

PITA NEWS LETTER

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OPEN MOUTH, INSERT FOOT

By Tracey A. Smith

Not at the newly opened Plum Island Kitchen. When Dave and Carol Dempsey, along with nephew and business partner Bill Adams, opened their mouths, the intention was all about inserting food. Good food. Formerly PJ's Variety and Plum Crazy, Plum Island Kitchen stirs the pot as a colorful addition to Northern Boulevard, offering grab-n-go, fresh prepared meals.

Year round residents themselves, the trio is dedicated to catering not only to locals and neighbors, but to visitors and vacationers to this precious barrier island they call home.

Self service coffee bar, soup and salad stations are key conveniences as are bagged ice, packaged meats for grilling and propane.

Our goal is to bring back "great summer memories" of a day at the beach. Specialty pizzas, sandwiches and breakfast treats compliment fellow island businesses. A variety of muffins

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WHAT'S A CSO AND HOW DO I KNOW?

Summer is finally in full swing on the island! Tourists and residents alike are enjoying music at The Coma, ice cream at The Cottage, breakfasts at Mad Marthas, take out from PI Kitchen, and of course the beaches and rivers that surround the island.

However, with the warm weather comes the occasional thunderstorm. While this is typically great for cooling down the temps, it can create some serious issues for the river and our beaches. Up river there are 5 sewage treatment plants (Lawrence, Haverhill, Lowell, Manchester and Nashua) that get overwhelmed with storm run off and are forced to dump sewage into the

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CBS NEWS INTERVIEWS AUTHOR FOR UPCOMING BOOK ON PLUM ISLAND

On Thursday, 25 July 2019, PITA hosted a visit by CBS News producer Dan Ruetenik and his crew who set up for a television interview of best-selling author Adrian McKinty by CBS special

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EVENTS

- PI BEAUTIFICATION 7PM 1ST TUES

- Join PITA at plumislandtaxpayers.org
- Rent PITA Hall inexpensively as a Member
- Find PITA now on FaceBook to contribute photos, comments and listen to @PitaTwita for local up to date happenings.

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The fixed price has been set at \$1.85 for two years covering 100 gallons of propane, or 50 gallons per year, which must be consumed during the two year contract period. Contact Townsend for details.

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are baked every morning and fresh scones, danish and pastries are delivered daily. We sell Tuckaway Tavern steak tips, chicken tenders and burgers for grilling. Our traditional Italian style pizzas are made from scratch. Can't decide on which one to try? Two for Tuesdays make it easy. Buy any large specialty pizza and get a small P.I.

Classic pizza free. Wash it all down with one of our old time sodas. Choose from Sasaparilla, Birch Beer, Cream Soda or top it off with a delicious frappe made with Giffords ice cream, (Official ice cream of the N.E. Patriots and Boston Bruins).

Take a short cruise down Northern boulevard and stop in at P.I. Kitchen. The friendly staff, many who are islanders themselves, are

eager to boast about this new little gem and what it has to offer. Our Mission is simple. Offer quality food and service and have fun doing it! Stop in and experience island hospitality at its finest. Let Us Cook for You! Unique gifts from local artists are also available for sale.

Summer hours at Plum Island Kitchen are Tuesday thru Sunday 7a.m.—9p.m. For more info and a detailed menu visit: www.plumislandkitchen.com Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Instagram.

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

by Sandra Turner

A Quest for Art Fulfilled

It lingered there, a desire of sorts, to one day be able to learn and study art. To develop a trained eye and bring to life the beauty she saw in nature and people.

Living in Michigan with a longing to live on the coast, a career opportunity brought her close to our shores. Here, in between and beside full time job commitments, she took classes and trained alongside many seasoned artists.

Now, tucked alongside the Plum Island basin, resides Fran Butsavich, a quiet soft spoken artist whose persistence in her desire for knowledge now

transports us into the landscapes and portraiture that she creates in pastels and oils.

Her studio is set up in a corner of her home, so she can catch a glimpse of her work as she goes about her everyday movements.

Now, an accomplished artist, Fran has had her work accepted and received awards in numerous juried shows including the Pastel Painters of Maine, Pastel Society of New Hampshire and our own Newburyport Art Association.

Fran's solo show of new works is a must see at the NAA's Laura Coombs Hill Gallery.

August 27th thru Sept 8th. More info at <https://newburyportart.org/>

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Merrimack. These are called Combined Sewage Overflows (CSOs). This has been going on since the plants were built in the early 20th century and there have been improvements but last year alone over 800 million gallons were released.

The fixes are not cheap nor are they quick. So what is being done?? There is some good news. All of our local political representatives are well aware of the issue and are working on bills to address two things.

First, a notification bill has been given a favorable vote by the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. This is an important first step in creating a requirement for the public to receive notification of a sewage release and warnings about the safety of our beaches.

Second, the Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) has begun a testing program in Amesbury and Newburyport (including Plum Island) to collect data on the health of the river.

Third, the Amesbury Rotary club, with the support of Plum Island resident Peter Doyle, is trying to secure funding to create a notification app.

Lastly, Representatives Seth Moulton and Lori Trahan have submitted a bill to Congress that includes \$500M for sewage treatment plant upgrades fixes. These are all very positive and relatively new developments in fixing this long standing problem.

If you're interested in learning more about CSOs, there is public event on August 8th at 7pm at the Amesbury Council on Aging. The event is being sponsored by the MRWC and Amesbury Mayor Ken Gray.

How do I know about CSOs?

Until the notification app is created, you may find out about CSO events at www.merrimack.org or go to the MRWC on Facebook.

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Adrian McKinty, photo by Frank Pierce

correspondent Jeff Glor about his latest novel "The Chain," which is set in Newburyport and on Plum Island.

McKinty's suspense novel is expected to soon top the Best Seller list for fiction. For most of the day, Plum Island Hall was transformed into a small television studio for the taped interview which is scheduled to air Saturday morning August 2nd on CBS This Morning: Saturday.

Adrian McKinty was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and is an accomplished crime novelist and literary critic. He has published more than a dozen novels and was presented an Edgar Allan Poe Award by the Mystery Writers of America for best mystery fiction. Jeff Glor, who had been the anchor of the CBS Evening News since 2017, recently became the co-host of CBS This Morning: Saturday.



**Plum Island Beautification meetings,
the 1st Tuesday of the month**

All are welcome to PI Beautification meetings, the 1st Tuesday of the month at PITA hall at 7:00.

Any questions or ideas please email Lynne Petty at lynnepisland@gmail.com

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Plum island lighthouse schedule

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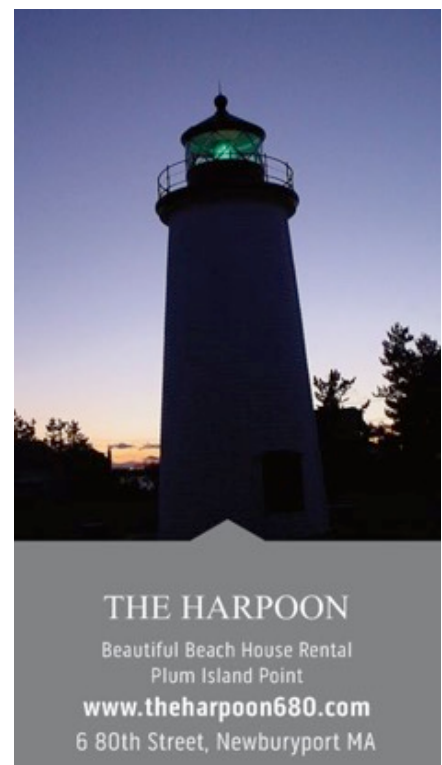
There is a short ladder to climb to the top; sneakers are required. Children must be at least 5 years old and 42 inches tall to climb to the top. Free parking.

Tours and parking are free, but donations to support the Friends of Plum Island Light, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and restoring the lighthouse, are appreciated.

The grounds are available for wedding ceremonies; call Linda Collins at 978-290-1413 or email

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