



NORTH HAMPTON Community Newsletter

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Library Trustees Communiqué

Since our last update, we continue to work with Selectman Coutu and Town Counsel to secure Library Funds so that all of our money deposited will be returned to the Library should the bank fail. This task has consisted of the effort to ensure that the fine print in financial documents reflect the test of secured deposits and priority rights to take possession of those deposits.

Recently, we’ve set our 2009 goals and will continue prudent fiscal management of all our resources and budget. Among other goals, we are also concentrating on Long Range Planning and building infrastructure. With respect to the former, our long range plan is to either build a new library or expand the current one. We and the staff have done our best to make everyone aware of the lack of seating, space, restrooms that are not handicapped accessible and numerous other problems addressed in the 2001 and 2008 Library Assessment and Projection reports.

We and the staff of the Library are cognizant of and sensitive to the current economic problems. However, we understand the need to plan for Library needs when economic times are better.

In 2008, we verbally requested that the Select Board meet with the Department Heads of the Police and Fire and the Trustees of the Library to go over their needs assessments, decide on actual needs and then prioritize them to move on with the Town Complex planning. Following up on this request, on April 22, 2009, the Trustees sent a letter to the Select Board requesting a joint meeting. As of this date, the Board has not responded to our request. The Select Board has however, given the Town Administrator the approval to write a request for Architect proposals for a Town Complex. It is the Trustees opinion that before a request for proposal is written, the Town is better served by thoughtful assessment of actual needs, prioritization of those needs, public input and discussion. That has not yet been accomplished. We’ll keep you posted on this effort.

With respect to our building infrastructure, we are doing what we can to ensure the Library is safe, welcoming and functional. The current Library building is 36 years old and we’ve worked diligently with the Energy and Recycling Committee to get it energy and conservation efficient. More efficient lighting has been installed. We’re working on eliminating heat loss and maximizing energy efficiency. Focusing on safety, we’ve ensured the front outside entrance is well lit and recently replaced worn and torn carpeting in the high traffic areas.

Circulation and usage of the Library is up. Our staff is committed to ensuring that patron needs are met, that services evolve with technology, and that programs reflect the interest of our community. If you have any suggestions, recommendations and or concerns, please don’t hesitate to tell the staff or contact us directly. To serve you better, we need your thoughts.

~ See you in the Library,

Emily Creighton, Chair, Alison Robie, Treasurer, Peter Parker, Secretary

North Hampton Select Board

With Town Meeting in March, the Town has begun to undergo some significant changes and a period of transition. The Select Board welcomed a new member, Jon Rineman. He joins incumbents Michael Coutu and Craig Salomon. Mr. Rineman replaces Emily Creighton who served on the Board for a number of years. The Select Board thanks Ms. Creighton for her service.

At the Board's organizational meeting, Mr. Salomon was elected chair and Mr. Coutu was elected vice-chair. Also at that meeting, the Select Board appointed members of their body to serve on various Town Boards and Commissions. Some of the appointments to note are Mr. Coutu's appointment to serve as the Select Board Representative to the Planning Board and Mr. Rineman has been appointed to serve on the Municipal Budget Committee. Mr. Salomon will be serving as a liaison to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The transition has been reflected in other areas as well. The voters approved moving Town Meeting to May starting in 2010. This change will give department heads and the budget committee more financial history upon which to plan future expenditures. In addition, it should get more people who winter in warmer climates to be involved in Town Meeting.

In the short period since Town Meeting, the Select Board has had to deal with some unexpected issues. First were the jurisdictional questions about the appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment alternates and which body, the ZBA or Select Board, has the appointment authority of the alternates to the ZBA. It was determined that the Select Board continues to appoint the alternates until such time as all members of the Zoning Board are elected by Town Meeting. This will happen after the May 2010 Town Meeting.

In March, the voters adopted an amended Code of Ethics for the elected and appointed officials of the Town. A subsequent complaint caused the Board to recognize two unanticipated problems. The Select Board has determined that the Code, as written, needs work and revisions. The Code is very vague in certain areas and the Select Board needed to adopt Rules and Procedures to better outline how complaints are handled. The Board hopes to have a better work product available for voter consideration in May of 2010.

The Board has been busy with its usual work load including updating internal policies, labor negotiations, and tax abatements. The renewal of the Cable Television franchise process has begun and public input is encouraged. The Select Board is also actively involved with the Water Commission in Aquarion's proposed rate increase application.

The Board wishes to thank the Town Administrator and his staff, the Department Heads and employees and all citizen volunteers for their hard work, dedication and professionalism. Good job all.

*~ Respectfully submitted,
Craig Salomon, Michael Coutu, Jon Rineman*

Conservation Commission Update

Contamination in the Little River: Watershed Analysis

As a result of continuing New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) water sampling tests indicating bacterial contamination in the Little River, scientists from the DES Shellfish Program and Beach Program, along with staff from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) New England Regional Laboratory, conducted a dye tracing study on May 19 on the Little River, in the vicinity of North Hampton State Beach. According to the DES, "Little River has been identified as a source of bacterial pollution to the Atlantic Ocean. While the exact origins of the bacterial pollution remain under investigation, this study will help state managers more accurately define how much of the Atlantic Ocean is adversely affected by the intermittently high bacteria levels coming from Little River."

In conducting the study, a red dye was injected into the river during the ebbing tide in the morning. The dye's dilution and transport patterns were then tracked by DES and EPA staff by periodic water sampling throughout the day. Chris Nash, DES Shellfish Program Director, indicated that the study analysis will be completed by the end of July, but indicated that certain areas near the beach exhibited little dilution in the first day of the dye test. With the tidal flow, the red dye level was significantly diluted.

Tim Bridges, EPA Laboratory Program Manager, indicated that the contamination into the North Hampton Beach area from the Little River is of concern to the EPA because of the potential for deterioration of water quality along the shoreline.

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In addition, the DES Beach Program is “conducting a bacteriological modeling study in NH coastal beach watersheds for North Hampton in the Little River and Chapel Brook, sources of bacteria for North Hampton State Park and Bass Beach respectively”.

According to Jessica Devoid, Biology Technician at the DES Beach Program, the modeling will be used to “identify and prioritize the land based bacterial sources, and determine the best way to predict events of elevated bacteria.” Subsequently, the DES will explore the potential of offshore sources of bacteria, working closely with the Conservation Commission and other Town officials to develop a comprehensive watershed based plan, potentially using Section 319 federal funds. The goal is to identify the specific types and levels of bacterial and other contaminants in the Little River and to curtail these through mitigation and enforcement.

According to DES, the results from the study will be used to support future management decisions regarding shellfish harvesting closures and swimming advisories. The Conservation Commission will continue to monitor the program and participate in the development of the Little River Watershed planning.

The Conservation Commission thanks Tim Bridges, USEPA and DES Staff members Chris Nash and Jessica Devoid for the update information used in this summary and for their continued support of this important program to protect North Hampton’s water resources.

~ Chris Ganotis, Chairman

The North Hampton Energy Committee News

The North Hampton Energy Committee (NHEC) presented their first annual “Walk the Talk,” award to Joanne Lamprey, President of Lamprey Brothers Oil on Earth Day, April 22nd. The award is presented to a North Hampton resident who best exemplifies energy conservation consciousness, leadership, and practice. Lamprey Brothers has become the first oil company in New England to become an Energy Star Retail Partner.

“At the company’s heart is Joanne. Giving and teaching is what she does, what her company does to support renewable and sustainable energy,” said NHEC chair, Mary Lou Wollmar. Lamprey was surprised by the award. “This is just what we do. What we all need to do. Our mission is to help people burn less oil.”

Lamprey was honored at an event sponsored by the North Hampton Business Association at Seacoast Harley Davidson. The event also included a presentation by NHEC school liaison, Peter Philbrook. Philbrook, a chemist with the Environmental Protection Agency offered the NHBA ideas and proven methods for saving money by making green choices for their businesses. “Consumers are their own best Energy Detectives,” said Philbrook, who gave similar presentations to North Hampton School students in April, and staff/faculty in May.

An Energy Audit Report of Town facilities has been completed by North Hampton’s Energy Committee. From December 2008 to April 2009, members Bob Copp, Dietrich Ebert and Peter Philbrook conducted on-site assessments of the Police/Fire/Town Office complex and Old Town Hall. Data was collected in terms of energy efficiency with regard to interior and exterior lighting, types of windows, HVAC systems, interior and exterior building surfaces and doors. Consumption of electricity, fuel oil, propane and water information on each building is also being collected and input into the US Environmental Protection Agency’s Portfolio Manager (energystar.gov), a secure, online database. Over time, the input of complete data will allow the Town to track and assess energy and water usage across an entire portfolio of buildings. Further, the energy performance of each building can be tracked locally and compared with municipalities nationwide.

The purpose of the audits is to identify energy related opportunities that, with simple and immediate attention, would result in reduced emission of climate-altering greenhouse gasses and save local taxpayers money. NHEC reps will be presenting their findings to the Select Board in the near future and then post the results on the North Hampton town website. The committee plans to continue their work focusing on the Public Library, The Highway Department and Recycling Center. The audits have been performed free of charge.

SAVE THE DATE: October 24th — the NHEC is planning on sponsoring a free energy conservation awareness event. Note: there will be food! Stay tuned for details.

~ Tamara Le, North Hampton Energy Committee



NHEC members Tamara Le (left) and Peter Philbrook (right) present Joanne Lamprey with the first annual WALK THE TALK Award. The award is a walking stick carved from a recycled lobstering pole.

Friends of Centennial Hall

Centennial Hall's newly graded and paved driveway, now framed with freshly seeded loam, plants and shrubbery, completes another renovation project thanks to the volunteer effort of community minded neighbor Timberland Corporation.

Under the direction of Sue Brooks, Centennial Hall's current Secretary and long serving board member, this is the third day spent in-service at Centennial Hall. In addition to landscaping services, painting and carpentry projects are some of the other recent renovation effort that Timberland has been involved in.

"I am fortunate to work for a company that values community engagement, which enables me to volunteer my time for an organization I am passionate about," commented Ms. Brooks. She went on to state that her co-workers have also taken a personal interest in the Hall and are looking forward to the next service project scheduled later in the summer.

Many departments are represented in the effort and while Sue Brooks felt "...spending time outside of the office strengthens professional relationships" participants also look forward to hearing old stories, historical references and antidotes from her mother, Carolyn Brooks; former Hall alumni, past board member and project vanguard, who is pleased to share these service days working alongside her daughter.

According to Marcy McCann, Friends of Centennial Hall President, "We couldn't make this kind of progress without support from local business such as Second Nature Landscaping who donated much needed loam, and Timberland's volunteers. This is an exciting time to be a part of the Friends of Centennial Hall. We are a tremendous community resource, needing and benefiting tremendously from community resources."

Timberland volunteers also assisted in renovating the Hall's basement space, now a delightful new home for two active tenants: The Brush and Palette and The Red Cross. Bringing new classes and programs to the building is what the FOCH work year-round to accomplish. According to Ms. McCann "...we are using every inch of space to accommodate private and public use. The only way to continue to open access to the fabulous space we are presently unable to use on the second floor is through continued support from our community, local business and corporations such as Timberland." The second floor Grand Ballroom remains unusable due to restrictions associated with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), which requires the Hall install an elevator and restore a rear entry.

Timberland is one of many local sponsor organizations that continue to provide valuable support services assisting the Hall in completing restoration projects. Other projects recently completed include: refinished first level floors by Natural Wood Flooring and parking lot re-surfacing and paving by Diamond Paving. Both companies discounted services to assist the Hall in completing these projects. Professional consultation, legal assistance, discounted labor and materials and other services that continue to improve have been recently provided by: Knowles Property Maintenance, North Hill Nursery, Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella, Pllc. Birse, Timberline Signs, Northeast Gutter, Derrick Hill, Ben King and Bruce Kirk.

The non-profit board welcomes support and assistance from the community. Please visit centennialhall.org to see how you can assist with the restoration and renovation projects.



North Hampton Historical Society News

The current season of the North Hampton Historical Society came to a close in June with our annual dinner for members only.

Hope you were one of the many who attended our May program caught on Channel 22. It was an excellent program presented by Jenny Landman and Penny Holbert titled "Bemis Heights, 2nd Battle of Saratoga 1777" and the involvement of North Hampton Soldiers. Before the presentation, our curator, Priscilla Leavitt, was honored for her hard work and dedication to the Society. President George Chauncey presented her with a document of appreciation and Jenny also presented her one on behalf of the Select Board of North Hampton. Priscilla spends an unbelievable amount of time and energy receiving, documenting, cataloging, and storing the donated historic items. We can't thank her enough. At the end of the program Jenny Landman unveiled her beautiful painting of the men she related to in her presentation. Her painting will be on display in our museum in the near future. You won't want to miss seeing it.

Saturday following this program Susannah Clark gave an interesting tour of Center Cemetery. Here she pointed out the gravestones of some of the North Hampton soldiers who served in the Battle of Bemis Heights.

There are no programs in July or August and no work session in July. Work sessions will resume in August with the planning of programs for the next season. These are held the 1st Monday of the month at 3:00pm at the library. All members are encouraged to attend and bring your ideas for programs and fund raisers.

The public programs are held at 7pm at the United Church of Christ on the third Monday of the month. The programs are free and refreshments are served. New members are welcome; dues are \$10.00 single and \$15.00 per couple per year.

Have a great summer and we will see you in September.

- Beverley J. Frenette, Vice President, North Hampton Historical Society

North Hampton Forever Update

The North Hampton *forever* Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission is pleased to report that the acquisition of the a conservation easement on approximately 25 acres of the property owned by Ms. Cynthia Jenkins closed on 18 May.

The Town acquired the easement for \$450,000, although the property was appraised for \$525,000, and the Subcommittee is extremely grateful to Cynthia and John Jenkins for this generous "bargain sale" of the easement.

The acquisition was funded in part with an award of \$249,600 from the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program of the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS"). The remainder of the acquisition price, amounting to \$200,400, was funded from the North Hampton *forever* bond authorization approved at Town Meeting in 2001.

The North Hampton *forever* Subcommittee is grateful for the assistance of Ms. Mary Currier, Executive Director, Rockingham County Conservation District ("RCCD") and her colleagues at both the RCCD and the New Hampshire Office of the NRCS. Without the able and persistent efforts of Ms. Currier and her colleagues, the Town would not have been successful in securing this award and bringing the project to successful closure.

The Subcommittee is also grateful for the support of Senator Judd Gregg and Mr. Matt Leahy, Project director, in Senator Gregg's Concord Office. The Senator's office was very helpful in enabling the Subcommittee to steer the course through the government's requirements for receiving this award.

The RCCD will be responsible for monitoring the easement, which ensures that these 25 acres will be used in perpetuity only for agricultural uses.

Again, we thank the Jenkins family for their generosity and for their interest in preserving North Hampton's rural character.

Members of the Subcommittee are: Mike Coutu (Selectmen's Representative, 2008), Robert Field (2000-present), Chris Ganotis (Treasurer, 2000-present), Tim Harned (Co-Chair, 2000-present), Stanley Knowles (2006-present), Shep Kroner (Secretary, 2004-present), Peter Simmons (2006-present), Dick Wollmar (2000-present), and Phil Wilson (Co-Chair, 2000-present). Ms. Michele Peckham, Esq., serves as legal counsel for the Subcommittee.

- Submitted by Phil Wilson, Co-Chair

Recreation News and Updates

Henry Clay said it best, "Courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest in the grateful and appreciating heart." There are so many people that I wish to thank for their volunteerism or helping me plan an activity for the USS Dallas and the NR-1 crew. First up on the list is Berwick Academy Senior, Ethan Fishbaugh, who for his senior project painted the plain fence behind the playground as well as digging up bushes and staining picnic tables under the pavilion. The Boy Scouts, for helping clean up the debris left over from the Winterfest bonfire and the Girl Scouts who planted flowers in front of the pavilion, Andy Jones for staining the remainder of the picnics tables & painting the cement pavilion floor, and to Ross Peterson (NHYA baseball commish) for picking up the trash that has been accidentally left behind by park visitors. This is the town's only park next to the Green and it is greatly appreciated to those who also pick up after themselves after they have used Dearborn Park. It is a carry in carry out park, so thank you so much to those of you who took out the trash that you brought in with you.

A humungous thank you to the sailors of the USS Dallas and the NR-1 for scraping and then painting a fresh coat of paint on one of our town's historic relics. A special thank you to COB's (Chief of the Boat) Zach Montello and Chuck Shoop. They have been the boats' liaisons with the town and helped me plan activities. It has been a pleasure and a learning experience to have been part of their time up here in New Hampshire. Thank you to Nancy Lee who hosted a Luau for both boats crew, to Sean Correll and Kerry Whitten who donated food and drink to the luau. Much gratitude to Geoff Miller, Kevin Donohoe, Becca and Nikki Kisner and Julia Papanoulos for running the arts and crafts and the ever entertaining blindfolded musical chairs, limbo & sumu wrestling! A HUMUNGOUS thank you and kudos to Burt Young of Water Country who donated 185 (that's right 185) tickets to the sailors. Last but not least, our Select Board member, Jon Rineman, who selflessly drove the bus who picked up and dropped off the sailors to the beach house. You went above and beyond. It was a fun-filled family day and the sailors greatly appreciated a day of relaxation.

Improvements to Dearborn Park: the tennis courts have been resurfaced and a new shade structure has been placed over the playground. Much thanks to the Robie Mackin Charitable Foundation for choosing the Recreation Department as the recipient of their 2008 golf tournament. The shade structures that are going over the playground should be up by July, weather permitting. The tourney is a wonderful event that brings together your neighbors, friends and family who support the Robie and Mackin families in their endeavor to better the lives of the children of North Hampton. For 2010 tournament date, please go to: www.robie-mackin.org.

A warm welcome to Geoffrey Miller, who took over the reigns of the North Hampton summer rec Director position. Geoff is a North Hampton resident who has a youth that attended the summer camp program and was looking to give back to the community. He has jumped in with both feet and has done a fantastic job thus far. I look forward to working alongside you this summer.

I hope that you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you.

- Yours in recreation, Diane Wheeler, North Hampton Recreation

Thanks PAL!

The PAL organization, People Active in Learning, at North Hampton School definitely lives up to its name, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them once again for their generosity and support of the arts at NHS. Our new sound system in the cafeteria was a result of PAL, and this past year the organization donated additional funding for phase II of our stage renovation project. New microphones, stands, and cables were purchased, along with wireless hand-held mic's that have been used at meetings and events. These new microphones offer singers, speakers, and performers the freedom to wander off of the stage and out into the audience. For me, the most exciting purchase was of the four lavalier bodypack wireless mic systems. These microphones are the ones I use for the spring musical each year, and this year 4 extra cast members were given a voice! The bodypacks were also used for our visiting author and for readers theatre plays on the NHS stage.

Thanks to all the parents and community members who are a part of the PAL organization, and or who support the PAL fundraisers and theatre events at NHS! Have a great summer.

- Marsha Zavez, Art/Theatre, NHS



*Maw Cawawkee
and Cordelia from
"Kokonut Kapers"*

2009 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT NORTH HAMPTON BANDSTAND

Intersection of Routes 111 & 151

WED, JUNE 24 6:00-8:00 PM	THE JUMBO CIRCUS PEANUTS Based on the traditions of New Orleans brass bands. jumbocircuspeanuts@comcast.net Sponsored by: Seacoast Memorials
WED, JULY 1 6:30-8:00 PM	THE AIR FORCE BAND OF LIBERTY – Join us as we begin the 4th of July week with this outstanding band. A definite favorite!
WED, JULY 8 6:00-8:00 PM	COUNTRY MILE BAND First time here. If you like country, you'll like this band! glennpetrucci@comcast.net
THU, JULY 16 7:00-8:30 PM	39TH ARMY BAND – NH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD We are proud to bring you this award-winning concert band. A great variety of music!
WED, JULY 22 6:00-8:00 PM	ISLANDSIDE Come hear the sounds of summer with this jammin' reggae/calypso band.
WED, JULY 29 6:00-8:00 PM	RICO BARR AND THE JUMP'N JIVE REVIEW Nominated swing band of the year by the National Swing Awards.
WED, AUG 5 6:00-8:00 PM	DAVE GERARD "TRUFFLE ACOUSTIC TRIO" – This group has performed in all but ten states across the U.S. With elements of soul, bluegrass, R&B and world beat, they bring a well-rounded set of "music Americana" to the stage. dave@gerardtruffle.com
WED, AUG 12 6:00-8:00 PM	97 NORTH Classic, feel-good rock 'n roll! Another new group to our venue.
WED, AUG 19 5:30-7:30 PM	THE MOOSE MOUNTAIN JAZZ BAND – A full seven-piece band specializing in Dixieland Jazz. New last year, back by popular demand. Come enjoy!
WED, AUG 26 5:30-7:30 PM	OPA'S OOMPAH BAND Enjoy the sound of the "alps" on the seacoast.
WED, SEPT 2 5:30-7:30 PM	THE EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE – Another crowd favorite, back for their seventh year playing swing, latin, country and contemporary music.
MON, SEPT 7 LABOR DAY 2:00-4:00 PM	GOOD MEM'RIES BIG BAND – A Labor Day tradition! Join us for this final concert. (Bring your own food for this one.)

2009 CHILDREN'S SERIES

THU, JULY 2 10:30 AM	DIANE KORDAS – AWARD WINNING MUSICIAN & PUPPETEER Diane weaves stories and life lessons into programs. Plenty of humor and audience participation encourage young imaginations to soar as they learn and play.
THU, JULY 16 10:30 AM	STEVE BLUNT – FEATURES MUSIC AND MOVEMENT A celebration of childhood themes, featuring traditional favorites and award-winning original music like "Hang on Henry". Sing-along, move-around, laugh-a-lot.
THU, JULY 30 10:30 AM	PETER SHERIDAN Peter has over ten years experience in children's music and performs using a variety of instruments. He has created and produced two children's CDs.
THU, AUG 13 10:30 AM	JUDY PANCOAST Judy's innovative song writing won her the coveted Children's Music Web "Best Song for Young Children" award three times. judypancoast.com

2009 Summer Concert Series

North Hampton Bandstand *continued from page 7*

FOOD AND BEVERAGES: The Masonic Lodge will have hot dogs, beans, chips, tonic and coffee for purchase. The North Hampton Women's Club has cookies and brownies for sale and Friends of Centennial Hall will be here to sell popcorn and ice cream. These are all very worthwhile organizations and your support is very much appreciated.

IN CASE OF RAIN: Children's programs will be held at the North Hampton Elementary School. The school is located on Rt. 111 (Atlantic Avenue) east of Rt. 1. Concerts will be cancelled by 1:00pm on the day of concert. We will have a "Concert Cancelled" signboard at the bandstand or you may call (603) 964-5992, (603) 964-6326 or (603) 964-6029. Cancellations will be posted on the town website www.northhampton-nh.org and Channel 22 for North Hampton residents. **The two military bands will not be cancelled due to weather and will perform at the North Hampton Elementary School located on Rt. 111 (Atlantic Avenue).**

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION: Due to limited parking, Sanderson's field is available for overflow parking. This field is located on Hobbs Road, 3 houses east of the church. Also, please do not park on the south side of North Hill Road. This creates a safety hazard and you may be ticketed.

BRING YOUR BLANKETS OR CHAIRS!

North Hampton School Garden

The NHS students have planted their second organic garden. This year the 6th grade sowed radishes, eggplant, celery, parsley, corn and calendula. They planted their seedlings and have been tending the garden regularly. The garden may become one of the service/learning choices next year. 4th grade has sown seeds directly into the garden and are already seeing their snap peas, squash and pumpkin breaking through the soil and mulch. Much of the 4th grade curriculum deals with botany and the garden is a natural extension. Second grade science deals with life cycles and again, the garden can play a big part in those discussions. Second graders planted sweet onions, broccoli and salad greens. The second graders also experienced garden visitors sneaking in to munch on the salad greens and broccoli. They next planted marigolds and problem solved ways to prevent



unwanted visitors from eating their crops. Our preschoolers have added the finishing artistic touch of stepping stones that will lead our garden volunteers to the crops and to a bench to rest and enjoy our work.

The salad greens were harvested for the school salad bar. Many of the seedlings will still be producing vegetables in the Fall and they will be part of the school lunches then. We are adding a butterfly garden in a small corner of the garden to attract more bees and butterflies and to help pollinate our blueberry bushes. In the future, we hope to rearrange our 6th grade led compost area and increase the size and production of our garden.

Thank you to all of the student, teacher and parent gardeners!

- Margaret Allen



Cub Scouts Pack 162



Spring is a great time of year. Our pack joined in Fiesta Night at the school by providing desserts to add to the wonderful menu of the evening. We hope to make this an annual event. Thank you Peter for rising to the occasion. Mike Higgins and his mighty Tigers coordinated with Joe Kutt to replace old flags in our cemeteries to honor our heroes as part of our community service. As always, we marched proud in the Memorial Day Parade. May also saw all our boys advance in rank. Congratulations to each scout and their family for doing a great job! June was our last official Pack Meeting which, of course, is our Rain Gutter Regatta. Boats were designed by the scouts and floated with some blowing power down the gutter. This year we had some head winds which made for some interesting racing. We also invited kindergarten boys who were interested in scouts. They joined in the fun along with family members as well. We have three new Tigers for next year and look forward to having some more join in the fall. We closed the meeting with a campfire and ice cream party. To end June, we have many boys and parents going to the Fishercat game and sleepover. Henry Philbrook will be participating in the first pitch. Make it a strike, Henry! July we will have an informal get together to keep in touch and have some summertime fun. This brings us to August and our Back to School Picnic where you will see us with our booth and scouts. With a sad heart, I will be retiring as Cubmaster and moving up to join my son in Troop 162. He is the Den Chief for the Webelos, so I can still visit and get to see the scouts. Peter Philbrook will be the new Cubmaster. He is a Webelo Leader as well and will do a fantastic job as Cubmaster. There are several positions in the pack that need to be filled, three leaders besides me have moved up with their boys. If you love scouting, we would love to have you. You don't need a scout to be involved. I can still be reached for any info. on joining at 603-682-2950. You don't have to wait to August or September. We would love to have you join and participate in our events.

*~ As Always, Yours in Scouting,
Laurie Booth, Retiring Cubmaster*

North Hampton Youth Association Roundup

The North Hampton Youth Association has enjoyed a successful 2008-09 season. Our participation numbers were up in virtually all our sports, and coach participation soared for the K-2 baseball season. Most importantly, there were a lot of smiling faces at the fields and on the court.

Our Pre-K programs proved to be a big hit in the community, and we are now enjoying the summer baseball season, which is in its second year of existence and first under the NHYA umbrella.

As we look ahead to next fall, we are still accepting registrations for the 2009 soccer season. All North Hampton boys and girls entering kindergarten through grade 2 in September 2009 are eligible to play. North Hampton kindergarten's age cut-off date indicates a student must be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2009, and NHYA soccer's policy is consistent with that.

The program begins Sept. 5 at 9 a.m. on Knowles Field in North Hampton. The registration fee is \$50 per player. Visit <http://www.eteamz.com/NHYA/handouts/> for a registration form. Completed forms with an enclosed check made payable to NHYA can be mailed to: NHYA Registrar, c/o Heidi Nigro, 11 Grandview Terrace, North Hampton, NH 03862.

Contact soccer commissioner Dave MacArthur by phone at 964-8871 or 498-8942, or via e-mail at david.macarthur@comcast.net for more information.

NHYA's Board of Directors is always looking for new members to contribute, and is currently looking for a president to lead the organization. For those unaware of what exactly the NHYA does, it is a nonprofit organization that organizes and oversees all of the town's youth sports leagues and any related business matters and administrative work.

NHYA is run completely by volunteers from the community, meaning there are no paid staff members, and the focus is on programs designed for pre-K (age 4) through sixth-grade students.

Anyone interested in this position of president or helping the board in another capacity is encouraged to contact board member Mike Sullivan at: mikesully3234@yahoo.com.

North Hampton Public Library News

Save the Date!

Thursday, August 20th the Library will host the 2nd annual Ogden Nash celebration. Ogden Nash, the well-beloved and renowned poet and writer who, with his family lived part-time in North Hampton at 9 Atlantic Avenue, and who is buried in Little River Cemetery, will be honored by the library with a tour of the Nash home by the Lauter Family and a performance of "Home is Heaven" (the complete production) performed by Pontine Theatre. Those who attended last year enjoyed such a wonderful evening we wanted to give more people the opportunity to have this wonderful experience. More details will be forthcoming on the library website at www.nhplib.org and at the library.

The Sunset Book Club

The Sunset Book Club will be meeting July 21st at 7:00 pm to discuss Ursula Le Guin's magical novel "A Wizard of Earthsea." From Amazon.com:

Often compared to Tolkien's Middle-earth or Lewis's Narnia, Ursula K. Le Guin's Earthsea is a stunning fantasy world that grabs quickly at our hearts, pulling us deeply into its imaginary realms. Four books (A Wizard of Earthsea, The Tombs of Atuan, The Farthest Shore, and Tehanu) tell the whole Earthsea cycle—a tale about a reckless, awkward boy named Sparrowhawk who becomes a wizard's apprentice after the wizard reveals Sparrowhawk's true name. The boy comes to realize that his fate may be far more important than he ever dreamed possible. Le Guin challenges her readers to think about the power of language, how in the act of naming the world around us we actually create that world. Teens, especially, will be inspired by the way Le Guin allows her characters to evolve and grow into their own powers.

Le Guin's novel has wide appeal and the book club is open to those age 16 and up who would like to join us. Come into the library to pick up a copy and sign up.

Life on a Submarine Program

The community enjoyed an evening with Captain Dave Roberts, Commander of the U.S.S. Dallas, and the Chief of the Boat, Chuck Shoop, and members of the NR-1 crew. Interesting facts and items of interest were shared to the enjoyment of all. Our sincere thanks go to Captain Roberts, the U.S.S. Dallas and NR-1 crew members and to Diane Wheeler for coordinating the evening with the library.

Classes Offered

Introduction to Digital Photography

Thursday, July 23, 6-8pm

Bring your own digital camera! This introductory class is designed for someone who has just purchased or received a digital camera and would like to learn how to use it. In this course, you will learn the basic settings of your digital camera, photo storage options, protecting your photos, transferring photos from your camera to a computer, and printing to a printer, an online printing service, or kiosk. Be prepared to take some photos during this class to use as examples. If you have a laptop computer, please bring it! \$10 fee for materials.

Introduction to the World Wide Web/ Internet Browsing

Monday, July 27, 11am-12:30pm

Ever wonder what is the attraction with the "World Wide Web"? In this course, you will be introduced to the Internet and its huge resources. Marvel as we navigate through countless pages of information and resources - more than you know what to do with! Simple search strategies will be demonstrated. Learn how to filter through search results and find exactly the information you are looking for. A computer is not necessary for this course, but if you have a laptop please bring it!

Call the library to sign up or email circdesk@nhplib.org. Classes will be taught by Lisa Tutinas. Lisa Tutinas is a computer consultant residing in North Hampton for the past 22 years. Lisa has over 20 years of experience with computers and related technology. She develops and maintains several Web sites. Lisa is currently Marketing Director for a seacoast agricultural company, specializing in the agritainment industry which promotes local farming. Prior to consulting, Lisa was the corporate hardware and software instructor for the Timberland company. In addition to raising a family, Lisa is an avid gardener and nature photographer.

Library Survey Results

The library did a survey in February of this year to determine if the library was open the hours that are most convenient to our patrons. Here are the results from 59 surveys completed:

1) The library is open 3 days a week from 10am to 5pm and two days a week from 10am to 8pm. Would you be more likely to use the library if it were open later than 5:00 most days?

YES: 33% NO: 67%

2) What do you use the library for?

INTERNET ACCESS: 22% BOOKS: 98%

MOVIES/DVD'S: 56% PROGRAMS: 37%

AUDIO BOOKS: 20%

RESEARCH/PROJECTS: 10%

TO READ IN THE LIBRARY: 15%

3) How often do you use the library on Saturdays?

FREQUENTLY: 49% SELDOM: 30%

SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR: 19% NEVER: 2%

4) Would you use the library if it were open later than 2:00 on Saturdays?

YES: 49% NO: 51%

5) Are you satisfied with the hours and days the library is open?

YES: 82% NO: 18%

6) Age group:

(12-18)=1 (19- 29)=0 (30- 40)=10

(41-50)=6 (50-65)=12 (65+)=12

Additional comments:

- It is great. I love it! • I love this library!
- Use copy machine
- [#2 question regarding what do you use the library for]
- Thanks - Bill. • Good staff - helpful
- We love the library & everyone who works there
- Great library and librarians
- Don't go to not being open on a day. Maybe 2 days open at 9am?
- More evening programs for adults more Saturday programs for kids
- It would be nice if the library were open earlier. 9 am on some days
- More PBS Series - Thank you!
- Other uses: local history, lots of ILLs
- You're doing an awesome job!
- Wonderful job- we love everything about our library. Thank you very much!
- Love the kids programs. Thanks! Wildlife was fun!
- I appreciate all that the library has to offer.

Thank You~ Susan Grant, Library Director

Goat Day at the Library

Many thanks to the Waechter family of Joy Lane Farm in North Hampton for helping make "Goat Day" so great! Also thanks to Martha Dana for the goat finger puppets.



Library Director, Susan Grant, tries her hand at milking Lucy the goat with instructions from Hannah Joy Waechter.



A hungry kid gets his bottle at "Goat Day" at the North Hampton Library

News from The United Church of Christ in North Hampton

The members and friends of The United Church of Christ in North Hampton extend deep gratitude to community members who helped welcome Mr. Wilfred Sukuta and Mrs. Annie Ntuli from Mt. Selinda, Zimbabwe this past May. They were deeply grateful for opportunities to visit North Hampton School and local area businesses, hospitals, and nursing homes. Their visit was the first time in 10 years that UCC, North Hampton had the opportunity to welcome members of our sister church in Zimbabwe. Given the current political and economic status of Zimbabwe, it was a feat indeed. The community support and compassionate outpouring overwhelmed Annie and Wilfred and will be taken back to their families and church in Zimbabwe.



*Mr. Wilfred Sukuta and
Mrs. Annie Ntuli of
Zimbabwe visit North
Hampton School*

In other UCC, North Hampton news...worship at Little River Chapel has begun and will continue through Labor Day weekend at 9:30 am. The church will worship there while phase two of capital renovations at 295 Atlantic Avenue continue. We look forward to celebrating the completion of capital renovations and returning to the church on the green the Sunday after Labor Day.

The church invites community members to support the American Red Cross by donating blood on September 18th from 2-7 pm.

~ Rev. Michele Bagby Allan, Pastor

Summer Reading 2009 at North Hampton Public Library

The summer reading theme for 2009 is: "Summertime... and the Reading is Easy". The summer reading program started on June 22 and runs until August 7th. Reading charts for children are available at the library. All children who complete the minimum reading goals will receive a prize (beginning on August 7th). Let's see if we can set a new reading record for our town this year!

To add to your summer – the following programs are offered at the library:

American History Comes Alive! - ages 6 and up - Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30

Learn about revolutionary war soldiers from North Hampton and the life of a young fifer with Jennifer Landman, Penny Holbert, and Nathaniel Williams. This popular program was presented this year by the North Hampton Historical Society. We're bringing the program back tailored for our younger audience!

NE Wildlife Encounters Traveling Zoo - Global Animal Tour - Monday, July 20th 6:30pm

Meet and learn about animals from around the world. Wildlife Encounters is a NH based not for profit educational entity. They visited us last fall, don't miss their return visit.

Magic Show with Norman Ng - Monday, July 27th 6:30pm

Normal Ng will amaze you with his magic.

"Taster's Choice" Food Tasting - Wednesday, July 29th 6:30 - 7:00pm

Taste and vote for your favorite brand of chocolate chip cookies, potato chips, and favorite summer fruit!

Martha Dana and Puppets - Monday, August 3rd 6:30pm

Summer Story Time - for ages 2-7 - Wednesday, July 8 – August 5th 10:15 – 10:45

Join us for a Teddy Bear Picnic at the August 5th session!

Arts and Crafts - Registration Required

Mini Piñatas - Monday, July 13, 2:00 - 3:00pm, ages 5 and up

Clay Sculpting - Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 - 7:30, ages 6 and up

Stop by the library to guess the number of pieces in the beach glass jar! Enter the raffle to win the kite on display in the children's area of the library!

TALENT SHOW!

We will celebrate the conclusion of our Summer Reading Program with a talent show on Monday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m. Come and show us what you can do! Sign up to perform or just come watch the show. Call or email the library to sign up, 964-6326 or youthlib@nhplib.org. Happy Summer Reading Everyone!

~ Lorreen M. Keating, Youth Services Librarian

Bring Your Parents to PE Night

On Wednesday, June 10th, approximately 60-75 parents and students from grades 1-4 participated in the now annual Bring Your Parents to PE Night. Both parents and students participated in a number of indoor and outdoor activities ranging from ping-pong, horseshoes, and jump rope to fitness tests and both kickball and speedball games of students versus parents. Word has it that our NHS parents now want to start a speedball league of their own!

This PE tradition is the brainchild of Physical Education teacher Pat Yeaton, who strongly believes that we must prepare students to be fit for life. Both Pat and PE teacher Nate Hooper have been working closely this year to enhance the NHS physical education program by providing a structured recess option for students as well as inviting members of the community into the PE classes to share a passion around exercise, whether it be yoga, kayaking, or biking. The point is to show students that there are a number of options when it comes to fitness. This philosophy reaches out to and includes all students, athletes and non-athletes alike, a welcome change since the PE days of old when students only experienced a handful of activities. If you have a passion around a certain type of exercise, please consider coming in and sharing it with our students. We would welcome any community member in to share their fitness story!

Another new addition to the PE program this year was the certification of all eighth grade students in first aid and CPR. Pat Yeaton and NHS nurse Julie Cyr worked together over a period of three weeks to train students during their PE class time. When completed, students received an American Heart Association CPR and first aid certificate. This had such a positive impact on students that it will be continued with upcoming eighth grade students in the years to come. North Hampton should be proud of its' 51 additional community members that are now prepared to administer CPR and first aid if needed!

- Tara K. Rossi, Assistant Principal, NHS

Recycling Center Information

Did you know that you can dispose of your yard and garden waste material at the Recycling Center? The brush and compost area is open Saturdays only from 8 AM-12:00, 12:30-4:30 PM from the first Saturday in April until the last Saturday in November. A sticker is required to drop-off the material and can be obtained from the Town Office for \$1.00. From your efforts, the brush/branches are chipped and the yard waste is composted. The chips and compost are available to residents at no charge.

UPCOMING RECYCLING ACTIVITIES

- September 26 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Brentwood Highway Garage from 9 AM-12:00 (noon).
- Mid-October - Bulky Item Collection at the Recycling Center.

HOURS OPEN

Recycling Center Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Brush and Compost Saturdays 8:00 AM-12:00, 12:30-4:00 PM.

RECYCLING CENTER ACCEPTS

- Florescent bulbs
- Batteries (except lead acid, e.g. car batteries)
- ALL plastics (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) Including lids and caps separated from bottles
- Aluminum and Tin Cans
- Corrugated Cardboard
- All kinds of glass (Except glass associated with motor vehicles and light fixtures, Plexiglas)
- Newspapers and magazines
- Textiles (into the Goodwill Box)
- Shredded paper delivered in paper or plastic bags, boxes
- Styrofoam peanuts
- Bubble wrap, reasonable size

For additional information, call the Recycling Center (964-9825) or the DPW (964-6442).

Teen Read 2009 “Read and Win”

This Summer North Hampton Library will again offer a “Read and Win” program for teens. Starting July 6, the reading raffle is on! The raffle is open to those starting grades 7-12 in the fall. Participants will receive one raffle ticket for every 50 pages of anything you read! (ok, maybe NOT cereal boxes). You can participate by visiting the library or submit your entries online through the library website at <http://nhplib.org>. Drawings will be held on July 13, 20, 27, and August 3, 10. Win gift cards - five drawings will be held and two winners each week! Don't miss out on your chance to READ and WIN! For more information call or email the library. You could win just for completing your required summer reading! Thank you to the Friends of North Hampton Public Library for once again sponsoring the prizes for this program.

Flowers In Bloom

As Summer rolls along, have you visited The Fuller Gardens? Now is the time.

Fuller Gardens is now open daily, 10:00am-5:30pm. The Rose Garden, Japanese Garden, annual displays, along with the tropical and desert conservatory are always a delight. What a beautiful setting to enjoy breathtaking flowers in bloom! The Library has passes available this year for your visits. Contact the front desk to reserve the day or days you would like to visit the Gardens. With contributions from your generous membership donations, the passes are provided by Friends of North Hampton Public Library.

North Hampton Woman's Club Summer Reminder

The North Hampton Woman's Club will be at the North Hampton Bandstand Summer Concert Series again this summer selling homemade brownies and cookies. The money from the sales goes towards the Winnacunnet Scholarship Fund awarded each year to a deserving North Hampton graduating student.

~ Jean Pepple - North Hampton Woman's Club

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