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The Mary Cheney Library will be the most recent building in Manchester to find a new use after the town opens its new library on Main Street.

Manchester has big plans for its historic buildings

By Michael Walsh

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MANCHESTER — What do you do with historic, town-owned buildings? For Manchester, it's a process of finding second — or sometimes third — lives for the aging structures such as the soon-to-be former Mary Cheney Library building.

Jerald Lentini, a member of the Board of Directors, was part of Manchester's redevelopment agency before becoming an elected official.

"We've been focused on transforming Manchester for current needs and future needs for some time," Lentini said. "We have plenty of plans, surveys, meetings, roundtables and records going back decades of us trying

to figure out what to do with the properties that we have."

Most recently, Lentini said, the town's repurposing of buildings they own kicked into gear when they closed three schools — Nathan Hale, Robertson and Washington — in the 2010s.

"When we closed down schools we were left with some real large real

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Man to serve 8 years for gymnastics meet stabbing

By Tyler Fedor

STAFF WRITER

GLASTONBURY — A man who stabbed another man in the heart at a Glastonbury children's gymnastics event was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Marcus McDaniel of Hartford was sentenced Thursday to 15 years in prison, suspended after eight years served, followed by three years of probation in the 2024 stabbing.



McDaniel

He had been charged with first-degree assault with serious physical injury. McDaniel stabbed another man at the Academy Building, next-door to Town Hall on Main Street in Glastonbury, on Feb. 25, 2024.

In an affidavit, Glastonbury police Detective Christopher Kopencey said the victim was at the gymnastics meet to watch his child perform.

The detective also said the victim had been receiving hostile text messages for months before the stabbing from McDaniel's girlfriend, Aminah Weatherington, 40, also of Hartford.

According to the warrant for Weatherington's arrest, she encouraged McDaniel to stab the victim. She is charged with risk of injury to child, first-degree conspiracy to commit assault and second-degree harassment, and her case is next in court July 22, according to online

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