



## TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

### TOWN PLANS PROJECT TO IMPROVE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL



The Town has received a Shared Streets and Spaces grant in the amount of \$19,300 to make improvements and enhancements to the back entrance of the high school adjacent to the post office to make it more accessible and bike and pedestrian friendly. The project will make a direct connection from the adjacent rail trail to the back entrance and will replace the gate to allow bike and pedestrian traffic to flow safely.

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2021 SEPTEMBER

# MARBLEHEAD ON THE MOVE

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- Town closes on former Gerry School
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- Town commemorates 20th anniversary of September 11th
- You're invited: Dedication celebration for the Judy and Gene Jacobi



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## MARBLEHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) has awarded the Marblehead Police Department \$35,000.00 from their FFY22 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) grant program. Funds are being made available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant award administered by the OGR.

Focused enforcement efforts that were identified by the Department in the grant application included: Extra patrols for Winter and

Summer Impaired Driving; Distracted Driving; and Click It or Ticket (seatbelt enforcement). Also, these funds will support additional Pedestrian and Bike Safety education, and the purchase of two new hand-held traffic radar units.

The Police Department is committed to the safety of all residents and visitors as they travel through our Town. These funds will be used both for educational and enforcement purposes to the benefit of all!



*Traffic Enforcement Grant Award*

Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

**\$35,000**

- EXTRA TRAFFIC PATROLS
- SEATBELT SAFETY ENFORCEMENT
- PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE SAFETY EDUCATION
- PURCHASE OF 2 HAND-HELD TRAFFIC RADAR UNITS

## MARBLEHEAD CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN

The Marblehead Cultural Council funds cultural ideas, initiatives and projects in the arts, sciences and humanities. The Council's annual grant application period runs through October 15th. Find more information and the grant application at [mass-culture.org](http://mass-culture.org).

## TOWN HOLDS 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

The Town of Marblehead, Marblehead Fire and Police Departments joined communities across the country in conducting a remembrance ceremony on September 11, 2021 at Memorial Park. The ceremony commemorated the twentieth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks and the tragic losses suffered at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania and also was part of a nationwide salute to fallen firefighters, police officers and civilians, and

to the extraordinary response to the tragic events that have changed all of our lives forever.

### Marblehead's September 11th Remembrance Ceremony



## SAVE THE DATE: JUDY AND GENE JACOBI COMMUNITY CENTER DEDICATION

A dedication celebration of the Judy and Gene Jacobi Community Center has been planned and is scheduled to take place on October 6, 2021 at 5pm to 7pm. Refreshments will be served.

*Save the Date!*



Join us for the dedication celebration of

*The Judy and Gene Jacobi Community Center*

**Wednesday, October 6th at 5pm**

## TOWN TO STUDY RE-USE OPTIONS OF THE COFFIN SCHOOL

In May 2020, the Town of Marblehead adopted a Housing Production Plan (HPP). In October, the Town established an implementation committee to act on the recommendations made in the plan. To start, one of the focus areas of the Town will be on implementation of one of the priority strategies: Leverage public assets for mixed-income housing.

The Town has received a technical assistance grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to evaluate re-use options for the Coffin School property in the case the School Committee decides it is no longer necessary to meet the needs

of the School Department. This project focuses on leveraging public assets for affordable and/or mixed-income housing implementation which was one of the priority strategies identified in the town's recently completed HPP.

This process will be guided by a public visioning process and subsequent community engagement. Through interviews, focus groups, public forums, and potentially other events, this process will engage Town staff and policymakers, abutters, residents who will benefit from new Affordable Housing, and developers. Engagement will determine a vision for the

re-use of the site—including desired housing typologies, density, open space, community benefits, and other features of Redevelopment—and support selection of a winning development proposal.

For more information on the Town's HPP and its goals and priorities visit [marblehead.org](http://marblehead.org).



## INFORMATION BOOTH TO GET A FACELIFT

The Town plans to make improvements to the downtown visitor information booth plaza with the help of newly-awarded state funds.

The Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism has awarded the Town \$44,286 from its new Destination Development Capital Grant program, which is aimed at supporting the state's tourism industry. The Town's information booth plaza is located on a traffic island at the intersection of Pleasant, Essex and Spring streets, also known as Samuel Snow Square.

The Town developed conceptual

design plans to improve the traffic plaza several years ago and fortunately with this grant funding the Town will be able to carry out these much-needed improvements. The work will include replacing the asphalt surface by adding a combination of brick and concrete, and making the plaza fully accessible to people with disabilities, as well as making minor improvements to the information booth.

The state awarded \$2 million to 34 organizations under the new grant program.

## TOWN FINALIZES SALE OF FORMER GERRY SCHOOL

Last month, the Town of Marblehead finalized the sale of the former Gerry School and closed on the property for \$870,062. The project has already begun to restore the historic building and convert it into residential condominiums. The proceeds from the sale will be used to implement the Town's capital improvement program this year.



## TOWN RECEIVES SECOND CZM COASTAL RESILIENCE GRANT

The Town in partnership with the Marblehead Municipal Light Department has received a Coastal Resilience grant from Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (CZM) in the amount of \$133,000. Marblehead was one of 19 coastal resilience projects funded through the program.

The Town has demonstrated a strong commitment to implement proactive strategies to address coastal flooding and sea level rise. Marblehead completed a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan in 2018 and developed conceptual adaptation options for public infrastructure in 2020 with a Coastal Resilience Grant.

This year, Marblehead will focus on the Marblehead Municipal Light Department (MMLD), which provides the entire town with electricity, as well as adjoining public parcels along Marblehead Harbor. In addition to structural retrofits of the MMLD and improved designs for seawalls, non-structural measures to address coastal flooding and increase community resilience along the harbor and at flood pathways will be explored throughout the project.

## TOWN BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever considered getting more involved in the community now's your time! There are several board and committee vacancies that are open for Marblehead residents to apply.

The Board of Selectmen is looking for volunteers to serve on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Council on Aging Board, and the Marblehead Housing Authority Board. The Housing Authority Board vacancy needs to be filled by a tenant of the Housing Authority. For these vacancies, the deadline to submit letters is October 1, 2021.

To submit your interest either drop off or mail are hard copy to the Board of Selectmen at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street or email [wileyk@marblehead.org](mailto:wileyk@marblehead.org).

## 2021-2022 LEAF AND GRASS COLLECTION

The curbside collection of leaves and grass will take place on your regular scheduled trash and recycling days on the following weeks:

- October 25th
  - November 8th
  - November 29th
  - December 13th
  - April 25th
  - May 16th
  - June 6th
- No Plastic Bags will be collected or emptied.
  - This is a leaves/grass-only collection. Bags or barrels containing brush or other material will not be collected. This type of material affects the quality of the compost generated from leaves.
  - No collection will occur on a Legal Holiday.

## TOWN PREPARING FOR HARBOR PLAN UPDATE



The Town has received funding through the Seaport Economic Council to support an update to our Harbor Plan. In 2006 the town first secured funding from the Massachusetts Seaport Advisory Council (now the Seaport Economic Council), to develop a Harbor Plan that assessed the harbor resources, defined and prioritized the needed improvements, and set a vision for the Harbor.

For the Harbor Plan update, the town envisions a healthy public participation process with a series of public meetings and stakeholder interviews to obtain the input and the perspectives of the commercial boating interests, pleasure boaters, industries that support the boating communities, general public and town officials.

The updated Plan will establish the town's objectives, standards, policy, and vision for public and private uses situated along the waterfront. The study will seek to identify ways in which the working waterfront can be improved economically for fishing, boating and related industries and ways in which public access and the enjoyment of the waterfront can be improved and expanded while preventing displacement of fishing activities. This will include but is not limited to community boating, increased public access to the waterfront and ADA compliant access to Marblehead waters for small sail, motor and paddle vessels, kayaks, SUP, etc.

## MARBLEHEAD LAUNCHES NET ZERO CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

Last fall, Marblehead's Board of Selectmen adopted the Marblehead Climate Vision, indicating its intent to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 and outlining strategies to achieve that goal.

Earlier this year, Massachusetts passed a new climate law that commits the Commonwealth to reducing climate-warming pollution to net zero by 2050. Marblehead is leading the way on local climate action, and a new grant funded planning initiative is launching this year to drive that action forward.

Marblehead has been selected to participate in a net zero planning project led by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and funded by a Planning Assistance Grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs that will support four Massachusetts communities served by municipal light plants in developing net zero roadmaps and engaging community members in discussions about how to reach their climate goals. Other participating communities include Belmont, Ipswich, and Peabody. Marblehead's net zero planning process will be overseen in Marblehead by the town's Green Marblehead Committee which is comprised of municipal staff, members of Sustainable Marblehead, and staff from the Marblehead Municipal Light Department.

This project builds on the Marblehead Climate Vision which outlines the high-level approaches that Marblehead can take to make progress toward carbon neutrality. The Green Marblehead Committee is working with MAPC and members of the community to develop a detailed inventory of the community's greenhouse gas emissions to establish a baseline and then create a detailed net zero road map highlighting the near-term strategies and actions that will help Marblehead achieve its ambitious climate goal.

Community members are invited to join the committee for an upcoming community workshop on Tuesday, October 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Zoom to learn more about the project and share your thoughts about how Marblehead should reach its net zero goal.

Please register in advance at [mapc.ma/marblehead](https://mapc.ma/marblehead). For more information, please visit the Green Marblehead Committee's web page at <https://www.marblehead.org/green-marblehead-committee>.

## NET ZERO WORKSHOP

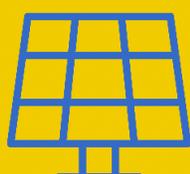


**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

**7PM - 8:30PM**

**VIA ZOOM**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO HELP  
INFORM OUR COMMUNITY'S  
NET ZERO PLAN**



**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[MAPC.MA/MARBLEHEAD](https://mapc.ma/marblehead)**

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS AT THE COUNCIL ON AGING

There's a lot happening at the Marblehead Council on Aging! Learn more about the programs, classes and services being offered during the month of October by visiting the COA's departmental page on the Town's website at [marblehead.org](https://marblehead.org).



*October Newsletter*

## SUPPORT THE FORT!

You still have time to Support the Fort! The deadline has been extended for your name to appear on the plaque. Deadline is now November 15, 2021. Find more information and a pledge form at [marblehead.org](https://marblehead.org).



**Support the Fort!**

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO CONDUCT HISTORICAL PROPERTIES SURVEY

The Town through the Historical Commission is conducting a Historic Properties Survey in the neighborhoods of Peach's Point, Naugus Head, Preston Beach, and West Shore. The Historical Commission has secured funding from the Massachusetts Historic Commission to perform the work which is guided by the community-wide historic preservation survey master plan which was created in 2014. To view the master plan, visit the Town's website: [marblehead.org](https://marblehead.org).

## TIPS FOR RESIDENTS DURING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH: BE PREPARED

In recognition of National Preparedness Month -- observed each September to raise awareness of the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies -- Chief Dennis King and the Marblehead Police Department would like to share guidance and tips to protect yourself and your family.

The theme of National Preparedness Month in 2021 is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

Disasters disrupt thousands of lives every year, and during some disasters first responders may not be able to reach everyone immediately. How far you go to prepare is largely up to you, with quick and easy steps described below, and detailed guides available for those who want to take their preparations farther.

Gov. Charlie Baker declared September Emergency Preparedness Month, and residents are urged to utilize resources from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to ensure they are ready.

### Make a Plan:

Disasters are often unexpected, so prepare a plan in advance.

Gather phone numbers, emails and any other contact information for each family member, and distribute a hard copy to everyone

Plan in advance to have two meeting locations, one close to home and one out of town in case meeting close to home is impossible

Establish a centralized, out-of-town contact in case contacting someone local is difficult FEMA provides information on signing up for basic alerts at: <https://www.ready.gov/alerts>, and state-level information can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>.

Learn evacuation procedures and routes for your area. FEMA provides basic advice on evacuation here, <https://www.ready.gov/evacuation>

Download the FEMA app for info on shelter locations and other information during emergencies. (<https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-app-textmessages>)

Familiarize yourself with emergency plans at work and/or school, and ensure your children are familiar with plans at their schools. For more detailed information on how to prepare a plan, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/plan>.

### Build a Kit:

An emergency kit should contain food, water and supplies to get your family through several days. A typical emergency kit should include:

**Water:** One gallon per person per day for at least three days, plus water purification tablets

**Food:** At least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods that do not need cooking (ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables, or juices, protein or granola bars, cereal, peanut butter, dried fruit, nuts, crackers, baby food, comfort foods)

**Tools and Supplies:** Manual can opener, Radio (battery-powered or hand crank), flashlight or lantern, extra batteries, cell phone with charger, wrench, pliers, and other basic tools, first aid kit

**Personal Items:** Prescription medications (two-week supply), personal hygiene items, eyeglasses, contact lenses, dentures, extra batteries or supplies for medical equipment, change of clothes, sturdy shoes

**Pets:** Collar, leash, harness, crate, food, bowls, current photo, license and medical information

**Documents:** Insurance policies, bank account records, identification cards (IDs), medical information, and other copies of important documents. For more information on what documents you may need, visit: [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_effak-toolkit.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_effak-toolkit.pdf)

**Money:** Extra cash and traveler's checks (ATMs may not work during a power outage)

**Other Items:** First-aid kit, emergency whistle, waterproof matches/lighter, local area maps, diapers, wipes, formula, and baby food and supplies (if needed), dust masks, whistle, plastic sheeting and duct tape, paper and pencil, sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person, plates, towels and utensils

For detailed suggestions on what to include, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.

For suggestions on making an emergency kit for your vehicle, visit:

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/emergency-preparedness/car-kit>

### Go Over Your Plan:

Disasters can be chaotic, so it is important to check your emergency kit in advance and ensure your family knows and practices emergency procedures at home, work and school.

Know your risks; Study common hazards in your area and prepare for how you may respond to them. For detailed recommendations on how to prepare for specific threats such as river flooding, coastal storms, or blizzards, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/be-informed#>.

Assign at least one family member to learn first aid and CPR

Know how to shut off utilities at your home

Go over your plans, review documents, and practice applicable parts of the plan with your children

Plan for special needs of those who are part of a vulnerable population, such as: those with disabilities, people who live in institutionalized settings, the elderly, children, those from other cultures or those with limited English proficiency/nonEnglish speakers, people who are transportation-disadvantaged.

## LOCAL RAPID RECOVERY PROGRAM ASSISTS TOWN TO PLAN FOR COVID-19 RECOVERY FOR BUSINESS COMMUNITY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has created the Local Rapid Recovery Planning Assistance to Revitalize Downtowns program which the Town of Marblehead has been participating for the last several months. The program is meant to give municipalities in Massachusetts the opportunity to develop "Local Rapid Recovery Plans" tailored to the unique economic challenges and immediate COVID-19 impacts that have affected downtowns, town centers and commercial areas throughout Massachusetts.

The Town's Local Rapid Recovery Plan will be highly action oriented and will seek to help develop immediate strategies for short-term recovery. The plan will also address medium- and long-term recovery strategies, but those will not be the focus of the planning efforts. The Plan will offer communities and stakeholders a concise road map for project-related investments that support alignment with existing public resources as well as the potential to leverage additional resources from other partners and funders. The plan will also include a thorough analysis and exploration of COVID-related challenges and barriers and conclude with a set of projects and strategies necessary to address COVID-19 recovery needs.

The Town has hosted a public forum and also issued online surveys to solicit feedback from the business community and the community at-large.

## 2ND ANNUAL MUNICIPAL BOOTCAMP PROGRAM

### MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL BOOT CAMP



The Town of Marblehead would like to invite you to participate in the second annual Municipal Boot Camp. This program will provide opportunities for Marblehead residents to learn about town government and how it operates by attending a variety of classes and other activities.

#### 7 WEEKS

Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm  
Starting the week of September 27th to the week of November 15th

#### LEARN ABOUT TOWN DEPARTMENTS

General Government	Finance
Police	Fire
Harbormaster	Planning
Engineering	COA
Recreation & Park	Water/Sewer
Library	Trees
Health	Electric
DPW/Drain	

#### INTERACTIVE TOURS

A minimum of 10 participants required. If registration is too low program may be cancelled. Program may be offered remotely but only if meeting in-person is not possible.

#### REGISTER

Residents can apply by sending an email expressing interest to [silva@marblehead.org](mailto:silva@marblehead.org) or visiting the Selectmen's office at Abbot Hall. If you have any questions please call the Selectmen's office at (781) 631-0000.

Applications due by Friday, Sept. 10th.

### MUNICIPAL BOOT CAMP CLASS SCHEDULE



The Municipal Boot Camp will include a 7-week class schedule, 1 class per week, each class running for 2 hours. The program will seek to educate residents on the general workings of municipal government which will include both classroom instruction and interactive tours of certain municipal facilities.

Session	Class Date	Time	Departments	Location
1	September 30	6 PM - 8 PM	Police; Fire; Harbormaster	Abbot Public Library
2	October 7	6 PM - 8 PM	Planning; Engineering	Mary Alley Municipal Building
3	October 14	6 PM - 8 PM	COA; Library	Judy and Gene Jacobi Community Center and Abbot Public Library
4	October 21	6 PM - 8 PM	Water, Sewer; Health	Mary Alley Municipal Building
5	October 28	6 PM - 8 PM	Trees; DPW/Drain; Electric	Abbot Public Library
6	November 4	6 PM - 8 PM	Recreation and Park	Mary Alley Municipal Building
7	November 18	6 PM - 8 PM	General Government; Finance; Budget	Mary Alley Municipal Building

## SIGN-UP FOR CODERED!

The Town of Marblehead uses CodeRED to send emergency and general notifications by phone, email, and text to keep residents informed. Emergency notifications can include weather events, water main breaks, fire or flood, or other emergency situations. General notifications are also issued which can provide information and updates about things like road closures, construction projects, and snow events. You can sign up to receive notifications or customize your account so you receive information in the manner in which you want to receive it at [marblehead.org](http://marblehead.org).

**SIGN UP TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS AND ALERTS**



### AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY OPPORTUNITY

**TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD Affordable Housing Lottery Marblehead Meadows Only \$316,900!**

2 Bedrooms  
2 1/2 Baths

Deadline to enter: Oct 26, 2021 at 5pm  
Public Q&A via Zoom, Sept 28 at 7pm  
Meeting ID: 969 9828 8818  
Passcode: 281688

Lottery Drawing, Nov 9, 2021  
Lottery to be held at 7pm via ZOOM  
Make sure you submit your completed application along with all your supporting documents by the deadline date.

Applications are available at Marblehead Town Hall & Marblehead Town Library  
www.Delphicasociates.com  
www.MassAffordableHomes.org  
www.chapa.org

Call 508-994-4100 or email completed applications with supporting docs or questions to Dawn@DelphicAssociates.com

Must be income and asset qualified first time home buyers  
Assets cannot exceed \$75,000

HH LIMIT  
1. \$70,750  
2. \$80,850  
3. \$90,950  
4. \$101,050  
5. \$109,150  
6. \$117,250

100% OFF

## MAPPING MARBLEHEAD: THE 19TH CENTURY

Mapping Marblehead: the Nineteenth Century, a new exhibit at the Old Town House, is open and free of charge. The exhibit includes interpretive panels, artifacts, and interactive maps illustrating Marblehead's growth and expansion.

Mapping Marblehead: the Nineteenth Century continues the Historical Commission's project of presenting the highlights of Marblehead's history. This is the second in a series of three planned exhibits. The exhibit tells the story of our town in a way that can be appreciated by all ages, encouraging residents and visitors to walk through the exhibit, and then through the town with a greater understanding of its past.



STEP BACK INTO  
19th century Marblehead

EXHIBIT IN THE OLD TOWN HOUSE

July 10 - October 28 2021

Thursdays: 1-7PM

Fridays: 1-4PM

Saturdays: 10AM-4PM

Sundays: 1-4PM



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