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# Planning board, developers spar during meeting

### John P. Muldoon Ipswich Local News

IPSWICH — As the planning board pushed back against two separate proposals for apartments downtown, the developers did some pushing of their own in a contentious board meeting on Thursday (Jan. 6).

One project would see five new townhouses built behind 50-56 Market Street, where the existing house is currently being gutted to be made into five apartments. The applicant is Kevin Perelli of Salisbury.

The second project would replace the car wash and vacant lot at 5-11 Washington Street with 13 townhouses. The developer there is John Colantoni of Ipswich, who plans to buy the property should the plans be approved.

Both projects would be of similar density. However, changes to Market Street are less visible as the house and front lawn would be preserved.

Both projects also require a special permit, which gives the planning board some discretion over whether to grant permission.

One outcome of the arguments is that the planning board will discuss how it handles fraught situations at its special meeting on Jan. 12.

### Market Street

Perelli's architect, Ken Savoie of Savoie Nolan Architects in Ipswich, said he was frustrated with the planning board's approach.

"I am really disturbed with the way your board operates," he told the planners.

His comments came after most board members worried about tight quarters between the existing house and the planned townhouses.

Savoie and engineer John Morin said they made turning-radius calculations using a Chevrolet Suburban, and they argued there was enough room to maneuver vehicles.

However, the board's peer-review engineer, Bob Puff, disagreed. After some more back and forth, chairwoman Carolyn Britt said, "I don't see how this can work on this site unless we go to three units, maybe four."

Board member Mitchell Lowe agreed. "If you get rid of one unit, you will solve an awful lot of problems," he said.

Incredulous, Savoie replied, "Are you saying that a trash spot is more important than providing an additional housing unit downtown?"

"You have created a situation here that is very,



Nick Ryan careens down the slope at Cable Gardens after last Friday's snowstorm. Channel 5 metereologists said seven inches fell in Ipswich during the storm.

very tight," Lowe said.

But Savoie said his engineer showed the site was workable because a large vehicle was used in turning simulations.

"You guys are losing the big picture here," he said. "We are trying to preserve an important building downtown, the green space, and comply with a community development plan, which calls for development of housing downtown."

He said "minimal waivers" from zoning were asked for and that the board was "entirely focused in the weeds" instead of the "big picture and big benefits," adding, "Removing a unit to provide space for a trash dumpster is entirely inappropriate."

After a couple of interruptions from board members, Britt asked people to calm down.

Asking Savoie if he wanted to continue, he re-

plied, "I could go on and on. I'm entirely frustrated with this board, as you can tell."

### Over a barrel

"You're kind of holding us under a barrel here, as we need your approval to move on," he added. Savoie said the town's design review board — of which he is a member — approved the project in one meeting. "They saw the benefits. They found everything to their liking." Other approvals came from the fire department, which also reviews vehicular access, Savoie said.

"What is it with the planning board that it doesn't look at things objectively and allows their subjective opinion to get in the way of what you are really designed to do?"

Savoie said as a former member of the plan-

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# 'Hyper-nano' Anonymous Brewery opens in Rowley



Kevin Moriarty brews in small batches to provide a variety of different beers.

## John P. Muldoon **Ipswich Local News**

ROWLEY — It's called Anonymous Brewing. And while it's not well hidden, it doesn't jump out at the average passerby.

The new "hyper-nano" brewery is the outgrowth of a beer business that Kevin Moriarty has been running since 2017.

He opened his small taproom on Main Street (Route 1A) in part of the space formerly occupied by Precision Auto Volvo.

A resident of Rowley for the last eight years, Moriarty calls his brew pub "hyper-nano" because he makes such small batches of beer. In brewer's terms, he has a one-barrel (31 gallon) operation.

Well-established operations like Ipswich Ale have a 60-barrel and a 30-barrel system. A relatively new brewery like True North Ale in Ipswich has a 30-barrel production system, and the new brewery in Essex has a 25-barrel system.



From left: Ellen and Kevin Moriarty with Kelly Moriarty, sister and bartender.

Moriarty started contract brewing in 2017 in partnership with Ipswich Ale and Riverwalk of Newburyport.

With a former business partner, he produced a batch of New England IPA they planned to sell independently. "It came out the day everyone went into lockdown," Moriarty said. "We struggled to get through it instead of selling it quickly."

His partner left, and the brewer decided to press on and build a small brewhouse in his garage. But that was unsustainable. "I needed to walk away from that or take the next step, which was open a taproom," Moriarty said.

Easily recognizable by the dozens of old Volvos parked in the lot, the former Precision Auto lot was revamped and available, and the brewer thought the space would be a good location.

A member of the Rowley Planning Board, Moriarty said he joined it to learn how the planning and building process works.

But he hit a couple of snags pretty soon. He had to recuse himself from deliberations and watched from the sidelines, anyway.

# **Planning**

It was also the first brewery the board had to deal with. He filed his planning application in May 2021, and the board worked its way through the novel problem. The good news is that when the next brewery comes to town, the board will know exactly how to handle it, Moriarty said.

Nevertheless, the process was done, and Moriarty opened his taproom in late December.

Asked where the company name came from, he said, "Well, my friend and I who started the business didn't want our day job supervisors to know we had extra energy to start a side business. It was suggested we stay anonymous on social media."

With a one-barrel system in constant operation, Moriarty said his "focus is on process and experimentation rather than any particular style."

The company website says six different beers are available. Three others are in the tanks, including the Tiffany IPA Anonymous, released at the start of the pandemic.

Moriarty is helped in his operations by Ken Mulstay of Groveland, his "chief brewing officer." They look at water chemistry, the science of yeast, and the multitude of other factors that influence the outcome of brewing.

"He stops in mostly to tell me what I'm doing wrong," Moriarty quipped.

It's a family operation for the businessman. On a recent Sunday afternoon, with the taproom almost full, his sister, Kelly Moriarty, was working behind the bar.

One of his three kids was sitting at a table watching a football game on a tablet, his mother was there to visit, his wife, Ellen, arrived to help out, and a few of the customers said they were already repeat visitors.

"They have BEST beer and the sweetest new taproom in Rowley! A new hidden gem," Allison Miller said on Facebook.

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# School committee supports charging ports at IHS lot

by Katelyn Sahagian

IPSWICH — With electric vehicles becoming more popular, students from the sustainability class proposed installing charging ports in the high school's parking lot.

The students proposal to the school committee Jan. 6 included where to put them, how many to have, and how people should be charged for using them.

"We want to encourage students,

faculty, and members of the community to get electric vehicles," said one of Lori LaFrance's sustainability students.

The group plans to install two charging ports near a power line in the lot. An adaptor would allow for more charging ports to be installed in the future. Under the students' plan, there would be no charge for teachers or students to use the ports during school hours.

The proposal was well received by

the school committee. Hugh O'Flynn said that he loved owning an electric car and he was excited to see young people care about the environment.

"We are very much in favor of anything you can do for sustainability," he said.

Committee members expressed concern for the cost of creating the two ports, a figure the students estimated to be \$1500 for installation, programming, and a five-year, cloud-supported data subscription.

The students are still in the fundraising stage of their project. They have reached out for grants from the Ipswich Education Foundation and are looking for additional support from EBSCO, the Institution for Savings, and New England BioLabs.

The school committee voted unanimously to support the student's efforts.

"It will be nice to see the school move into the 21st century," said committee chair Chub Whitten.



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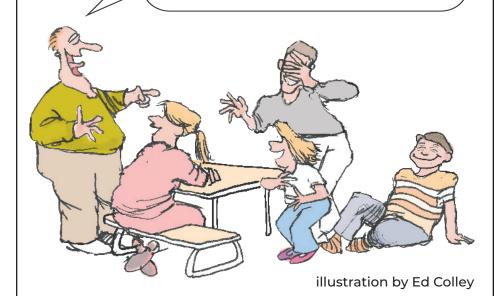
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# **Running with Birds**

# Buffleheads are back from central Canada



Photo of bufflehead ducks by Carl Jappe.

## by Rebecca Pugh

If you are running at high tide, and you see a raft of grey-brown ducks with white diamonds on their cheeks, you can pick up your pace. You are running with female buffleheads.

Or if you see white-and-black ducks with large, triangle-shaped white arrows pointing forward on their cheeks, you are running with male buffleheads.

The buffleheads spend their winters all across North America, here on the coastline as well as inland. In the early spring, they return to central Canada for nesting.

"Buffle" in archaic English means to be at a loss — something like baffle. But there is a disconnect between the name and the duck.

There is nothing baffled about these birds. Watch them dive. They lift up, tuck, and plunge. They pop up approximately 12 seconds later. Their movements are focused. They hunt underwater. They are busy, bustling birds.

Buffleheads eat aquatic invertebrates, mollusks, crustaceans, and small fish. Mostly, they catch and eat below the surface of the sea, only to rise looking placid and wellfed. Ducklings are born precocious, able to catch fish and insects within the first day of their hatching.

The fossils of the bufflehead from the Pleistocene era (500,000 years ago) have been found in Alaska, Florida, Kansas, Washington, Illinois, Texas, and California.

Buffleheads build their nests in cavities in dead trees dug by northern flickers or pileated woodpeckers.

Because the bufflehead is dependent upon hollow trees, their reproductive success is impacted by the clearing of "dead wood" in forests. This "dead wood" is their nursery habitat.

The presence of old-growth forests in the corridors along waterways allows buffleheads to nest.

So, if you are running along a high-tide mark and see a lively duck diving and swimming, you can pick up your pace, run a little faster, and commit yourself to supporting old forests.

The buffleheads have migrated here for the winter again, and they are fishing in our chilly waters. You are running with an ancient athlete, one who can eat while swimming, with face-markings pointing them forwards.

# **Ed Colley**



# **LETTER**

# Tree Jubilee fundraiser makes care and shelter for over 3,000 pets possible

To the editor:

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped make our 10th annual Tree Jubilee at Marini Farm a great success.

We were very happy to be able to host the Tree Jubilee once again in its usual format with our gallery of

In addition to becoming a holiday tradition for many, this event is our most important fundraiser of the vear, helping us to raise over half of our operating budget for the animal shelter.

Many thanks to:

The Ipswich Humane Group volunteers who donated their time and effort to the event and for their ongoing commitment to helping the animals at the shelter.

Pomodori and Rowley House of Pizza for promoting the event by posting flyers, attaching flyers to their pizza boxes, and giving out

flyers with orders.

All those who donated their beautiful and creative trees. wreaths, and displays and our generous sponsors.

Tracy Halliday, our IHG fundraising director, who pulled this all together.

Everyone who took time out of their very busy holiday schedules to participate in this fundraising event and those who purchased raffle tickets and made donations.

A very special thank-you to the Marini family for their continued partnership and support of the Ipswich Humane Group. They provided the greenhouse, electricity, tables, and countless hours of their time and resources to help make this a success.

Over the years, we have provided care and shelter for over 3,000 cats and dogs until they found their forever homes. That's the reason we do all this. Without community sup-

port and the generosity of all those who participate, none of this would be possible. Thank you so much for helping to make this happen!

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Nora Clark, president **Ipswich Humane Group** 



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# The Outsidah

# In which the Outsidah faces his most formidable opponents to date this Yuletide season

# by Doug Brendel

As festive as we tried to make it. our house on Linebrook Road was a bit subdued this holiday season.

For some 20 years or more, my wife and children have collected large, colorful, hand-crafted nutcrackers, most of them one at a time from the swag stand at the Boston Ballet after annual Christmastime performances of *The Nutcracker* Suite.

Fabulous characters with crowns and capes, jewels and seguins, buttons and buckles, mustachios and spectacles, real-hair beards and velvet cloaks and you-name-it.

Christmas by Christmas, the mantel over our living room fireplace has been populated by more and more of Tchaikovsky's fantastic gang. A joy to behold ... and a testament to the power of a little girl tugging on your coat sleeve and saying, "Just one more? Puh-leeze?"



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You might expect the nutcracker community to morph from year to year — Uncle Drosselmeyer goes on the mantel this time, and the sugar

plum fairy moves to the sideboard.

Or maybe you just leave somebody out, give the characters on the mantel a little room to breathe. No need to squeeze 20 years' worth of nutcrackers in, like a police lineup.

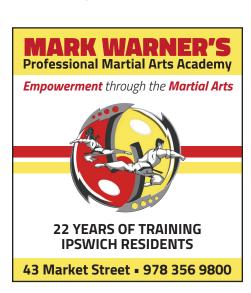
But for all their comings and goings from year to year, vou always have the satisfaction of knowing that they're all there with you, visible or

As the husband and father of the family, the primary

breadwinner, you have the assurance that the mountains of money you've shelled out over the decades are still paying a handsome return, resplendent Christmas décor displayed in your home, reliably inspiring a steady stream of oohs and aahs from visitors.

One or two or even three of the nutcrackers may not make the cut in any given season — but you never expect them all to disappear at once.

Until this year.



During the long off-season, our nutcrackers live in their original individual cardboard boxes, stacked neatly and sealed tight and snug in

a plastic bin stored on a shelving unit at the back of our garage.

I assume the nutcrackers are relieved to finally close their black button eyes and rest from their labors. After all, they're obligated to be "on" the entire holiday season. The pressure must be intense.

The bin is essentially airtight. The lid snaps shut with such a powerful jolt that you feel silly for putting anything inert in there. This seems

like a box made for containing a nasty-tempered poltergeist.

But every year, we drag the bin from the garage to the house and back for the annual unloading-and-reloading routines, and apparently one corner of the box wore thin over time.

This year, opening the bin was like exhuming a body with a puff of ghastly stink.

The nutcracker boxes had been turned into a condo complex. And the tenants were none too tidy.

Nutcracker beards were tangled and filthy and flecked with bits of garbage. Velvet capes were wrinkled and soggy. Once-elegant hemlines were now merely ragged edges, gnawed into ugly oblivion.

It took only a few seconds for the first of the mice to burst out of hiding, vaulting over the edge of the bin and skedaddling to safety.

Once the first rodent made his getaway, the others took courage and followed suit. They moved too fast to count — my conservative estimate would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 14 million.

In the story behind *The Nutcrack*-



The Mouse King surveys the destruction he and his compatriots have wrought upon the Brendel Nutcrackers (Doug Brendel photo).

*er Suite*, the Mouse King is the bad guy. We actually had a Mouse King nutcracker in our collection, and now it seems clear that he beckoned his real-life minions to invade through the tiny gap in the plastic to avenge the defeat he suffers every year in the Tchaikovsky ballet.

But mice are not natural fighters. Once they arrived and saw the Mouse King's cozy, cushy surroundings, they forgot all about vengeance and settled in.

Twenty years' worth of collectible nutcrackers went into the garbage — so smelly, even the garbage collectors winced. Except for the Mouse King.

I gave that one special treatment. He became firewood.

Doug Brendel lives on outer Linebrook Road with a supply of nuts and no way to crack them. Connect with Doug via **DougBrendel.com**.

# **COLUMN**

# Borrow freely from the Library of Things!

### by Paula Jones

We've all heard the phrase "reduce, reuse, recycle," and there is a good reason why "reduce" is the first of the Rs. It is the best way to cut down on the amount of stuff that we buy, use, and then eventually want to dispose. Here in Ipswich, a good way to reduce buying things is to borrow them. You may not know that besides books. movies, and music, you can

of Things." The library has items that people want and need — but might not have the space to store, the money to purchase, or the need to use all the

also borrow many useful

Public Library's "Library

items from the Ipswich

time.

Need a cordless drill to put up drapery rods? You can borrow it from the Library of Things. Throwing a party for the kids? You can borrow a cornhole game. Giving a presentation? The library has an Epson projector for your computer or cell phone. Gardeners who need help in measuring soil moisture, light, and pH levels for their indoor and outdoor plants? Check out the soil pH meter kit.

The library started its collection of useful items in early 2021. There are presently 40 popular items ready to be borrowed for free in Ipswich with a library card in good standing. Go to the library's website (www.ipswichlibrary.org) and

look under "borrow" to access the Library of Things list.

Nora Blake, IPL's director, said that the most popular borrowed items include T-Mobile Hotspots. Chromebooks, night vision binoculars/goggles, the sewing machine, the projector, a varn swift and ball winder, and the Roku streaming stick.

Blake hopes to expand items to be loaned. She mentioned a

wish list of snowshoes, induction cooktops, electric landscape tools (such as electric lawn mowers and leaf blowers), and more WiFi hot spots to add cell service to homes without internet connection.

Items must be checked out and returned in good order from the main desk of the library. This collection was generously funded in part by the Ipswich Public Works Department through a grant from MassDEP.

Consuming more than we need uses natural resources at a rate that is dangerous to the earth. Libraries of Things reduce that waste, and they have been popping up in communities all over the world — in the UK, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Australia, Slovenia, Switzerland, all over the US, in Massachusetts, and now in Ipswich.

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# SERVICE DOG PROJECT

# We're training a new litter of service dogs

by Carlene White

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# Magicians cast spell on Tiger offense, pull away late in game

by Alexander Young

IPSWICH — The IHS varsity girls' basketball team hosted the Marblehead Magicians on Wednesday night.

The Tigers started the game on a high note, getting to the rim and hitting a handful of mid-range jump shots.

Marblehead found some offense of their own, working down low for most of their early points and struggling to cash in from range.

Ipswich took a 12-10 lead into

a second guarter highlighted by defensive effort and takeaways on both ends.

By halftime, Ipswich racked up five second-quarter turnovers to Marblehead's seven. The score was tied at 16 apiece in what was shaping up to be a low-scoring half of basketball.

Marblehead did not take long to tap into their offense in the second half, winning the quarter by a margin of 10 points to bring the score to 28-18. With their three-pointers starting to fall, they went into the fourth quarter with more confidence.

The fourth was more of the same for Marblehead, hitting four three-pointers en route to a 17-10 guarter to close out the win in command. The final score was 45-28.

Marblehead played a strong team brand of basketball, initiating offense through swing passes around the perimeter from wing to wing.

Ipswich's offense seemed a bit more chaotic, with several runs of consecutive missed passes.

Carter King (12) led the Tigers with 14 points, but the Tigers could not keep up with the three-point

scoring barrage late in the game.

Ipswich totaled 20 turnovers and shot 2-7 from the stripe, while Marblehead racked up 22 turnovers with 0-4 free throw shooting.

The scoring disparity came from the perimeter, with the Magicians scoring eighteen points off of threes, compared to 0 from the Tigers.

Ipswich's next game — against Greater Lawrence at home on Friday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. — was cancelled due to weather.

# **LETTER**

# Ora's plans for Waldingfield: Keep in mind the old saying, 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.'

Dear Chairperson Britt, members of the Ipswich Planning Board, and Ethan Parsons, planner:

The truism "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" came to mind whilst thinking about your January 12th review of the Great Estates Protection Bylaw application by Ora, Inc.

What concerns have not been raised by neighbors, by Friends of Waldingfield (FOW), and by town committees? What questions remain? You have resolved so many issues since Ora filed last July:

• Open space committee concerns regarding the eight-plus-acre Greenbelt riverfront conservation

restriction

- A square foot measurement dust-up
- Confusion about protected open space. Ora has defined the circumferential trail, added two or more acres in the paddock and in the pasture, plus confirmed public access to the river trail and the polo right-of-way
- The last planning board meeting addressed sustainability
- Ora also disclosed a 25,000 SF reduction (however measured!) to Phase 2-3 construction. Such reduction could lead to fewer parking spaces, pleasing the neighbors.

Greater depth cannot be added

to the traffic discussion. Without a multi-day, 24/7 traffic count, neither advocates nor opponents can benchmark the potential effect of axles attributable to Ora service vehicles plus their forecast employee cars per day (from less than 70 to 200 maximum).

Traffic calming techniques (see www.transportation.gov/mission/ health/Traffic-Calming-to-Slow-Vehicle-Speeds) could slow things down.

Do you know if Ora and the town are in discussion? (I have suggested Appleton Farms get involved. Current traffic volumes place their seasonal Waldingfield Road foot traffic — especially at the railroad bridge — at increasing risk.)

A FOW spokesperson told me the Friends opposed corporate ownership and would not fundraise to facilitate Greenbelt's purchase of additional open space development restrictions.

They say they have funding equal to the original seller's asking price and intend to make an offer should the Ora proposal fall through.

Other Friends suggest they may have a buyer who could meet possibly exceed — Ora's open space preservation commitments. We shall see. "A bird in the hand ..."

Thank you for patiently guiding this complex proceeding through the requirements of our town's Great Estates bylaw. I hope Wednesday's discussion moves the matter to closure.

Nathaniel Pulsifer Ipswich





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ning board, he was "disturbed" at the way it operates. "You're not diligent and looking at the regulations."

Board member Helen Weatherall said the board visited the site and was worried about maneuverability. Puff validated their concerns, she said. "I think you are being unfair and disrespectful in those remarks."

Savoie said the application has been discussed for months and that Puff had just provided his feedback that same day. "That's not acceptable. We should have had more time to address his issues."

He said the board didn't "recognize and appreciate the inconvenience you are putting the applicants through when you kick the can down the road in these projects and let them go on interminably."

Weatherall interrupted, saying the issue of maneuverability was raised weeks ago by the board.

"We are trying to do our job and weigh things and find some balance," said board member Toni Mooradd. "We want it to be livable and pleasant. I think it is unfair to say we are not doing our job."

### Quality of life

"What does one unit objectively gain you?" Savoie asked.

Mooradd said it would mean a better quality of life for the residents.

Britt said the board received the turning plan just before its last meeting and had no time to review it then. "We have seen other projects approved over the years that are too damn tight," she said.

She said she didn't want to approve a project that was "a constant hassle for people living there."

"We haven't held this up," Britt

said. "I think we have said from the beginning this is an issue. If you chose not to react to our feedback, we can't control that. If you came back with four units two meetings ago, maybe we'd be done."

Alternate Laurie Paskavitz said a lot of waivers from zoning were being asked for and it was "presumptuous to assume they would all be granted." Referring to Savoie's time on the board, she said the public mood has changed to one where people are now more concerned about development.

The hearing was continued to January 27.

# **Washington Street**

Colantoni was the second applicant to butt heads with the board that night.

Presenting his latest iteration, he said he had dropped another unit and reduced the sizes of his proposed townhouses. Colantoni's project had started with 16 apartments and now proposes 13, one of which would be affordable.

The townhouses all started greater than 2,000 square feet in area. There is now a mix of sizes ranging from around 1,300 to 2,600 sq. ft. Only six would be greater than 2,000 sq. ft., he said.

However, some board members were still concerned about density. "I feel the scale and size of these buildings is still way too big," Mooradd said.

Colantoni said it "seemed pretty clear" to him that the board asked for a reduction of one unit and the addition of a gathering space. He needed 12 units at least to make the project viable, he added.

He said if the MBTA-overlay requirement comes to pass, more than 13 units would be built on the site.

"I think you've done a good job," Lowe said, adding there could be some "tweaks" and he would prefer to see a second affordable unit. As it is, Colantoni will have to pay a \$164,250 as well as provide the affordable unit.

"Each presentation you've brought to us, I'm happier with," Weatherall said, adding she still found fault with massing, since some looked like "a normal house on steroids."

Colantoni said his guidance from the DRB and three planning board members at the last meeting was for 13 units. However, Britt said that was not definitive and asked the board for a decision on the number of units.

However, planning director Ethan Parson cautioned that the board needed "a really strong basis" for its decision and couldn't just pick a number of units. "It's got to be based on very clearly articulated and defensible facts and findings."

Things like size, height, massing, and setbacks would be sounder reasons for decision-making, he added.

Mooradd said she asked in previous meetings for fewer or smaller units. "You've given very little," she told Colantoni.

"That's an unfair statement," Colantoni interjected, but Britt stopped him speaking to let Mooradd finish.

Colantoni apologized for interrupting but he said he did everything he was asked for. "I was disappointed in your statements tonight. It's mainly because of you that our units got smaller."

He added, "I have tried to do everything that you've asked, and you guys are really making a big mistake not to take advantage of this."

Noting that he is an Ipswich

resident, Colantoni said he wants to be proud of his development and urged the board to think of the developers, who are trying their best.

Getting more agitated with the board, he said he would not spend more money on site work and engineering if the board could not make a decision. The first hearing was held in September. "Something is wrong. Madam chair, something is wrong."

Britt thanked him for his input and agreed with Lowe the board should move on. She said she agreed Colantoni was responsive but also agreed with Weatherall that they looked like "houses on steroids."

"I hear your pain, Mr. Colantoni, and I'm sorry for that," she added.

Colantoni said every application "has its hiccups, and I'll consider tonight's meeting a hiccup." He has still to work out details with the design review board, he added.

After it looked like peace had broken out, Britt said one of her concerns was with the County Street development recently completed by Colantoni where, she claimed, one of the garages wasn't completed.

Colantoni interrupted to say every garage was in full use. When Britt asked him to wait, he replied, "How do you trash me at a public hearing and expect me to say nothing?"

"We don't need to do this, Mr. Colantoni," Britt said.

"You're the one who brought it up," he countered.

The hearing was continued until Feb. 17. After the discussion, Lowe expressed unhappiness with how the hearings had been handled. Asked for examples, Lowe said he would be prefer to discuss it at a later meeting.



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# What's on? It's a good week for poets and poetry!

Please go to our website (bit.ly/ilnevents) for more information about each item. If you have any events you'd like us to feature, please send the information to news@ipswichlocalnews.com.

Wednesday, January 12 Wednesday Walks: Meet at the Town Wharf at 9:25 a.m. to explore beautiful Ipswich hikes. Everyone is welcome! Contact Ed Murphy (978 500 9523) for moreinformation.

**Poetry group:** The Ipswich Poetry Group meets upstairs at the Ipswich Public Library at 6:30 p.m. to share poems in progress and give and receive feedback. All are welcome! Email ipswichpoetrygroup@gmail. com with any questions.

Thursday, January 13 Morning yoga: Come to High Street Studios at 9 a.m. for Kundalini yoga with Jessie Reid.

Friday, January 14 **Farmhouse picnics:** Come to Appleton Farms from 5 to 7 p.m. to sample the seasonal menu, which features hot sandwiches, soups, hot beverages, and baked goods.

Friday Night Wine Down: Mill

River Winery on Route 1 in Rowley hosts from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

West Side Story: Shows at the Cabot in Beverly at 5 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 15

**Group run:** Meet fellow runners at Jetties Bagels at Depot Square in Ipswich for a three-mile run from 9 to 10 a.m. Come early or stay after for a free bagel (toppings not included). Four-legged friends and walkers are always welcome.

Fire Pit Adventures: From 1 to 3 p.m., explore the grounds at Castle Hill then warm up around a campfire. Admission (\$30 per car for Trustees members, all others \$50) includes self-guided hike and exclusive use of a campfire for an hour. Bring your own supplies for s'mores!

Farmhouse picnics: Come to Appleton Farms from 5 to 7 p.m. to sample the seasonal menu, which features hot sandwiches, soups, hot beverages, and baked goods.

Christmas Tree Bonfire: Celebrate the new year by bringing your Christmas tree to the Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm in Newbury. Food, drinks, and fun for the family starting at 3 p.m.! \$10 per car.

**Got Poetry?** Zumi's on Market Street hosts an open mic series from 6 to 8 p.m. Poetry is the primary focus, but all creative types are welcome to their five minutes.

Folk concert: Simons and Goodwin are at Along The Way Coffeehouse on Meetinghouse Green. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and tight harmonies with acoustic guitar start at 7. Refreshments available; admission is \$10.

1964: The Tribute: Rolling Stone calls them "the best Beatles tribute band on Earth." Judge for yourself at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 16

Fire Pit Adventures: From 1 to 3 p.m., explore the grounds at Castle Hill then warm up around a campfire. Admission (\$30 per car for Trustees members, all others \$50) includes self-guided hike and exclusive use of a campfire for an hour.

Farmhouse picnics: Come to Appleton Farms from 5 to 7 p.m. to sample the seasonal menu, which

features hot sandwiches, soups, hot beverages, and baked goods.

*West Side Story*: Shows at the Cabot in Beverly at 2, 5, and 8 p.m.

Monday, January 17

**Food and fellowship:** The Dinner Bell staves off hunger every Monday at the Masonic Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Hot, nutritious meals are free to all.

Mental health support: NAMI Cape Ann offers their family support program at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Parish on Pine Swamp Road. Caring individuals help each another through collective experiences and learned wisdom. For more information, contact George Howe (978 356 3252) or Dori Prescott (978 948 0807).

West Side Story: Shows at the Cabot in Beverly at 3 and 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18 **Jazz music:** Back after the pandemic, the May Flower hosts jazz every Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

# **IPSWICH PROPERTY SALES, week of January 3**

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# **COLONIAL TRIVIA** by Ed Colley

# Who was Henry Knox?

Send your answers to news@ ipswichlocalnews.com.



# Answer to the last trivia question:

Pre-Revolutionary War, the Sons of Liberty were a group of colonists who resisted new taxes imposed by our British overlords. Founded in Boston in 1765, they were active throughout the 13 original colonies and played a major role in getting the Stamp Act repealed. Their motto became

"No taxation without representation." Sound familiar?

Famous Sons of Liberty included Samuel Adams (who founded the group), Paul Revere, Benedict Arnold, and Patrick Henry.

The Sons of Liberty used to tar and feather government officials to punish and humiliate them. This form of punishment involved stripping the victim (either to the waist or totally naked), pouring wood tar on them, then rolling them in a pile of feathers that would stick to the tar. Thankfully, no one died from this punishment, although it must have been tough to pluck all of the feathers off your back.



# Word search: Golden Globes!

The 79th Golden Globe Awards were announced on January 9. Can you find these nominees for best movies and television shows in various categories this year?

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# **Obituary: Marie Louise Sibley Scudder**

Marie Louise "ML" Sibley Scudder, 83, died peacefully in her Argilla Road on home on Monday December 3, 2022.

She and her husband, David, lived

in Ipswich for over 60 years, where he continues to reside, and lived part time on Beacon Hill in Boston, where she was a member of the Chilton Club.

After meeting in college, they were married at Ascension Church in Ipswich in 1958 and had their reception at the Crane

Estate at Castle Hill.

ML and David shared many interests, particularly reading, classical music, and travelling. In the last 10 years, they had travelled to Italy, South Africa, Jordan, and Scotland, amongst other destinations.

Their love for music meant they constantly attended performances at the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the New England Conservatory, and the Boston Lyric Opera, and they

regularly travelled to New York to see plays and the opera.

An avid reader, ML was a constant presence at the Ipswich Library, where she served as member

> of the board of trustees. Her love for reading started early in her life, and her interests covered novels, mysteries, biographies, and keeping up with current events through hard-copy newspapers.

She attended the Westover School and then Radcliffe College, from which

she graduated in 1959.

ML had a long career in education, teaching nursery and kindergarten students for over 30 years. She co-founded the Ascension Memorial Church nursery school in 1964 and then taught at the St. John's Episcopal Church nursery school for three years. She received a master's degree in early childhood education from Tufts University in 1969 and taught kindergarten

at the Brookwood School in Manchester for over 20 years. Ever the educator, for many years after, she was a substitute teacher and piano instructor.

ML also loved to play tennis and walk on Crane Beach. She was a devoted member of the Ipswich community.

Along with her support of the library, her interest in education led her to serve as a school committee member for two terms, and she chaired the committee for a portion of that time.

She spent summers in Ipswich when she was young and participated in many of the Argilla Road resident events throughout her life, such as playing the piano for the weekly summer hymn sings and the annual carol sing and playing in the Crane Cup mixed-doubles tennis tournament, which she proudly won five times.

She was proud of her alma mater, Radcliffe College, and served as her alumnae class president for many

years.

ML was known for her quick wit and no-nonsense New England manners.

In addition to her husband, David, she is survived by two daughters: Claire Cieri and her husband, Michael, of Eugene, Oregon, and Deirdre Martin and her husband, Peter, of Medfield; a son, Andrew Scudder, and his wife, Elizabeth Finan, of Seattle, Washington; and two grandchildren, Tyler Martin and Hannah Martin, both of Boston.

A memorial funeral service will be held at a future date and time. Arrangements are under the direction of the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home of Ipswich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may kindly be made to the Ipswich Public Library, 25 North Main Street, Ipswich, MA 01938 or Radcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA

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January 13	two	8:32 p.m.	2:29 p.m.
Friday,	one	8:46 a.m.	2:35 a.m.
January 14	two	9:21 p.m.	3:19 p.m.
Saturday,	one	9:32 a.m.	3:23 a.m.
January 15	two	10:27 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
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# **Obituary: Lee Boutin**

Lee Boutin (Pelletier) of Ipswich passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Jean Boutin, and stepdaughter Jackie Boutin, both of Ipswich.

Lee was the daughter of Leo and Gertrude (Reilly) Pelletier.

Lee leaves behind her son, Peter McLaughlin, of Beverly; daughter Leslie Russell and her husband, John Russell, of Salem; step-daughter Sandra Boutin Corn-

ing and her husband, Jeffrey, of Ipswich; and stepsons Michael Boutin of Pennsylvania and Joseph Boutin and his wife, Marie, of Peabody.

Lee worked for many years as



a nurse after graduating from the Beverly Hospital School of Nursing. She later worked in several depart-

ments for the town of Ipswich.

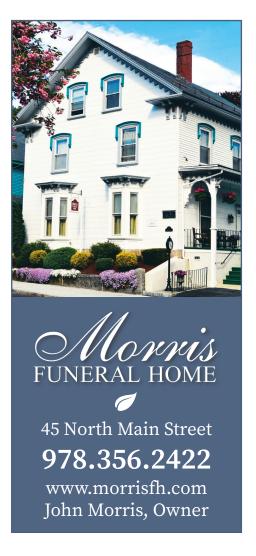
A funeral service was held on Monday, January 10 at the Morris Funeral Home in Ipswich, followed by burial in the New Linebrook Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oak Hill Social Fund, 35 Central Street, Ipswich, MA 01938.

Oak Hill and Memorial Hall Apartments is

where Lee lived. Lee's mother was one of the first residents at Oak Hill, and son Peter also lived there for a long time.

If anyone would like to send a letter of condolence to Lee's family, please go to MorrisFH.com.





# **Obituary: Vincent J. Sainato**

Vincent J. Sainato of Forest Hills, N.Y., and Ipswich, passed away on January 8, 2022. in Ipswich after a prolonged battle with cancer.

He is survived by his husband, Martin Ruzicka, of Ipswich; parents Kay and Vincent of New York; broth-

ers Dominic and Darrin; his niece and nephews; and dear friends who he loved and leveled with like family.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1966 and received a BFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. With a career in visual design that spanned over 25 years, Mr. Sainato redefined the way theater and entertainment are marketed as he

helped premiere countless Broadway shows and turn them into long-running hits, launched popular TV series, rebranded cable stations, and elevated iconic institutions.

His early work as an art director at Viacom included branding MTV, Comedy Central, and Nickelodeon. In 2002, he joined the newly incorporated SpotCo agency, where, as art director, he masterminded the first Tony Award campaign to influence a historic upset for Avenue Q, innovated on razzle dazzle for Chicago's famous shimmering billboard, and stewarded some of Broadway's most memorable brands, including Billy Elliot, West Side Story, In the Heights, and Rent, as well as institutions like Lincoln Center, The Metropolitan Opera, Cirque du Soleil, and New York Botanical Gardens.

In 2013, he became vice president of creative services at Serino Coyne, working on shows including The Lion King, The Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, An American in Paris, and Dear Evan Hansen. In total,

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the productions he worked on won 237 Tony Awards, including 72 Best Musicals and Best Plays.

Along the way, he developed working relationships and friendships with talented photographers and mentored countless designers

and copywriters with his inimitable standards for artwork, crackling creativity, and flawless eye for detail. He had the rare gift of being extremely fun and creative under pressure, finding humor and conjuring beauty in the most stressful moments.

A conversation with Vinny always meant great laughs and colorful truths. His former colleagues and friends

describe him as brilliant, hilarious, occasionally tough, and completely singular.

A longtime resident of New York City, Vinny alternated weekends with Marty at their homes in New York and Ipswich. After first facing cancer in 2018, Vinny left the bustle of Broadway and moved primarily to Ipswich. But the lure of Broadway meant he soon came back parttime, launching his own business, Vinny J. Sainato Creative Consulting, providing marketing and art direction for Six on Broadway, The Prom, the Emerson Colonial Theatre, and the Huntington Theatre. His most recent work reflected his newfound joie de vivre, spending more time in his happy place with his beloved Marty.

An impeccably well-groomed man who never lost his mischievous smile or twinkling dark eyes, and who lived life as his damn self with few apologies, Mr. Sainato lived by the credo "basic is boring."

Funeral services were private. Arrangements are by the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home of Ipswich. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Stand Up to Cancer. To celebrate his life's work, please visit vinnyishappy.com. To send a condolence, please visit www.whittier-porter.com.

# Tales from the scanner: Suspicious men, loose horses

On Tuesday, January 4, there was a complaint at around 7:20 p.m. of a man "standing around and pacing around" on County Road at Southern Manor. The caller said it looked suspicious, the dispatcher relayed. The caller said the man was a Black man in his 30s wearing a hoodie, he added. Police said the man lived across the street.

On Thursday, at around 10:55 a.m., there was a minor car crash on Central Street at Five Corners.

At 5:15 p.m., a 17-year-old girl home alone called to say she heard the garage door open and that no one should have the code. Police called to the house to check.

On Friday at 10:40 a.m. (in the snow), police were flagged down on North Main Street for a fender-bender — an Audi sedan appeared to tap the rear end of a pickup truck. The drivers exchanged information and then headed on their way ... except they couldn't. In the impact, the Audi's radiator had gotten stuck on the pickup's trailer hitch. Paul's Towing was called to help free the vehicles.

At noon, a Kimball Avenue caller said youths drove their pickups through snowbanks to get to Bialek Park and were now doing donuts. They had left when police got there, but they caught up with the youths at Our Lady of Hope.

At 12:05 p.m., a resident was reported to be snowblowing onto County Street. Police said the residents agreed to clean up the mess.

Around 1:50 p.m., Manchester police issued a BOLO (be on the

# DEATH NOTICE

### Francis M. Reed

Francis "Frank" M. Reed, 80, of Caroline Avenue, died on Saturday, January 8, 2022, in the Maplewood Center in Amesbury.

A private funeral service with military honors will be held in the Cowles Memorial Cemetery in Ipswich at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home of Ipswich (www. whittier-porter.com).

lookout) for a 36-year-old man. He made "cryptic Facebook messages towards police after attempting to annex town land as his own." The man was said to be assaultive with police and apparently attempted "suicide by cop" in 2019.

On Saturday, at around 12:25 p.m., a Manning Street resident asked for a well-being check on a neighbor. A vehicle had been left running overnight, and the resident had just left the house with the vehicle still running.

While out sanding and salting Essex Road at around 10:40 a.m. on Sunday, the DPW came across "two to four horses out there in the roadway." One resident then called to say horses were in her yard. They were said to be wearing blankets, the dispatcher relayed.

On Tuesday, around 10:10 a.m., there was a fire alarm from Mitchell Road for a sprinkler that had been activated. Shortly afterwards, the dispatcher updated firefighters to say a vehicle had backed into the

## **DEATH NOTICE**

## Effie M. Andrews

Effie M. (Burnham) Andrews. 98, longtime resident of Story Street in Essex and the beloved wife of the late Walter H. Andrews, died on Monday, January 10, in the Blueberry Hill Healthcare Center in Beverly.

She is survived by a son, Peter W. Andrews, and his wife, Nancy, of Ipswich; a daughter, Paula F. Blunda, and her husband, Stephen, of Rowley; a granddaughter, Michelle Blunda, of Epping, N.H.; and a sister, Florence White, formerly of Reading. She was the sister of the late Frank E. and Paul E. Story both formerly of Essex.

Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 15 at noon in the Spring Street Cemetery, Essex. Family and friends are cordially welcomed. Arrangements are under the direction of the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home of Ipswich. To send a condolence, please visit www.whittier-porter.com.

sprinkler head and broken it.

Around 2 p.m., with temperatures around 10 degrees, a caller said an elderly man was walking on Market Street with no jacket, gloves, or hat — just a plaid shirt. The caller was worried about the man's well-being, the dispatcher said.

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# **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION** NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Essex Division Docket # ES21P3874EA

Estate of Doris H. Wilson

Date of death: November 17, 2020

To all interested persons in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ann W. Lambertus of Lexingon, MA. Ann W. Lambertus of Lexingon, MA, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court. but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

# **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings at a public meeting held remotely via Zoom video conferencing on Thursday, January 20, 2022. beginning at 7 p.m. to act on the following petitions pursuant to the Ipswich Protective Zoning Bylaw. Login information will be available in the agenda posted with the Town Clerk more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The ZBA will participate in this meeting remotely via Zoom video conferencing in accordance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order suspending provisions of Open Meeting Law and to promote public health and social distancing. Please see agenda posted on the Town's website for remote access and participation information. A live link and phone access number will be posted on the agenda.

29 North Main Street: Molly Friedman and Susanne Clermont request an amendment to a previously issued special permit (9/3/2021) pursuant, but not necessarily limited to, Sections XI.J, Special Permits, and V.D, Use Regulations, to expand production area into adjoining area at the Sandpiper Bakery, located in the Intown Residence District (IR), shown on the Ipswich Tax Assessor's Map as parcel 42A, 128.

**2-4 Winter Street:** Kevin Babineau requests an extension of 24 months' time for reconstruction of a non-conforming structure after a fire, provided that the reconstructed building shall be only as great in volume or area as the original nonconforming structure, pursuant to Section II.B.5, located in the Industrial District (I), shown on the Ipswich Tax Assessor's Map as parcel 41D, 067.

26-40 Market Street: David Cutter requests a special permit and/or variance pursuant to, but not necessarily limited to, Section V.D, Table of Use Regulations, and XI.K and J. to reconstruct an existing non-conforming accessory building, for a storage/barn/workshop, located in the in the Central Business District (CB), shown on the Ipswich Tax Assessor's Map as parcel 42A, 184.

Petitions may be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 25 Green Street

Robert Gambale, Chairman Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals



# The North Shore's Premier Real Estate Agency



Wenham \$2,995,000

Private 7+ acre sanctuary has custom Shingle-style home with 5 bedroom suites, 7 baths, chef's kitchen, elegant master suite. Office has separate entrance. 3-car garage. Impeccable finishes.



Approved 2nd lot on 2 parcel property high above Annisquam River. Lot 2 borders row to the river. Post & Beam home has flexible floor plan. Seasonal river views from varying topography.

Shelly Shuka



Great opportunity to build your dream home in a private neighborhood in Manchester by-the-sea near beautiful beaches, eclectic shops and excellent schools. Buyer to do own due diligence.

\$699,000



Hamilton \$525,000

Sweet 3-bed upgraded Cape on a dead-end street has renovated stainless-granite kitchen open to dining room. 1st floor bedroom. New hot water tank, new exterior paint, electric car charger.

Debbie Aminzadeh



Hamilton \$1,750,000

Contemporary Farmhouse to be built offers 4,262 sf, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3-car attached garage. 2-story foyer, chef's kitchen, great room, master suite, and 2 home offices on 1st floor.

The Lopes Group



\$1,300,000

Legal 3-unit property in a remarkable Italianate Victorian double house offers period amenities in 4-level, 6+ bedroom, 2.5-bath owner's unit. 2nd townhouse with 2 income units. Side yard.

**Ted Richard** 



Hamilton \$995,000

Patton Ridge. Luxury 55+ community. 2-bedroom, 2.5 home has every upgrade imaginable, vaulted ceilings, skylights, open living area. 1st floor primary suite. Office, 2nd floor loft, 2 decks.

Kathy Essler



Manchester

First time on market in 60+ years! Classic Colonial on 2 lots offers 3 bedrooms and 1 bath with a breezeway attached to 1-bedroom, 1-bath apartment with deck over the garage. Sold "As Is."

Christine Grammas



\$549,999

Opportunity knocks! Rare 2-bed, 2-bath 1st floor end unit at Tuck's Point Condos has spectacular oceanfront views, master suite with bath. Deeded underground parking. Live maintenance free

Steven Graczyk



\$498,500 **Ipswich** 

Great opportunity for PT or office use. 2,112 sf on 2 levels. High visibility from Rt 1A going north. 12,000-14,000 vehicles daily. Near CVS & Dunkin Donuts. Handicap lift & ramp. Parking.

e.d. dick group

**Ipswich** 

Village designs, 2-car garages. Ready summer '22.



Farm Village Phase III. Beautiful brand new, architect-

designed homes range from 2,300-2,857sf adjacent

to 40+acres open space. Near Downtown. Several

Starting at \$800k to \$1M+

e.d. dick group

\$295,000

Two bedroom condo unit located near Beverly's restaurants, shops and more! Kitchen has granite counters, chair rails in living and dining rooms, wood floors, deeded parking and more!

Terri Sheppard



Gloucester

\$223,900

West Gloucester residential developable parcel. Opportunity to build new home. BOH approved 3-bedroom septic design and drainage plan. Easy access to Rt. 128. Buyer to do all Due Diligence.

Jackelyn Enslow

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