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With the pandemic barring folks from coming to Marlborough Congregational Church for weekly worship, church officials devised a unique way for parishioners to represent themselves – cardboard cutouts, which now fill the pews at the church.

Church Fills Void With ‘Pew People’

by Karla Santos

The COVID-19 pandemic has prevented members of Marlborough Congregational Church from attending weekly services – but thanks to a unique fundraiser, church pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber no longer has to look at empty pews.

Taking a cue from how sports teams filled their empty stadiums last year, Marlborough Congregational Church decided to let parishioners purchase cardboard cutouts of themselves to place in the seats.

For what was called the “Pew People” fundraiser, church members sent in photos of themselves. The church then worked with a company to enlarge the photos and make them into cardboard cutouts – and the cutouts were placed in the pews.

Faulhaber explained Marlborough Congregational closed its sanctuary to in-person services when the pandemic began last March. Last summer, the church held worship services outdoors and invited parishioners to attend – but once the weather became colder the services moved back

to livestreams from a largely-empty sanctuary.

“We put the [cardboard cutouts] in the pews because, well, every Sunday morning when I lead worship, there’s no one in the pews,” Faulhaber said. “It’s me and empty pews and we are not used to that.”

Faulhaber said the church cooked up the “Pew People” idea partly as a fundraiser and partly because “we have a sense of humor.”

Faulhaber noted church members sent in not just photos of themselves but also of other family members and even of pets.

Faulhaber said he and other church staff tried to place each cardboard cutout in the pew where the person normally sat when services were held in person.

The cardboard cutouts are not only for Faulhaber’s enjoyment; the congregation is also able to see the photos during the livestreamed service.

“We even got some camera angles that scan the pews so that people watching online could

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Local Foundation Shines Light on Rare Disease

by Jack Lakowsky

A charity vendor fair will be held Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St. Proceeds will benefit research into a rare genetic disorder that was only discovered in 2016.

Nearly 30 vendors are slated to sell at the event, a group that includes food and craft retailers. One vendor will be a local bakery, Ydanis & Co. Owner Ydanis DeStasio said she will donate 10% of all sales to the foundation.

The disease, called TANGO2-related metabolic encephalopathy and arrhythmias, affects 112 families worldwide – one of which lives in East Hampton.

This Belltown family three years ago started a foundation to help individuals and families experiencing the disease, and this group has grown to an international effort.

Kasha Morris, vice president and co-founder of the TANGO2 Research Foundation, told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday that her son Ryan, 19 and a 2020 graduate of East Hampton High School, has lived with TANGO2 since he was 6 months old. Symptoms usually begin in the first year of life, she said.

“Ryan was born on Sept. 11, 2001, so we knew he was gonna be special,” she said.

Morris said when he was about 6 months old, Ryan’s development began to stall and regress. After 15 years, hundreds of tests, dozens of doctors and four different children’s hospitals, Ryan was diagnosed with TANGO2.

At that point, in 2017, the disease was newly discovered, so doctors were at a loss as to treatment and steps forward. In fact, the gene itself was newfound, and researchers are still unclear as to the gene’s normal role.

What is known is that the gene is present in two parts. If one is okay, then an individual

won’t experience the severe symptoms of the disorder. However, when the TANGO gene from both parents goes awry, then symptoms arise.

Morris and her husband founded their non-profit in 2018. Since then, the group has grown to a “global yet local” scale. It now funds five research projects across the world, with membership in Connecticut, Texas, Washington State and California, as well as Canada and Italy.

“We didn’t wanna wait 15 more years for answers,” said Morris. “The doctors didn’t know any more than we did about TANGO2.”

Morris said even with this lack of knowledge, her son’s prognosis wasn’t good.

All with TANGO2 experience learning and intellectual disabilities, Morris said. However, other symptoms vary widely.

Ryan experiences issues with speech and motor development, as well muscle weakness and hypothyroidism.

In the extreme, TANGO2 can manifest as severe metabolic crises – such as vomiting, diarrhea, poor appetite – seizure episodes and heart problems, all of which can be fatal. A run-of-the-mill stomach bug could very well hospitalize someone with TANGO2, Morris said.

As a way to propel research and eventual treatment, of TANGO2, Morris and her husband founded the research foundation after Ryan’s diagnosis.

Developing treatments is still some time off. What researchers are currently focusing on, Morris said, is the actual biology of the disorder and gene, and exactly what happens to the body when the gene doesn’t function as it should.

“This is the building block that will grow into researching treatments, and it’s a huge first step,” Morris said.

Baylor Medical College in Waco, Texas, is conducting a natural history study of TANGO2. Morris said researchers are collecting stories of families living with the disease.

“You get stories from families and you start to see patterns,” Morris said. “Studying [TANGO2’s] natural history will lead to published research.”

Families, Morris said, are key to both the research and the funding of said research. She said the foundation’s board of directors is made up of an international group of (former) strangers who banded together to help families in need.

When the group’s work began, 12 families living with TANGO2 were known. Since then, about 100 have been identified.

The TANGO2 Research Foundation supports these projects with revenues earned through fundraising.

In the past, the foundation hosts its largest fundraiser, a banquet, at St. Clements Castle in Portland. Morris said this event has raised between \$40,000 and \$50,000. But last year, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic brought a stop to this and most other fundraising activities.

Individuals with TANGO2 are a group vulnerable to COVID-19, so families must take extra precautions to keep their loved ones safe.

Morris said vaccines are a great hope to people with TANGO2. Ryan, she said, has his first shot. She said although she believes vaccination is an individual choice, it should be known that, in choosing to get the shot or not, that decision is being made for others as well.

“People like Ryan rely on herd immunity,” Morris said.

The May 1 vendor fair is the foundation’s answer to needing a COVID-19-friendly event, and will be outdoors. Vendors paid a fee in the



Ryan Morris, 19, sports his very own “Team Ryan” shirt. Ryan’s parents started a local foundation to fund research into a rare genetic disease he has lived with since he was a baby.

form of a donation to the foundation to operate their table and are not required to donate a percentage of their sales.

DeStasio has opted to donate 10% of the day’s sales to the foundation.

“I’m a very big community girl,” DeStasio told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday.

DeStasio said she plans to each year pick a foundation or nonprofit to support and decided

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*From the Editor's Desk***Observations & Ruminations**

by Mike Thompson

I was thrilled to see reporter Sloan Brewster's story last week that the Hebron Harvest Fair is returning. Organizers aren't quite sure yet how the fair will look when it resumes in September – but one thing's clear: after understandably missing last year due to the pandemic, the festival is back.

I admit I had never been to the Hebron Harvest Fair until I covered it for work in 2001. I had no idea how popular it was. This wasn't just your average small-town fair. This was an event. Four days full of food, rides, animals, crafts, tractor pulls, and lots of live music – including nationally-known country acts. The festival has only grown since then, adding events like the Dock Dogs and the hugely popular Demolition Derby.

I stopped covering Hebron as a reporter in 2004 – so I no longer had to cover the fair for work. But I still always made sure to block off that weekend in my calendar each year. The festival was just too much fun to skip. Over the ensuing decade and a half, I'd see a variety of country acts, from '90s stars like Patty Loveless and Sammy Kershaw to, more recently, Florida Georgia Line.

The Florida Georgia Line show is a particular standout in my mind. The Hebron Lions had booked the band just before they exploded onto the music scene. I remember by the time the Hebron fair rolled around that September of 2013, the band was huge, coming off their massive crossover hit *Cruise*. The band's appearance in Hebron absolutely shattered attendance records, as it drew people from all over the state and, I'm sure, the region as well. I was one of the many, many people packed onto the lawn in front of the main stage that day – and it was a pretty great show.

I'm not sure what exactly the first post-COVID (hopefully we'll be post-COVID by then, anyway) Hebron Harvest Fair will look like – as Sloan reported last week, not even the Lions know for sure – but I'll definitely be

there to check it out. It's always a great time.

While I do wish the Town of Andover would move its elections to November like all the other towns (I truly do believe it would lead to higher voter turnout, as frankly people are used to casting ballots in November), I definitely interested in how next month will go, and who will be elected to boards.

As Board of Education member Shannon Loudon wrote in last week's letters to the editor, among the school board candidates is Edmund Smith. I'm pleased to see he's running. Ed's been sending letters into the *Rivereast* on a regular basis for the past several years, and while regular readers know he definitely has his detractors, you'll never find me among them. I find his letters to be, more often than not, reasoned, researched and intelligent.

Ed seems like a pretty smart guy; it's no surprise, then, that he's been, as Shannon noted last week, teaching and working with children for close to 50 years. He's been an advisor for several academic teams, including NASA Student Challenge, MathCounts and – for nearly 20 years – the National Science Bowl. So he clearly has a strong background in education.

Ed's résumé is impressive and, as I indicated, his writings have been impressive too. I think he'd be a good fit for the Board of Education.

As more people get vaccinated and the COVID-19 positivity rate continues to drop, I'm sure you've noticed by reading the paper that several churches in the *Rivereast* area have started to hold services in person again. This, of course, is wonderful.

But I'm also glad to see many of these churches are also keeping up the livestreams or other online broadcasts they introduced last year when the pandemic first hit. I hope

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Brownies Bring Cookies... Brownie Troop 63223 of Colchester recently donated Girl Scout Cookies to members of the Colchester Hayward Fire Department.

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Bottle Drive Thanks

To the Editor:

Last weekend, BSA Scout Troop 28/1028 Hebron had their spring bottle drive. It was an outstanding success. We collected over 33,000 bottles and cans. The money raised will be used by the troop to support programs for the boys and girls. A special thanks to Ted's Supermarket for helping us with the drive and allowing us to use their parking lot. They were awesome and we greatly appreciate it!

This was our first fundraiser this year. Thank you everyone for saving your bottles and cans and coming out to donate them to the troop. We will see you in the fall.

Kristen Susman – Hebron

'Mainstream Media'

To the Editor:

Peter Kushowski counters my description of "mainstream media" with a dictionary definition. That would be legitimate, except I described how the phrase is actually used – a haughty claim of superiority over those who don't share one's overlooked news sources. It's a form of condescending arrogance. While "mainstream media" could suggest dominant news trends, in practice it's a snide put-down of those trends.

Mr. Kushowski demonstrates this very issue: insinuating that the dominant trend in news coverage of the BLM protests – peaceful and thoughtful activism – is burying the reality of "anarchist looting and burning." How much violence did he witness directly? Did he travel to Minneapolis or Portland? Did protesters pelt him with water bottles? Did he take police truncheons to the face? Or did he simply consume a limited set of sources with axes to grind?

Popularity does not imply quality, but the reversal implicit in "mainstream media" is absurd. Something is not more believable because Newsmax or *Daily Caller* buck the consensus claiming it. Outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and NPR subscribe to a code that truth is more important than sensationalism or ideology. Unfortunately, it's different with the advocacy journalism of Fox and MSNBC, more so with outlets such as Breitbart, TownHall, or Vox. While one can bemoan the recent bothsides-ism at NYT or NPR, they are still far more reliable sources than, say, Fox.

Regarding those protests, one side has stories meant to enrage; the other has facts. The best summary is ACLED's September report (<http://link.sauyet.com/18>), which notes that of the 10,600 protests, 10,100 of them reported no violence or damage. The total property damage eclipsed the 1992 disturbances, but with the largest protest movement in U.S. history this is unsurprising. This was a peaceful movement.

Sincerely,

Scott Sauyet – Andover

Support School, Town Budgets

To the Editor:

Budgets are a mirror image of your values. Do we want to be good stewards of the town? How we choose to invest and spend signals our priorities to the community. Colchester has been making do with budgets that hold the town and schools together but do not leave room to invest in upkeep. You see that in buildings (Youth Center), athletic fields, and equipment. Infrastructure and Technology savings/spending plans in the school district are well below intended levels as each year we say that we will catch up "next year."

The referendum is a few weeks off, but it will be here before you know it. Please start thinking about this now.

Look around as you pick up your kids or drive through town. Returning to normal is great – but we want to come back better than ever. Let's use this opportunity to invest in ourselves, in our neighbors, and in our students.

Please mark your calendars: Tuesday, May 4 – Public Hearing to present BOE and town budget (see ColchesterCT.gov for link).

Take Care,

Amy Domeika – Colchester

Note: Domeika is on the Colchester Board of Education but said she is speaking as a private citizen.

Heartfelt Gratitude

To the Editor:

Thank you to the many friends, co-workers, neighbors and colleagues who reached out to my family and I with cards and letters expressing your condolences for the passing of my wife, Ronna.

It was amazing to see how many lives Ronna touched throughout her career as a dance teacher, exercise instructor, and nursery school teacher. We received hundreds of touching sympathy cards, many beautiful flowers as well as numerous heartfelt condolences on social media. I have spent countless hours reading through each one of the many cards and posts dedicated to peoples' fond memories of Ronna. To those that attended her wake and funeral Mass, you are truly a testament to the caring and compassionate nature that our friends and neighbors in Portland and beyond have.

As the days go by, things have continued to get better, and though I know that grief takes its own time outside of my control, I am feeling grateful for the 47 years that I got to spend with her. Life is fragile and suddenly can be over; Ronna was a courageous warrior in her 12+ year battle with Parkinson's disease. I appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness and support more than words could ever express.

David Kuzminski and Family
Portland

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Bulletin Board

I found myself the victim of a household accident this past week. Well, it was sort of an accident. Like so many of these incidents, it was more or less an accident of my own making.

My wife having gone off that morning for her volunteer work—which apparently involves raising funds to pay for programs concocted by idealists who continue to insist against all evidence to the contrary that wayward children are salvageable (I cite myself as proof of the futility of such efforts)—I found myself at loose ends for the day.

It was then that I spotted the box of bank statements, old tax documents and similar paperwork she had set aside to be disposed of whenever the next shredding day happens to come around. It occurred to me that I could occupy my idle hours and make a much-appreciated contribution to our household operations (i.e., gain points) if I burned all this stuff in the chiminea on our patio.

Now I should probably point out here that the importance of fire safety was strongly impressed upon me as a youngster when my associates and I nearly burned down the Glastonbury Meadows (twice, actually), once when attempting to smoke some poor woodchuck out of his burrow and again when we somehow set a hollow tree on fire in an effort to provide some additional cheer while ice skating. The tree went up in a conflagration that was probably visible from space as we all bolted for home (again) to concoct our various alibis.

Thanks to my co-conspirators' despicable efforts to save themselves from parental backlash, I have gone down in popular lore as being the ringleader in these relatively minor mishaps (which, for some reason, my own parents had no difficulty believing). But I will go on record here once again (and I believe musty old fire department records will back me up) that both arsons were truly a group effort.

I offer these confessions only as a reminder to today's youth about the dangers of playing with matches, though technology has probably reached the point that kids nowadays can set fires simply by downloading an app on their phone. I'm not sure that's as much fun, but such is progress.

Anyway, I took this box of papers and started burning them in the chiminea, carefully crumpling them up first and adding them a little at a time so things didn't get out of hand. Unfortunately, there were a lot more papers than I thought. As the job started to drag, my maturity ebbed accordingly, and I soon began adding paper in bigger and bigger batches in an effort to speed things up. Pretty soon I had that chiminea going like a blast furnace, with flames roaring out the top accompanied by what appeared to be some sort of volcanic ash floating down all over the patio.

And then it happened. A bit of burning debris wafted into the air and descended upon my unprotected head. My first warning was a searing pain on my scalp, followed by a sizzling sound and then by the odor of burning hair.

Fortunately, the top of my head these days is more desert than forest. I managed to beat the ember out with my hand and was recuperating with a cold beer when my wife returned from her philanthropic endeavors, saying she'd heard a rumor that the local landfill had caught fire.

She listened without comment to my tale of good intentions gone wrong, gave my balding pate a cursory glance and said, "It's a good thing you don't have any hair on your head. If it had landed in your ear, you might have gone up like a torch."

So much for 68-year-old wayward children.

Jim Hallas

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- Amy in Colchester

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American Independent Party

To the Editor:

For those of you who have been wondering about Lambros, why haven't we heard anything: well, I fell behind on a lot of "stuff," partly due to the pandemic and partly due to a death in the family. But I'm back on track now and this week I will be registering the party for the November election.

More in the next letter.

Lambros Lambrinides – Portland**Appreciation for Library**

To the Editor:

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit just over a year ago, I watched with deep gratitude as staff at our beloved Portland Library were able to pivot to continue meeting the needs of our community in a moment of great fear and uncertainty.

No in-person programming allowed? That's okay, library staff are partnering with community organizations like the gardening clubs, the Portland Historical Society, and the Social Justice Coalition to provide enriching and educational virtual programming. Our children's librarians are serving up creative storytimes, science, cooking, and crafting programs for our youngest patrons – grab your to-go bag ahead of time and you'll have everything you need for an engaging Zoom program. (Just ask my three kids, who pretty much live for library storytime these days.)

While closed to the public, our librarians helped patrons select materials with personalized recommendations over the phone, worked out a system for curbside delivery, and coordinated delivery of materials to homebound members of our community. And when it became clear that many seniors in Portland were struggling to get enrolled on VAMS, the Portland Library worked hand-in-hand with our first selectwoman and the Chatham Health District to staff a vaccination hotline that assisted hundreds of Portland seniors in accessing a COVID-19 vaccine.

The Portland Library is the heart of our community. But if you are a frequent flyer at the library, you already know that.

Donations to the Portland Library Endowment Fund are a wonderful way to express your appreciation for all that the library does for

our community. If you value the services that our library provides – if you see just how truly special our little library is – please join me and my family in making a donation in honor of the Portland Library's upcoming 126th birthday.

**Laurel Steinhauser, Co-Chair
Portland Library Board of Directors****No Mow May**

To the Editor:

Give yourself and your lawn mower the month of May off and join the growing "No Mow May" movement that is spreading from the United Kingdom across North America. The goal of No Mow May is to let lawns, or portions of lawns, grow unmown for the month of May, creating habitat and forage for early season pollinators.

While turf grass can make a yard look lush, it provides virtually no habitat for pollinators and other animals and plants that make up a healthy ecosystem. Waiting to mow until the first of June gives some of the nectar-producing plants that do not bloom at shorter heights a chance to flower and provide needed nutrients to pollinators. In addition to benefiting pollinators, reducing mowing saves water, helps your lawn become more resilient to drought, and reduces emissions from gas-powered lawn mowers.

If not mowing your lawn for the month of May is not your thing, the No-Mow movement also includes converting parts of lawns to less-thirsty landscapes, such as replacing areas of turf with native plants or naturalized landscapes.

Please consider joining this movement. And enjoy the spare time you will have in May!!

Denise Rodosevich – Amston**East Hampton Zone Changes**

To the Editor:

Wednesday, April 7, the East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission continued hearing the application to change zoning on Main Street to allow for the expansion of the Food Bag convenience store. If you have not heard, the expansion changes zoning on three properties from residential to commercial. The historic Strong house would be removed and a 4,500-sq. ft. store with a dining area, drive-thru, four gas islands and parking for 23 cars would be built on a two-acre site.

The developer cited as reasons for allowing this zone change were the derelict condition of the Strong house and additionally the majority

certainly had the need over the past year – and we've seen the doors that livestreams and FaceTimes and Zoom meetings can open.

Heck, just in this week's *Rivereast* there's a neat photo of a Zoom gathering some folks from the East Hampton Senior Center had with a couple of art instructors out in California. A true coast-to-coast hook-up, via technology that, like I said, was there, but largely unutilized. How cool is that?!

So I hope the churches keep the livestreams and the internet broadcasts going. Church is one of those places where, the more inclusive the services are, the better. The notices in the *Rivereast* say, each week, that "all are invited." And through livestreams and Zooms and YouTube, maybe more of those "all" can attend.

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See you next week.

of abutters were non-conforming rental properties.

The Strong building has needed restoration for some time but has always been an occupied structure. Upon purchase by Atlantic Reality, the blue tarps went up, the tenants left and any maintenance on the buildings stopped.

Atlantic Reality is in the process of demolition by neglect and trying to use it as a reason to change the zoning. Is this the kind of stewardship the town wants in their business community?

To the second point concerning non-conforming properties: It's implied because these properties are non-conforming rentals it's ok to change the zoning. East Hampton needs rentals and their occupants are neighborhood residents like everyone else. The most non-conforming property on the street is Food Bag. Following their own logic, perhaps that should be removed.

Residents need to stay away from the trap the developer is trying to set. The issue is not the Strong house or Food Bag abutters. The issue is the future of Main Street.

Please voice your opposition to the proposed zone changes at the May 5 Zoom meeting or write to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kenneth Dodson – East Hampton**Need for More Police**

To the Editor:

On April 6, at a Board of Finance workshop I was stunned to learn that Republican Selectman Tarus Rudko was against the hiring of additional officers to our local police department. Rudko stated in a tweet that crime was dropping nationally and in Connecticut, and felt that additional officers were not needed in Colchester. Rudko's solution was to have community and neighborhood watch programs replace certified police officers from patrolling our streets.

This kind of logic is reckless and irresponsible. Civilians should never take the place of sworn, trained police officers, they should support them.

Unfortunately, Board of Finance member Andreas Bibikos shares the same views, but with a twist. Bibikos stated that statistical information from the state was not accurate. Yet when Police Commissioner Chairman Jim Stavola cited raw data stats obtained from police logs from July 8, 2020 to Oct 18, 2020 that showed there were five reported home and business burglaries and five reported stolen vehicles, Bibikos then was silent. When Stavola challenged Bibikos if the stats he cited were inaccurate he simply stated, "I'm not attacking anyone."

The real issue is Bibikos and Rudko have rejected career law enforcement officers' pleas for the need of additional officers to address criminal activity existing in Colchester but also to improve officer response times and officer and citizen safety.

My advice to each of you is to stop attacking the first selectman and focus on the safety needs of your constituents who voted for you and who may have or can potentially become a victim of crime. Do your job and stop playing politics. If we do not address this real problem of delayed response times and the lack of coverage, crime will continue to thrive in Colchester.

Susan Demma – Colchester**They've Lost Their Minds**

To the Editor,

Reading letters from progressives makes me think they've lost their collective minds. It's not that they lack intelligence, but more that they've lost the ability to use it. Just like the driver of a car with a powerful engine that keeps putting the car into spins or crashes it into a ditch.

Scott Sauyet's recent letters are bizarre. First, his dismissal of any media not deemed to be among the group-thinking media (MSM) as not providing information that is acceptable. This, alone, explains why it's likely he doesn't know a single thing that's actually true. His preferred sources collude with one another to provide fabricated party-line narratives while embargoing anything portraying contrary information.

His depiction of the distinction between Ashli Babbitt's murder on January 6th, and the destructive violence of the Antifa/BLM riots was astonishing. An unarmed woman, surrounded by Capitol Hill police officers who could've arrested her at any time, is shot without warning and killed. And Sauyet thinks that's just fine because she was a "seditionist." But criminals resisting arrest who come to unfortunate ends are victims of police brutality!

I doubt he believes people like him who've actually engaged in sedition for the past five years are deserving of being shot. And the "mostly peaceable" protests he supported resulted in over \$2 billion in property damages and more than 700 police injured.

Then we have climate liar Ed Smith, whose hysterical rantings bring visualizations to mind of superstitious primitives adorned in grass skirts, dancing around a fire chanting pagan incantations to the earth gods for their protection and forgiveness. The hordes of illegal trespassers violating our borders are not fleeing climate change. The only resource they're seeking to acquire is our money.

Sam Prentice – Andover**Unacceptable Behavior**

To the Editor:

Question: Does any elected official have the right to call a resident, berate them, threaten that they will never get another f\$%^& thing from the board and then be told he or she cannot say anything because it was a "private conversation"? Does this mean all elected officials have a free pass to behave as badly as they like as long as it's a one-on-one phone call?

The vice-chair of the Andover Board of Selectmen, Adrian Mandeville, called me over a disagreement regarding a letter sent to the BOS and town manager questioning the soundness of a Board of Selectmen member also serving on the Board of Education.

The incident was reported to the BOS, whose response was to "not take it personally – that's just Adrian."

I don't believe this is acceptable. And I don't believe this is the temperament needed for someone who wants to serve on the Board of Education or the Board of Selectmen, let alone both.

The letter in question argued against any member of the Board of Selectmen regardless of party, also serving on the Board of Education or Board of Finance as it constituted a conflict of interest. The letter reminded the BOS that not too long ago, Andover had a vice selectman also serving on the Board of Education and that did not end well. Our charter has no procedure in place to prevent a problem from happening again. Other Connecticut towns have added this stipulation to their charter (West Hartford, Newtown, Fairfield and Waterbury) to prevent such a problem from occurring.

Andover has had enough of elected officials bullying residents. Town officials are elected to serve our community in a professional manner, and as representatives of the people, and to lead by example. No more bullying.

Catherine Magaldi-Lewis – Andover

Note: Magaldi-Lewis is chair of the Andover Democratic Town Committee, but said she is writing as an individual.

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they continue to do that. Not only are the livestreams a great way to let people "go to church" who might not yet feel comfortable returning to on-site services, but they're also a great way to get more people involved with the church community.

Think about it. People move all the time; sometimes just a few towns away, other times to the opposite side of the country. But they might want to keep up with the church they spent the past 10, 20, 30 years attending. The livestreams are a fantastic way to help them do that.

As tragic as the pandemic has been for so, so many of us, there have been occasional bright spots. And among them is increased use of technology to help make up for when face-to-face meetings aren't possible. The technology has been there; it's just that we generally didn't have much need to use it. But we've

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Budgets and Grants

To the Editor:

The town and school budget process can be confusing. And this year even more so as federal relief funding is thrown in the mix. People want to know why these funds can't be used for a flat budget; a justified question. In short, per the federal guidelines, funds must be tied to the impact of COVID-19, with plans submitted to the state. First-round ESSER regulations are very clear on this and, although final ARPA regulations aren't out yet, officials are clear these funds are to offset the impact of the pandemic and position CPS to respond to future crises.

For the schools, considering the costs associated with recovery over the next 2-3 years, the money is gone in a snap. Students have suffered tremendously and our primary focus is recovering lost learning and supporting students' social/emotional needs. This includes "Summer Boost Academy" for the next 2 summers (staff, transportation, meals), additional school-year support staff that sunsets after 2 years, wrap-around services like late buses, teacher training as we'll need to retool the curriculum to catch-up, HVAC updates, and the list goes on...

It's not fiscally responsible to intentionally create a "funding cliff" or shift operating expenses for the next two years into grant funding to zero out the budget. When the grant is over those expenses are transferred back into the local budget, resulting in a dramatic increase in three years—a heavy burden on our citizens. Instead, we have a 2.78% budget with no fluff; 44% is level-funding that was zeroed out last year!

We are so grateful for these grant dollars as every penny is needed. In the long-run, I guess the grant funding can be looked at as tax-relief as without it, our proposed budget would have been millions more.

**Jessica Morozowich, Chair
Colchester Board of Education
Budget Committee**

Hutchinson – Yes

To the Editor:

Andover is lucky to have Leigh Ann Hutchinson running for Planning and Zoning again, to lend her longstanding institutional memory and experience to the board. This has served the town so well, as she continues to support the preservation of the town's rural character, and the highly-prized preservation of lake water quality through careful measures.

Having a board member step forward again

to run is a gift to the town. Leigh Ann does her homework, knows when to ask for a legal opinion, and listens thoughtfully to the requests of projects put forward. It is important for her when it comes to making the crucial votes before P&Z. This may be a non-paid board, but she takes it to heart.

Your vote counts this May in Andover. Please support your neighbor Leigh Ann with your vote.

She will continue to work hard for you.

Pam Sawyer – Bolton

Note: Sawyer is the former state representative for the 55th Assembly District, which covers Andover, Bolton, Hebron and Marlborough.

Vote for Gerry, Ed, Celeste

To the Editor:

Last week I made one of the most difficult decisions of my life by voluntarily resigning as chairwoman of Andover's Board of Education (BOE), which position I proudly held for 5.5 years, because I believed that it was best for the BOE that I do so. This week I'm writing to implore Andover voters to vote for Gerard Cremé, Edmund Smith, and Celeste Willard for the Andover BOE on May 3rd for its continued well-being.

As I have made clear to Adrian Mandeville, I do not believe that it is proper or best for our town that one person be an elected member of more than one of the three major boards in Andover. Mr. Mandeville has made it clear that, if elected to the BOE, he doesn't intend to resign from the Board of Selectmen (BOS), on which he now serves as the vice first selectman. I had

significant concerns about this very issue when Jay Lindy simultaneously served on both the Andover BOS and BOE and, while this simultaneous service, unfortunately, is neither illegal nor contrary to our current charter, I believe that it is not in Andover's best interest that it occur again.

I recommend that Gerard Cremé, the retired teacher about whom I wrote two weeks ago; Edmund Smith, the 30-year current teacher about whom I wrote last week; and Celeste Willard, the current co-President of the Andover Elementary School PTA, who I congratulated last week as the Andover BOE's unanimous se-

lection to fill a vacancy, are the three best candidates for the Andover BOE on May 3rd's ballot.

Until Andover changes its charter to prohibit such simultaneous service, as many other towns have done, I ask that you vote to signal your agreement that such is not best for Andover. Thank you!

**Sincerely,
Shannon O. Loudon, Esquire
Andover**

Note: Loudon is a member of the Andover Board of Education but said she is writing as an individual.

Andover Readers: More letters on page 17

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Mercy Honor Roll

The following area students made the Mercy High School honor roll for the third quarter of the 2020-21 school year:

Amston: High Honors: Mattingly Veilleux, Class of 2023.

Colchester: High Honors: Calle Dennis, '22; Katherine Grelotti, '24; Michele Grelotti, '21; Tallulah Malz, '24.

East Hampton: High Honors: Harper Carlson, '23; Grace Riegler, '21. Honors: Mairan Hall, '23; Reilly Keegan, '21.

Hebron: High Honors: Mackenzie Kelley, '23; Shaelyn Kelley, '21; Breaune Truscinski, '22. Honors: Margaret McCormack, '24.

Marlborough: High Honors: Elizabeth Brown, '22; Samantha Magro, '23. Honors: Jessica Goduto, '22; Regan Hughes, '21.

Middle Haddam: High Honors: Cecilia Rossi, '21.

Portland: High Honors: Ella Bankoski, '22; Caroline Carella, '22; Heidi Gross, '22; Tiana Harley, '24; Lily Herron, '21; Lauren Kohs, '23; Milana Koji, '23; Sarah McNickle, '23; Michaela Miano, '23; Raya Morin, '23; Emily Murphy, '24; Julia Nadolski, '23; Madeleine Thompson, '21; Leah VanDeventer, '23.

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★ *Rare Disease cont. from page 5*

to, during her first year as a local business owner, donate to a locally-based organization.

DeStasio said she's hoping for a great turnout. She said during the pandemic, it's important to have an outdoor event where people can mingle.

DeStasio will be selling specialty macarons and has posted a sneak peek of some goodies designed after *Sesame Street's* Cookie Monster. She'll also offer gourmet stuffed cookies, cake pops and a Mother's Day-themed macaron box. "There'll be a lot to choose from," DeStasio said.

DeStasio said attendees of the charity vendor fair will not only support a great cause, but they'll also support East Hampton's small businesses.

In addition to the fair, Morris began the Shine a Light on TANGO2 campaign to raise awareness of and funds to research the disease through sales of T-shirts reading "2021-Team Ryan."

This campaign ends in June. Morris said it has so far received about \$60,000 of its \$70,000 goal.

Morris said above all, the community of East Hampton has "been with Ryan since the start of this ride."

"We're an international effort, but we're definitely homegrown," she said.

Vendors can still sign up for the event. Contact kasha.morris@gmail.com for details.

Those who can't attend the fair but still want to get involved can visit tango2research.org."Team Ryan" T-shirts can be purchased at www.bonfire.com/team-ryan-tango2-research-foundation.

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★ *Pew People cont. from page 1*

see all the faces and they could have a little fun looking at all of these cardboard cutouts in the pews," he said.

Faulhaber even decided to also put up a picture of himself in the pews. His picture however, is not a recent one, but one he took at age 24 when he was in college.

"Most people look at it and go, 'Who is that?' I tell them that was me before the ravages of time," he joked. "I'm 66 now, so I don't look a whole lot like that cardboard cutout."

Faulhaber said the picture of his younger self allowed him to preach a sermon one week where he sat in the pew next to the cutout and talked about how grateful he is for the person he was back then – as those experiences made him who he is today.

"We should all be able to go back and say 'thank you' to who we used to be for not blowing it," Faulhaber said.

Altogether, the fundraiser generated about \$3,500. Some of that went to the production of the cutouts, with the rest going into the church's general fund to help support programming as needed.

Faulhaber said members of the church normally give money on a weekly basis but the fundraiser is a "special appeal in order to put some faces in the pew, have a little sense of humor

and get the church something to smile about and laugh about."

He noted that former church members who have moved out of state have also sent in their photos to help support the church.

Keith Davis is the church member that came up with the cardboard cutout idea. He said he got the idea from watching sporting events, which have used similar cardboard cutouts as "spectators" during the pandemic.

Davis said he was prompted to share this idea with the church when he heard Faulhaber talk about how church members could see him in the weekly livestreams, but all he got to see was an empty church.

"It feels awesome," Davis said of seeing his idea become a reality. "I think the most exciting thing is to have somebody there looking back at the pastor while he's preaching."

Watching his idea turn into a successful church fundraiser has been "a great feeling."

"I feel it's a great thing," he said. "People came together in wanting to be present to show their support to the church."

Davis stressed that people were so supportive of the idea that even those who didn't want their photos installed in the pews still donated for the fundraiser.

The church can still accommodate more "Pew People." People can purchase cutouts for \$50 each. For more information about taking part in the fundraiser, contact the church at 860-295-9050 or office@marlconchurch.org

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Tripp Throws Hat in Ring for First Selectman

by Jack Lakowsky

Shortly after Susan Bransfield announced she wouldn't be seeking another term as first selectman, Republican Ryan Curley, the current town clerk, declared he'd be seeking the position.

And now, the Democrats have their candidate – longtime resident and current Board of Selectmen member Jim Tripp.

Tripp officially announced Monday he'd be running for first selectman. His entry makes it a three-person race at the moment – with Tripp, Curley, and resident Shaun Manning, running on his Back-to-Basics ticket.

Tripp will hold a kick-off event for his campaign Sunday, May 16, from 3-5 p.m., at Portland Riverfront Park. All are welcome.

In his official announcement Monday, Tripp said he is running "because I want to continue serving the town I love." He added, "With my management and leadership experience, [and] over 20 years of volunteer service and 30 years of business experience, I am uniquely qualified to lead Portland into the future and address the challenges we will face in the coming years."

In a Tuesday phone call with the *Rivereast*, Tripp said he expects one such future challenge to be recovery from the economic damage caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, as well as addressing the mental needs of vulnerable groups, including local seniors, whose lives have been upended by the coronavirus.

Tripp listed promoting economic development and improving Portland's water situation as priorities he'll tackle should he win the chief executive's seat. Tripp serves on the town's Water and Sewer Subcommittee.

Tripp said more sustainable water prices and economic development are hand-in-hand efforts.

The town has, for decades, contracted its water supply with the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC). Tripp said the water is of "excellent" quality. The issue is the price.

Tripp said MDC has raised Portland's rates by double digits throughout recent years, excepting the contract's current year.

The MDC contract ends in 2026.

Tripp said when Portland first signed with MDC in 1996, it was the town's best option to bring itself into compliance with the 1972 Clean Water Act, as well as to have adequate water supply.

But, he said, "The increases have put us on an unsustainable path."

Tripp said although solutions are still being explored, he believes finding in-town water sources is a way to lower the cost of water in Portland. Tripp named as a recent success the town's reception of a \$250,000 grant to explore alternative water sources.

Lowering water costs, Tripp said, will make the town more attractive to incoming businesses, as will the energetic marketing of local developments like the ongoing Brainerd Place project at the site of the former Elmcrest Hospital.

Cleaning Portland's portion of the Connecticut Riverfront will also be a boon to business development, Tripp said, as the river is the town's "original economic engine."

Tripp said in any and all developments, the town's Plan of Conservation and Development and general small-town aesthetic will be honored.

How to market these opportunities equitably, as well as job openings within the town's government itself, is another priority conversation Tripp said he plans to continue with the town's Task Force on Solidarity and the Board of Selectmen.

Tripp named the task force as an example of the town's robust volunteer community, and said these are groups he intends to support wholeheartedly, as small towns don't typically enjoy such an active, effective network of volunteer, grassroots groups.

Bransfield, also a Democrat, endorsed her longtime ally in the release announcement.

"Jim has 30 years of experience as an engineer, supervisor, and manager of multi-million dollar projects at a major U.S. corporation," Bransfield wrote. "But most importantly, Jim is kind, understanding, patient, and totally dedicated to making Portland the best it can be."

Tripp has had multiple roles in town for years. He has served as president of the Brownstone Quorum and the Portland Lions Club, and as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Route 17 Park Building Committee. Tripp has also served as an elected member of the Board of Education.

In the private sector, Tripp, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from UMass Dartmouth in his native Massachusetts

and a master's in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, went on to work at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton. He has spent his career as both an engineer and as a manager of engineer teams – experience he said will serve Portland well should locals choose Tripp as their first selectman.

"I don't believe in a top-down approach," said Tripp. "I believe in collaboration and teamwork and getting all the best ideas. You always need to set clear goals, define expectations, treat people with respect, and give people the tools and training they need to clear away roadblocks."

Tripp said Bransfield has been an "outstanding" leader.

"When I found out she wasn't running, that's when I really started considering whether I could do a job stepping into that role and building on progress made," said Tripp. "I got comfortable with the idea that I could, and that's when I chose to run."

Tripp and his family have lived in Portland for 22 years. His wife, Liz, is the Administrative Assistant of the Portland Land Use Department. They have two daughters: Rebecca, who graduated as Portland High School's valedictorian in 2019 and is now a student at UConn, and Kaitlyn, who is a junior at PHS.

Tripp said he will go door-to-door campaigning, with all COVID-19 precautions observed.

"We're gonna look and see how things are as we get closer [to the election]," Tripp said.

Tripp said he will step back 10 feet for residents who answer his knocks.

"We're going to be respectful of everyone's comfort level and situation, we're gonna engage



Jim Tripp

with folks, and look at alternate ways to do so as well," said Tripp. "The hope is to get out and talk with people for feedback, which is so important for local government."

For more information, visit jimtrippforportland.com or look for the campaign on Facebook.

Seeking Sites for New Trees

The Jonah Center for Earth and Art, a local environmental nonprofit organization, is looking for sites to plant new trees in Portland, funded by the organization's Replace Our Trees Fund.

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Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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Food Truck: Today, April 23, from 2-4 p.m., in the church parking lot, the church will, for the last time, hand out free boxes of food to anyone in need. Cars will line up in the parking lot and boxes will be loaded into them. Boxes may include milk, chicken, potatoes, apples, onions, cheese, butter and yogurt. The food is supplied by USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

Weekly Sunday Service: Social distancing guidelines are followed. Sunday School is 9:30 a.m., with the main service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Call the church to attend. The service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook, and includes a special children's program. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

Power of Prayer: If in need of prayer for any reason, call the church to be placed on the prayer list. You may also ask about the various days and times the prayer groups meet and come at that time.

Giving Garden to Start Season

Within the next few weeks the Colchester Giving Garden will start its ninth season of growing and donating fresh vegetables. All produce grown is donated to the town food bank and area soup kitchens. Over the years, the garden has yielded over 8,000 pounds of fresh food.

The Giving Garden is a volunteer-run entity that depends on donations or grants to cover its expenses. No experience in gardening is necessary to volunteer. Also, this year organizers are accepting monetary donations to help improve and expand the garden. Donations can be recognized with a written note if desired.

For more information on volunteering or donating, email colchestergivinggarden@gmail.com.

Lions to Host Fishing Derby

The Colchester Lions Club will hold its 21st annual fishing derby Saturday, April 24, from 3-5 p.m., rain or shine, at the club pond on Halls Hill Road. The derby is open to all Colchester residents ages 6-13. Adults will not be permitted to fish during derby hours.

There is no charge to enter. Registration will begin at 2 p.m. and will require proof of residence. Children must provide their own fishing poles. Worms will be available for purchase. Masks are required.

Prizes will be awarded in different categories; winners must be present at the time of the awards. Light refreshments will be provided.



Spreading Cheer... Members of the volunteer community group Colchester is Kind spread cheer near the town green by holding "I Love You" signs and waving at cars. For more information about the group, search for Colchester is Kind on Facebook. Pictured are Nicole Henry, Michelle Noehren, Christina Maher and Carleigh Maher.

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No-Till Gardening

Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Gable Lea Farm will instruct on the ins and outs of No Till Gardening in a special Zoom presentation Thursday, April 29, at 6 p.m., via Zoom.

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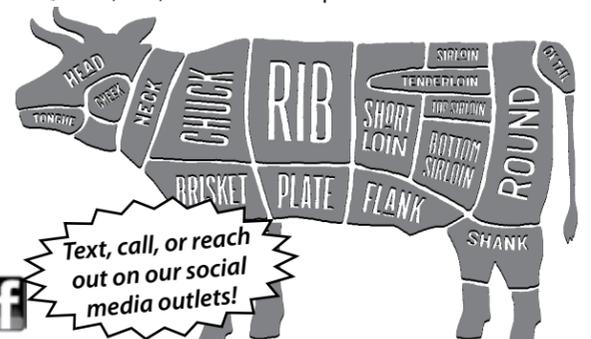
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Children's Programs at Cragin Library

The following programs are offered for children at Cragin Memorial Library. While the library is currently open, it is not hosting any in-person programming. For more information and full program descriptions, call the children's department at 860-537-7201. The library is located at 8 Linwood Ave.

Baby Activity Videos: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Often, activity bags will be available at the children's circulation desk to accompany the videos.

Sharing Stories: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. A craft will be showcased, and bags will be available for pick-up.

Polish Dinner, Polka Music

St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St., will have a special homemade Polish dinner Saturday, June 13, and people can either get the food to go or stay, dine on the club pavilion, and listen to live polka music by The Maestro's Men.

Dinner includes pierogis, golumpkies, kielbasa, and rye bread with butter. Dinner will be available from 1-2:30 p.m. only, but music will be performed from 1-5 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 and must be purchased in advance, at the club, on Monday-Friday after 4 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday after noon. Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Boy Scout Troop 72 will hold its 20th annual Mother's Day flower sale Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, adjacent to the Colchester Hayward Fire Department headquarters on Old Hartford Road. Hours are Friday from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. or whenever sold out.

For sale will be a variety of hanging baskets and individual potted plants, all supplied by a local grower. All proceeds will go to support Scout camping and youth training activities. Troop 72 has over 25 scouts and has been in serving Colchester's youth since 1939.

Milestone Moments: Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Activity bags will be available for many sessions.

Baby Storytime Sign-Ups: Tuesdays, June 1-29, 10:30 a.m., at Cohen Woodlands. Best for ages birth-2 years. Registration required and space is limited; registration opens May 3. Weather cancellations will be listed on Facebook. Physical distancing will be required and masks will need to be worn upon arrival, departure, and any time being socially distant isn't possible.

May Programs: Horse Take & Make Craft Bag: Saturday, May 1. Pick up a horse book from the library's display as well.

May the Fourth be With You: Tuesday, May 4. It's *Star Wars* Day. Head to the library for a Take & Make Craft Bag.

Potato Head Take & Make Craft Bag: Monday, May 10. Create your own Potato Head. **Foodie Fun: Pool Krispie Treats:** Saturday, May 15, 10:30 a.m., for kids and teens. Pick up the Take & Make Bag and watch the video on the social media channels.

Farm Puppet Take & Make Craft Bag: Monday, May 17, all ages.

Popsicle Take & Make Craft Bag: Monday, May 24. Decorate a paper Popsicle.

Troop 72 holds Court of Honor

Scout Troop 72 held a March Court of Honor at Schuster Park in Colchester. The Scouts have earned merit badges and rank advancements via virtual troop meetings on Mondays.

The following rank advancements were earned: Tenderfoot, earned by Alex D. Laspino and Sai U.; 1st Class, Kevin Reas; Star Scout, Reed Delmastro; Life Scout, Brendan Reas.

The following Scouts earned merit badges: Tim Anderson, who earned Cycling; Nicholas Paggioli, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Family Life, Orienteering, Personal Management, Photography, Scholarship, Snow Sports; Benjamin Petrosky, Communication, Emergency Preparedness, Hiking.

Special awards were earned by Nicholas Paggioli, who earned the Cyber Chip, Hometown USA, National Outdoor – Camping and National Outdoor – Hiking awards; and Benjamin Petrosky, who earned the National Outdoor – Camping award.

Despite COVID-19, the troop has been active, with hiking, day trips, activities like archery and tomahawk throwing, and working on several

Eagle Scout projects. Overnight campouts are planned for the upcoming months. Look for the troop on Facebook for more information.

Troop 72 said it hopes to begin holding in-person meetings again soon, at Colchester Federated Church Mondays at 7 p.m. Children age 11-17 are invited to join; if interested, email scoutmaster@troop72ct.org, attention Ben Smith.

Shredding Old Tax and Personal Records

Boy Scout Troop 72 will host a shredding event Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m.-noon, in the parking lot of Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., to allow people to safely shred confidential medical and financial records.

Cost is \$5 for a bag the size of a plastic grocery bag and \$10 for boxes the size of a case of copy paper. A bulk price can be negotiated for larger quantities of records. Proceeds support Troop 72.

Contact Al Letendre at letendrej@sbcglobal.net for more information.



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Cragin Book Club

The Cragin Book Club will next meet Monday, April 26, at 6 p.m., at the Colchester Giving Garden, located behind the Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave. Mary Robinette Kowal's *The Calculating Stars* will be discussed; copies are available at the adult circulation desk at the library, 8 Linwood Ave.

In case of inclement weather, the club will meet via Zoom. To register for the Zoom link, go to tinyurl.com/5h66837h.

For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752.

Images of America Book-Signings

Images of America: Colchester author Gary Walter will sign copies of his book Sunday, April 28, from noon-2 p.m., at the Colchester History Museum, 24 Linwood Ave.

The book features almost 200 images of Colchester from the late 19th through mid-20th centuries. Copies are \$20, or can be ordered by mail for \$23; proceeds benefit the Colchester Historical Society.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for 2021-22 is open to children who turn 5 by Jan. 1, 2022.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/d7t8hvsk. Once forms are completed, parents/guardians will need to schedule an appointment with the Board of Education office by calling 860-537-7267.

Tag Sale Donations Sought

Bacon Academy Project Graduation is looking for donations for its tag sale fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St.

Donations of new, gently-used and clean items are requested, including housewares, clothing, small furniture items, toys, books, etc. No television sets, mattresses, outdated computer equipment/electronics or children's car seats will be accepted. Donations will be accepted by event coordinator Kellee Ratzler at 35 Mountain Rd. Sunday, April 18, from 9 a.m.-noon, and Tuesday, April 19, from 4-7 p.m. Larger, bulkier furniture items can be donated on the morning of the tag sale at the event location.

Email Kellee.ratzler@yahoo.com for more info or to volunteer for the sale.

Colchester Federated Church News

Colchester Federated Church is an Open and Affirming church located at 60 Main St. Pastor is the Rev. Lauren Lorincz. The church office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., by appointment only. To schedule, call 860-537-5189 or email cfc06415@gmail.com

The church remains closed to the public until further notice. Virtual worship is at www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.

Senior Center News & Notes

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following. For full descriptions, call 860-537-3911, email csc@colchesterct.gov, or visit www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center.

Monday, April 26: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 11 Learn to Sign with Ruth on Zoom; 2 p.m., Live Well Workshop Conference Call.

Tuesday, April 27: 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi on Zoom; 11 a.m., Adult Coloring; 12:30 p.m., In the Know with Patty Watts on Zoom; 1:30 p.m., Conference Call Bingo; 7 p.m., Senior Center Building Committee Meeting on Zoom.

Wednesday, April 28: 10 a.m., Making Memories on Zoom; 10 a.m., Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail; 2 p.m., Community Conversation with the First Selectman on Zoom.

Thursday, April 29: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom; 1:30 p.m., International Cooking Demo on Zoom.

Friday, April 30: 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom; 1 p.m., Water, Water Everywhere.

Upcoming Programs: Water, Water Everywhere: A Statewide Virtual Senior Center Program: Friday, April 30, 1-2:30 p.m., via Zoom. This presentation on state waterways will include sea shanties performed by Tom Callinan. Call the center to register.

AARP Webinar Wednesdays: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Registration required. Visit www.aarp.org/ct to see list of offerings.

Walking Group: Wednesdays at 10 a.m., weather permitting. The group meets at the Air Line Trail entrance on Route 85 in Amston.

Care Corner with Select Physical Therapy: Tips on staying healthy at home are posted every other Thursday on the senior center's Facebook page.

Learn Sign Language with Ruth: Mondays, 11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom.

Weekly Zoom Programs: Exercise with Anne: Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.; **Senior Yoga:** Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.; **Sittercize:** Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.; **Tai Chi:** Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.

Scholarships Awarded

The Colchester Rotary Club recently awarded its four-year renewable scholarship to Grace Palmer, and its Memorial Scholarship to Paula Yanez.

The Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of all Rotarians who have passed away. This is a "one-time" award.

Palmer and Yanez are graduating seniors from Bacon Academy.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. Registration required for all programs. For more information and full descriptions, call 860-537-7297, email parksandrec@colchesterct.gov or visit www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department. The Parks and Rec. office is located at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave. To visit in person, call to make an appointment.

Spring Guide to Online Shopping: Available at www.colchesterct.gov/community-events.

Spring Clean-Up – and Sunflowers: Choose a location in town, then choose a time over the weekend of April 24-25 to clean up that area. All participants will be mailed a package of sunflower seeds, which they're encouraged to plant on their own property. Register online.

Summer Day Camp: June 28-Aug. 20, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., at the RecPlex, for kids entering grades K-7 in the fall. Hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; extended care is available from 3-5 p.m. for an extra fee. In case of inclement weather, Parks and Rec. will use a school for the day. More information including registration, the camp calendar and daily activities, is at www.colchesterct.gov/day-camps. Call 860-537-7297 for more information.

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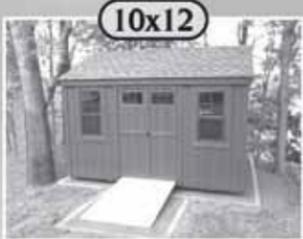
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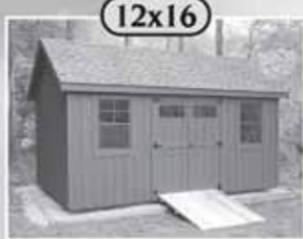
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Meet the Candidates for the Upcoming Election

by Sloan Brewster

On May 3, electors will head to the polls to choose members for local boards and commissions. Folks running for the boards of finance and education and the Planning and Zoning Commission recently took some time to answer some questions. (Note: Responses have been edited for length. Brian Briggs, a Democrat running for the Planning & Zoning Commission, could not be reached for comment. Also, Board of Education candidate Celeste Willard, as a new board member, has a profile in the Andover edition of this week's paper; Andover residents only can read the story on page 17.)

Board of Finance

Democrat – Rob England: 44, works in insurance claims at a major insurer.

Previous Experience: Currently a member of the finance board, England was initially appointed to fill an empty seat. This is the second time he is running for the office.

Why Are You Running? “I think the board is doing well and I’m doing a reasonably good job on it.”

What are the Key Issues Facing the Board? “Every budget cycle, the board faces balancing priorities including capital needs, such as maintaining roads, bridges and culverts, doing tree-work and building a senior center, as well as all the other things that make the town run. On top of that, there are the RHAM and Andover Elementary School budgets. While the finance board does not directly control the education budgets, it does liaise with the two boards and seeks to balance the different needs to keep taxes reasonable and put a budget that is passable before voters. This year, the board worked to get a small cut in the AES budget.

Why Are You a Good Candidate? “Honestly, I think the board’s working well and I’m working well as a part of that and I think we should continue. I have learned a lot while on board.”

Democrat – Marc Brinker: 57, director of manufacturing operations at Opus Inspection, Inc., where he has worked for 19 years.

Previous Experience: Appointed to Board of Finance in 2019 to fill a vacancy and elected chair of the board at that time. He has served in that role since.

Why Are You Running? “It’s about service, and doing my part for the town. As a resident of a small town, it’s important to be a part of the community and contribute where you can. It’s a big commitment, but I feel a responsibility to the residents to do the best job I can for the town.”

What are Key Issues Facing the Board? “Due to years of neglect, the town’s roads and bridges have deteriorated to the point that we can no longer ignore them. We must increase the infrastructure funding to avoid further degradation, or risk possible closures and increasing safety concerns. At the same time, we have to manage increased funding requests from AES and RHAM. The challenge with AES is maintaining the high standards of education we offer our children, when we are experiencing declining enrollment and uncertain funding from other sources, such as state funding and various grants. All of these demands must take into consideration the taxpayers. Andover went for years without significant tax increases, but it’s not realistic or fair to raise taxes all at one shot, regardless of the need.”

Why Are You a Good Candidate? “My strengths are keeping an open mind and considering all perspectives, ensuring the Board of Finance meetings are conducted fairly, and managing compromise where needed. I try to find consensus on the board where possible, and avoid having any one personality or perspective dominate the discussion. My job as board chair is to manage the proceedings, not direct the out-

come – and I do everything I can to ensure a fair, efficient, and transparent process.”

Republican – Bill Derosiers: 61, director of training for Legrand North America.

Previous Experience: Currently chairs the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Why Are You Running? As he is winding down his career, Derosiers said he has decided to give back to the community and get involved. He said his wife, former selectman Cathleen Derosiers, has also encouraged him to do so.

What are Key Issues Facing the Board? Derosiers said he supports schools but they need to cut costs, such as by regionalization, which he said would be a good idea for AES. He said that every year the cost of education seems to go up while the cost of living also goes up. He said the school budget is “out of whack” and should be looked at to provide the highest possible education while lowering costs. He also said it was important to work on roads in town, which he feels have been neglected.

Why Are You a Good Candidate? “I have lived in town 38 years; I care about the town. I have a lot of experience putting together budgets at a large corporation and I have to live within that budget and maintain. I’m not allowed to exceed that budget.”

Independent Endorsed by Republicans – Joanne Hebert: 59, an administrative assistant for Manchester Public Schools.

Previous Experience: Hebert has no experience on town commissions or boards; however, she said she is always present at meetings and an active participant in public comment.

Why Are You Running? “I think I have great qualities/experience in my multiple positions, such as an office manager in private business for 10 years, where I was responsible for all aspects of the business, including working with the budget and making tough decisions. Also, I’ve always been interested in what is going on in town and stayed connected through meetings and the news. I feel that I have done my homework, participated fully, spoken up many times for what I believe in. I am able to see the “big picture” of an issue and make fair/objective decisions even if I am the only person supporting a certain side in a decision.”

What are the Key Issues Facing the Board? “Currently, one is presenting the town with a manageable budget with a reasonable increase and not the current increase of over 7%. We all know that a budget with that big of an increase will never pass in town. We also need to look at the AES and the RHAM budgets for any cuts that can be made that will not hurt the students in Andover. These tough decisions must be made! We are also faced with overgrown trees all over town that need to be taken care of, and roads that need attention right away in order to avoid a tragic event from happening. We need to effectively balance all parts of the budget while bringing in the lowest possible increase to our residential taxpayers. A tall order, but I am up for the challenge and have already proven myself by putting in the time.”

Why Are You a Good Candidate? “I am tireless, driven, fair, and will give this position the full effort and attention it deserves if elected. I truly feel that I have already been a part of the Board of Finance by being constantly present. I will be able to take my seat at the table and start working right away with no need to catch up!”

Board of Education

Democrat -- Edmund Smith: 64, an exploratory science teacher at Two Rivers Magnet Middle School.

Previous Experience: Currently an alternate on the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, and formerly a regular member. On the Windham Water Commission for 10 years.

Why Are You Running? To give back to my

community and stay connected to educational issues once I retire.

What are the Key Issues Facing the Board? “Prior Andover governments left many issues, such as badly underfunded and unaddressed road maintenance. Also, whether we should combine AES with Bolton Elementary to save significant tax dollars, and reroute those dollars to town infrastructure, is the big decision on the table at the moment. I haven’t made a decision on this and look forward to listening to all sides and following the evidence.”

Why Are You a Good Candidate? “I have experience with all aspects of public education, teaching middle and high school for 30 years in five different districts. Prior to that, I substituted in six or more schools in southeastern Connecticut, and also as a bus driver drove school field trips and sports teams. I once had ServSafe certification for cafeteria food delivery. I’ve coached multiple school sports and multiple academic teams. I have had administrative, roles including running summer and vacation camps for EastConn. I was also camp director at Hartford County 4-H Camp and hired and managed cooks, instructors, nurses and teen volunteers.”

Democrat -- Gerard Cremé: Retired teacher who taught fourth and fifth grades at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in South Windsor.

Previous Experience: Served on the school board since 2016; currently board chair.

Why Are You Running? “I want to support the children, staff and the entire AES community. Secondly, as a board leader I feel that my expertise will be crucial as we also welcome others to the board to fill the rest of the vacancies.”

What are the Key Issues Facing the Board? “The boards of education, finance and selectmen must work together collaboratively bringing about that which is in the best interest of the entire town. Collaboratively, we could not only advance the interests of the school, but budgetarily, we all would benefit from a better understanding of how each other function. Also, we’re beginning to examine how to update policies to better reflect current mandates and changes that have occurred since they were adopted. As a board, we are also beginning to use professional development to address ways to make our board a stronger collaborative unit.”

Why Are You a Good Candidate? “I believe I have the skills to bring people together to work for what is the best outcome for the residents of Andover. With integrity, mutual respect, and attentive listening, we can come together as a town.”

Republican -- Adrian Mandeville: 49, owns a renovations company.

Previous Experience: Currently on the Board of Selectmen, where he is vice first selectman and the liaison to the Board of Finance and the local Board of Education. If elected, he

Reflective Address Markers

Reflective address markers will be available to Andover residents at no charge Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Andover Volunteer Fire Department on School Road.

Farmers Market to Return

The Andover Farmers Market is starting Wednesday, May 5, from 4-7 p.m., outside at First Congregational Church on Route 6. There will be several farmers, bakers, a food truck and music. Face masks required.

The market will continue the first Wednesday of each month through October. The final market will be Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kentucky Derby Tea

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Kentucky Derby Tea Saturday, May 1, from 2-4 p.m., featuring an assortment of teas, a basket raffle, and homemade treats. There will also be a prize awarded for the attendee with the finest hat.

Admission is \$10 and reservations are required. Call the church at 860-742-7696 to reserve seats.

In preparation for the hat contest, an opportunity to create a hat will be offered Friday, April 23, from 5:30-8 p.m., at the church. Hat, decor and food will be provided. Admission is also \$10 at the door.

would continue to serve as a selectman.

Why Are You Running? “I am a bit frustrated with the BOE and the Board of Selectmen ‘tiffing.’ There is little continuity or awareness between the boards; I hope I can bring that to the table.”

What are the Key Issues Facing the Board? “I would like to improve the way the BOE presents its budget, increase foreign language opportunities, work with our superintendent to address possible shared service opportunities and bring AES forward, so that we can stop talking about cost per pupil and just be proud to have such a strong community-based school.

Why Are You a Good Candidate?: I have the town experience in budgeting that this board needs, and a strong background in procurement and contracts.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Democrat -- Steven Nelson: 57, a Democrat and a vice president at Quest Global Engineering Services.

Previous Experience: Currently on Andover Lake Management Association

Why Are You Running? Nelson said he and his wife and are very active and want to make a difference – and feels that with an engineering background, PZC would be a good fit.

What are the Key Issues Facing the Commission? “As Andover looks to develop, we want to make sure that we preserve the beautiful town that it is.”

Why Are You a Good Candidate? Nelson has more than 35 years in business and engineering, and a technical background from engineering. “I always believe in making decisions based on data, and that’s the way I would approach it if I’m on the board.”

Republican -- Leigh Ann Hutchinson: Did not provide age or job information.

Previous Experience: Currently on PZC. Also spent eight years on the Board of Selectmen, where she was board liaison to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Conservation Commission.

What are the Key Issues Facing the Commission? “Reviewing our sign regulations and discussing affordable housing. Not long ago we finished extensive Andover Lake regulations to address environmental issues there.”

Why Are You a Good Candidate?: “I have the town experience in budgeting that this board needs, and a strong background in procurement and contracts. As an incumbent member of PZC and a lifelong resident of town, I believe I can provide continuity, knowledge about how zoning has evolved in Andover, and input for updating our 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development. Also, I’ve attended seminars and webinars given by the Connecticut Bar Association, and DEEP, for example.

Election, Budget Referendum Coming

Andover will hold its municipal election Monday, May 3, and the RHAM budget referendum Tuesday, May 4. Voting for both will take place 6 a.m.-8 p.m. in the community room at Town Hall.

For more information, go to tinyurl.com/73v9sa5h.

Items Sought for Senior Tag Sale

There will be a tag sale to benefit the Andover senior lunch program Saturday, May 22, in the parking lot of the Old Firehouse on Center Street – with 100% of funds raised going to the program.

Organizers are looking for donations of items to sell. To donate, call Carol Lee 860-989-6988.

Scholarship Applications Available

The Andover Norton Children’s Fund Commission is offering the \$1,000 Chester D. Norton and the \$1,000 F. Kendall and Frank H. Brown scholarships, to help high school seniors from Andover finance their post-high school education at an accredited two- or four-year college/university or technical school.

Preference for the Brown scholarship may be given to a student pursuing a history major.

Deadline to apply is May 1. For applications, go to tinyurl.com/yp368spv or email Charlotte Nelson at charnelson14@gmail.com. The Norton Commission will meet in early June to select the recipients of the two scholarships.

Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Enter through the Narthex. Masks and social distancing are required. If you don’t have a mask, one will be given to you. Sunday School for children is provided.

The service also streams live on the church’s Facebook page (First Congregational Church, Andover, CT). For more information, call the church office at 860-742-7696, email andoverctchurch@gmail.com or visit www.andoverctchurch.org.

Bible Study: Tuesday mornings both via Zoom and at the church (observing CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and masks). If interested in attending via Zoom, call the

church and leave a message and church pastor the Rev. Rose Nilson will send you the meeting link.

Food Pantry: Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. CDC guidelines are observed and masks are required. The senior pantry is open every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is May 5.

Foodshare Van: Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is April 28.

Sonshine Stampers: This group meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church to make greeting cards. All are invited. Masks and social distancing required.

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Cookies for Heroes... The Bengal Tiger Hot Yoga Studio in Colchester recently supported the Girl Scout's Cookies for Heroes Program through Brownie Troop 63223. Bengal Tiger members collectively donated enough funds for 126 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to be donated to military servicepeople and veterans. This is the fourth year the studio has supported this cause, raising more than \$3,185, or 637 boxes, during that time. From left are Rhom Saunders, owner of Bengal Tiger, and Brownie Caroline Hathaway, who worked together to coordinate the drive. Saunders is a U.S. Army/Desert Storm veteran.

Fire Calls

From April 11-17, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 44 calls: 36 emergency medical calls and eight fire/fire-related calls. Calls included:

Fire: fire alarm, three; hazmat, one; service call, two; structure fire, two (mutual aid to East Haddam).

Medical: sick person, five; difficulty breathing, seven; fall injury, five; unconscious, three; lift assist, two; choking, one; cardiac distress, three; stroke, one; abdominal pain, two; cardiac arrest, two; mental disorder, three; medical alarm, one; suicide, one.

CHFD provided mutual aid five times last week – twice each to Hebron and East Haddam and once to Marlborough. It received mutual

aid three times – twice from Gardner Lake and once to East Haddam.

CHFD also offers free CO checks, and car seat safety checks and installations by appointment only; call the department at 860-537-2512 to schedule one. Reflective address marker signs are also available to order in blue or green, vertical or horizontal; cost is \$12. Forms are available at the firehouse, 52 Old Hartford Rd., or online; go to colchesterct.gov, click on 'departments' and select 'fire department.'

Note: The Department of Emergency Management conducts tests of the emergency sirens throughout town, on the first Saturday of every month between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. These are just tests.

Grab-and-Go Meals Offered

Through the end of the school year, Colchester Public Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch to all students and to all children 18 and younger; meals includes entrée, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Pick-up is at Bacon Academy, in front of the auditorium doors, on Mondays and Thursdays from 10-10:30 a.m. For more information, contact nutrition coordinator Leanne Ranheim at 860-537-9421 ext. 381 or lranheim@colchesterct.org.

Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds in-person worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Services are also available on Zoom; visit westchestercongregation.org for login info.

Due to COVID-19, pews are labeled for safe physical distancing, masks are required, hand sanitizer is available, and there is no singing, but music is played.

The church has a small white wooden Blessings Box in its lower parking lot, with non-perishable food items and other items. All are welcome to give or take a few items.

Sunday School is not in person yet, but the church emails video links and mails out packages of worksheets to children. Email westconchurch@gmail.com or call 860-267-6711 to request Sunday School items.

Ukrainian Catholic Church News

All are invited to worship each week at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 178 Linwood Ave. The church offers Eastern Rite Divine services. Church doors are open for Divine Liturgy on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.; the Sunday service is bilingual.

For more information, call the church at 860-537-2069.

Ahavath Achim News

Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave., has announced the following schedule:

Friday night Zoom service, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday morning Zoom service, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Kabbalah class, 5:30 p.m. on Zoom; Tuesday, Talmud class, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

There are daily prayer classes on Facebook Live.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday; 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday; and 9 a.m.-noon Friday.

St. Andrew Church News

St. Andrew Catholic Church holds weekly Mass Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. The church is located at 128 Norwich Ave.

Social distancing remains in place; pews are sectioned off, and available seating is marked. Attendance is limited to 100 people per Mass. The only entrance to the church is on the parking lot side. Face masks covering both nose and mouth are required of all parishioners. Parishioners should also bring and use hand sanitizer.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice.

For more information, call 860-537-2355 or visit www.standrewcolchester.org.

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Despite COVID-19, Boy Scout Troop 13 took part in various outdoor events during the fall and winter – including a mid-winter hike at Hartman Park in Lyme.

Troop 13 Holds Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 13 recently held a Court of Honor to recognize Scouts who earned rank advancement, merit badges and other awards. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, Scouts during the fall and winter participated in several merit badge opportunities, held several campouts, completed multiple hikes, and helped Cub Scout Pack 13 with several joint activities.

Several Scouts earned rank advancement at the Court of Honor. Miller Brown and T.J. Crowell each earned Tenderfoot, John Dalton, Aiden Raulukaitis and Garrett Schuth each earned Star, and Sebby Santini earned Life. Several Scouts also made progress on their community service project, which is part of the requirements needed to earn the Eagle Scout rank.

The following Scouts earned a total of 27 merit badges: Daniel Blanda, who earned Communications and Cooking; Cody Blanda, First Aid; David Detuccio, Cooking; Miller Brown, First Aid, Emergency Preparedness and Space Exploration; Logan East, Electronics; John

Paul Peck, Personal Fitness and the World Conservation Award; Sebby Santini, Personal Fitness. William Girard, Family Life; T.J. Crowell, Personal Fitness, Family Life, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness; Garrett Schuth, Signs, Signals and Codes, Digital Technology, Citizenship in the World; John Dalton, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, American Labor and Crime Prevention; and Aiden Raulukaitis, Archery, Shotgun Shooting, Personal Management and Signs, Signals, and Codes.

Also, 15 Scouts were recognized for actively serving in positions of responsibility – such as leading the troop, leading a patrol, leading others, and organizing activities and events.

Boys ages 11-17 who enjoy the outdoors and STEM activities are invited to join Troop 13. The troop meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at the St. Andrew Church hall, 128 Norwich Ave. If interested, stop by at any meeting (wear a mask) or contact Scoutmaster Brian Marburger at brian.marburger@comscast.net or 860-917-5896.



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Towns Working to Solve Sewer Stench Issues

by Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton/Colchester Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) is working with the Town of Colchester to address sewer odor issues reported by Village Center businesses, according to East Hampton Town Manager David Cox.

Cox informed the East Hampton Town Council of the work in its April 13 meeting.

Cox on Monday told the *Rivereast* the issue has been traced to both the pace and treatment of the wastewater flowing from Colchester to the treatment plant in East Hampton.

"There can be several days between when it leaves Colchester and reaches WPCA," Cox said. "As wastewater consumes oxygen, it becomes more pungent and goes septic."

As a treatment, Cox explained, oxygen is used to keep the sewage "fresh." This is done by aerating the wastewater. However, this process can cause the wastewater to turn acidic, which can then corrode piping.

The reaction creates hydrogen sulfide. This was named as the cause behind a May 2020 rupture of a pipe in Colchester along the Air Line Trail, East Hampton Public Utilities Administrator Scott Clayton told the *Rivereast* at the time. A stretch of 150 feet of pipe was compromised.

"They're trying to figure out a different method of oxygenation without creating that acidic response," Cox said.

Last year's rupture, Cox explained, is contributing to the wastewater pressure issues in East Hampton's joint system.

A temporary, aboveground pipe is currently being used. Cox said it should be repaired by late spring or early summer.

"One element that will change when the pipe is replaced is the water will move more quickly, and will have less time to go septic," Cox said.

Calibrating how much oxygen to put into the waste, and what type of product to use, will be the step following pipe replacement.

From the pressure pipe in Colchester, the waste flows into a gravity-fed pipe in Belltown. The gravity pipe is in good shape, Cox said.

Colchester Public Works Director James Paggioli said that for a project like this, a one-year wait time is standard.

"By the time funding is made available and it goes through the [request for proposals] process, it usually takes about a year," said Paggioli.

Paggioli said a difficulty of the site is a partially-buried historic steel bridge that Colchester has committed to leaving undisturbed.

Paggioli said work will be done with a "non-invasive methodology." Crews will be able to restore up to 1,600 feet of pipe without digging more than 25 feet.

Paggioli said once the actual pipework begins, the job will take about two weeks. He said he doesn't expect work will affect public use of that section of the Air Line Trail.

Amy Ordonez, owner of Main Street's Studio 13 and member of the East Hampton Board of Education, said Cox, the towns, and the WPCA

acted quickly to begin addressing the stench issues.

Ordonez said the stink hasn't been too bad, but that the smell is more pungent in the Epoch Arts building.

She said the smell isn't constant and hasn't worsened, but that there were days where the foul odor was overwhelming. She said other Village Center businesses have dealt with worse, more consistent stink.

Quilt Show, Plant Sale Coming

Haddam Neck Congregational Church will hold a Quilt Show and Ladies Aid Plant Sale Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, May 9, from noon-5 p.m., at the church, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck.

The show is a church fundraiser. Masks will be required and visitors will be asked to stay six feet apart. This year, only the church will exhibit quilts and visitors will be limited. There will be no food service, but baked goods will be available to take home.

For more information, contact Lisa Malloy at 860-267-2713 or elizabethhartmalloy@gmail.com, or Franky Dallas at 860-267-4513.

East Hampton 'Big Easy' Raffle

East Hampton Rotary Club is raffling off lifetime admission to the Big E.

Tickets are \$10 each. Grand prize is a Big E Golden Ticket – lifetime entry for two to The Big E; parking included. Second prize is four one-day tickets to the Big E, and third prize is a \$50 gift card for Thorncrest Farm in Goshen.

The drawing will be Saturday, May 8, at Sears Park, and will be livestreamed on easthamptonct.rotary7980gives.org/goldenticket and the East Hampton Connecticut Rotary Club Facebook page.

For tickets, visit www.easthamptonrotary.org or contact any East Hampton Rotarian.

Draft Horse Rescue Rummage Sale

CT Draft Horse Rescue will hold a Rummage Sale Saturday, May 15, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the rescue, located at 113 Chestnut Hill Rd.

Swap Consignments in Portland has donated clean women's clothing in sizes XS to XL, accessories, and children's clothing to be sold to benefit the rescue. Prices are \$2 per clothing item and \$2 and \$4 for other items. CDHR volunteers have also donated items for a tag sale.

Shopping bags will be supplied or you may bring your own. In compliance with COVID-19 restrictions, social distancing will be observed, attendance will be limited and patrons and staff must wear face coverings.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue.

Submissions Sought for New Magazine

Ages 12 and up are invited to submit original works for Epoch Arts' new student-led magazine, themed "Inspiration and Encouragement."

Submissions can include photography, paintings, poetry, short stories, original songs or other forms of writing. All visual art mediums are acceptable (painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, digital, prints, fiber art, collage or installation art). Deadline for submissions is April 26. Send submissions with title, name of artist and age. "Adult" is 18 and older.

For more info, email Elizabeth Namen at elizabeth@epocharts.org or visit www.epocharts.org.

Epoch Arts to Present Original Play

Epoch Arts' Breaking Silences group will perform an original one-act play, *Across the Line*, Saturday, April 24, at 1 and 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 25, at 1 p.m., rain or shine, at the new outdoor stage. Epoch is located at 22 Skinner St.

Across the Line deals with the fear of not being accepted, silence, anger, compassion and strength.

Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased at www.epocharts.org. Space is limited, and masks are required.

Lake Clean-Up Day Coming

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, with the help and support of the Conservation Lake Commission, will hold the annual Lake Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 24, starting at 9 a.m., at Sears Park.

Volunteers are welcome. Dumpsters will be placed at Sears Park. Metals, tires (no rims), wood and plastics can be brought to the park to be put in the dumpsters. All COVID-19 rules apply. Lake Pocotopaug T-shirts, garbage bags, gloves, directions and assignments will be available at the park.

Full details are available at www.flpeh.org. For more information, call Joe Carbonell at 860-917-7366 or email vicechairman@flpeh.org.

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Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is closed, but staff is available (860-267-4426 or seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov) Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center. Contact the center to receive a copy of its email or regular mail newsletters. Note: All online program registration is now at MyActiveCenter.com; call the senior center for assistance.

Movie Group via Zoom: Tuesday, April 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* will be discussed. Register online or call the center.

Tai Chi with Tom: Thursdays, April 29-June 17, 10-10:30 a.m., via Zoom. Instructor is Tom Cushing. Fee: \$40. Send check, made payable to Town of East Hampton, to: East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., East Hampton, CT 06424. Register online.

Conference Call Bingo: Friday, April 30, 10 a.m. The center has a telephone number people can dial into to play; staff will be the Bingo caller. Call the center to register and schedule a time to pick up your Bingo cards.

Statewide Virtual Senior Center Program: Friday, April 30, 1-2:30 p.m., via Zoom. This presentation on state waterways will include sea shanties performed by Tom Callinan. Call the center to register.

Virtual Lunch Bunch: Every other Monday at 12:30 p.m., via Zoom. Register online. Next date is May 3.

Creative Crafts/Acrylic Pour Pots: Wednesday, May 12, 1 p.m., outside at the senior center. Space is limited; register online.

Lunch on the Patio with Staff: Twice monthly, the center will draw two names to join two staff members for a free lunch outside. Call to submit your name or register online. Dates to be determined soon.

Weekly Virtual Events: Register online. Schedule: Bingo: Tuesdays at 1 p.m.; Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Volunteer Shopping: The center has a program where a volunteer will shop for you. If interested or for more info, call 860-267-4426 or email jewing@easthampton.gov.

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Senior Center Goes Coast to Coast!... East Hampton Senior Center older adult programming recently went national, when crafters completed a Color Cruiser Batik party online with Ashley and Natalie Boudeville of San Jose, Calif.

Seeds of Hope

The Congregational Church of East Hampton mission group, Seeds of Hope, will hold its annual 5K/10K/Fun Walk Saturday, April 24. Registration must be done in advance, at first-mile-fitness.com.

On race day, race bags can be picked up beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the church, 59 Main St. The race will begin at 9 a.m., at the entrance to the Air Line Trail, located at Cranberry Bog on Smith Street. Participants should park at the church; transportation will be provided to and from the trail head.

Masks are required for all attendees and all COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place.

Awards will follow the race at Cranberry Bog. All race proceeds will help Seeds of Hope members pay for their next mission trip. For more information, call Lisa at 860-918-1170.

Congregational Church News

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., holds in-person services at 10 a.m. each week. All are welcome. Masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing are all required. Services will continue to be available via Zoom; visit cc-eh.org to access.

Sunday school classes have also resumed in person.

The Teen Youth Group will meet Friday, April 23, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome.

For more information, visit cc-eh.org or call 860-267-4959 during office hours, Tuesday-Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. In case of pastoral emergencies, the Rev. Jim Latimer can be reached at 610-568-2480.

East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has announced the following. For more information, Zoom links, and full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit east-hamptonpubliclibrary.org or facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary.

Library Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Ages 2 and up are required to wear masks that cover nose and mouth, and observe social distancing. If unable or unwilling to wear a mask, call the library to schedule a curbside delivery.

Weekly Activities for Kids: Stories and Songs: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom, for ages 1-5. **Family Bedtime Stories:** Mondays at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, for ages 3-8. **Mindful Movements:** Thursdays, 10 a.m., via Zoom, for

ages 3-8.

Virtual Afterschool Programs: Footprints, Fribrarys, and Fundays: Programs are at 4 p.m. over Zoom. Registration required. Schedule: Footprints, for grades 2-3, April 30; Fribrary, for grades 4-5, May 7 and 28; Monday Funday, for grades 6-8, May 24.

Teen Advisory Tuesday: April 27, 3 p.m., via Zoom, for grades 8-12. Teens will plan and create events and programs, and provide input to expand the library's YA/Teen collection.

Adult Programs: Book Club: Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, April 29, at 2 p.m., both via Zoom. *Sunflower Sisters* will be discussed. Register online for the Zoom link.

Pots with Pizzazz: Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Learn how to brighten shady spots and create focal points for vistas. Register online.

Waiving Fines and Fees: The library will waive all fines and fees for the foreseeable future.

RTC Wants You

The East Hampton Republican Town Committee is looking for people to run for the Board of Education and Town Council in this fall's election.

The RTC meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Robert's LakeHouse. For more information contact Chairman Russell Bonacorso at 203-464-4292 or ehctgop@gmail.com.

Bits and Pieces Sale

The Ladies Aid of Haddam Neck Congregational Church will hold a Bits and Pieces Sale the days of the church quilt show, May 8 and 9. To prepare, the group is currently collecting donations of fabric, yarn and notions such as thread, trim and quilting supplies, magazines and books related to quilting.

To make donations, call Darcy Yuille at 860-301-4994.

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Finance Board Sends Budget to Voters

by Karla Santos

The Board of Finance this week sent a proposed \$26.06 million budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year off to voters.

The spending package will now head to a Monday, May 3, town meeting, followed by a budget referendum Tuesday, May 4. Voting at the referendum will take place from 6 a.m.-8 p.m., at Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School.

The budget the finance board presented at public hearing Monday – and officially adopted Wednesday night – is a \$230,000, or .89%, increase from current year spending, and calls for a mill rate of 35.84, which is down from the current year's 36.27. This would mean that someone with property assessed at \$250,000 would pay \$8,959 in taxes on it, down from the current year's \$9,068.

The proposed 2021-22 budget that the finance board adopted Wednesday is also a significant decrease from the one First Selectman Greg Lowrey first pitched last month. That one called for a 2.01% increase from current year spending.

Board of Finance chair Susan Leser told the *Rivereast* that to reach the lower increase, the boards of selectmen and finance worked not necessarily on cutting but on rearranging items. She explained they also made changes to the amount of money going into reserves.

"A lot of it was shifting things around," she said.

Lowrey said other items, like a reduction in health insurance premiums, also allowed town officials to lower the budget from his initial request, and he noted the two boards

decided to move into the current fiscal year two capital projects that totaled "a bit more than \$50,000." The two projects had originally been slated for the 2021-22 fiscal year, but Lowrey said the town was able to move them to this year due to a projected surplus in the current year's town budget.

Lowrey said he's happy with the reductions, but noted his say isn't the most important one.

"I am pleased with the process, but the May 4th vote will reveal the community reaction," he said.

Marlborough's portion of the RHAM school district's 2021-22 operating budget is \$10.96 million and its contribution to RHAM capital is \$108,000. However, the town is offsetting these costs by \$259,000 by applying its portion of the RHAM 2019-20 surplus, which the regional school board voted to return to the three RHAM towns earlier this month.

This brings Marlborough's contribution to the proposed RHAM budget to \$10.81 million, a 4.88% increase from the current year. Part of this increase is due to Marlborough's RHAM levy – the percentage of the overall budget it pays, which is based on the number of Marlborough students attending the two schools – climbing from 34.39% to 36.10%.

The local Board of Education budget totals \$7.85 million, a 2.73% increase over the current year.

Overall, education expenses, between the local and RHAM school boards, drive more than 70% of the overall town budget. Town

operations make up another 20%, with the rest going to capital, debt and contingency expenses.

When Selectman Joe Asklar was asked if he was happy with the budget as it was presented at Monday's public hearing, he said, "I think we did the best job possible."

He said one thing he is not too happy about is that the budget does not go into too many details when it comes to the salaries of town hall employees.

He said that starting in the 2017-18 budget, town employee salaries were grouped into one budget item, showing the salary of town hall employees as a whole instead of showing

what each town hall employee earns.

"We don't know from looking at the town operations budget, how much these employees are making or how much of a raise they got," Asklar stressed. "There's less transparency in our budget as compared to the 2016-17 budget."

He said he wishes there was more transparency in that area of the budget.

"I wish that it followed the procedure that we had in the 2016-17 budget," he said.

The May 3 town meeting will take place at 7 p.m. via Zoom, with the budget referendum the next day.

Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, is closed to the public, but many services still being offered. For more information and full program descriptions, call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit richmondlibrary.info.

Curbside Pickup: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The **book drop** is open for returns; items are quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in. Overdue fines are not accruing at this time.

Take & Make Kits: During April (while supplies last), kids ages 4-10 can pick up a kit with instructions and materials to make a braided polar animal heart.

Teen Take & Make: Throughout April (while supplies last), ages 11 and up can make arrangements to pick up a kit that includes instructions and materials to make their own edible books.

Social Security and Retirement Maximization: Wednesday, April 28, 6 p.m., via Zoom. AAA Retire will present. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

Carnivorous Plants and Virtual Tour of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens: Thursday, May 6, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, presented by the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

Congregational Church News

The Sunday service at Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is livestreamed Sundays at 10 a.m. through the church website, mcc.marlconchurch.org and follows the usual order of Sunday worship. In-person worship is held at the pavilion at Lake Terramuggus the third Sunday of the month.

Regular participants include Pastor Bob Faulhaber, Pastoral Intern Val Seaver, Carolyn Brodginiski, organist Dave Mulligan, as well as other musicians and people from the church and community. A Message for the Children by Christian Education/Junior Youth Director Gwen Lawson immediately follows the worship service.

Seaver will lead worship on April 25. All Sunday services are recorded and available for viewing online later that same day. All previous worship services can also be viewed through the church webpage.

Mission-giving through June goes to the AHM Mental Health Fund; send checks made payable

to MCC, with "Second Quarter Missions," in the Note line, to: P.O. Box 57, Marlborough. The Senior High Youth Group sponsors the Drive-Thru Café, now held twice monthly. All meal preparation is done at the church, following strict food and COVID-19 safety guidelines. Donations for this project may also be made through the church; note 'Drive-Thru Café' on the check.

All students in grades 5-7 are invited to the twice-monthly Junior Youth Group. For more information, contact Gwen Lawson at gwendolynn78@yahoo.com.

Phone messages are checked at pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432 and at the church office at 860-295-9050.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon; shelves are restocked every week. Safety protocols are in place and masks are required. The shop continues selling on eBay with new items listed each week at bit.ly/MCCebay.

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Church Tag Sale Coming
 Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 South Main St., will hold its annual tag sale Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m.-noon.
 The Great Hall will be filled with a variety of household and seasonal items, linens, vintage, toys and games, collectibles, framed artwork, electronics, small appliances, clothing and more. A bake sale, sponsored by Dorcas Women's Fellowship, will be held outside.
 Safety precautions will be observed, with masks required.

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Marlborough Lions 'Round the Lake 5K

The Marlborough Lions will hold their annual 'Round the Lake 5K Road Race on Sunday, May 30. The race, now a registered 5K, will utilize electronic timing and computerized race results. The race starts promptly at 10 a.m., with a staggered start to space out the runners.

Appropriate social distancing will be implemented. Runners will start near the entrance to Blish Park on Park Road and will proceed on a course which circles Lake Terramuggus.

Entry fee is \$20 by May 13 and \$25 thereafter; however, there will be no same-day registration. Shirts will be guaranteed for those that register by May 13, with additional shirts provided after that date if available. There is also a \$50 package for groups of immediate family members participating in the race. Proceeds will support the Lions and their charitable donations.

Various businesses have provided race sponsorships of \$100, \$250 and \$500, and their information will be printed on the shirts handed out to runners.

For more info or to register, or in interested in being a sponsor, contact Lion Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 or TGReiser@comcast.net, or Jean Paul Bolduc at 860-295-9150. Registration forms are also at various locations in town, including Liberty Bank, and people can also register at www.plattsys.com.

Tag Sale Coming

The Marlborough Arts Center's Tag Sale will be Saturday, May 1, on the lawn of the center, 231 N. Main St. Masks and social distancing will be maintained. Watch for more details.

Scholarship Offered

Marlborough Elementary School is offering a \$500 scholarship in honor of Paula Netto to a graduating high school senior and resident of Marlborough who has attended the elementary school.

The applicant must be pursuing further education. The scholarship is given to a student who has an exemplary history of community service. Copies of the application are at the RHAM High School guidance office and at Richmond Memorial Library.

Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, May 1. For more information, email Melissa Jordan at salvia601@aol.com.

Lions to Raffle Kayak

The Marlborough Lions are raffling off a new kayak and a one-year rental of a kayak rack at Marlborough's Blish Park. Use of the rack is limited to Marlborough residents, but the raffle for the kayak is open to all.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each and will be sold at various locations until April 30, and can also be purchased from Lions Club members. The raffle drawing will take place at Blish Park at noon May 1. Winners need not be present.

For more details and to buy raffle tickets, call Lions Club Chairman Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537 or Lions Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 or Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116.



Lions and Hogs Poker Run

Lions of District 23C invite everyone to the "Lions and Hogs Poker Run" Sunday, April 25, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., to raise funds for the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The Poker Run will have three "loops" to choose from – one that starts in Old Saybrook, one in Niantic and one in Danielson. All three will end at Carter Hill Farm in Marlborough, and will feature multiple stops along the way.

Registration is \$25 for five cards (one card drawn at each stop); folks may also buy an additional card at Carter Hill for \$10 to replace a card. Prizes will be awarded to the top three hands and the worst hand. Prizes are: cruise and lunch for four on the Connecticut River, \$100 Kohl's gift card, six lobsters, or the rental of a smoking dragon barbecue grill. Players will receive a free hot dog and soft drink at Carter Hill Farm, where a lunch will also be available to purchase, and music by Rock Landing.

In the event of heavy rain, people should come to Carter Hill anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and purchase their poker hand there, and take a chance on the raffle. Depending on the extent of the rain, the band may or may not play. The winning hands will be announced at 2 p.m.

For more info, email Lions Mary Krogh at govmary23c@aol.com or Shari Ann Colquhoun at sheriann8@yahoo.com.

Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full descriptions or to register, visit marlboroughct.recdesk.com and click on "programs," stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203.

Youth Programs: Mad Science – Mad Labs: Tuesdays, April 27-June 15, for 3:15-4:15 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades K-6. Fee: \$150/resident, \$155/non-residents.

Kids Fashion Sketching: Mondays, May 3 and 10, 5:30-7 p.m., for ages 8-18. Class instruction is virtual. Fee: \$53/residents, \$58/non-residents.

Kids Intro to Machine Sewing 101: Tuesdays, May 4-25, 5:30-7 p.m., for ages 8-18. All participants must have their own sewing machine. Class instruction is virtual. Fee: \$103/residents, \$108/non-residents.

Kids Fishing Derby: Saturday, May 8, 9-11 a.m., at Blish Park, for ages 4-15. Registration is \$10. Prizes will be awarded for biggest fish, smallest fish and first fish caught.

Tennis Lessons: Mondays, May 10-June 7, at the Blish Park tennis court. Ages 5-7 are 3:45-4:30 p.m., and cost is \$83/resident, \$88/non-resident. Ages 8-12 are 4:30-5:30 p.m., and cost

is \$90/resident, \$95/non-resident.

Horseback Riding Lessons: For ages 5 and up, English or Western-style instruction. Days and times are flexible. Fee: four lessons for \$175/residents, \$180/non-residents.

Adult Programs: Zumba: Thursdays, April 29-June 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m., virtually and in the conference room at Fire Station No. 2. Fee: \$50 residents/\$55 non-residents, or a \$12 drop-in fee.

Sewing – Know Your Machine: Wednesday, May 5, 5:30-7 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for ages 18 and up. Fee: \$38/resident, \$43/non-resident.

Adult Sewing PJ Pants: Monday, May 10, 5:30-7 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for ages 18 and up. All materials included. Fee: \$43/residents, \$48/non-residents.

Home Decor Sewing 101 – Valance: Wednesday, May 12, 5:30-7 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for ages 18 and up. Fee: \$43/resident, \$48/non-resident.

Sunset Yoga: Tuesdays, May 18-June 22, 6-7 p.m., at Blish Park. Fee: \$70/residents, \$75/non-residents.

Republicans' Spring Plant Sale

The Marlborough Republicans are selling geraniums and hanging plants, which will be ready for pickup in the Town Hall parking lot Saturday, May 8, from 9:30-11 a.m.

Geraniums are available in a variety of colors including red, pink, fuchsia and white. Cost is \$7 each. Hanging plants are available in several different varieties and are \$25 each. To order, call Louise Concodello at 860-295-0201, Barbara Murray at 860-295-0792 or Sue Stolfi at 860-593-4763.

A limited number of plants will also be available to buy the morning of the plant sale.

Cemetery Cleanup Canceled

The volunteer cemetery cleanup scheduled for May 1 has been canceled. However, residents are asked to remove any personal items and decorations prior to May 8, for the town's cemetery cleanup for Memorial Day.

Any items found to be in violation of cemetery rules and regulations or a hindrance to maintenance will be removed. These items include shepherd hooks, wind chimes and pots. Consult the town website, marlboroughct.net, for a complete listing.



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Obituaries

Colchester

Karen Tuck Briggs

Karen Tuck Briggs, 64, of Colchester, passed away Tuesday, April 13, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Born Nov. 14, 1956, in Lincoln, Maine, she was the daughter of Lloyd and Rosemarie (Hanington) Tuck.

Karen was a graduate of Bacon Academy. In 1981 she married her husband, Edward Briggs. She attended the Center for Culinary Arts in Cromwell and shortly thereafter she began working at the Craftsteak restaurant at Foxwoods Casino. She then continued her culinary education at Manchester Community College.

Karen was a spiritual woman and was a communicant of the Colchester Federated Church, and former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Church. She had a passion for being in the kitchen. She would often attend Monday night quilting classes with her friends, and was always baking something, showing her love for friends and family through her food. When she wasn't baking, she could be found adding stitches to her current quilting project.

She is survived by her loving husband, Edward Briggs of Colchester; her parents, Lloyd and Rosemarie Tuck; children, Cassandra (Richard) Marvin of Colchester, Dominick Sanzone, April (Rex) Walden of East Hampton; stepchildren, Jamie Briggs of Colchester, Jessie (Dan) Kupersmith of Arizona, and Shane Briggs; brothers, Alan Tuck of Lebanon, Evan Tuck, and Glen (Nadine) Tuck of Colchester; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and family and friends.

Walk-through calling hours were held Tuesday, April 20, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made in Karen's name to a charity of one's choice.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

and father's businesses, manufacturing and selling ammunition as well as Foley's Place and Country Chicken and Ribs. She was also employed at Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation and Arbor Acres.

She is survived by her longtime companion, Gary Henault of Bolton; her daughter and her companion, Heather Zaino and Eamonn Galvin-Rival of Middletown; sons, David Zaino of Marlborough, Wesley Zaino and companion Amber Moroch of Colchester; sister, Denise Vashalifski of Marlborough; brothers, Timothy Foley and wife Cheryl of Marlborough, James Foley and wife Jennifer of Colchester; and her three beloved grandchildren, Hanna, Emilie and Conor of Middletown; also several nieces and nephews and many friends.

She was predeceased by her brother, David Foley.

Patricia was incredibly passionate about her children and grandchildren. She loved spending time with them, often at the sandy beaches of Rhode Island, where she could catch up on her tan and enjoy some rock crabs with them. In Patricia's younger years, she could be found on the Foley Farm horseback-riding, gardening, fishing with the boys and spending time with the family.

Patricia will always be remembered by her family for her kind warm heart that could never be replaced; she will live on in our hearts forever.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Sunday, April 18. Funeral services were private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Portland

Michael John Milano

Michael John Milano, beloved owner of Quarry Ridge Golf Course and member of the Portland community, passed peacefully at home Tuesday, April 20. Michael J. Milano was born July 12, 1947, in Hyde Park, N.Y., and was the son of the late Michael P. Milano and the late Rosetta Milano.

His survivors include his elder son, Todd Michael Milano and his wife Daisy Cheng-Milano; his younger son, Brian Ralph Milano, his wife Kristin Sudol-Milano, and their daughter, Cora Ellen Milano. Michael is also survived by his longtime life partner Kathy Fox; former wife and mother of his sons Karen Smith Milano; his brother, Mark R. Milano and his wife Jessie Milano; his sister, Merrily Flanagan, her husband Frank Flanagan, and their children.

Michael received his Ph.D. in chemistry from his alma mater Purdue University and was the vice president of marketing at Perkin Elmer in Connecticut before becoming an active member of the Portland golf community for over a decade. Along with his life partner, they were also known to have brought life and joy to the area through bluegrass music. They have supported and played along with bluegrass musicians and bands at the golf course through their "Music at the Ridge" series as well as bluegrass festivals throughout the nation.

Michael has touched the lives and the hearts of so many and will live on in our hearts.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, is in charge of arrangements.

East Hampton

Leonard A. Anderson

Leonard A. Anderson, 63, of East Hampton, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, April 15. He was the devoted husband of Rose (Fuoco) Anderson.



A lifelong resident of East Hampton, Leonard enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading and most of all spending time with his dogs and his loving wife of 41 years. One of Rose and Leonard's favorite things to do together was to search for treasures at flea markets, antique shops and tag sales.

Leonard was loved by all who met him. He was a kind and generous man who never had a bad thing to say about anyone. He worked at many local businesses including Carpenter Hayes, Alternative Solutions Inc. and most recently the Bevin Bell Company.

Besides his wife, Leonard is survived by his stepson, Eric Donais of East Hampton; his brothers, Jack Anderson, Paul Anderson, Kevin Anderson and Darryl Anderson. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, John and Geneva Anderson of East Hampton, and his stepson, Donald Ochankowski of East Hampton.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider donating to the Protectors of Animals in his name.

Colchester

John Richard Howard III

John Richard Howard III of Colchester passed away suddenly in his home Wednesday, April 14, at the age of 53. John was born July 7, 1967, to John Howard II and Ruth Howard in Norwich.

John spent his life in service of his family and three loving children. He leaves behind Shawn and his wife Jamie, Alyssa and her partner Joe, and Jacob. He also leaves behind the mother of his children, Denise, with whom he had a very special closeness. In addition, he will be missed by his dear friend Mike and his many pets.

John was a dynamic character who above all things loved his children. His purpose in life was to be a father and he did so with unyielding love, dedication, and humor. His family meant more to him than anything else, something he often reflected on. He was unendingly proud of his children and always tried his best to support them in all that they did.

John was a father to many pets over the years. He was a warm lover of animals, and cherished his time spent with his dogs and cats. John was also a lover of classic automobiles. He could often be found under the hood of a car when he wasn't spending time with his family.

Anyone who knew John knew that he was the most loving father a family could ask for, and he will be missed dearly.

A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Friends of Animals charity of Darien.

Portland

Frances Yeaw

Frances Yeaw, beloved mother of Christopher and Jason Yeaw, passed suddenly from this world Saturday, April 3. She leaves her most valued and heartbroken treasures, her two sons and dear daughter-in-law, Nan. She also leaves her grandchildren, the lights of her life, Grace, Mary and John, the children of Chris and Nan.



Born in 1950, Frances also leaves her cherished father John, for whom she was the primary caregiver, and her much-loved brothers John, Thomas, Matthew, and Mark. Frances was predeceased by her beloved husband Gary and dearest mother Sylvia.

Fran lovingly served all of those around her, especially her family, eventually becoming what she seemed born to be, a nurse. She labored relentlessly as a nephrology nurse for decades, touching and improving countless lives with her compassion, competence, and careful attention to detail. She took great delight in her book club, gardening, her heirloom lilies, knitting, crocheting, baking, and pottery, having been a member of the Wesleyan Potters Guild for decades.

One of her greatest joys was walking the Air Line Trail with her husband, Gary, for whom she gave diligent care during over 20 years of his severe cardiac condition. They were high school sweethearts and best friends for five and a half decades, and since his death in 2018 she struggled mightily with grief.

Nevertheless, Fran continued to take great joy in her family, and they in her. She loved taking nature walks with them, spending the holidays with them, cooking with them, and passing on traditions to them. Her home was sprinkled with artwork from her children and grandchildren, family photos, and other memorabilia. Her family meant everything to her, and she meant everything to us.

We love you and desperately miss you, Mom, Fran, Grammy. Rest in peace, while we await our happy reunion.

We wish to thank all her doctors, nurses, and caregivers, especially Drs. Edwards, Ali, and Corning. Thanks to friends and family for your love, condolences and support.

Funeral services will be private.

East Hampton

Patricia Ann Zaino

Patricia Ann (Foley) Zaino, 54, of East Hampton, formerly of Marlborough, passed away Wednesday, April 14, at Hartford Hospital. Born July 2, 1966, in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late William and Dorothy (Bagot) Foley.

Patricia worked for many years in her mother

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 Have filed an application placarded 04/20/2021 with the
 Department of Consumer Protection
 for a CONNECTICUT CRAFT CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT
 for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at:
11 SHAILOR HILL RD
COLCHESTER, CT 06415-2510
 The business will be owned by:
PRIAM VINEYARDS LLC
 Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified), Concerts,
 Disk Jockeys, Live Bands, Plays/Shows, Comedians, Magicians
 Objections must be filed by: 06-01-2021
 PRIAM VINEYARDS 2TB 4/23, 4/30

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
LEGAL NOTICE

Residents in the sewer district in the Town of Marlborough are notified that the Benefit Assessment bills are due to the Marlborough Water Pollution Control Authority (MWPCA), April 1, 2021. The last day to pay without interest is May 3, 2021. Delinquent bills will be charged 1.5% per month reverting to the due date of April 1 or 18% per year. Minimum interest is \$5.00.
 Payments may be paid at the Marlborough Town Hall, 26 No. Main Street or mailed to MWPCA, Tax Collector, PO Box 29, 26 No Main St., Marlborough, CT 06447. There is a Drop Box to the left of the Town Hall door for payments, and payments can be paid at the Tax Collector's window.
 Normal office hours for the Tax Office are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. -7 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to noon.
 To keep everyone safe from the Coronavirus, please check the Marlborough website, marlboroughct.net, for updates for safe in-person Benefit Assessment payment protocol.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Barbara C Murray, CCMC 3TB 3/26, 4/2, 4/23

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
COLCHESTER CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION

At the regular meeting of the Colchester Conservation Commission held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, the following action was taken:
W2021-3061- 25 Colburn Drive, Paul Burba- Applicant/ Owner, Assessor's Map 02-06 Lot 037-01A, proposed man made pond within URA. - **Approved**
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Falk von Plachecki, Chairman 1TB 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ANDOVER
REVENUE COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

To the taxpayers of the Town of Andover – the fourth installment of the taxes listed on the October 1, 2019 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Andover on April 1, 2021. Payments must be postmarked, paid online, or brought to lockbox outside Town Hall by May 1, 2021 to avoid penalty. Interest will be charged starting May 2, 2021 on all delinquent bills at a rate of 18% per year (1.5% per month) from the due date of April 1st, with a minimum charge of \$2 for each bill. All Tax bills under \$3 have been waived.
 Online credit card payments may be made at www.andoverct.org. Checks or money orders payments may be placed in the locked drop box at Town Hall. Payments by check or money order may be mailed to the Tax Collector's office.
 Failure to receive a tax bill will not invalidate the tax or any interest which may, by State law, accrue.
 Please refer to the Town website www.andoverct.org for Town Hall hours.
 If you have any questions, please contact our office at 860-742-4035, option 4.
 Eileen Curtin, Tax Collector
 Town of Andover
 17 School Road
 Andover, CT 06232 3TB 3/26, 4/2, 4/23

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

At its meeting of April 7, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission made the following decisions:
 1. Gano's Power Equipment – 120 Linwood Ave - Site Plan Modification (2021-002) The Commission APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS the Gano's Power Equipment Site Plan Modification (2021-002) for parking improvements and a building addition at 120 Linwood Avenue and 36 Kmicik Ln.
 2. Town of Colchester Planning and Zoning Department – C.G.S. 8-24 Mandatory Referral (2021-004) – Sablitz Open Space Acquisition – The Commission APPROVED the decision to make a favorable report to the Town of Colchester Board of Selectmen in accordance with CGS 8-24 for the acquisition of 65 acres of undeveloped open space on Middletown Road adjacent the Pine Brook, known as the Sablitz property.
 3. Town of Colchester Senior Center Building Committee – C.G.S. 8-24 Mandatory Referral (2021-005) – New Senior Center Project – The Commission APPROVED the decision to make a favorable report to the Town of Colchester Board of Selectmen in accordance with CGS 8-24 for the development of a new Senior Center on the 1.75-acre, undeveloped parcel on Lebanon Avenue.
 All modifications/conditions are on file in the Planning Department. A copy of this notice has been filed in the Town Clerk's office.
 Planning and Zoning Commission
 Joseph Mathieu, Chair 1TB 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE
AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY
Party Rules

The American Independent Party, henceforth known as the "party" has only one purpose for its existence and that is to give voters a choice, when they are dissatisfied with the other candidates.
 The American Independent Party is a local party located in Portland, CT 06480.
 The only requirement for membership is that said person has lived in Portland for one year, as to give said person a "feel" of the town.
 There are no scheduled meetings. The only meeting occurs before election of the Office of First Selectman, since that is the only office we have on our ticket.
 I, Lambros Lambrinides, was again nominated for the office of First Selectman; there were no objections, and I accepted the party's nomination.
 Lambros Lambrinides
 American Independent Party 1TB 4/23

Town of Portland

Legal notice is hereby given to the water and/or sewer usage customers of the Town of Portland that quarterly bills are due and payable April 15, 2021. Payments not made in full on or before May 17, 2021 will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month from the due date.
 Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the charge. Please contact the Water/Sewer department if you do not receive your bill at (860) 342-6735 or by email darce@portlandct.org
 Due to the limited access of the Town Hall to the public please feel free to leave your payment in the drop box located to the right of the back door at the Town Hall, which is located at 33 East Main St., Portland, CT or by mail at the address listed below.
 Town of Portland
 Water/Sewer Dept.
 P.O. Box 71
 Portland, CT 06480-0071
 Cynthia L. Gotta, CCMC
 Town of Portland
 Collector of Revenue 3TB 4/9, 4/23, 5/7

TOWN OF ANDOVER
LEGAL NOTICE
WARNING OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Electors of the Town of Andover are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Monday, May 3, 2021 for the purpose of casting their votes for:
 Board of Finance
 Board of Education
 Planning & Zoning Commission
 Planning & Zoning Commission alternate
 Zoning Board of Appeals
 Zoning Board of Appeals alternate
 Board of Fire Commissioners
 Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is as follows:

<u>Voting District</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
1	Community Room Town Office Building 17 School Road Andover, CT 06232

 Absentee Ballots will be counted at the polls.
 Election Day Registration will be available in the Registrar of Voters Office – 17 School Road.
 Voting Tabulators will be used. The polls will open at 6 a.m. and remain open until 8 p.m.
 Dated at Andover, CT this 5th day of April, 2021
 Carol H. Lee
 Town Clerk 1TB 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL AUTHORITY
ATTENTION SEWER USERS

Notice is hereby given to all property owners connected to the sewers in East Hampton that the second installment of the sewer use payment is due and payable on April 1, 2021. The last day on which to pay without penalty is May 3, 2021. Payments received May 3, 2021 and later, including payments postmarked May 3, and later, are considered past due and will be subject to an interest penalty of 1.50% per month. or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Connecticut General State Statues 12-130 and 146. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. Payments legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before April 1, 2021 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Collector of Revenue.
 As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions.
 Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting our website at www.easthamptonct.gov . Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online.
 Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm.
 Respectively Submitted,
 Scott Clayton
 Public Utilities Administrator 3TB 3/26, 4/9, 4/23

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
DECISION NOTICE

The Historic District Commission held a virtual public hearing on April 12, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:
 1. **Town Green Improvement Project – Modify Certificate of Appropriateness (2021-01)** – To modify Certificate of Appropriateness (2020-02) for improvements of the Community Connectivity Program grant including renovation of the main path, erection of a new bus shelter and installation of new cast iron light posts, benches and trash receptacles on the Town Green - **GRANTED**
 Historic District Commission
 Ellen Sharon, Chair 1TB 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE
MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Zoom Public Hearing Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Zoning Commission and the Public should utilize the Zoom line.
To join the Zoom video meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99967584126?pwd=cUJlOVhZKXNlbnU5ZzZdERG5yS9jQT09>
Meeting ID: 999 6758 4126 **Passcode:** p2Zy0h
Phone into meeting: 1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 999 6758 4126 **Passcode:** 088820
Note: Phone in has its own passcode different from the video conference passcode.
Application #Z-05-21 – Special Permit – Jones Hollow Associates, LLC (Applicant/Property Owner) – 382 Jones Hollow Rd. – Congregant living facility, residential care home
 Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR 2TB 4/23, 4/30

LEGAL NOTICE
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
Senior Center (17 School Dr.)
& Teleconference

Teleconference Number 877 – 304 – 9269 / Access Code 423694#
 The Conservation Commission will hold the following Hybrid Public Hearing on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM. at the Senior Center (17 School Dr.) and utilizing the teleconference line.
Application #16-20 – Bill G. Jonbalaj (applicant) 21 Austin – HGB LLC (Property Owner) South Main Street (Between 11 & 19 South Main Street) & Johnson Road – Special Permit – Village Cluster Residential Planned Development.
 The room capacity will be limited due to Social Distancing requirements and masks are mandatory for those who attend in person. Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building /Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. All testimony and application materials will be available to the public on the Town Website, www.Marlbroughct.net, under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2021 then Conservation Commission.
 Yvonne Bolton, CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR 2TB 4/23, 4/30

Legal Notice
Annual Town Budget Meeting
and Budget Referendum
Town of Portland, Connecticut

The **Annual Town Budget Meeting** will be held in person at the Portland Middle School-Cafeteria, 95 High Street (COVID safe protocols will be adhered to) and via Zoom A – www.portlandct.org Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM, EDT
The Budget Referendum will be held at the Portland Middle School-Band Room, 93 High Street Monday, May 10, 2021 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM, EDT. Contact Town Clerk's Office for Absentee Ballots
 Pursuant to Section 1201.4 of the Town of Portland Charter, the Annual Town Budget Meeting and the Budget Referendum shall be held at the above noted dates, places and times to consider and act upon the 2021-2022 General Fund Operating Budget as adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting of April 7, 2021. The recommended budget for FY 2021-2022 is \$36,151,533. The recommended amounts for the major budget functions are highlighted in the following table.

General Government	\$1,503,122
Public Safety	\$2,203,075
Public Works	\$2,350,400
Planning and Development	\$164,773
Health and Human Services	\$358,925
Portland Library	\$748,650
Employee Fringe Benefits	\$3,231,855
Risk Management	\$202,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	\$10,762,800
EDUCATION:	\$22,182,879
Debt Service	\$2,292,099
Sundry	\$913,755
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES:	\$3,205,854
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	\$36,151,533

 The estimated mill rate would be 35.01, an increase of 0.63 mills over the FY 2020-2021 mill rate of 34.38. The estimated mill rate is subject to adjustment based on approved State of Connecticut Budget revenues to the Town.
 The budget is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office located at 33 East Main Street, the Portland Public Library located at 20 Freestone Avenue, and on the Town's website www.portlandct.org
 Dated at Portland, Connecticut this 8th day of April 2021
 Attest: Susan S. Bransfield, First Selectwoman 2TB 4/23, 4/30

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Hearing

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM to consider the following:
Application PZC-20-024: Paula Free, 249 West High St., for a special permit per Sec. 8.4 Motor Fuel Filling Station with a proposed convenience store in the Commercial Zone, Section 5.2. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 1B
Application PZC-21-007: Atlantis Marketing, 157 Main Street, 1 Colchester Ave., and 5 Colchester Ave., for a zone change from R-2 to Commercial Map 07A/Block 56/ Lots 21,22,24
Application PZC-21-009: Long Hill Estates, LLC., for an Eight (8) Lot Subdivision on Long Hill Road. Map 06/Block 12/ Lot 8.
 Update to Subdivision Regulations Sec. IV.10 – Notification Requirements
 Ray Zatorski, Chairman
 Note* any question re: Applications and Maps are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450. 2TB 4/23, 4/30

Town of East Hampton
Sewer Use Bills due April 1, 2021

The second half of the East Hampton Sewer Use bills is due on April 1, 2021. The last day to pay the Sewer Use fee for the April 1, 2021 installment without a penalty is May 3, 2021. Payments received May 3, 2021 and later, including payments postmarked May 3, and later, are considered past due and will be subject to an interest penalty of 1.50% per month. or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Connecticut General State Statutes 12-130 and 146. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. Payments legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before April 1, 2021 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Collector of Revenue.
 As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions.
 There are multiple payment options:
 Pay by Mail: Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424.
 Pay Online: Visit www.easthamptonct.gov. Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online.
 Pay by Drop Box: There is a drop box located in the front of the Town Hall at 1 Community Drive. Do not leave cash in the drop box unless you have arranged it with the Collector of Revenue.
 Pay in Person: When paying in person at the Tax Office at the Town Hall, all taxpayers must adhere to the CDC guidelines. This includes wearing a mask upon entering the building and practicing social distancing. 3TB 3/26, 4/9, 4/23

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8
TOWNS OF HEBRON, ANDOVER AND
MARLBOROUGH
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 3, 2021 AND BUDGET
REFERENDUM MAY 4, 2021

The electors and those persons eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting of Regional School District 8 are hereby notified that said Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. for the following purposes via the following Google meet:
Meeting ID: meet.google.com/kfb-vjct-hmw
Phone Numbers: (US) +1 413-752-0491
PIN: 562 100 376#
 1. To choose a Moderator to preside.
 2. To discuss a budget in the amount of **\$30,650,841** for Regional School District 8 for the fiscal year from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
 The Moderator shall adjourn the Annual Meeting at its conclusion and the budget shall be submitted to a vote upon the voting machines in each of the District's member towns of Hebron, Andover and Marlborough on May 4, 2021, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-51 and 7-7, as amended, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., under the following heading:
QUESTION 1: "SHALL THE BUDGET OF \$30,351,341 FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (RHAM) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 BE APPROVED?"
QUESTION 2: "SHALL THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET OF \$299,500 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8 BOARD OF EDUCATION (RHAM) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 BE APPROVED?"
 Voters approving said Questions will vote "Yes" and those opposing said Questions will vote "No".
 Voting will be in the following polling places:

Town of Hebron: Hebron Elementary School 92 Church Street Hebron, Connecticut	Town of Andover: Andover Town Hall 17 School Road Andover, Connecticut
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Town of Marlborough:
 Marlborough Elementary School
 25 School Drive
 Marlborough, Connecticut
 Persons qualified to vote at the Annual Meeting who are not electors will vote in their respective polling places. Pursuant to Connecticut law, no person who is eligible to vote in more than one town in the District is eligible to cast more than one vote at the referendum.
 Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, April 15, 2021.
 By Order of the Chairperson of the Board of REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8
 Stephanie Bancroft, Chairperson 1TB 4/23

LEGALS

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON RECOVERED PROPERTY

The East Hampton Police have recovered the following items as lost property. If you are the owner of the following property, please contact the East Hampton PD at (860)267-9922 during business hours.

- Item 1. Large metal cart
- Item 2. Paw Patrol Backpack/contents
- Item 3. Purple "Animal Rescue" Purse and Brown Nail Kit
- Item 4. Citizen Women's Gold Color Watch
- Item 5. Set of Keys w/Light Purple Carabiner
- Item 6. Black Box w/ Jewelry
- Item 7. Black iPhone

2TB 4/23, 4/30

COLCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DECISION NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a virtual public hearing on April 20, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petition:

1. Application No. ZBA 2021-001 of Eric Cummings, Breaks Unlimited (Applicant) and Frank B. Adams (Owner), 109 Loomis Road (AKA 111 Loomis Road, to approve location for Automobile General Repairs pursuant to CGS §14-54 (Tax Map 03-19/Lot 020-003) in the WV Zone - **APPROVED** Respectfully submitted, Laurie Robinson, Chairman

1TB 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HEBRON ANNUAL BUDGET REFERENDUM May 4, 2021

The electors and voters of the Town of Hebron, Connecticut, and any other persons entitled to vote upon any matters contained in the notice are hereby notified and warned to vote in the Annual Budget Referendum to be held at Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church Street in Hebron between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

1. SHALL THE TOWN OF HEBRON APPROVE A FY 2021-2022 BUDGET OF \$36,404,479 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE?
2. SHALL THE TOWN OF HEBRON APPROVE A FY 2021-2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET OF \$858,143 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE?

Voters approving the recommendation of the Board of Finance will vote "Yes" and those opposing the recommendation of the Board of Finance will vote "No".

Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office. Dated at Hebron, Connecticut this 21st day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Daniel Larson, Chairman
Gail B. Richmond, Vice Chairman
John B. Collins
Peter Kasper
Marc Rubera

TOWN OF HEBRON	BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDED BUDGET			May 4th, 2021
	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,205,455	3,211,004	3,317,273	
PUBLIC SAFETY	958,431	1,061,756	1,105,776	
CIVIC & HUMAN SERVICES	646,126	751,958	852,657	
PLANNING & LAND USE	139,229	172,945	188,489	
PUBLIC WORKS	972,679	1,021,313	1,033,886	
INSURANCE & BENEFITS	1,551,980	1,610,441	1,674,772	
CONTR. OPEN SPACE LAND ACQ.	140,000	140,000	125,000	
CONTR. TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	590,552	590,680	768,877	
CONTR. TO DEBT MANAGEMENT FUND	0	0	0	
CONTR. TO CAP-NON RECURRING	2,000	0	0	
CONTR. TO CAPITAL PROJECTS	48,204	118,488	152,022	
CONTR. TO REVALUATION	40,000	50,000	50,000	
TOWN PROPERTY SEWER FEES	9,800	9,800	14,280	
DEBT SERVICE	711,153	983,933	1,086,298	
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION	0	0	0	
RHAM ASSESSMENT	15,211,585	14,453,424	13,971,476	
TEACHERS RETIREMENT OBLIGATION	0	0	0	
HEBRON BOARD OF EDUCATION	11,286,873	11,561,416	12,063,673	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	35,514,067	35,737,158	36,404,479	

REVENUES			
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	28,650,428	28,208,572	28,751,244
STATE - GEN GOV'T SUPPORT	420,018	407,574	407,719
STATE - EDUCATION SUPPORT	6,178,860	5,997,693	5,817,069
DEPARTMENTAL	838,687	823,319	768,119
OTHER ONE TIME REVENUE SOURCES	100,000	100,000	37,328
DEBT MNGMT /UNASSIGNED FUND CONTR.	0	200,000	623,000
TOTAL REVENUES	36,187,993	35,737,158	36,404,479

MILL RATE	37.05	36.33	36.33
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PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET 2021-2022	
Road Resurfacing and Road Improvements	302,508
Douglas Library Roof Replacement	241,167
Mini Excavator w/Mower (PWD and Parks)	79,468
Large Dump Truck w/ Plow (Replaces Truck 24)	100,000
Roll Off Truck (Replaces Truck 15)	50,000
Hebron Elementary Schools Roof Study	60,000
Peters House Restoration	25,000
TOTAL CIP BUDGET	858,143

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REVENUES 2021-2022	
Balance from Previous Appropriations	6,100
LOCIP Funding	70,766
Funding from Other Sources: Public Safety Fund	11,400
Interest	1,000
General Fund Contribution	768,877
TOTAL CIP REVENUE	858,143

1TB 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Planning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Commission members and the Public should utilize the teleconference line.

- Meeting Call in Phone Number – 877 – 304 – 9269
- Meeting Code Number – 423694#
- Application #P-21-01 Erik S Young (applicant/Property Owner) 351 So Main St. – To subdivide property into two lots. Mark Stankiewicz, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR

2TB 4/16, 4/23

TOWN OF HEBRON LEGAL NOTICE

At their meeting on April 15, 2021 the Board of Selectmen declared a vacancy on the RHAM Board of Education effective immediately. The Selectmen designate Friday, April 23, 2021, as the posting date for the vacancy notice. The 35th and final day by which nominations shall be received is Friday, May 28, 2021. The Board of Selectmen are now notifying the political parties and the general public of this vacancy.

Interested candidates should attend a meeting of the Board and discuss with the Chairman the frequency of meetings and the time commitment involved.

All residents of Hebron who are registered to vote are eligible. Letters of interest or questions may be addressed to Andrew J. Tierney, Town Manager, Town of Hebron, 15 Gil-ead Street, Hebron, Connecticut 06248 or call 860-228-5971.

1TB 4/23

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 3, 2021 AND BUDGET REFERENDUM MAY 4, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Marlborough are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held via zoom on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

- To discuss a budget in the amount of \$26,059,809 for the Town of Marlborough for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as recommended by the Board of Finance.
- To consider and act upon any additional items which are the proper subject of a Town Meeting, including Special Appropriations or Transfers of Unexpended Funds, as needed.

At the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting the budget shall be submitted to a Referendum vote upon the voting machines at the Elmer Thienes/Mary Hall Elementary School, 25 School Drive, Marlborough, CT, on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. to vote on the following questions:

1. "SHALL THE BUDGET OF \$26,059,809 FOR THE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, BE APPROVED?" (Please note: This amount includes Marlborough's share of the RHAM Regional School Budget, Town Operations, Capital Improvements, Local BOE Budgets and Debt Service payments.)
2. "SHALL THE BUDGET OF \$30,351,341 FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (RHAM) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 BE APPROVED?"
3. "SHALL THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET OF \$299,500 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 BOARD OF EDUCATION (RHAM) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 BE APPROVED?"

Absentee Ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office, please call 860-295-6206. Dated at Marlborough, Connecticut, April 20, 2021.

Gregory Lowrey, First Selectman
Joseph Asklar, Selectman
Amy Traversa, Selectman

1TB 4/23

Legal Notice Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Andover at their Regular meeting held on **April 13th, 2021 approved** the following application: **IWWC 21-03: Jeff Murray, 11 School Rd (Doris Chamberlain Nature Pond)** (Andover, CT), Application to cut and remove brush and small trees from the shoreline of the Doris Chamberlain Nature Pond.

1TB 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Corrected Notice of Decision East Hampton Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency. Notice is hereby given that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency held a meeting at 6:30pm on March 29, 2017 to consider the following:

Application of Tom Burdick, for Peter Minoli of 135 Middle Haddam Road, Directional Drilling of a Water Line under Middle Haddam Road from the house located at 135 Middle Haddam Road (Assessors Map 02/ Block 18/ Lot 21) to a cistern located on property of Timothy H. and Katherine M. Throckmorton located at 136 Middle Haddam Road (assessors Map 07/ Block 21/ Lot 11): Approved with Conditions.

1TB 4/23

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Hampton, Connecticut, will be held at the East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, Connecticut, and via Zoom meetings, Meeting ID: 825 4191 2873 on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon the following resolution, Resolution of the Town Meeting authorizing the purchase of certain real estate owned by the Jane S. Christopher Family Trust and the Ronald Christopher Revocable Trust identified as Map 04A, Block 45, Lot 29 in the Town of East Hampton, for a purchase price of \$142,500.

Resolved, the Town of East Hampton hereby authorizes the purchase of a parcel identified as Map 04A, Block 45, Lot 29, which property is located adjacent to 20 Christopher Road in the Town of East Hampton and more particularly depicted and described on the survey attached hereto as Exhibit A and in the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit B ("Christopher Pond Property") from the Jane S. Christopher Family Trust and the Ronald Christopher Revocable Trust for a purchase price of \$142,500, subject to the terms and conditions of that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement dated May 14, 2020 and First Addendum to Purchase and Sale Agreement dated December 10, 2020, and as may be amended or restated by a final contract prior to closing having substantially the same terms and conditions.

Be it further Resolved that the purchase of the Christopher Pond Property shall be funded through proceeds of a grant received by the Town of East Hampton from the State of Connecticut, through funds allocated in the East Hampton Capital Improvements Plan in a line identified for Land Acquisition – Open Space and through funds allocated in the East Hampton Capital Improvements Plan for Water Quality Infrastructure Improvements.

Be it further Resolved that the Chairman of the Town Council, the Town Manager or any other proper officer or official of the Town is authorized on behalf of the Town to enter into any agreement, to execute any document and to take any other actions necessary or desirable to effect the purchase of said parcel of land in accordance with this Resolution.

Dated at East Hampton, Connecticut, this 13th day of April 2021.

PER ORDER OF THE EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL
James Brown, Council Chairman
Dean Markham, Council Vice Chairman
Tim Feegeel, Council Member
Derek Johnson, Council Member
Barbara Moore, Council Member
Mark Philhower, Council Member
Kevin Reich, Council Member
Kelly Bilodeau, Town Clerk

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NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESA, THE LITTLE FLOWER

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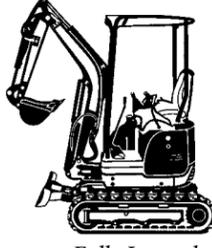
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To be evaluated for the award, contact the Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Department (860-267-7300 or jhall@easthamptonct.gov) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning and Zoning Department (860-267-7450 or jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov). An appointment will be arranged for a C&LC member to visit the owners and help evaluate their property. If there is a deficiency, owners will be given suggestions on improving their property. If they achieve all the goals, they will receive a Lake-Smart Award.

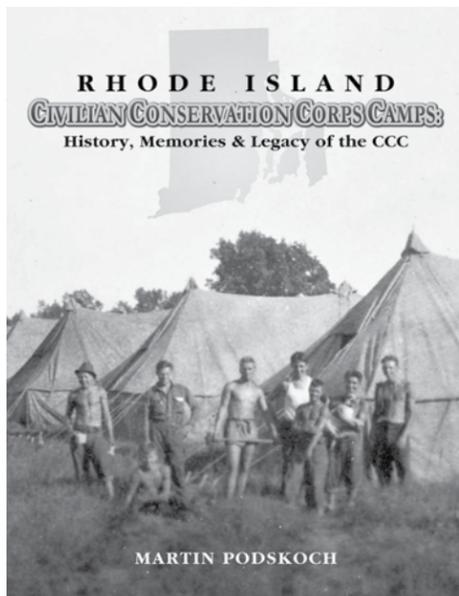
Resident Publishes New Book on CCC

Historian Martin Podskoch's new book, *Rhode Island Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories and Legacy*, was released for sale in December. It describes the history of the seven CCC camps that operated in Rhode Island from 1933-41. It also has interviews with some of the men who worked at these camps and those Rhode Island young men who worked in other New England and Western states.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began March 31, 1933, under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Great Depression. In 1933 three CCC camps were set up in Rhode Island towns, state parks and forests. Young, unemployed men between the ages of 18-25 lived in camps run by the Army, which provided them food, shelter, clothing and medical care. The young men built trails, roads, campsites and dams, stocked fish, built and maintained fire towers, observer's cabins and telephone lines, fought fires, and planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in World War II.

The Army named the camps for the nearest post office, even though sometimes the camp was in another town. Here are the seven Rhode Island camps with first the Army name followed by the local name and town it was in: Westery, Burlingame in Charlestown; Greene, Mt. Vernon in Foster; Hope Valley, in Arcadia Village in Richmond; Putnam, George Washington in Memorial State Forest in Glocester; Kent, Nooseneck in West Greenwich; Escoheag also called Beach Pond in Exeter; and Woonsocket, in Primrose in North Smithfield.

Podskoch, an East Hampton resident, is the author of nine books: *Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories and Legacy of the CCC*; *Fire Towers of the Catskills: Their History and Lore*; *Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore, the Southern Districts*; *Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore, the Northern Districts*; *Adirondack Stories: Historical Sketches*; *101 More Adirondack Stories: Historical Sketches*; *The Adirondack 102 Club: Your Passport & Guide to the North Country*; *The Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories and Legacy of the CCC*; and a travel book, *The Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring CT*. He also writes a weekly column called "Adirondack Stories," in



The cover of the new Rhode Island Civilian Conservation Corps book shows CCC boys standing by their Army tents at the Woonsocket/Primrose CCC camp in North Smithfield in the summer of 1935. *Lorenzo H. Frisiello & Kathleen Duxbury Collection.*

four Adirondack newspapers.

Podskoch and his wife Lynn raised their three children in an old farmhouse on the West Branch of the Delaware River in Delhi, N.Y., where he taught seventh grade reading. He and his wife now live on Lake Pocotopaug.

The 8.5x11 hardcover book contains 168 pages and sells for \$24.95. It has over 300 photos, charts, and maps. Those wishing a signed copy from the author should send a check of \$24.95 to 43 O'Neill Lane, East Hampton, CT 06424 and they will receive free shipping. Books are also online at Amazon.

Podskoch is presently gathering information for two more CCC books: one on the 70 CCC camps in Massachusetts and another on the 43 camps in Vermont. He said he is keenly interested in meeting individuals who may have CCC stories and photos to contribute to his next books. Those who have information should contact him at 860-267-2442 or podskoch@comcast.net or martinpodskoch.com.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register, call 860-267-7300 or visit easthamptonrec.com.

Adult and High School Pickup Soccer: Tuesdays, April 27 and May 1, 6:30-7:45 p.m., at East Hampton High School. Fee is \$10 each week to drop in.

Morning and Afternoon Adventure: Parks and Rec.'s before and after school program held at Memorial School has availability.

Cardio Kickboxing: Mondays, April 26-June 2, 4:45-5:30 p.m., at the Sears Park gazebo. Fee is \$140 for the whole session or a \$15 drop-in fee each week.

Just Being Me: July 12-16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Memorial School, for ages 8-14. Fee: \$180.

Running Camp for Middle Schoolers: Wednesdays, June 16-Aug. 11, 6-7:30 p.m., at the EHHS track, for grades 6-9. Fee: \$80.

Nerf Blaster Camp: June 21-25, 9-11 a.m., at Memorial School gym, for grades K-3. Fee: \$100

Fairy Garden Camp: June 21-25, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Memorial School, for grades K-3. Fee: \$110.

STEAM Camp: June 21-25, 9-11 a.m., at Memorial School, for grades 2-3. Fee: \$110.

Track and Field Clinic/Camp: June 21-25 at the EHHS track. Fee for 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. is \$250, and fee for 8:30-11:30 a.m. is \$150.

Sears Park Summer Camp: June 21-Aug. 3, at Sears Park. Fee: \$165.

Animal Exploration: July 19-23, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Memorial School, for ages 4-9. Fee: \$110.

Golf Tourney Save the Date: The Seamster Park Golf Tournament will take place Thursday, Sept. 2, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Spring Sidewalk Cleanup

The merchants of the East Hampton Village Center will host a Spring Sidewalk Cleanup in the Village Center Saturday, April 24. Volunteers will meet at East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., at 9 a.m.

Garbage bags and rubber gloves will be provided, or bring your own protective gloves along with a rake. For more information, email Melissa Pionzio at mapionzio@comcast.net.

Garden Club to Meet

The Belltown Garden Club will meet Monday, April 19. This is the annual garden work night for garden cleanup of various locations in town where the club maintains gardens.

An email sent out to club members will inform as to time and location for cleanup duty, and then members will go to the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall for a business meeting and pizza. For information on this meeting contact projects chairperson Sue Hewes.

The club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs. For more information, call President JoAnn Hewitt at 860-267-4129.

'Belltown Spring Sprint' Returns

East Hampton High School Project Graduation will hold the Belltown Spring Sprint Sunday, May 2, on the EHHS grounds, 15 N. Maple St.

Kids' Fun Run starts at 9:15 a.m., and cost is \$5. The 5K Run/Walk starts at 10 a.m., and cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 or younger. Register at belltownspringsprint5k.itsyourrace.com.

For more information, email Melissa Curylo at ehhsctprojgrad@gmail.com.

PTO Fundraiser at Belltown Tavern

East Hampton Middle School PTO will hold a fundraiser night Wednesday, April 28, at Belltown Tavern, 26 E. High St.

From 4-8:30 p.m., the tavern will donate 20% of all dine-in and takeout sales to the PTO to support events and programming at EHMS. There will also be an in-house raffle to win a family meal valued at \$80; tickets are \$5 cash each.

Call 860-467-6932 for takeout orders or questions. Visit belltowntavern.com for a menu.

Drive-Thru Sandwich Special

On Saturday, April 24, from 4-7 p.m., VFW Fowler-Dix-Park Post 5095 will have a Drive-Thru Sandwich Special at the post, 20 N. Maple St.

Choices are either meatloaf on Texas toast with lettuce tomato and pickle, or barbecue pork sandwich on a Kaiser roll with coleslaw and pickle. Both sandwiches are served with tater tots, and are \$10 each. For reservations, call the post at 860-267-8837.

Pair of Fundraisers for TANGO2

Two fundraisers are coming up to benefit the fight against the rare disease TANGO2.

On Thursday, April 29, Po's Rice & Spice will donate 15% of total sales for the entire day to benefit the TANGO2 Research Foundation.

Then, on May 1, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., there will be a Craft & Vendor Fair at East Hampton High School. More than 20 vendors, crafters, and bakers will be offering items such as garden and home décor, jewelry, textiles, and more.

For more information, to get involved, or to make a donation, visit the TANGO2 Research Foundation at www.tango2research.org.

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Meet the New School Board Member

by Sloan Brewster

The Andover Board of Education has a new member.

On April 6, the board appointed Celeste Willard, 42, to the vacancy left in February, when Cynthia Murray resigned from her seat. The term expires in three months so Willard, a Republican, will be seeking re-election.

Willard, in a phone call Tuesday, said she grew up on a chicken farm in Ellington and has lived in Andover for 10 years. She has a daughter in kindergarten at Andover Elementary School.

Since planting roots in Andover, she said she has made many lifelong friends, including in the community around Andover Lake, where she lives.

Willard is co-president of the local Parent Teachers Association and on the Andover Farmers Market Committee, and said she feels serving on these committees “has given me the opportunity to see how our important our school is to our community, especially the parents and children.”

Willard also said she wants to inspire her daughter to take up volunteerism – as well as inspire other parents to get involved, even though she recognizes that folks are busy.

“You can have a full-time job, be a mom and still have the time to get involved in whatever you want to get involved with” she said. “It’s doable. If I can do this you could.”

Willard works for the state. When she’s not working or volunteering, she said she loves spending time in her garden, paddling in her kayak or “just reaping the benefits of living here in town on the lake.”

Willard was selected from a pool of three candidates, including herself, Adrian Mandeville and Edmund Smith. All three are also on the ballot as candidates for the board in the upcoming election on May 3.

PTA Craft Fair

The Andover Elementary School PTA will host a craft fair Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the school parking lot. Masks are required. The fair will feature crafters from across the state.

Preschool Screening

The Andover Board of Education will hold a screening Friday, May 14, for 3- and 4-year-old resident children, focusing on speech, language, cognitive, and motor development.

For an appointment, contact the director of special education at 860-742-7339 or maorian_oh@andoverelementary.org.

Items Sought for Library Auction

The Andover Friends of the Library group will hold its annual auction in July, on a date yet to be determined. Organizers are currently looking for donations of gift certificates or items that can be added to gift baskets.

Call Carol Lee 860-989-6988 to arrange for pick-up of items or bring them to the Town Office Building.

Library Friends Offer Scholarship

The Andover Friends of the Library is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an Andover high school senior. Applications are due May 2, and are available at the guidance office at RHAM High School and at Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6. Completed applications must be dropped off at the library only.

The applicant must be currently enrolled as a senior in any high school, use the scholarship to further his or her education, and hold a valid Andover library card.

For more information, call Janet McCall at 860-742-9764.

Yard Work Help Available for Seniors

AHM Youth and Family Services is accepting applications from Marlborough senior citizens age 60 or older to utilize the CHORES Program.

Teens will work two hours per job at a senior citizen’s residence doing outdoor chores. For complete program information, go to tinyurl.com/cws6bdmd. Applications are at Town Hall.

Contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org for more information.

In public interviews at a special meeting on April 6, the candidates answered several questions posed by the board in a questionnaire they were given prior to the meeting.

To the question about the most important role of the board, Willard said it was to advocate for students and support the superintendent while working with taxpayers and hearing their voices.

“And ultimately, to make sure that the best interests of our students are met” she said.

Mandeville said he would echo that and added that the board should also be a “bridge between the community and the school.”

Relative to the relationship between the board and superintendent, Willard said it was important to keep the lines of communication open and make sure there was transparency while bringing checks and balances to assure the superintendent’s goals and visions for students were met and followed through.

The board also asked if the candidates had instructional experience. Of the three, Smith said was the only one with teaching experience. An exploratory science teacher at CREC’s Two Rivers Magnet Middle School, he also does teacher training.

Mandeville, in the end, pulled out of the running and threw in his support for Willard, asking the board to consider her for the position.

“I personally think we’re losing a very involved parent and I think we need to replace that position with a very involved parent and so I’m going to withdraw,” he said. “I would say to you I think you should be looking at Celeste Willard. I think she’s engrained in the community at a level that is really important.”

Other speakers, who spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting, chimed in to show support for Willard.

Resident Lori Blake said Willard takes on

East Catholic Honor Roll

Andover residents Benjamin Carso and Kevin Kolodziejczyk made the East Catholic High School honor roll for the third marking period of the 2020-21 school year.

Carso made Honors with Distinction, and Kolodziejczyk made First Honors. They are each members of the Class of 2022.

Open Call to Apply for Grant Funds

Andover’s Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee is seeking project proposals. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded in grant funds to one or more proposals. All projects must benefit residents of town.

For more information, visit hfpg.org/Andovercf or call Andover Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee co-chair Dianne Grenier at 860-742-3033. Project applications or grant proposals are due June 1.

Mother’s Day Plant Sale

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Mother’s Day Plant Sale Thursday, May 6, through Sunday, May 9, at the firehouse on School Road. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 10 a.m.-noon Sunday.

There will be many plants to choose from, including tulips, azaleas, hyacinths, hydrangeas, daffodils, pansies, roses, gardenias, herb bowls, spring baskets, hanging plants and more.

Spring Tag Sale

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold its Spring Tag Sale Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. If you wish to rent a space on the lawn, 10x10 spaces are \$15 each.

Donations will be collected Tuesdays, May 4 and 11, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. each day, at the church. No large furniture, textbooks, illegal or broken items. For more information, call the church at 860-742-7696.

Absentee Ballots Available

The municipal election will take place May 3, and any Andover elector who will not be able to vote in person can request an absentee ballot.

For an application, go to tinyurl.com/4syvkmr3 or call the town clerk at 860-742-0188 ext. 218.

leadership roles and gets to know people.

“She has innovative ideas and is clearly willing to do the work,” she said.

Lucie Wilson, who is co-chair with Willard on the PTA echoed Blake’s comments, adding that Willard “is a really solid community member.”

The board selected Willard after two separate votes.

Initially, there was a tie, with then board chairman Shannon Loudon, Gerard Crème and Daniel Foran voting for Smith and Lisa Hewett, Steven Fuss and Chris Bernard choosing Willard.

Last week, after a hot mic incident in which she used expletives, Loudon resigned from the chairmanship. She remains on the board.

After the tie, Loudon said the board would

immediately have a second vote, “as we always have done.” She warned that if the board could not come to a decision and the tie persisted, by charter, the Board of Selectmen make the appointment and it could be “whomever they choose.”

“I don’t think we would want that to happen,” she said.

The second time around, Willard took all the votes.

Overall, Willard feels she will be a good fit on the board, and is hopeful she wins re-election next month.

“I know I can represent our community and work alongside our school to make sure the needs of our town, teachers, parents and children are being met,” she said.

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Running for School Board

To the Editor:

My name is Gerard (Gerry) Crémé, and I am running for the Andover Board of Education. I have been a member of the Board of Education since November 2016. Most of my tenure has been as vice-chair and have I have served on several subcommittees including the superintendent search committee, certified staff contract negotiations committee, and the non-certified staff contract negotiations committee.

I retired from 17 years of teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in South Windsor in June of 2014. My past experience as an elementary school educator has been and continues to be an invaluable asset for me as a Board of Education member. I have an informed understanding of curriculum, teaching methods, and assessment at the elementary level. Having been a part of an elementary school community for many years, I am well-acquainted with the value and importance of school culture and team building in working with children, families, professional staff, administrators and the community.

My family and I moved to Andover 16 years ago. We love our community, and as a member of the Andover Board of Education as well as volunteering at Andover Elementary School I hope to continue working for the benefit of all elementary school children in Andover.

I feel privileged to be a member of the Andover Board of Education and I ask for your vote on May 3rd so that I may continue to serve our community. Please vote for me on Election Day. Thank you.

Gerard J. Crémé – Andover

Supports Mandeville

To the Editor:

It is my pleasure to write a letter for an excellent person running for the Board of Education. Adrian Mandeville will support the town of Andover residents with his experience, knowledge, financial experience and most of all caring for our children.

Since his move to Andover 16 years ago, Vice First Selectman Adrian Mandeville has become involved in the town volunteering to serve on the Andover Elementary School (AES) roof committee, Board of Finance, Capitol Improvement Committee and Website Committee. In the past, he has been elected to the Board of Finance, Capitol Improvement committee, and now serves on the Board of Selectmen. He volunteered to serve as liaison to the BOE for AES representing the BOS. Adrian has shown his dedication to our town and school. He is always prepared with the facts before he attends meetings; often suggesting solutions to tough problems concerning town matters and at the school. If this isn’t enough to keep him busy, he volunteered to do the initial architectural drawings for the Community Center, and spec’d and found bidders for both the Library window project and the Andover Museum.

Adrian is truly a caring young man and to show his intent to keep the senior luncheon program running donated his selectman’s salary. Whenever I have invited the selectmen to speak at the senior luncheon to keep us updated on town events he comes, even when he has a tight work schedule with his Construction Company; he finds time to help.

Please join with me and vote for Adrian Mandeville for a position on the Board of Education. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cathy Palazzi – Andover

Endorsing Candidates

To the Editor:

Last week I wrote about two new candidates you might not recognize. I’m writing to endorse our other candidates.

Adrian Mandeville, vice first selectman, is running for Andover Board of Education. It’s not a conflict of interest, as some might think. He’s been very active and would work to bring harmony between Boards. He and Celeste Willard would be great additions to Andover BOE. Bill Desrosiers is running for Board of Finance, along with Joanne Hebert. You may recall Cathy Desrosiers was on BOF for many years so Bill has had a close and personal view of what BOF does and how it functions, the next best thing to being there.

Gerry Wright for Fire Commission is a must. He’s worked tirelessly getting things done in Andover and bringing awareness to everyone about the devastating effect of Agent Orange on our Vietnam veterans. We need to support him in everything he does.

Leigh Ann Hutchinson, lifelong resident of Andover, has served on several boards most of her adult life and is committed to doing her best for Andover. They’re currently working on a proposed Community Center which would also serve as a senior center for our many seniors. She’s the right candidate for Planning and Zoning.

Dave Gostanian, one of our longtime treasured firefighters, has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 8 years, on the BOF for 8 years and liaison with RHAM BOE, then as RHAM BOE member and treasurer for 4 years. He is truly committed to serve all Andover citizens.

Finally, Ylo Anson for Zoning Board of Appeals. A professional engineer, now retired, an Army officer, he held various positions with the local power company before retiring. He’s knowledgeable, sensible, and likeable. I am endorsing all of them, with pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgette Conrad – Andover

Note: Conrad is chair of the Andover Board of Assessment Appeals, but is writing as an individual.

Running for PZC

To the Editor:

My name is Leigh Ann Hutchinson. I am a candidate for the Andover Planning & Zoning Commission for Andover’s upcoming election. I am a life-long resident of Andover. I am committed to helping with the Town’s future planning, zoning, and demographic needs. My family has deep roots here, and I’m proud to join other family members who have served the community. I am currently a Planning and Zoning Commission member and look forward to participating in our community’s upcoming projects such as the progression of the proposed Community Center and the updating of Andover’s Plan of Conservation and Development. This coupled with efforts to appropriately expand the tax base while maintaining our rural character will define the future of this town that we care for.

I also served for eight years on our Board of Selectmen. There, I was the Liaison to the Wetlands Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission. I feel that being able to contribute this additional land use experience is useful in a Planning and Zoning Commission role.

I would deeply appreciate your vote on May 3rd. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Leigh Ann Hutchinson – Andover

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Marlborough's Cub Scout Pack 39 held its annual Pinewood Derby Sunday, April 11.

Pinewood Derby Recap

Marlborough's Cub Scout Pack 39 held its annual Pinewood Derby Sunday, April 11. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event was not held at its usual location of Marlborough Elementary School but rather was hosted by American Legion Post 197.

At the derby, Cub Scouts from grades K-5 competed by grade level in their Dens for the fastest race times as well as "Best Design" categories. Each Scout was responsible for designing and painting their own car, from a kit

provided by the Pack. They also learned engineering skills while trying to figure out what will make their car go faster on the track.

In addition to the Scout races, there was also an Open Class where parents and siblings could also make a car and take part.

The first place winner of each Den competed in the championship round. The overall winner for 2021 was third-grader Ty Asklar.

Yard Work Help Available for Seniors

AHM Youth and Family Services is accepting applications from Marlborough senior citizens age 60 or older to utilize the CHOREs Program.

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Contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org for more information.

\$1,000 Scholarship Available

The Marlborough Education Association is accepting applications for its annual \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating RHAM High School senior. To be eligible, the student must also be a Marlborough Elementary School graduate and must use the funds to further their education.

Applications are due by Friday, May 7. For more information, look on Facebook for CEA-Marlborough (@ceamarlb).

East Catholic Honor Roll

The following local students made the East Catholic High School honor roll for the third marking period of the 2020-21 school year:

Honors with Distinction

Jake Phelan, Class of 2021; Jake Muldoon, '22; Logan Schierholz, '22; Emma Kindl, '23; Christopher Richard, '24; Luke Veltri, '24.

First Honors

Jack Barry, '21; Andrew DeCorleto, '23.

Honor Roll

Kayla McCaffrey of Marlborough made the honor roll for winter quarter 2021 at Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane, Wash.



Socially-Distanced Doggie Treats... Rocky Groves, 14, looks forward every week to receiving his doggie treat at the Town of Marlborough Transfer Station. These days, he receives his treat from a social distance through the use of a little Yankee ingenuity.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas J. Sas. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001.

Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Wearing of masks required. There is a limit of 44 parishioners at each Mass; registration required (on the church website via a live link available Thursday mornings). Contact the parish office with questions.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Appropriate spatial distancing and use of masks are required and disinfectants will be provided.

Online Mass: Each weekend's Mass is also available on the parish website, starting at 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Sundays, 4-4:45 p.m. Appropriate spatial distancing and use of masks are required and disinfectants will be provided.

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Face-to-face office visits are currently limited; call before heading over or connect via the phone.

Other Programs and Offerings: For more information on adult and children faith formation programs, youth group, RCIA, Knights of Columbus, or community outreach, call the church office, visit www.stjfisher.org, or look for the church on Facebook (Saint John Fisher Roman Catholic Church) or Twitter (@StJohn-Fisher_CT).

Scholarship Available

The Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary is offering a scholarship to any graduating high school senior who lives in town. Applications are available online through the RHAM High School guidance department.

Mail completed applications to MVFD Women's Auxiliary, P.O. Box 237, Marlborough, CT 06447. Applications are due May 1.

Open-Air Concerts to Resume

Free musical concerts on the lawn of Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., are returning in June; concerts will be one Saturday per month.

COVID-19 regulations are observed; masks and social distancing required. Although admission is free, a \$10 donation is suggested. Parking is available on site.

Watch for more information.

Pasta Dinner May 13

The Marlborough Education Association will hold its fifth annual Pasta Dinner takeout style on Thursday, May 13. Dinners will need to be picked up between 5 and 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria.

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children, and \$20 for a family of four. Gluten-free pasta is available for an additional \$2. Proceeds support the MEA Scholarship Fund.

Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, May 6. For more information, look on Facebook for CEA-Marlborough (@ceamarlb).

Resident on Track Team

Madison Czarnecki of Marlborough made the 2021 track and field team at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass.



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