board has also been busy this fall. At our September 8 meeting, we welcomed our new representatives, Claire Gaudrault and Nolan Homicz, and heard updates from building principals and our facilities director.

On September 22, the board held a workshop to review the results of the Extracurricular Survey and to follow up on questions that came up during the June workshop on the athletics survey. Community members who would like to learn more can watch a recording of the workshop on the CETV website.

The school building project continues to move ahead. Construction bids for the new middle school and updates to Pond Cove came in under budget. The district received three close, competitive bids, all well below the allocated budget, so the Building Committee will not need to use any cost-cutting deductive alternates and can accept all the proposed add alternates. The community will receive the full scope of the project. The district has signed a contract with Great Falls Construction of Gorham, Maine, which has begun work, and the new middle school is slated for completion in August 2028.

We invite the community to join us for the official groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, October 17, at noon on the CEMS baseball field. Everyone is welcome, and Harvest Fest begins at 1 p.m., right after the ceremony.

Also related to the building project, the School Department has launched a Community Support campaign. Voters approved an \$86.5 million bond that fully funds construction. The campaign gives residents, families, and local businesses an opportunity to make a voluntary gift that reduces the amount the Town must borrow, along with the interest costs, and eases the impact on taxpayers. Gifts of all sizes are welcome, and naming recognition opportunities are available for spaces throughout the new school. To learn more, visit <https://www.cape.k12.me.us/page/community-support-recognition>.

Please also save the date for a community conversation on the intentional use of educational technology in our schools. The Cape Elizabeth School Department invites all parents, guardians, and community members to join on Tuesday, October 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the PC/MS Cafeteria.

The session will share the district’s work so far and its evolving plan, review some of the research on technology use in schools, and leave time for you to share your own insights and hear from others.

Looking forward, this year the board will be updating our five-year strategic plan. The plan sets the direction for the district and guides the board’s decisions on programs, budgets, and facilities. I encourage community members to watch

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Capetoons: How big is too big?

By Jeff Mandell



Christopher A. Gorski announces candidacy for Town Council



Christopher A. Gorski

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(Press release) - Chris and his wife Michelle chose Cape Elizabeth to raise their two children, both at Pond Cove.

Chris sits on the Board of Zoning Appeals, which rules on variances and code enforcement appeals. That means applying the zoning ordinance the same way for everyone, even when neighbors disagree. He is also the volunteer audio engineer for Cape Elizabeth Middle School’s annual musical. His job is to make sure every kid on stage can be heard.

Chris has spent his career in software engineering, much of it in the public sector, including working with Congress, the National Science Foundation, and the intelligence community. He has also worked in campaign finance and election data. That work taught him to take public money seriously and welcome hard questions.

On the council, Chris will always support the town’s voters and the School Board they elect. He wants to fix the town’s outdated charter so it can pay for traffic and pedestrian safety work, like safer routes for kids walking and biking to school. And he wants to strengthen conservation protections on what undeveloped land is left, because that land gives the town much of its character.

“My family lives here year-round, and I love this town,” Chris said.

“I’d be glad to spend the next three years helping take care of it, and I hope to earn your vote on November 3.”

Cape Elizabeth Harvest Fest Is October 17

Get ready for an afternoon of fall fun at the Cape Elizabeth Harvest Fest, happening Saturday, October 17, from 1–4 p.m. at Pond Cove Elementary School. Benefitting the Pond Cove Parents Association, this family favorite has something for everyone.

Come enjoy Pumpkin Putt-Putt, the Haunted Hallway, Cake or No Cake, obstacle courses, face painting, preschool games, a donut-eating contest, dunk tank, costume exchange, food truck and more!

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Karen Lechner announces candidacy for School Board



Karen Lechner

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(Press release) - Karen Lechner is announcing her candidacy for the Cape Elizabeth School Board.

Karen and her husband moved to Maine in 1975 to begin their careers as public school educators. Her nearly four decades in education included four years as a classroom teacher and 33 years as a high school counselor in four Maine communities. After retiring from Falmouth High School, Karen moved to Cape Elizabeth in 2015 to be closer to family, including her two grandchildren, who attend Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

Karen brings extensive leadership and public education experience to her candidacy. She directed four school counseling programs, collaborating with counselors throughout her districts on program development and review. She served on three accreditation teams for Maine high schools and chaired student services committees during school accreditation reviews by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. She also coordinated College Board testing, including Advanced Placement exams. As president of both the Eastern Maine Counseling Association and the Maine Counseling Association, she developed leadership experience at the state level.

Throughout her career, Karen worked closely with students, educators, administrators and families. It gave her a broad understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing public schools and the many people who make schools successful.

Volunteering in the Cape elementary and

Judy's Food Pantry

Judy's Pantry is open for clients to shop for produce, protein and nonperishables at the Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church (280 Ocean House Road) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. September hours are 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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middle school cafeteria during lunch, attending performances, class presentations, and athletic events, and watching her grandchildren thrive have deepened Karen's appreciation for Cape Elizabeth's exceptional school system—one that must continue to be nurtured by the community.

She hopes to bring her experience, thoughtful leadership, collaborative approach, and commitment to transparency to the School Board.

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By the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Last year, returnables collected at the Bottle Shed funded grants of around \$1,000 each for 24 different groups in town, with nearly \$25,000 awarded in total.

That sounds like a lot of bottles and cans, and it is: somewhere between 400,000 and 500,000 containers, based on Maine's 5- and 15-cent deposits. But spread across Cape Elizabeth's roughly 9,500 residents, it works out to about one container per person each week.

That's it. One can a week.

And small increases add up quickly. If every resident dropped off just two more returnables over the course of the entire year, it would generate roughly enough money to give another Cape youth group a \$1,000 grant.

Bottle Shed grants have helped pay for sports gear and uniforms, academic scholarships, teacher grants, and travel for youth groups heading to competitions and events, among other things.

For example, the Cape Elizabeth High School Parents Association uses the Bottle Shed grant every year to fund teacher and student appreciation and community-building events throughout the school year, and also to support grants for student and teacher projects. Last year grants helped to send the AP U.S. History classes to Boston for the Freedom Trail experience they had missed as middle schoolers during COVID; contributed to a senior transition project fundraising concert; supported the Cape Care Closet; and funded the Staff Sunshine Fund.

If your youth group could use a boost, apply for a 2027 grant! Applications for the 2027 grants will be available on the town's website beginning October 1 and will close Friday,

October 30, at 4 p.m. Grants are awarded to Cape Elizabeth nonprofits that serve the town's youth. Eligibility requirements will also be available on the town's website. Visit capeelizabeth.gov/recyclingcenter and look for the Bottle Donation Shed link.

The Bottle Shed is right next to the Swap Shop, and is open during Recycling Center hours: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed Mondays, Thursdays, and Sundays).

The more returnable cans, bottles and containers that you bring to the Bottle Shed, the more we can give back to the community. Be sure to take your returnables to the Bottle Shed, instead of putting them in the trash or recycling containers.

Questions about Bottle Shed grants can be directed to Jay Reynolds, Director of Public Works, at jay.reynolds@capeelizabeth.org.

School Board

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for updates as we begin this process; we will share details as they become available.

The board's next regular business meeting is Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. All School Board meetings are recorded, and meeting materials are available on the school department website.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools, and I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful days of early fall.

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Project IGNITE Grant with CEEF sparks creativity



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Elementary and middle school students at the annual Cardboard Carnival.

When Eric Huntington applied for the Project IGNITE grant through the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) last year, his goal was simple: give students a way to create, explore and bring their ideas to life. In just one year, that vision has grown into a mobile makerspace that travels from classroom to classroom, putting hands-on innovation within reach of every student. The grant funded four Bambu 3D printers along with cardboard construction tools and squishy circuits — conductive clay and STEM kits that let students build working electrical circuits by hand — and because the materials are mobile, teachers across grade levels have been able to weave project-based learning directly into their curriculum.

One standout collaboration paired Huntington with art teacher Hannah Babcock, whose students used squishy circuits to construct small-scale cities out of conductive clay, then wired in lights,

fans, and switches powered by the clay itself, merging art, engineering, and urban planning into one hands-on unit.

Kris Moniz, a retiring 7th grade STEM teacher, took the tools in a different direction for one of her final projects: her class built cardboard rollercoaster tracks using the makerspace’s cardboard tools, paired with LEGO Prime kits to program a motorized LEGO “motorcycle” that ran the course, blending engineering, coding, and construction into an unforgettable experience.

The makerspace also powered the annual Cardboard Carnival, where 7th graders built functional arcade games that students from Pond Cove Elementary came to play, bringing middle school and elementary students together through creativity and collaboration.

Huntington notes that the four Bambu 3D printers remain an underrated highlight, still in the early stages of use with students learning to operate, maintain, and print with the machines and plans to expand that use significantly this year. “This grant through CEEF has been such a success because it helps cultivate creativity in our students and helps them learn that project-based learning and building can be an important part of their educational journey,” Huntington said.

From glowing clay cityscapes to cardboard rollercoasters and arcade games, the Project IGNITE Mobile Makerspace Carts continue to give students new ways to imagine, build, and problem-solve — one project at a time.

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Plant workshop on October 24

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Dean’s list announcements

Charlotte Ferguson (CEHS ‘25) was named to the dean’s list for the 2025-2026 academic year at New York University in New York City.

News from Sept. 15 PB meeting

Local birding report

By Hanna Gilley

Cape Community Arena Site Plan Amendment

The town of Cape Elizabeth is requesting amendments to the previously approved site plan to construct a permanent arena located on Gull Crest Drive. The Planning Board unanimously voted to table a decision on the application for the October 20, 2026, meeting.

Maureen O'Meara clarified the Planning Board's charge after "lots of comments" have been made. O'Meara said that the role of the Planning Board is to apply already adopted and existing ordinances to projects brought before them, and for this specific project, to apply ordinances applicable for site plan review.

John Mitchell of Mitchell and Associates, presented on behalf of Cape Community Arena Group (CCAG). Mitchell explained that comments have been addressed to the site plan application and he discussed more "substantive" changes to the board. Those updates include relocating the storage building to the southerly side of Cooper Drive; eliminating water utilities directed to the storage building as recommended by Public Works Director, Jay Reynolds; access for vehicular deliveries in front of the material storage bins for the garden group; and that the CCAG will be responsible for maintaining the drip edge on the front and back sides of the proposed arena.

Additionally, two trees located on either corner of the southerly side of the parking lot will be removed after once being proposed to preserve them. Reynolds suggested that the trees "wouldn't survive" being so close to an updated parking lot. A fire lane is proposed to be included on the easterly side of the proposed arena building and accessed off Cooper Drive, as requested by Fire Chief Steve Young.

Mike Bachman of Waterhouse Design and board member of CCAG addressed a comment made by engineer Steve Harding that the arena group is looking for a "facility with a longer skating season and extended year-round use" as inaccurate. Bachman clarified that the CCAG is looking for an easier and better skating season with less demand placed upon volunteers and a more solid ice and hydraulic system protected by concrete. Bachman added that this location is a "logical place for the town to place a facility like this." Bachman also thanked the Planning Board

for their patience, promptness and thoroughness and that he appreciates the momentum in the process and would like to keep that going.

Jason Vafiades, P.E., of Atlantic Resource Consultants, shared that his role in the project is stormwater management and higher level state permitting. Vafiades shared that the proposed application as it relates to stormwater management brings "everything up to current state standards" and the site will have an "inherent improvement" as a result of the project and its proposed stormwater management system.

Jacob Sirois shared with the board that his role on the project regards parking at the site. Sirois said that peak parking demand is 166 spaces total on the site with 121 spaces for the arena and 32 spaces for the athletic fields. However, there is no overlap expected with the athletic fields and the arena as the arena runs from November through March when the fields are not in use. Currently there are 97 parking spaces and will be able to fit three more with the removal of the previously discussed trees. Other parking includes 20 spaces at the satellite lot and five spaces of parallel parking along Spurwink Road close to the arena itself.

During the public hearing, several members of the community shared both support and concern for the proposed project. Rachel Stamieszkin of the Community Gardens Group said that there was a high level of collaboration in the stakeholder meeting, but she has yet to see the minutes from that meeting to fully acknowledge the results discussed. She also asked who would be responsible for maintaining one of the biofilters of the stormwater management system as it could negatively impact the gardens if not properly cleaned regularly.

Lisa Durmond said that a new parking lot will eliminate half of the grass barrier between parking and the gardens and has concerns that winter salt will impact the gardens.

Tom McIntyre, a rink supervisor since its beginning, shared support for the project and that it helped children tremendously. He sees the rink being used by families, kids, and even a group aged 60+ that are "having a blast." He added that the rink presents a "good image to the rest of the area" communities.

Mary Kay Cooney shared her concerns

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By Brooks Bornhoff

The dry, warm weather during the second and third week of September accompanied many southbound migrants quietly slipping through our landscapes by day and overhead by night. On September 19, Cornell's Bird-Cast Migration Dashboard reported more than seven hundred thousand nocturnal birds leveraging southwest winds along the Atlantic Flyway as they passed into and through Cumberland County. On several nights when forecasted conditions were favorable for lower altitude travel, brief nocturnal flight calls from warblers, vireos, thrushes, sparrows and shorebirds sounded as if they were right above the treetops.

On September 14, while passing through Gull Crest at twilight, I came across a Common Nighthawk foraging on the wing above the giant compost piles. When I briefly shined my flashlight into the darkening sky, the bird darted through the beam, its white wing patches flashing like signals as it banked this way and then that, full of sudden shifts in speed and direction. Henry David Thoreau wrote vividly about the Common Nighthawk, capturing both its earthly stillness and aerial grace. His observations remain among the most grounded early accounts of the species. In his 1853 journal, he described a nesting nighthawk that flushed "like a winged toad," its granite colored eggs laid directly on the bare ground. He marveled at the bird's ability to sit unmoving through storms, "as if it were a rock or a part of the earth itself," yet transform in flight into "one of the most aerial, supple, and graceful of creatures."

The following day, September 15, along the pond section of Robinson Woods II, I stood still and watched a Peregrine Falcon perched atop the tip of an old dead pine. I

could only imagine the view from that snag, high above the canopy. Meanwhile, a robin sized Solitary Sandpiper foraged along the muddy bank below. The peregrine watched the sandpiper intently for some time but never pursued it. The sandpiper's nonbreeding plumage, its breast washed with brown, seemed to provide better camouflage along the shoreline. True to its namesake, this solitary medium sized shorebird kept to itself.

On September 17, the song of Pine Warblers carried through the wooded sections of Gull Crest, Runaway Farm and Robinson Woods. Pine Warblers are unusual among warblers because they sing all year long. Listen closely and you'll hear a less hurried version of their spring song—more wandering in cadence, less driven and emphatic. It could be a slightly different northern dialect passing through Cape Elizabeth, or perhaps a young bird practicing its imperfect song. Either way, it is a treat to hear in the forests.

Additionally, I encountered a secretive Eastern Towhee hidden within the tangled cover of CELT's Viking II property. Its metallic "chewink" call was an unmistakable giveaway. The Eastern Towhee is among those birds whose call note remains remarkably consistent throughout the seasons. Though I found myself yearning for the rich, emphatic song of spring, hearing that familiar call in autumn makes me appreciate the species all the more. In a season of change, its steadfast voice felt like a small point of continuity.

On September 18, twenty two goldfinches crowded the tube feeder, many of which have shed their bright yellow summer feathers, others in varying stages of molting into a more drab olive brown coat—a seasonal

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News from September 9 Town Council meeting

By Hanna Gilley

Town Council Reports and Correspondence

Counselor Sahrbeck updated the Town Council on the School Board Committee informing that the construction for the new middle school is underway. The first phase of the project, the temporary parking lot, “went smoothly” and was ready in time for the first day of school. He added that school drop off is “going well, better than expected” and that the participation of residents to have their children driven to school on the bus has been “very helpful” by keeping total vehicle numbers down.

The “pouring of concrete” for the new construction will take place through the winter months and people should start seeing “steel going up” in the spring time. Chair Scifres asked about the timeframe around blasting on the project site, and Sahrbeck informed that the school has also been asking about the blasting because students are also hearing the blasting sounds during the school day. Sahrbeck said he would inquire on that timeframe and reminded the council that the notices that went out regarding blasting stated it would not last more than 40 days.

Sahrbeck also provided an update from the 1934 Building Committee that they are going to discuss “in depth” the results they recently received from the FlashVote survey. The goal was 250 survey responses and the committee received 321 answered surveys.

Chair Scifres said that the Communication Working Group is “making good headway.” The group has created a matrix to support councilors in email communications, and are working on an overarching policy and mission statement. Scifres estimated that the group would have something prepared for the council to review after one or two more meetings.

Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager Patrick Fox offered a special thank you to the Conservation Committee and “the 15 plus” trail adopters who have stepped up following the August wind storm. Volunteers have created reports and maps to describe where trees have fallen down and they also worked on clearing debris from trails. The work the committee and trail adopter volunteers have done assists in the coordination with Tree Warden Jeff Tarling to finish cleaning up the trails. Fox added that he wanted everyone to know that volunteers do make a difference in the community.

Fox also discussed the Casino Beach drainage project and suggested that the town hire a firm for around \$65,000 to clean out the pipe and improve the flow. There are already funds in the budget for this project so budget amendments would not be necessary. The town has received an estimate of \$800,000 for the complete replacement of the drainage system. By cleaning out the existing pipe and monitoring its performance for “even 3-5 years” might be a “viable solution” according to Fox. Currently the drainage does not cause backups or impact roads or private property but is causing beach erosion.

The Phase 5 for Riverside Cemetery expansion project was awarded to L.P. Murray. The town received five competitive bids on the project and this bid award is coming in under budget.

Fox also informed that the free storm related brush disposal at the recycling center ended on Saturday, September 12. The deadline had been extended a few times as some residents were having troubles clearing their property. Fox said that “we hope everyone has safely restored their yard and belongings after that event,” referring to the wind storm that took place in August.

Proclamation September National Service Dog Month

The Town Council welcomed Allison Kelly of Canine Companions, and service-

dog-in-training, Kimono, and Paula Barrett, a Canine Companion “puppy raiser” and trainer, to the Town Council meeting as they recommended the town of Cape Elizabeth to recognize September as National Service Dog Month. Kelly said that adopting this proclamation would help raise awareness, understanding, and “respectful access in our community,” and to acknowledge the important role that service dogs play in the lives of people with disabilities.

Canine Companions advocates for children, adults, and veterans with disabilities to have access to highly trained service dogs. Volunteers can become “puppy raisers” who take in puppies to raise them for a year and a half and teach them 40 basic commands before they then go to professionals for service dog training. Kelly has raised four service dogs so far, and Kimono is Barrett’s seventh. Barrett added, “we get a lot out of seeing what [the dogs] do for the people who get them.”

The council unanimously approved to recognize September as National Service Dog Month, and posed for a picture with Kelly, Kimono and Barrett.

Shore Road Parking District - Referral to Traffic Safety Working Group

The Town Council had a Fall 2026 deadline to review parking regulations that went into effect May 1, 2026, for the Shore Road neighborhood. They are referring to the Traffic Safety Working Group to review information gathered during the first summer with the new parking regulations so that a report can be conducted and brought back to Council.

During the public comment period, Tom McCullough said he was interested in what the council is recommending to the traffic safety committee. He added that “this summer has been fantastic in that area” with the “ability to get in and out of driveways and turn onto Shore Road safely has been better.” He encourages that the regulations “stay permanent” and added that he sees other neighborhoods wanting similar parking regulations after seeing the success of this one.

Cynthia Troiano shared that she and others had warned the council that the parking regulations would “just displace those cars to park on Preble and Woodland Roads,” and that historical access to Cliff House Beach

has been by foot or by bike for decades. She said that the “vehicles themselves are the problem,” and that they “bring in way more people than a .26-acre area can accommodate.” She added that vehicles are bringing dangerous driving maneuvers, grid lock traffic, illegal u-turns, hazards to cyclists, and “dangerously narrowed roadways.” She added that residents on Woodland and Preble had to deal with the disastrous fallout all summer long.

Councilor Sahrbeck told the council that Woodland and Preble roads are not “technically” included in the Shore Road parking district and asked for an added amendment to the referral to add in those streets for the Traffic Safety Group’s discussion.

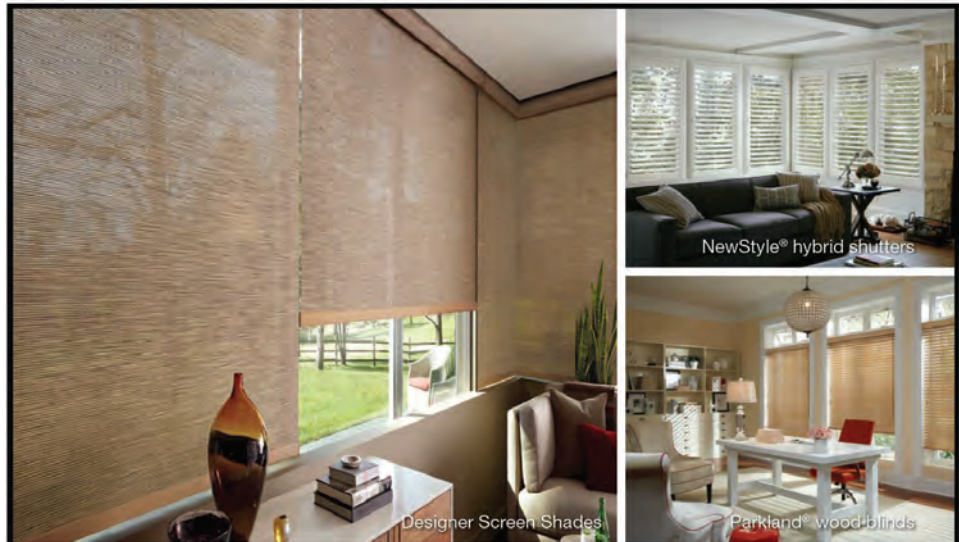
Councilor Thompson said that Preble Street “really is crazy,” and provided an anecdote of someone changing their clothes on the street with their car door open. Thompson said “we won’t be able to have a perfect solution” but with “a couple more tweaks” he’s hoping to have a better solution for the neighborhood.

Chair Scifres added that she was shocked by the “lack of sense and disrespect” of vehicle owners illegally parking in the neighborhood and even blocking residents’ driveways by parking in front of them. Scifres said that “word needs to get out” that Cape “isn’t messing around, you’re not going to block driveways.”

Per recommendation of Town Manager Fox, the council included a section about crosswalks to be added into the discussion and reporting from the Traffic Safety Group. The group will not be discussing parking passes, for example, as that is not strictly a safety issue and is more of a policy issue. However, the group will be discussing road widths, parking configuration, speed data and other quantifiable data points.

The Town Council approved the referral to the Traffic Safety Group to have one meeting with appropriate meeting notices being made public to the Shore Road neighborhood prior to the meeting taking place, with an estimated meeting date of mid- to late-October. The group’s findings and report will be due back to Council for the council’s first November meeting.

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Meeting

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Town Center TIF Proposed Amendments

The council discussed Tax Increment Funding (TIF) during the May 18 and August council workshops. The possibility to allow for greater flexibility in TIF funds to be used for community development programs, town staff, equipment, and infrastructure improvements were discussed during the workshops. Any revisions to the existing TIF would require a public hearing, and town council and state approval.

The council voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to work with the Town Attorney on the amendments to prepare for council consideration.

Approval of Municipal Warrant for November 3, 2026 Election

The Cape Elizabeth Town Clerk has prepared a warrant for the November 3, 2026 election. The council unanimously voted to authorize the election warrant as presented.

Planning Board

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over the CCAG’s financial capability of the full project as it has been proposed. She is worried that residents will end up taking on financial responsibility if the CCAG cannot secure total funding and wishes to “protect the town and citizens from risk.”

Lisa Crowley shared her concerns that the project will impact the community gardens at Gull Crest saying “if the trees won’t survive near the parking lot, what does that mean for the garden?” She also requested that the language of “garden group” be amended as its not just gardeners that benefit but that it is a community asset for everyone.

Several community members with young families spoke on the benefits they have had from the arena particularly with their younger children. They said it’s a free place for the kids to get some energy out and “it’s incredible” adding that they think both the gardens and an arena can coexist at the site.

Chair Gilbert said that he is “all for providing winter access to outdoor sports” and that he doesn’t think anyone on the board would be outright opposed to the project and reiterated that the board’s purview is to make sure projects follow existing ordinances and are safe for the public. Gilbert, along with several members of the board, shared their concerns over the proposed parking, particularly the parallel parking during the winter as being “untenable.”

Carol Ann said she believes that the parking obligations and solutions belong to the town and not the CCAG. She added that runoff from the parking lot will be directed into particular areas and not “willy-nilly into the gardens.”

Al Palmer agreed with Carol Ann and shared concerns of parking alongside Gull Crest in the winter months. He also said that he thinks the material storage bin area should be looked at again and is not convinced that a truck can drive down the slope of the driveway and turn around in the space allotted.

Chair Gilbert also mentioned that while electrical wiring is included to be completed during Phase 1, light fixtures are not included. A representative for the applicant said that while there is no roof or structure over the ice arena currently and during phase 1, there is adequate lighting to reach the parking area.

Ultimately, the Planning Board decided that the application was not complete and they voted unanimously to table it for the October 20, 2026 regular Planning Board meeting.

Town Council

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the potential to be in front of the council for review, modification and/or adoption in the next couple of months.

The FlashVote survey tool has been a great asset with over 500 people participating so far. Fox said that the tool is “the closest thing we’ve ever had” to asking community members without needing a bond vote referendum. The FlashVote tool applies to the informed citizenry goal category.

For the economic category and housing diversity and growth categories, the current work on the TIF amendments apply. Fox also mentioned that per a suggestion from a Cape Elizabeth student, the town is still considering a town center vitality event to include a food truck and entertainment, adding, “we haven’t forgotten about that one.”

The Traffic Safety Working Group has been created to address the transportation safety goal. Fox said that community members and residents feel seen and heard when they participate in the committee’s meetings.

Lastly, the communication infrastructure goal had the council once again discussing the potential for cell towers in Cape Eliza-

beth. The lack of adequate coverage in certain areas of Cape Elizabeth are a safety issue, with Councilor Anderson adding it has “been a need for a long time.” Chair Scifres said that the council “needs to continue to pursue” the issue and Fox said it could be a potential FlashVote survey question in the coming months.

General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices

Updates have been recommended for the 2026 - 2027 year in the General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices. Updates apply to appendices A through H and include a new recovery resident maximum housing guide. The Council voted to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 2026, regarding the changes.

Town Center TIF Amendments

The Town Council voted to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 2026, regarding the Town Center TIF amendments. These proposed amendments would allow for more flexibility in how TIF funds can be used for community projects. Revisions to the existing TIF will also require town council and state of Maine approval.

Birding report

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adaptation for camouflage, energy conservation and survival. Four first year bluebirds bathed in the birdbath, and a giant formation of Double crested Cormorants flew overhead.

Lastly, on September 21, a handsome male Rose breasted Grosbeak made a brief appearance at our feeders, as did a male and female Pine Warbler that also stuck around for a while. That afternoon, a Philadelphia Vireo appeared in the withering crabapple tree behind our house. Far less widespread and less abundant in Maine, the Philadelphia Vireo can usually be distinguished from the Red eyed Vireo by its yellow washed underparts and the distinct line above the eye that contrasts with its darker gray “helmet.” While the Red eyed Vireo breeds in Cape, the Philadelphia Vireo breeds in more northwesterly sections of Maine and beyond. Interestingly, this is the fifth year in a row I have spotted a Philadelphia Vireo in September—and in my yard. The bird gets its name from the city in which the first scientific specimen of this species was collected. Philadelphia was at the center of America’s scientific community in the early 1800s, and much of the study of birds originated in Pennsylvania.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
New times for Death Cafe, Songwriting, and Fireside Writing! Please check the full event listings below for updates.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Embracing Autumn: Meditation for Balance and Renewal
Thursday, October 1, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
As the seasons change, autumn invites us to, reflect and reconnect with what truly matters. Meditation offers a simple yet powerful way to quiet the mind, reduce stress, and cultivate a deeper sense of inner peace and well-being. In this welcoming workshop, you'll explore how meditation can help release tension, ease worry and create greater balance during a season of transition. Join Clare Vidich for an engaging and restorative experience that includes an introduction to the practice of meditation, practical insights for daily life, and a guided meditation you can experience during the session. Whether you're new to meditation or looking to deepen your practice, you'll leave with tools to support your wellness throughout the fall season.

Cozy Mystery Book Club
Saturday, October 3
On the first Saturday of each month from October through December, join Sarah Jensen for community-led discussions of different cozy mystery books, starting with "The Thursday Murder Club." The first installment in Richard Oseman's popular series, "The Thursday Murder Club" centers on four unlikely friends in a peaceful retirement village who share a fascination with unsolved murders. When a murder happens close to home, this unorthodox gang of investigators must solve the case before it's too late. Register online for the first in TML's cozy mystery book club, and you can help choose the next book and lead future discussions.

Teaser and the Tillerman: Jud Caswell sings Cat Stevens
Wednesday, October 7, 1-2 p.m.
Singer-songwriter Jud Caswell will take the stage for an intimate concert celebrating the timeless music of Cat Stevens. "Teaser and the Tillerman" will feature classic songs from Stevens' iconic 1970 and 1971 albums, as well as tracks featured in the film "Harold and Maude." Jud, known for his warm voice

and evocative storytelling, will guide listeners on a journey through a soundtrack that defined a generation, and will be open to questions and conversation about the music.

Retrograde Season: Astrology for the Months Ahead with Jersey Griggs
Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Join professional astrologer Jersey Griggs to explore the meaning and purpose of planetary retrogrades. Attendees will learn practical ways to work with the upcoming Mercury, Venus, and Mars retrogrades, exploring the themes, opportunities, and challenges they may bring in late 2026 and early 2027. Whether you're new to astrology or looking to deepen your understanding of the cosmos, this program will help you navigate the months ahead with awareness and intention.
Jersey Griggs is a writer, astrologer, and founder of Pine Tree Magick. Her work combines astrology, Tarot, and intuitive guidance to help individuals connect with their own inner wisdom. In addition to community workshops, Jersey offers one-on-one astrology sessions, including natal chart readings and personalized timing consultations designed to help clients better understand themselves and their life cycles. Her work has been featured in Business Insider, Condé Nast Traveler, and Newsweek. Learn more at www.pinetreemagick.com or follow on Instagram @pinetreemagick_.

The Art of Edward Gorey with Sully McCarthy
Thursday, October 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Join Sully McCarthy for a glimpse into the life and art of Edward Gorey. Renowned for his delightfully macabre pen-and-ink drawings and nonsensical storytelling, Gorey remains one of the most distinct and beloved American artists in recent history. After Sully's brief talk, you'll then have the chance to work on your own submission to the Edward Gorey House 2026 Envelope Art Contest. This year's theme is "An Utter Zoo," inviting us all to imagine creatures real or fantastic. We will provide pens, pencils, crayons, markers and envelopes, but you are welcome to bring your own! Both the contest and this event are open to all ages.

Writing Yourself Home with Johanna Franzel

Saturday, October 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Join author Johanna Franzel for a dynamic presentation and interactive workshop on embodied writing. Drawing stories and sample practices from her recently-published book, Write Yourself Home, Johanna will lead gentle movement and writing exercises to help you feel more at ease.
Johanna Franzel is the author of "Write Yourself Home, A Creative Guide for Living Well in the Body You Have Through Embodied Writing and Movement Practice," published by North Atlantic Books. A teacher, writer and audio producer, Johanna holds a masters education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and trained in documentary writing and radio at the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies. Certified in neuromuscular therapy and Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy, her most rigorous learning comes from two decades of living with chronic illness. A long-time educator, Johanna has worked for the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University and spent nearly a decade as the director of Generation PRX, a national youth radio network for the Public Radio Exchange.

Film School: Jordan Peele's NOPE
Thursday, October 29, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Join us for October's spooky film school, where we honor all monster movies with a screening and discussion of Jordan Peele's NOPE (2021). Inspired by classics like King Kong, Jurassic Park, and Close Encounters of the Third Kind, NOPE is a modern science fiction horror with a profound love and fear of the cinematic spectacle. As always, snacks are welcome and popcorn is provided.

Fall Clothing Swap
Saturday, October 31, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
It's time for the Fall Clothing Swap! Offered in partnership with the Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee, twice a year the library hosts a chance for folks to both clean out their closets and find treasures from our neighbors. Here's how to participate:
• Donate items in advance: Receive a ticket for entry starting at 12:00 p.m. on the day of the swap. Donate clothes at the library beginning as early as October 19. Note: Donations will not be accepted past Wednesday, October 28. This way Snoop, our trusty bug-sniffing dog, has time to examine each and every item

and make sure it is ready to be worn.
• Don't donate at all: Enter and "shop" at 2:00 p.m.
• Volunteer to help set-up, run, or take-down the event: Receive extra early preview "shopping" privileges. Fill out the volunteer registration form here if interested in helping out.
Clothes for all ages and genders will be accepted and available. Please wash your donated clothes ahead of time. In a change from previous years, no same-day donations will be accepted. Thank you for donating and shopping for recycled clothing. We hope to see you there!

REGULAR PROGRAMS
Senior Social Hour
Every Wednesday from 1:00 -2:00 p.m.
Fireside Writing
Every Tuesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Death Cafe, with Davinica Nemptzow
Third Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Songwriting Workshop, with Jud Caswell
First Thursday of each month, 6-8 p.m.

Youth Services Recurring Programs: Fall
Messy Minis: Mondays @ 10:30 - 11:00 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 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
This program is designed for infants and toddlers from birth - 18 months old and their caregivers. Join us for 15 minutes of short stories, finger plays, rhymes, songs, and movements followed by 45 minutes of free time to play and chat. Capacity: 25 people. No prior registration required.
Play Group: Wednesdays @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Join us for this drop-in play session for children and their caregivers. The Community Room is open for exploration during this time, with special toys and stations while you visit with friends. Capacity: 25 people. No prior registration required.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Great for children who have transitioned to one nap per day and are alert in the mornings. This storytime is designed for children ages 18 months to 3 years old and their caregivers. Join us for one picture book, songs, finger rhymes, felt board stories and board book read-alongs. Capacity: 30 people. No prior registration required.

Venture Club: Wednesdays 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!

CardBoard Club: First and Third Fridays from Sept - June from 2:45 - 4:00 p.m.

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The “KID” Courier

1. (leaving school)

I was sitting on the rug, then we lined up. we started walking at 2:04. Classes behind us, we walked to the high school gym.

2. (The gym) when we got there it was crowded, we found our seats at the end bleachers. Third grade came up, then we waited. after half an hour some random teacher wanted us to make a storm, then the vice principal made a announcement.

Part 2

Walkers went out
Then experience, we
packed up, then RMA and
kumon went, and second
grade car line went, then
third grade car line. then fourth,
then more kids passed us.
2:57 waiting, 3:00 still wait-
ing, 3:03 busses here, 3:06
we started walking, 3:10 on bus,
3:14 Bus start, 3:17 home.

By Jayden Jackson

Cape Elizabeth schools recently lost water for a short period of time and Pond Cove second grader Jayden Jackson jumped into journalistic action. He came home off the school bus with a clipboard and a first-hand account of the events of the day.

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust fall programs

CELT's Fall Cross Town Walk

Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust for the annual Fall Cross Town Walk. Beginning at the Portland Head Light at Fort Williams Park, this CELT sponsored walk will traverse 8.6 miles of the Town of Cape Elizabeth and CELT trails.

This walk offers a unique overview of Cape Elizabeth's diverse ecosystems including Spurwink Marsh, Robinson Woods and Great Pond. The program takes approximately five hours. Hikers will meet at the Portland Head Light and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to Fort Williams after a picnic at Kettle Cove. Snacks, drinks and lunch should be brought by each participant.

Participants should be 12 years or older; please call about younger ages. All participants must register at least 48 hours in advance of the program and will receive notifi-

cation of changes or cancellation.

Date: Saturday October 3rd

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at Portland Headlight in the dirt parking lot closest to the lighthouse.

Cost: \$10 per person

CELT's 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 (roughly 4.5 miles) walk highlighting some of Cape's great places, including Spurwink Marsh and Great Pond. The walk takes approximately 2.5 hours.

Hikers will meet at the CELT office in Town Center and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to the CELT office after a picnic at Kettle Cove. Snacks, drinks and lunch should be brought by each participant.

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

Date: Saturday October 3

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at CELT Office – 330

Ocean House Road

Cost: \$5 per person

CELT's LITTLE EXPLORERS (ages 3-5 yrs with an Adult)

Join CELT as we explore Robinson Woods in October. Children and caregivers will spend an hour exploring the natural wonders of Maine with Cape Elizabeth Land Trust educator, Lisa Gent.

During this CELT sponsored event we'll

take a gentle hike through Robinson Woods, where we will explore the habitat around us and search for signs of the changing season with age-appropriate games and activities. Please dress in comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Participants registering at least 48 hours in advance of the program will ensure they will receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Date: Wednesday, October 7

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Robinson Woods Kiosk (off of Shore Road)

Cost: \$6 per parent and child, each additional child \$3



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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Instructions for joining videoconference meetings listed below will be posted on the town website, www.capeelizabeth.gov.

Monday, October 5

Town Council Workshop - Town Hall Council Chamber, 6 p.m.
Town Council Meeting - Town Hall Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

Recycling Committee, Public Works Building, 6 p.m.
Candidates Night Town Hall Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 12

Accessibility & Inclusion Committee, Thomas Memorial Library, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13

School Board Regular Business, Town Hall Council Chamber, 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Committee, Town Hall, Jordan Conference Room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14

Candidates Night, Town Hall Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 15

Fort Williams Park Committee, Community Center, 6 p.m.
Energy Committee, Town Hall Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 19

Town Council Workshop - Town Hall Council Chamber, 6 p.m.

Town Council Workshop, Town Hall Council Chamber, 6 p.m.

Town Council Meeting - Town Hall Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20

School Board Policy Cmte, Town Hall Council Chamber, 8:30 a.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 Thursdays (archives and museum), 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. second Tuesday of the month, Spurwink Rod & Gun Club, 1250 Sawyer Road. 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

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

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Sept. 17 - 6:30 pm

Town Council Workshop & Meeting

Sept. 21 - 7 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals

Sept. 22 - 7 pm

SERVICES

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

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747-1113

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Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.
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Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road

799-8396

www.ceumc.org

Sanctuary Service: 10:00 a.m.
In-person Sunday services 10:00 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

Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Family Shabbat Services:

Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Hope Community Church

879 Sawyer Street South Portland

799-4565

www.hopesopo.com

www.facebook.com/hopesopo

Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

Kid's Church for ages 4 through grade 5
Service videos available on our website

Promised Land World Reach Center

536 Cottage Road, South Portland

799-3152

Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Sermon recordings available to download

Redeemer Lutheran Church - LCMS

410 Main Street, Gorham

839-7100

www.RedeemerMaine.org

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

Sunday Services:

Rite 1 with Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.

Rite 2 with Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Live Streaming on YouTube (stalbanschannel)

Children's Programs 9:30 a.m.

Celtic Eventide 5:30 p.m.

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St Bartholomew Catholic Church of Saint John Paul II Parish

8 Two Lights Road, 207-883-0334

Website: www.JP2me.org

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon. and Wed. 8 a.m.

Sacrament of Confession: Mon. 8:30-9 a.m.

Additional Mass times in Scarborough & South Portland listed on website

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

301 Cottage Road, South Portland

799-3361

www.fccucc.org

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

First Congregational Church of Scarborough

167 Black Point Road, Scarborough

883-2342

www.fccscarborough.com

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Library

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Welcome to CardBoard Club, a club dedicated to card and board games. On the first and third Fridays of each month, we'll gather to play games of all kinds. Stop in to play with your friends, learn new games, and take part in special RPG (role-playing game) workshops, like D&D. Beginners welcome. Snacks provided. For ages 10-13. No registration necessary.

Youth Services Special Programs

1-2-3 Grow with Me!: Every Friday in October from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

REGISTER at <https://www.thomasmemoriallibrary.org/events/> to hold your spot.

Children 0-5 years and caregivers are welcome to participate in a series of special play dates in the Library Community Room. You will have the opportunity to interact informally with community resource professionals on a range of important topics for child development. Come to play and leave with tips and resources! Capacity: 13 children & their caregivers.

• OCT 2 - Speech & Hearing - Katherine Quigley, M.S., CCC-SLP (Speech-Language Pathologist @ Early Intervention for ME)

• OCT 9 - Child Development - Melinda Corey, M. Ed. (Outreach Specialist @ Help Me Grow Maine)

• OCT 16 - Literacy - Pam Leo (Family Literacy Activist and Author @ The Book

Fairy Pantry Project)

• OCT 23 - Nutrition - Denise Gaudette, RDN, LDN (Manager @ Cooking Matters Maine)

• OCT 30 - Music & Movement - Jud Caswell (Award-winning songwriter and multi-instrumentalist)

Family Yoga at the Library: First Saturday of the month Oct - Dec from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us in Family Yoga at the library with Heidi Whelan of Balance and Bloom Mindfulness. Heidi will lead families through a fun interactive program that includes breath work, yoga poses, partner poses, discussion time and an art project related to that month's lesson. We will have mats available to use. No experience necessary. Come as you are. Register for 1, 2 or all 3. For caregivers + their children ages 7 - 12. Registration Required.

Intro to Jamming: Third Tuesday from Sept - Dec from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

What does it feel like to be in a real band? Come find out! We'll explore ukuleles, percussion, electronic instruments, beat-making tools and other fun ways to create music as a group. No experience needed. Classes led by Carly S. Cheriff, board-certified music therapist of EcoTones Music Therapy. For ages 8 - 11. Registration required.

Special Storytime: Animal Tales with Lani Peterson: Oct 22, 2026 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Storyteller Lani Peterson will engage little ones in interactive animal folktales and simple songs. Bring your young ones to come sit, listen, sing, perhaps even dance, as Lani spins traditional tales through this age old oral tradition. For ages 3 - 6 though younger and older ones invited. Please note, capacity for this program is 30 people. No prior registration required.

Interactive Art: Pop-Ups Saturday, Oct 24, from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Amp up your art with Andi Saturn as you learn the basics of pop-up paper mechanics. This class will take you step-by-step through three simple ways to create popups, with plenty of time to experiment and troubleshoot your own designs. Andi Saturn (they/ them) is an artist, teacher, and performer in Portland. No previous art experience required.

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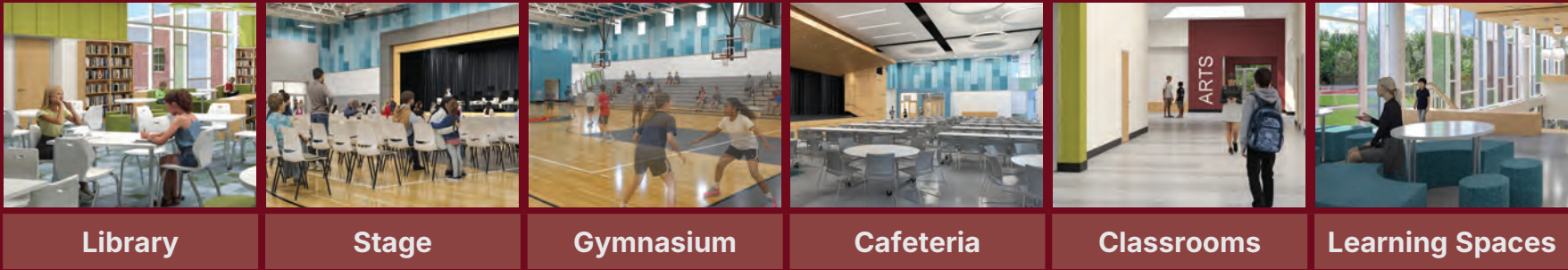


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