



NORTH HAMPTON Community Newsletter

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Earth and Energy Breakfast

To celebrate 40 years of Earth Day, The North Hampton Public Library, The North Hampton Energy Committee and the North Hampton Agriculture Commission joined forces for an "Earth and Energy" breakfast. More than 25 people attended the breakfast and speaker-discussion event. The food served featured local foods: French toast made from North Hampton grown wheat and egg casserole from eggs from North Hampton chickens.

The guest speaker for the event was NH State Representative David Borden. David Borden began his delivery, "...I planned to have a question and answer time for most of our time together and will turn the tables and ask you the first question." He wanted us to give our views of the town 20 years from now. His audience had many, including: fewer cars, more bikes, trains and buses. Livestock in yards and fields, Xeriscape (landscaping with plants native to the environment to be planted) more gardens, community, school and home ones. Many solar panels on homes and businesses. All the groups in town enjoying support for each other.

David grew up on a farm in Vermont, and said that sustainability was a way of life for him, as a kid working on his grandfather's farm, all work was toward sustainability and the small communities like North Hampton, Rye and New Castle must be where change takes place first.

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NHS Students Pay their Rent!

"Service is the rent we pay for living...it is the true measure, the only measure of our success." Michelle Obama quoting Marian Wright Edelman in her Commencement Address at George Washington University, where she issued a 'service challenge' to the students last September.

It was September of 2009 that Michelle Obama issued that challenge to college students. In September of 2002, the North Hampton Council adopted a Philosophy of Service Learning that has guided the staff and students to engage real skills in real service opportunities.

Service Learning at North Hampton School is a teaching and learning approach that integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen the community. This is accomplished by combining service tasks with structured opportunities that link the tasks to self-reflection, self-discovery, and the acquisition and comprehension of values, skills and knowledge.

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*Energy Committee Chair, Mary Lou Wollmar,
introduces speaker David Borden.*

News from the North Hampton Public Library Trustees

First we wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to Emily Creighton for her tenure as a Library Trustee. Emily was and is a tireless advocate of the library and its importance to the Town of North Hampton. Always looking for ways to improve the services and ensure the best practices of library management, Emily has been an invaluable asset to the library, and further, to the Town of North Hampton. Emily's attention to detail, understanding of library issues and desire

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Mr. Borden feels there is an urgent need to prepare for cessation of oil thus leading to fewer deliveries and ultimately fewer products.

Later this summer, a local food tasting and information night is planned for Monday, August 9th at 6:30pm at the North Hampton Library. This event is co-sponsored by the North Hampton Agriculture Commission and will be offered as part of the Library Summer Reading Program for children and adults. All are invited.

Recycling Center Information

Did you know that in 2009 the Town's residents using the Recycling Center or Roadside pick-up recycled approximately 30 percent of its solid waste? This prevented 533 tons of material from being landfilled, saving the town the landfill cost (tipping fee). Approximately 20 percent of the total recycle material was processed at the Recycling Center and returning the market value to the town. By your recycling effort, you are having a positive impact on the environment and extending the life of limited number of landfills located within the state.

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to make our library the best that it can be has been a model of community service that helps to make our town what it is. We also wish to thank part time library assistant Lee Kierstead who recently retired after ten years of service to the library. Lee will continue to volunteer at the library and also is one of the anchor members of the Thursday afternoon book club.

We welcome our newly elected Library Trustee, John Kollmorgen. John is a frequent user of our library and is very familiar with the services provided for children and adults. From a family of library involvement, John is a wonderful addition to the Board of Trustees, and brings a perspective that we need (that of a parent of young children who are frequent library visitors).

As we look forward to working with the architects who have been chosen to develop a town campus plan, we hope that the needs of the library will be front and center. The library has been professionally evaluated as being approximately half as large as it should be for our community. There are some serious physical deficiencies that must be addressed in the building. The Trustees look forward to working hand in hand with all of the other agencies in North Hampton to come up with what will be an outstanding long term plan for a town campus. Now is the time to work together for the best interest of our town, putting aside separate agendas and seeking a comprehensive plan that will serve the residents in the best possible way.

Be sure to check out all of the upcoming programs offered at your library - and your input is always welcome in an effort to improve our services.

~Happy Summer & Happy Reading!

Library Trustees: Alison Robie, Chair, Peter Parker, Treasurer and John Kollmorgen, Secretary

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NEXT DEADLINE

WED, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

CONTACT INFO

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or email at youthlib@nhplib.org

Editor's Note: The North Hampton Community Newsletter is published four times a year to inform citizens of news of Town Boards, Commissions, Departments, and North Hampton School. Short news items from non-profit groups in town are welcomed and will be included on a space available basis.

NHS Students Pay Their Rent

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For the past years, Service Learning has had more formalized time and opportunity in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade years, however we are working to incorporate small but meaningful projects in the early years (K- 5) as may be witnessed by the list of gifts of time and energy that follow.

All students participated in the Earth Day Clean Up – the younger grades on campus and the older grades off campus.

Kindergarten students made valentine cards for the troops through the Pease Greeters program. Kindergarten and Grade 2 will team up on June 14 to make flower arrangements and cards for the elderly in the community. They hope to personally deliver the flowers – sunshine bearing sunshine! Kindergarten students are also in the process of planting the outdoor sunflower garden again this year – service to the school and the birds all rolled into one!

First grade students made festive greenery baskets with greeting cards for a local nursing home over the holiday.

Six groups of Grade 3 students practiced and performed “Readers’ Theatre for various grades as well as performed at Barnes and Noble for a fund raiser! PAL was the beneficiary of the children’s time and efforts and the funds donated to PAL were earmarked for our wonderful visiting author, truly a read-a-round situation!

Fourth grade students conducted a food drive in the fall, performed their annual Holiday Caroling at Partridge House, and participated as a group of Pease Greeters this spring.

Fifth grade students also had the opportunity to participate as Pease Greeters and have been writing letters to soldiers stationed overseas.

Sixth Grade students have made major service contributions to the North Hampton School Community in the form of organizing all of the recycling throughout the school, composting for the school garden and preparing plantings for same. Students also maintain a hydroponics system through which we have grown some of our herbs and tomatoes. They are also beginning taste testings with 2nd and 3rd graders to acquaint them with a variety of nutritional foods. In addition, students in this grade run the School Store, maintain the school sign on Atlantic Avenue, and volunteer in Grade 1 classrooms. On a large scale, they participated in Pennies for Peace, Pease Greeters and are doing a special day of service at Odiorne State Park on June 8.

Seventh Grade students have perhaps had the most

diversified experiences this year as individuals or small groups of students chose to pursue a service of interest or create a service learning project from scratch. Just scan the list below which descriptions we present in abbreviated form:

Day of Service with Timberland – cleaning, refurbishing Dearborn Park and Playground.

Pease Greeters – two students have been organizing groups of NHS students from many grades to greet flights of returning soldiers – sometimes during non-school hours.

Hannah’s Socks – donation drive for the national organization that distributes socks to people in need – 396 pairs from NHS so far!

Spread the Bread – a student organized a drive to collect fresh baked bread to distribute to local aid organizations.

Geo Dome – three students are continuing to work on a project they began in 5th grade. In an effort to bring/build a dome at NHS, they are applying for grants and donations.

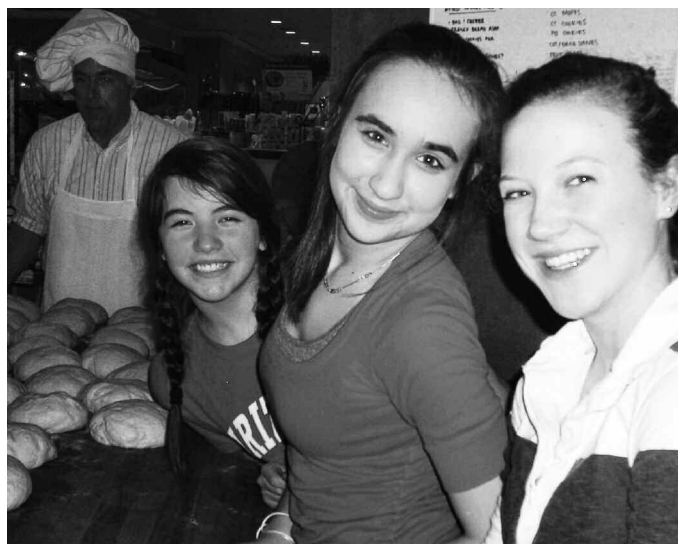
Child’s Place – several students go each week to this site in Hampton Falls to volunteer time in a pre-school day care center. The little ones love to see them come!

Bullying Presentation to 4th Grade – three students worked with Ms. Vas and the 4th grade teachers to create a PowerPoint presentation about harassment and bullying for the students.

Seacoast Family Promise (IHN) – several students go to this organization that supports families who are experiencing homelessness to interact with the children while parents are in meetings and interviews and help organize supplies and toys.

First and Fourth Grade Volunteers – students work to help the younger children with reading and mathematics.

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Seaside Day Center – three students visit this facility that provides care for elderly clients during the day. They interact by singing songs and sharing stories, a “sing-a-long” DVD is in the works!

Knowles Field – in the Fall several students coordinated with the caretakers of Knowles Field to clean up, paint and make other improvements to the site.

Report Card PSA – a group of students has been working on creating a PSA for Channel 22 to help communicate about the middle school report card and grading system.

Brochure on Babysitting – one student is working on producing a brochure containing basic skills and tips on babysitting.

Endangered Animals – one student has taken his love for animals and created a presentation on the importance of saving endangered species.

PE Class Assistants – a group of students has been working with second grade during PE classes engaging the students and assisting the teachers.

Carbon Challenge – a few students attended an all day seminar on a Saturday to learn more about what they could do to help NHS families reduce their carbon footprint.

Fogg Family Cemetery Clean up – students worked to clean up this centuries old site.

Eighth Grade students have participated in a variety of local (in school) and beyond service projects:

New this year was a School Newspaper that involved a comic artist, fun facts finder, main article writer, ‘Ask Susie’ columnist and an editor. This bi-weekly paper works to inform the middle school students about various events happening around the school.

Another student has been helping the PE teachers sort through the PE closets looking for items no longer used that could be donated to schools in other countries such as Ecuador.

Stepping beyond 201 Atlantic Avenue, a group of students visited Rockingham Nursing Home weekly where they played Bingo and interacted with the residents in other ways.

Students have also volunteered hours at the Wonderland Thrift Shop in Exeter where they have collected clothing, sorted and delivered them to the shop for sale.

Hobbs House is another site at which our Grade 8 students volunteer. This is a food and toy pantry that services families in the SAU 21 area.

Students stock the pantry, ready toys and put together care packages for children away at camp.

One student volunteers at Emmaus, a homeless shelter in Haverhill, MA. This young woman plays with the children while the parents attend meetings and complete paperwork.

Five 8th grade students collaborated on the creation of a video documentary highlighting the crisis in Sudan. This will play on channel 22.

A group of 20 eighth grade students worked in two shifts at the Me & Ollie’s Bakery in Portsmouth. They formed 120 loaves of bread, Honest White and Cinnamon Swirl and 120 chocolate chip cookies. All proceeds (\$1,000) were donated to Haitian Health Foundation.

And another student.....the list goes on and on...hopefully.

The NHS Culture sees Service Learning as an essential experience that supports the development of confident, caring and civic-minded students. We hope that the variety of experiences in which our students participate will prepare them for a lifetime of service to others – paying their “rent” as it were for living. We believe that students have the power and potential to shape the world they live in...but to do so they need concrete experiences to draw upon as they fully develop their civic and social selves. Through purposeful inquiry, problem solving, and action, students participate in a powerful cycle that utilizes and validates the skills they are developing in school.

~ North Hampton School, Service Learning Team



Recycling Center Information

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UPCOMING RECYCLING ACTIVITIES

Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Brentwood is Saturday, September 25th.

Bulky Item Collection at the Recycling Center in Mid-October.

Brush/Compost Area—Last day for the season is Saturday, November 27.

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

HOURS OPEN

Recycling Center is open Wednesday and Saturdays 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

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

Planning Board Update: 3 June 2010

At Town Meeting on 11 May Barbara Kohl was re-elected for a three-years' term on the Planning Board and Michael Hornsby was elected for the first time for a three-years' term on the Board. Congratulations to Barbara and Mike, and we welcome Mike as the Board's newest member.

The voters at Town Meeting also voted in favor of five amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that the Planning Board had recommended. These included an amendment defining "places of worship," an amendment allowing "places of worship" in the Industrial/Business—Residential District, an amendment changing responsibility for certain applications to use wetlands buffer areas from an application for a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to an application for a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board, an amendment modifying frontage requirements for certain nonconforming lots of record, and an amendment establishing regulations for small wind energy systems.

The Select Board appointed newly elected Select Board Member Jim Maggiore to serve as the Select Board Representative to the Planning Board, and we welcome Jim to the Board.

On 20 May, the Planning Board met to organize for the year's work. Phil Wilson was re-elected as Chair. Barbara Kohl was elected as Vice Chair. The following appointments were made to committees of the Board:

Shep Kroner was appointed as Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Over the next year Shep will lead the Board's work on updating the Master Plan. No updates of the Master Plan have been completed since the Vision Statement and the Municipal Facilities and Services Chapter were completed in 2005. This project is a major undertaking and will constitute a large part of the Board's work for the next several months. The Board will seek broad participation from all residents to help ensure that the Master Plan reflects the will of townspeople.

Phil Wilson, Joe Arena, and Mike Hornsby were appointed to serve on the Application Review Committee ("ARC"). With the aim of expediting the adjudication process, the ARC conducts preliminary reviews of complex applications to help ensure that applicants submit completed applications for full Board consideration.

Barbara Kohl, and Mike Hornsby were appointed to an ad hoc Agriculture Regulations Committee. This committee was established to work with the Agriculture Commission and interested residents to develop and propose amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for consideration at next year's Town Meeting.

The Board also appointed representatives to two committees established at Town Meeting.

Laurel Pohl was nominated by the Board as the representative to the new Capital Improvements Program Committee. The Select Board will act on this nomination.

Phil Wilson was appointed as the Board's representative on the *Ad hoc* Ethics Committee that was established under Article 24 at Town Meeting to develop and propose a new Code of Ethics for consideration at Town Meeting in 2011.

Members of the Planning Board are Dr. Joseph Arena Jr.; Michael Hornsby, Barbara Kohl, *Vice Chair*; Shep Kroner, Laurel Pohl, Jim Maggiore, *Select Board Representative*; Phil Wilson, *Chair*. Brian Groth serves as the *Circuit Rider* from the Rockingham Planning Commission.

~ Respectfully Submitted, Phil Wilson, Chair

North Hampton Public Library News

The library provides online databases at no charge to our patrons. Many can be accessed from your home computer, such as the EBSCO host databases. From our web site you can click on the icon and put in the username: nhampton and password 03862 to access these databases. Below are descriptions of a few of them.

Business Source Premier, provides full text back to 1886, and searchable cited references back to 1998. *Business Source Premier* contains full text from the world's top management and marketing journals including *Harvard Business Review*, *California Management Review*, *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *Academy of Management Journal*, *Academy of Management Review*, *Industrial & Labor Relations Review*, *Journal of Management Studies*, *Journal of Marketing Management*, *Journal of Marketing Research (JMR)*, *Journal of Marketing*, *Journal of International Marketing*, etc. The database also includes other sources of full text information such as country economic reports from the EIU, Global Insight, ICON Group and CountryWatch and detailed company profiles for the world's 10,000 largest companies.

Newspaper Source:

Newspaper Source provides cover-to-cover full text for 45 national (U.S.) & international newspapers. The database also contains selective full text for 389 regional (U.S.) newspapers. In addition, full text television & radio news transcripts are also provided, such as National Public Radio.

Consumer Health Complete (CHC) is EBSCO's interface designed for the everyday consumer of health care information. *CHC* provides convenient access to easily understandable health and medical information. Consumers can search and browse within medical encyclopedias, popular reference books, and magazine articles.

GreenFILE:

GreenFILE offers well-researched information covering all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles includes content on global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more.

The library has a new pass to the Wright World War II Museum in Wolfeboro. This unique museum has operational vintage military vehicles, a two-story visitors center and numerous exhibits. Call the library to reserve this pass or any of the other passes available to cardholders. We have discounted or free admission

to Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, and Boston Children's Museum all in Boston; Currier Art Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Seacoast Science Center, Strawberry Banke, Children's Museum of NH, and Fuller Gardens.

Scrabble Tournament!

Come play Scrabble – no expertise required.

Saturday, July 17th 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Teams or singles can play

Ages 12 and up for adult tournament

Ages 8-12 for kids tournament

Call or e-mail to register. Last day to register is July 14th.

It is with heavy hearts we say goodbye to Ashley Swasey, our Adult Services Librarian. Ashley has been running the front desk for almost 2 1/2 years with efficiency and cheerfulness. Though we are sad to see her go, we wish her well and much success in



Ashley Swasey and Liz Flot

the future. We want to welcome Elizabeth "Liz" Flot who will fill the void Ashley leaves. You may have seen Liz in the stacks scanning books. Liz has been interning at the library since January, working on the library inventory. Liz graduated from University of Pittsburgh in December with her Masters of Library Science and moved to the Seacoast area. Liz assisted the Children's Librarian, Lorreen Keating with the Pizza Taste-a-thon and has been filling in when needed. We feel fortunate to have Liz on board at the library.

The library has two new travel games available to check out. Travel Bingo and Travel Hangman made by Magnetic Poetry Inc. to play on a road trip. The library has other board games that can be checked out as well.

Upcoming June Program: Famous Visitors to the Isles of Shoals with Ann Beattie of ISHRA— Weds. June 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Library.

~ Susan Grant, Library Director



2010 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT NORTH HAMPTON BANDSTAND

Intersection of Routes 111 & 151

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| WED, JUNE 30 6:00-9:00 PM | ISLANDSIDE A jammin' reggae/calypso band. |
| WED, JULY 7 6:00-8:00 PM | "THE TROMBONE STOMPERS" DIXIELAND BAND First time here! |
| WED, JULY 14 6:00-8:00 PM | 97 NORTH – Classic, feel-good rock 'n roll. Back for their 2nd year. www.97north.com |
| WED, JULY 21 6:00-8:00 PM | THE NEW LEGACY SWING BAND Great swing classic sounds of the Big Band Era! www.newlegacyswingband.com |
| WED, JULY 28 6:00-8:00 PM | RICO BARR AND THE JUMP'N JIVE REVIEW A favorite here! www.ricobarr.com |
| WED, AUG 4 6:00-8:00 PM | COUNTRY MILE BAND If you like country, you'll like this band! glennpetucci@comcast.net |
| WED, AUG 11 6:00-8:00 PM | THE SPECTRAS – A Seacoast favorite! "The rock that you remember from the days you'll never forget!" www.thespectras.com |
| WED, AUG 18 6:30-8:00 PM | US AIR FORCE BAND OF LIBERTY CONCERT BAND Rain site for this band will be the North Hampton Elementary School located on Rt. 111. |
| WED, AUG 25 5:30-7:30 PM | MAD BAVARIAN BRASS BAND – Be ready for a good time! A flavor of the Alps...right here in New England. Enjoy Polkas, Waltzes and more! |
| WED, SEPT 1 5:30-7:30 PM | THE EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE – Another crowd favorite, back for their 8th year playing Swing, Latin, Country and Contemporary music. www.gerrygrimo.com |
| MON, SEPT 6 LABOR DAY 2:00-4:00 PM | GOOD MEM'RIES BIG BAND – A Labor Day tradition! Join us for this final concert. |

IN CASE OF RAIN: Concerts will be cancelled by 1:00 on the day of the concert. We will have a "Concert Cancelled" signboard at the bandstand or you may call 964-5992, 964-6326 or 964-6029. The AF Band will have the school as a rain site.

2010 CHILDREN'S SERIES

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| THU, JULY 8 10:30 AM | JUDY PANCOAST Her innovative song writing won her the coveted Children's Music Web "Best Song for Young Children" award three times. www.judypancoast.com |
| THU, JULY 22 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. www.steveblunt.com |
| THU, AUG 5 10:30 AM | SCOTT KEPNES Scott's music is funky, a bit of rock and roll that appeals to both parents and kids. He'll have the audience clapping, jumping, dancing and singing along. www.scottkepnes.com |
| THU, AUG 19 10:30 AM | MARCUS GALE Playful, light hearted, fun, sing-able songs about the best things in childhood. www.marcusgale.com |

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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.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES: The Masonic Lodge will have hot dogs, beans, chips, tonic and coffee for purchase. Friends of Centennial Hall will be here to sell popcorn and ice cream. These are very worthwhile organizations and your support is appreciated. The North Hampton Woman's Club has disbanded. We appreciate the many years they were here to provide brownies and cookies for us and they will be missed very much.

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!

Boy Scout Troop 162 News

Spring has been an exciting time for Boy Scout Troop 162! The Scouts have been busy earning rank advancements and working on merit badges, as well as fulfilling their leadership positions and training requirements.

Activities included camping trips to Maine and the White Mountains, with hiking, outdoor cooking and orienteering as the focus. Community service projects included cleaning up Dearborn Park (over 20 garbage bags filled!), conducting the flag ceremony at the Town Meeting, and marching in the Memorial Day Parade.

Troop 162 would like to thank the community for their donations of items to its annual yard sale fundraiser and for shopping with us on a beautiful May Saturday. All proceeds from this fundraiser are used by the scouts to fund summer camp and other scout trips.

Upcoming events include a Court of Honor to recognize the Scouts for their accomplishments, followed by a family BBQ to celebrate. Scouts will also be participating in a Flag Day ceremony. Scouts and several of their adult leaders are looking forward to a week of summer camp at the beautiful Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH this July, and a white water rafting trip later in the summer.

Boys ages 11-18 may join Boy Scouts at any time, and anyone interested should contact Scoutmaster Dick Tharp at 964-8194 for more information.

The North Hampton Girl Scouts Wrap-Up Another Great Year

The North Hampton Girl Scouts are winding down after a wonderful year full of learning and community activism. This year's scouting theme was: It's Your Planet- Love it! Every troop went on a "scouting journey" that encouraged the girls to:

DISCOVER Your Voice!

CONNECT with your Sister Girl Scouts!

TAKE ACTION to Make Your World a Better Place!

The girls have been busy all year in their individual troops learning about protecting the environment, water conservation and having a positive impact on their community and the world around them.

We kicked off the year with a pool party and canned food drive collecting a mini-van full of non-perishable food items to support a local food pantry. This year's cookie sales were wonderfully successful. The North Hampton Girl Scouts chose our men and women serving overseas to receive our "Cookies for Caring", cookies that are purchased during the winter sales campaign and donated to a charitable or community cause.

The Cookies for Caring were on display at our April 17 town-wide service project held at Centennial Hall. Working in conjunction with the Pease Greeters, the North Hampton Girl Scouts hosted a drive to collect food, toiletries, games and other supplies for our service men and women serving overseas. The event was an enormous success with more than 400 pounds of goods collected.

In addition, the scouts wrote and decorated over 100 cards for mailing off to military units in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

The year will end with our annual Mother Daughter Camping Trip held at Camp Chenoa in Antrim, New



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Hampshire. Beloved by both girls and moms alike, this overnight trip provides lots of time for crafts, swimming, games, bonding and of course s'mores!

A great big giant thanks to all of the leaders and other moms who contributed to such a wonderful year for the North Hampton Girl Scouts. Your time and commitment is what made it all possible! Thank you as well to the community at large for supporting our cookie sales and other activities. We'll be starting anew in September! See you then.

Conservation Commission Update

Highlighted below are two Conservation-related subjects of public interest.

CURRENT USE ASSESSMENTS AND CONSERVATION BENEFITS

Current Use Taxation was enacted into Law under RSA Title V, Chapter 79-A on July 1, 1973. It provided for a tax strategy to enable property owners to hold their land as undeveloped open space and be assessed at its present use rather than its highest potential use. Property owners submit an application to place their land in the Current Use classification, thereby agreeing not to develop the land.

The Law declared that it was "in the public interest to encourage the preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation...maintaining the character of the state's landscape and conserving the land, water, forest, agricultural and wildlife resources. Open space land imposes few if any costs on local government and is therefore an economic benefit to its citizens." That is, current use land does not require Town infrastructure services such as public safety, public works/road maintenance, school services nor other Town resources otherwise associated with commercial or residential development.

According to the Town Assessor's office, North Hampton has 2,881 acres of land in Current Use, of about one-third of the Town's total acreage. Nearly half of this Current Use acreage is wetlands. Consequently, the Current Use designation protects about 1,100 acres of wetlands, or nearly the same acreage presently in the conservation land inventory.

Should owners decide that they later wish to develop the land, they must pay a penalty (contingent lien) of 10% of the fair market value of the property at the time of the Current Use change. Pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, in 1989, the North Hampton Town Meeting passed warrant article Number 14 to place current use penalty funds into a designated

Conservation fund. Pursuant to RSA 36:A-4, conservation uses of funds may include among others, purchase of additional conservation land, maintenance of conservation properties and administrative costs for protection of conservation parcels.

Categories of Current use land may include 10 or more acres of open land, farmland, tree farms, or wetlands of any acreage. For last year, assessments as set by the State Current Use Board for land without stewardship ranged from \$57 to \$192 per acre for most Forest Land; \$25- \$425 for farmland and \$20 for unproductive land and wetlands. Assessments for land in stewardship are somewhat lower. In either case, assessments are significantly lower than comparable land that is not in current use. For example, the rate set for landlocked backland wetlands, not in Current Use, is \$3,500 per acre in North Hampton.

The combination of State Laws, RSA 36A and RSA 79:A provide significant legal assurances for the placement of land into conservation and into current use, respectively, and offer meaningful safeguards for protecting valuable water resources, wetlands, and open space.

RAIN GARDENS NOT ALWAYS A PANACEA FOR STORMWATER CONTROL

In recent months, the Conservation Commission has reviewed several applications for wetlands setback variances where rain gardens were proposed for controlling stormwater runoff. Unfortunately, if rain gardens are not properly located on suitable sites or are improperly sized, designed and maintained, they are likely to do more harm than good.

A rain garden is a "shallow, bowl-shaped garden designed to capture and absorb rainfall and snowmelt, i.e., "stormwater" from impervious surfaces such as roofs, patios, compacted soils and driveways. It is sized for the amount of flow and contains a proper mix of filtration soils and vegetative plantings. Stormwater pollutants include contaminants such as such as fertilizer, bacteria, oil, grease and heavy metals from cars.

Technical reports, listed below, indicate that rain gardens should not be placed near structures, leach fields, drinking water wells, bedrock or in a naturally wet area. As indicated in several reports, "Rain gardens are not water gardens." They are designed to act as filters to drain quickly through a process called bio-filtration, using properly suited natural filtering media sand-compost-topsoil mix and native (not wetland) plantings. More importantly, rain gardens should not be located in or close to wetlands soils, since these soils often do not have a sufficient filtration rate, thereby creating water saturation and subsequent back-up ponding in the rain garden. This can create a nuisance and will increase the likelihood of mosquito breeding.

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In two wetlands variance applications reviewed by the Conservation Commission, rain gardens were proposed to be located in wetlands soils, as confirmed by Certified Wetlands Scientists who were consulted. Further, they were located within wetland buffers, also in contradiction to standard technical practice. According to several reports, the best solution to stormwater runoff mitigation in wetland buffers is to leave the natural vegetation and buffer soils intact to naturally filter the runoff. In addition to confirming proper location and design, stipulations will be needed to assure proper maintenance after a rain garden is built. Based on several literature reports, the lack of or improper maintenance of rain gardens can create more harm than good with the rain garden.

In an attempt to clarify the technical suitability of rain gardens, the Conservation Commission has committed to procure third-party technical expertise to clearly show the siting and design parameters needed for proper rain garden applications. The final report will be used to guide both the Commission and the land use boards on defining conditions for rain garden proposals in subdivision plans or wetlands variance requests.

A properly located and designed rain garden can be viewed at the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve at 89 Depot Rd., Greenland. Additional rain garden information can be found online at references such as:

UNH Stormwater Center 2009 Biannual Report:

http://www.unh.edu/erg/cstev/pubs_specs_info/2009_unhsc_report.pdf

UConn "Planning Tools for Stormwater": http://nemo.uconn.edu/tools/stormwater/rain_garden.htm

UVermont, "The Vermont Rain Garden Manual": <http://nsgl.gso.uri.edu/lcsg/lcsg09001.pdf>

Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rain_garden

As always, our Commission welcomes your questions or comments.

~ Chris Ganotis, Chairman

North Hampton Historical Society News

The North Hampton Historical Society will close the 2010 spring season with our annual "members only" dinner in June. There are no public programs in July or August. However, the members will meet in August to plan the upcoming fall programs. The public programs will begin in September at 7pm at the United Church of Christ on the third Monday of the month. These programs are open to the public and are free with refreshments following.

We're always looking for new members and also new thoughts and ideas for the future of the Society. Dues remain at \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

Soon we'll be changing the items in the display cases at our Mini Museum in the Heritage Room of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's building. Be sure to check it out when you have the opportunity. It's a small view of North Hampton history that I think you'll enjoy seeing.

Hope you'll all have a nice summer and we'll see you in September.

*~ Beverley J. Frenette, Vice President
North Hampton Historical Society*

North Hampton Women's Club News

The North Hampton Woman's Club is sorry to announce that it has been necessary to dissolve the club. It has been a part of the community since 1928 and accomplished many worthwhile projects through the years. The membership has dwindled to just a small number—too few to do what needs to be done.

The Woman's Club has given a yearly scholarship to help further the education of a North Hampton young woman graduating from Winnacunnet High. The scholarship will continue for another seven years.

The club gives thanks to all members, past and present, and to those many people who supported the cookie and brownie sales at the summer bandstand concerts. That is what has made the scholarship possible and we thank one and all.

~ Jean Pepple

N. Hampton School Board News

The NHS School Board would like to thank Stacy Whittier and Janet Gorman for their dedication and commitment to the board. Their years of hard work and thoughtful insight are greatly appreciated by all. The board would also like to welcome new members, Henry Marsh and Victoria Kilroy.

News from the Youth Department at North Hampton Public Library

This summer NH has joined the Summer Reading Collaborative with more than 40 states across the USA. This year's themes are: "Make a Splash-READ!" and "Make Waves at Your Library". Preschool to high school age youth are invited to participate in our summer reading programs. Materials are available at the library.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS: June 28 thru August 16, 2010

- MONDAY, JULY 12, 6:30-7:30
Blue Ocean Society: Tide Pools & Whales.
- MONDAY, JULY 19, 6:30-7:30
Magic with Scott Jameson
- MONDAY, JULY 26, 6:30-7:30
Boston Museum of Science: Super Cold Science
- MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 6:30-7:40
"Go Green with Hop Jump" Clay Works with Ann McCrea ages 5 and up. Sign up required.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:30-7:30
"A Taste of North Hampton and the Seacoast"
taste local foods, meet growers and producers.
*Co-sponsored with the North Hampton
Agriculture Committee.*
- MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 6:30-7:30
"August Needs a Holiday Talent Show"
Sign up to perform or just come and watch!

SUMMER STORY TIME & SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

For Pre-School & younger children Ages 2-7. Registration not required. Wednesdays, 10:15, June 30 thru August 11

- TUESDAY, JULY 20, 3:30
"Project Nature" with Mary Doane
- TUESDAY, JULY 27, 3:30
Martha Dana and Puppets!

TEEN READ 2010: Youth and teens ages 12-18 are invited to "Make Waves and READ" at the North Hampton Public Library. The reading incentive program begins on Monday, June 28. Pick up a "Make Waves" bingo card and win prizes. More information is available on the web site or at the library. You could win a prize just for doing your required summer reading! Thank you to the Friends of the North Hampton Public Library for once again sponsoring this program.

For more information on all that is happening this summer at the library, or to sign up for a program, stop by the library, call us at 964-6326 or visit us at <http://nhplib.org>.

Happy Summer Reading Everyone!
-Lorreen M. Keating, Youth Services Librarian
Assistant Library Director

Friends of Centennial Hall (FOCH) Receive Timberland Grant

Friends of Centennial Hall announce that they have been selected by Timberland employees as the winner of their Direct Impact Award. According to Timberland's Linda Hamlen, this community investment grant signifies a vote of confidence by Timberland in the innovative leadership and work of the FOCH that has resulted in lasting, positive change in the community. Timberland has a long history of community support and believes strongly in partnering with effective non-profits to strengthen communities around the world.

FOCH is a registered non-profit and relies solely on donor contribution and grant awards to continue renovation and restoration of this historic building. Tenant fees subsidize facility maintenance and operation. In support of restoration and renovation efforts, award winning, nationally exhibited artist Robert Steedman has allowed the FOCH to offer a limited edition 9x12 personally signed giclee print of his water color *Land's End* for donations made over \$100.

For more information contact: Marcy McCann 964-2021. FOCH Post Office Box 200, North Hampton, NH 03862. www.centennialhall.org

Agricultural Commission News

This Spring has been an exciting time for the Agricultural Commission due to the establishment of the Community Garden, on the Marston Farm Easement, across from the tennis courts. There are 26 plots (12x20) ready to be planted and there is still time to sign up (\$20.00). Contact Bob Copp. We wish all the participants a successful growing season and look forward to seeing the results of their efforts.

In April we sponsored, in conjunction with the library and energy committee, a locavore breakfast featuring guest speaker David Borman.

Our featured speaker June 2 was John Carroll, UNH Professor of Environmental Conservation. He discussed his book: *Pastures of Plenty, The Future of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Conservation in New England*. This book addresses the "preparations we must now make in order to respond to the demands for greenhouse gas reduction and how to face the end of the era of cheap oil. Our greatest challenge will be food and the threat to our food supply". Agriculture will, out of necessity, return to the center of the American way of life. This book is available at the library.

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News from The Friends of North Hampton Public Library

The Friends continue to strive to support and supplement our library. Our organization purchases equipment, tickets for discounted admissions to area attractions and museums, promotes programs, provides refreshments as well as supports our library staff. This spring we are excited and proud to have been a part of the refurbishing of the New Hampshire Room. The updated and comfortable furnishings offer patrons a quiet nook to enjoy a read, conduct meetings or work on a puzzle.

As we all enjoy another wonderful summer on our New Hampshire seacoast, why not visit the Fuller Gardens and take advantage of the library's free passes. The Gardens are open seven days a week from 10:00 to 5:30 through mid October. The Rose Garden, Japanese Garden, annual displays, along with the tropical and desert conservatory are always a delight! Just contact the front desk to reserve the day or days you would like to visit.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Museum of Science Boston/Traveling Programs: **SUPER COLD SCIENCE** is coming to our library this summer (Monday, July 26- 6:30 p.m.) along with the annual Summer Reading Programs.

The Friends are able to help provide the above services and enhance library programming with our annual Membership Drive and through the generous donations of our townspeople. Please keep this in mind as we kick off our 2010 drive this summer, our one and only fundraiser. Remember, our library belongs to each of us, is a great value and offers a variety of materials and programs to meet the needs of our diverse community. Donations are tax deductible and do not obligate you to volunteer or participate in our meetings.

The Friends are always looking to increase membership. If you would like to join us, we extend an enthusiastic open invitation! We welcome new ideas, faces and Friends. Check in at the front desk for information and dates of our upcoming meetings.

*~ Hope Miller & Suzette Miller
Chairs of The Friends of the
North Hampton Library*

North Hampton School Class of 2010

Congratulations to the 56 eighth graders from North Hampton School who graduated on June 16, 2010. Over 60% of the students in this graduating class have been at North Hampton for 9 years! As each student walked across the stage, a photograph was shown of him or her as a baby or elementary student on a large screen in the background. Concurrently, a staff member read a personal tribute before presenting the student with his or her diploma. Students shared memories and wishes for the future and visually summarized where each is in his or her life by showcasing 3 special words in a slideshow.

Included in the evening's agenda were the traditional awards:

CLASS OF 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS:

One Who Cares: Luke Gray, Fallon Cronin

American Legion Award: Angus Gorman, Carlyn Scheu

American Legion Award Runners Up: Jackson Place, Samantha Attar

Loyalty: Emma Checovich, Justin Trott

Officer Mike Award: Katrin Tharp, Collin Witt

Quest Award: Brendan Richard

The students of North Hampton are what make the school such an amazing place to be. The graduates of 2010 have high ambitions and are dedicated to making the world a better place. For all staff, it has been an honor to watch them grow and be a part of their education. Thank you NHS Community for your contributions to this effort. Now, congratulate each one you see this summer! High school is on their horizon!

North Hampton School AYP Appeal is Approved

We would like the North Hampton community to know that on May 6, NHS received a letter from Virginia Barry, the Commissioner of Education informing us that our recent appeal of our 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress determination was granted. You may have received information through Channel 22 or the local papers that we were originally notified that we did not make AYP in Reading due to student performance in the Educational Disability subgroup. Upon review of all the materials, we determined that a clerical error was made in the accommodation coding for two students. We made an appeal for this evidence to be taken into consideration and the scores for the students were reinstated into the subgroup, causing our overall score in the subgroup to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress. As a result of this achievement, our whole school makes AYP in Reading for the 2009-2010 school year.

North Hampton Recreation News

When Timberland chose the renovation of Dearborn Park as one of its 11 Earth Day projects for 2010, the thought of rebuilding this little diamond in the rough was incredibly exciting. Now, after witnessing the collective enthusiasm and effort that was on display on April 22, the end result is something I never imagined could be accomplished in just one day of work.

There are a number of people whom, without their help, this would have been almost impossible to do. First and foremost, Timberland's team: Tom Roberts, Community Service Leader; John Fenlon, Dearborn Park Project Lead, who during the weeks leading up to the project worked with the town on the preparation of this project and whose humor mirrors mine; Brianne Wood, Community Engagement Coordinator; Estelle Drew and Sandra Menter, Logistics Coordinators; Team Leaders DJ Record, Tony Formichelli, Tara Spencer and Steve Ammon; Diane Fournier, Project Photographer; and George Belanger, City Year.

Also integral to this project were our Director of Public Works, John Hubbard, and his crew, Romeo Turcotte, Jeff Barnes and Steve Buchanan, Building Inspector Red Mabey, Town Administrator Steve Fournier, Jim Maggiore, Mike "Sully" Sullivan, Heidi Nigro, Chris Fredericks, Larry Harkovich, Ross Peterson, Stacia McMillian, Brenda Tharp and the entire NHS Seventh-Grade Class (with a special thanks to 7th Grader Matthew Nigro for suggesting Dearborn as the NHS 7th Grade Earth Day Project), Buddy Moulton and Jason Lewis from North Hampton Home Depot, and the staff at Saltwater Creative + Technology of North Hampton for coming down to lend a hand on the project.

Last, but absolutely not least, I'd like to thank Sean Correll of Bella Rose, Joe Terruso of Abercrombie & Finch, Shayne Durant of Seacoast Coca-Cola, Jenn LeClair of Joe's Meat Shoppe, and Leander Krulis of Toot Sweet Pastry Shoppe for their generous food and drink donations.

Again, I want to thank Timberland for their continuous efforts toward improving local communities, and inspiring others to live a healthier lifestyle on Earth Day by improving the outdoor environment. Words cannot sufficiently express my deep gratitude to Timberland and everyone who helped to once again make Dearborn Park a place all residents can truly enjoy.

On yet a whole other note, 14 PASA members and I took a Mystery trip bound for Portland in June which was a fun-filled and Portland fact Duck Tour ending with a scrumptious lunch at Dimillos

Restaurant, an old floating ferry. Lo and behold, if President Bush and his wonderful wife Barbara didn't walk by us and took a table at the front of the helm! So, having said that, I guess I can say that we had lunch with the President and Mrs. Bush! A previous trip we visited Jewe towne Winery in South Hampton. Upcoming monthly trips will include a trip to Cabbage Island for a lobster bake and maybe another Mystery trip. Tai Chi takes place every Tuesday at the United Church of Christ from 10am-11am. Meetings will begin once the Town Hall opens back up in September.

Other offerings; Mens Over 35 Summer Hoop League, Adult Coed Softball League, Surf Camp, and Summer Rec Camp. To view the brochure go to: www.northhampton-nh.gov/recreation.

"Life is best enjoyed when time periods are evenly divided between labor, sleep, and recreation...all people should spend one-third of their time in recreation which is rebuilding, voluntary activity, never idleness." -Brigham Young

- Respectfully yours and in recreation

Diane Wheeler, Director, North Hampton Recreation

Local Residents off to Zimbabwe

Local residents Linda Sherouse (pictured) and Janet Sanborn will be leaving for Zimbabwe on August 9, 2010 for two and one half weeks in Zimbabwe. At least a week of their visit will be spent visiting members of the Emerald Church. One year ago in May 2009 the United Church of Christ Conference in Zimbabwe sent Annie Ntuli and Wilfred Sukuta from Emerald Church (pictured) as delegates to the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ. They also spent a week in North Hampton.

If you would like more information about the trip please contact Linda Sherouse 964-5489 or Janet Sanborn 964-8568. A Church yard sale will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 9:00am – 2:00pm (rain or shine) to raise funds for the trip. Contributions are gratefully welcomed and may be left at the Church during office hours from 8:30-12:30 after June 27th through the morning of the sale on July 10th.



Linda Sherouse with Annie Ntuli and Wilfred Sukuta

Rye Beach Little Boar's Head Garden Club News

It's a garden party. Members of the Rye Beach Little Boar's Head Garden Club annually design and plant a garden down by the historic Fish Houses in North Hampton at Ocean Boulevard and Sea Road. The Club establishes a theme for the garden and decides on plants which best help to demonstrate that theme. This year's theme is whimsy. The garden this year has elements influenced by "Alice in Wonderland". We hope that residents and visitors to the area will stop and enjoy the garden throughout the summer months.



The garden after planting.

The Club also has three other garden spots they tend to. The first is located between the fish houses and the North Hampton Beach which has perennials and wild flowers, the second one is at the stop sign at the end of Atlantic Avenue, and the third one is at the intersection of Sea Road and Ocean Boulevard in Rye. The members tend the gardens all summer in order to keep them at their best. The Garden Club was created in 1916 and is in its 96th year and is supported by member's dues and donations. If you are interested in

supporting the Garden Club and their work you can send a tax deductible donation to: The Rye Beach Little Boar's Head Garden Club, P.O.Box 531, Rye Beach, NH 03871.



Tibbie Field and Nadege Sarti help clean and prepare the garden for planting.

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