Planning Board Update

The North Hampton Planning Board continues to lay the groundwork for responsible and sustainable land-use and municipal planning.

GOALS FOR 2010-2011 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Updating of the Master Plan
- Drafting Agricultural Regulations Committee’s Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance
- Providing members to support the newly formed Capital Improvements Program Committee and the Code of Ethics Committee

Shep Kroner is leading work on updating the Master Plan. The effort includes conducting a survey of residents to solicit their opinions about matters of concern in the Plan. This fall, therefore, the Planning Board will distribute a survey that in most respects will be identical with the survey used in 2005. Using a similar survey instrument will give the Board the advantage of being able to compare residents’ responses to similar question after a five-years lapse of time.

Please promptly complete and return the survey you receive. It should be completed on behalf of your entire household. If there are multiple families or significant differences of opinion in your household or if your house-

North Hampton Mystery Photo. See page 11 for answer.

hold does not receive a survey, copies will be available in the Town Administrative Office and the Town Clerk’s Office. The survey is an opportunity for the residents of the Town to influence the Master Plan, and we urge you to participate.

Phil Wilson and recently appointed alternate member and former Select Board member Mike Coutu worked with Town Counsel to draft a “Land-Use and Lien Agreement” for use with approved applications for workforce housing developments under the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance adopted at 2009 Town Meeting. This Agreement is essential to ensure that approved workforce housing developments comply with state mandated requirements and remain affordable until they meet specific provisions that allow them to be “marked to market pricing.” The Board recently approved the first application under the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance – an application to convert a small number of existing non-conforming apartments to conforming apartments under the Ordinance.

The recently constituted ad hoc Agriculture Regulations Committee convened for the first time at the Blanchard’s farm at 150 West Road in Rye. The Committee had the opportunity to experience responsible and sustainable farming on 3.5 acres with minimal disruption to neighbors. Members of the Committee plan to draft a workable amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that will promote responsible agricultural practices and meet the needs of the Town.

The State of New Hampshire created a subcommittee to study proposals for municipalities to participate more fully in regulating and permitting ground water withdrawals. In its recent report, this subcommittee recognizes “that land use planning and regulation at the municipal level ultimately affects how water resources are used. The subcommittee finds that there is a need to expand a municipality’s role in groundwater management in New Hampshire in order to effectively evaluate proposed withdrawals in the context of long-term sustainability and public benefit.”
The Planning Board will consider actions that North Hampton might take to maximize the Town’s ability to influence applications for permits that potentially affect our water resources and both private and public wells in Town. The Town may need to develop a Groundwater Management Plan and Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations to implement provisions that are in the best interests of the Town.

The Planning Board is grateful for the following individuals who have offered their time and talent to serve on the following committees:

**AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS:**
Barbara Kohl, Chair, Lisa Wilson, Vice-Chair, Dieter Ebert, Phelps Fullerton, Michael Hornsby, Cynthia Jenkins, John Jenkins, Laurel Pohl

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:**
Laurel Pohl, Planning Board Representative; Cynthia Swank, Planning Board Nominee

**APPLICATION REVIEW:**
Joe Arena, Mike Hornsby, Phil Wilson

**CODE OF ETHICS:**
Phil Wilson

**MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD:**
Dr. Joseph Arena Jr.; Michael Hornsby, Barbara Kohl, Vice Chair; Shep Kroner, Jim Maggiore, Select Board Representative; Laurel Pohl, Phil Wilson, Chair.

**ALTERNATE MEMBERS:**
Mike Coutu, Tom McManus.

Brian Groth serves as the Circuit Rider from the Rockingham Planning Commission.

Wendy Chase is the Planning and Zoning Administrator and also serves as Recording Secretary.

~ Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Wilson, Chair

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**Healthy Step Toward Healthier Students!**

The Wellness Committee of North Hampton School met during the summer to consider what immediate actions could be taken to improve the health of our students through a nutritious snack program. They talked in particular about the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program that makes fruit and vegetable snacks available at no cost to all children in selected schools in all 50 states as part of the 2008 Farm Bill. Unfortunately, North Hampton does not qualify for this federal grant due to the economic demographics of our community. Nevertheless, the Wellness Committee felt that they should pilot a similar program at the school because of the positive findings of the Federal Program, as noted below:

**STUDENTS IN THE HEALTHY SNACK PROGRAM...**
- Ate more fruits and vegetables
- Ate less high calorie/fat options
- Ate more healthy meals as part of the School Lunch Program
- Had better attention spans and were less hungry during the day
- Felt better, visited the nurse less
- Less risk of childhood obesity

The proposed pilot program at NHS would be conducted between September and December in order to determine if there are any budget implications for the 2011-2012 school year. Initially, the goal would be to have a fresh fruit or vegetable snack available for all students at least once a week. Gradually, we would try to increase the program so that the fresh, healthy snack would be available daily. Our intent is to maximize the use of our community and local farmers to help provide the produce and we are hoping to have the students take an active role in the design and operation of the program. Once underway, a status report will be provided to the School Board on a monthly basis and the cost of this pilot program will be capped at $5,000 for this year. If you are interested in helping with this project in any way, please contact one of the members of the NHS Wellness Committee: Bob Copp, Wendy Crowley, Bob Hamilton, Diane Marino, Peter Sweet or Pat Yeaton.

We would also like to give a most appreciative nod to the members of the Agricultural Commission for their implementation of the Community Garden and for the members of the North Hampton Community who have tended the North Hampton School plot. The students and staff have been thoroughly enjoying the fresh produce our plot has yielded on the salad bar. We only wish the local growing season was a bit longer!
It's time to “Button Up” our homes before cool days of autumn, but it helps to know where to look for leaks, and how to seal against cold, caulk and apply insulation. The Energy Committee has a display at The North Hampton Library and the library has books and tapes available which give practical tips for conservation and cutting our use of fossil fuels and precious resources. Members of our committee published an Energy Audit Report of the Town of North Hampton Facilities in May of 2009, available at the library so that residents may actually see pictures of where changes might be made in many of our municipal buildings, and a list at the end makes suggestions. As the Capital Improvements Committee begins their work it should be a timely resource for them and to look at their own homes with an engineer’s eyes.

I highly recommend Bill McKibben’s new book entitled, “Earth : making a life on a tough new planet”, (available at North Hampton Public Library) for his update following the disappointing actions of the world meeting last December in Copenhagen for Nation Commitments to lessen dependence on fossil fuels.

Look for upcoming workshops to “Button Up” and hints on the website: http://myenergyplan.net/
Members of the Energy Committee are willing to come to your home to offer suggestions, provided the resident attends at least one meeting of the energy committee. New members to the Energy Committee are welcome and needed.

~ Respectfully,
Mary Lou Wollmar, Chair

New Steering Committee Looks at NHS Facilities

One of the North Hampton School Board Goals for 2010-2011 is to “form a broadly based community and school Steering Committee to study the facilities needs for the North Hampton School in the 21st Century. The Steering Committee shall report to the School Board on the instructional space needs, the capital improvement needs, and the energy efficiency needs of the North Hampton School. The report shall be given to the School Board by December 2010.”

Members of this Steering Committee are David Allen and Amy Choate as community representatives, Linda Donohoe as a teacher representative, John Gamache, the NHS Facilities Director, Mike Golden as the Budget Committee representative, Brad Gregg, the NHS Computer Technician, Jim Maggiore as the Selectmen representative, David Sarazen, the NHS School Board Chairperson, Bob Sullivan the SAU 21 Superintendent, Peter Sweet, the NHS Principal, and Nancy Tuttle, the SAU21 Finance Manager.

The key areas that need to be addressed by this study by the Steering Committee include classroom space for the implementation of the newly...
Boyscout Troop 162 News

As the new school year begins, Boy Scout Troop 162 is gearing up for a year full of exciting adventures, following a summer full of fun.

The scouts (and several adult leaders) enjoyed a hot and sunny week of camp during July at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. The boys participated in many activities and each earned several merit badges.

July also marked Boy Scouts of America’s 100th Anniversary. Troop members attended the “Shining Light Across America” celebration multimedia simulcast from the Boy Scout National Jamboree. Scouts are also working towards earning the 100 year Celebration Ribbons. In August, the Troop went on a white-water rafting and camping trip in Maine, during which they worked towards earning the White Water merit badge.

This fall, Troop 162’s major fundraising event for the year will begin, with the scouts offering beautifully decorated fresh Christmas wreaths and garland. Proceeds from the wreath sale support the Troop’s activities, expenses for advancements, trips, supplies and equipment, and each boy earns credit to be used for scout camp or other troop activities. Please consider purchasing your holiday decorations from a North Hampton scout this year. If you miss the scout that comes to your door and would like some information, please contact Lewis Roch at 964-4496.

Boy Scouts is offered to boys in 6th grade to 18 years old. Troop 162 meets weekly on Monday evenings, and all eligible boys are welcome to join. No prior scouting experience is necessary. Please contact Scoutmaster Dick Tharp at 964-8194 for more information.

Cub Scouts Pack 162 News

The Cub Scouts of Pack 162 would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who stopped by our dessert table at the Bandstand Concerts this summer! It was a great way to raise money for all the fun events and activities coming up in this new and exciting year of scouting!

The boys enjoyed helping to bake, manning the register and meeting all of the friendly customers! Plus we enjoyed some amazing music! We were happy to be a part of this wonderful North Hampton tradition!

We have one more fundraiser this fall - our annual popcorn sale! Please be on the lookout for Cub Scouts coming to your door - there are even more delicious new items in this year’s catalog! Thanks for supporting the North Hampton Cub Scouts!

~ Liz Higgins, liz@oldsaltnh.com
The Friends of the North Hampton Library’s Annual Membership Drive is underway and will continue into 2011. The Mission of The Friends is to maintain an association of persons interested in enhancing the resources of the library, improving its facilities thus enriching the cultural opportunities available to citizens of North Hampton. This is our one and only fundraiser, and we really are dependent upon the generous donations made by our Library patrons.

This year, thanks to your generosity, we were able to support the summer reading programs for our young children and teens, purchase several passes to area museums and The Fuller Gardens as well as complete the refurbishing of the New Hampshire Room. In addition, we provide support to our talented and knowledgeable library staff.

We hope you will keep our organization in mind as you consider donating this year. Remember, “The Friends” are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, all contributions are tax deductible and may be mailed to: Friends of the North Hampton Library, 237A Atlantic Avenue or dropped off at the Library, attention to the Friends.

The Friends are always eager to welcome new attendees and ideas! Call the Library for our next meeting date and time.

Our library offers such a rich assortment of reading material and information, AND it belongs to all of us.

“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.” – Lady Bird Johnson

~ Hope Miller and Suzette Miller, Co-Chairs

The Town has hired an architect to propose a master plan for North Hampton that would include a new or expanded library. At the Library, we will have a display of input gathered from past surveys with a place for you to add your suggestions and comments. In 1993 the Friends of the Library asked residents to rank library services in order of importance. Children’s Services were at the top with Adult Recreational Reading second and Information Services third. Two public meetings were held in 1996 that showed the need for a separate Children’s and Young Adult space, quiet study space, more evening hours, and more internet and computer services. In 2000 the need for a separate children’s area was reiterated along with computer access, more comfortable chairs, study areas, parking, shelves for books, and storage capacity. In 2001 a professional library consultant was hired to assess the needs of the community with the expectation that a new library would be built in the next few years. This assessment was updated in 2008 with the unsurprising result that the library is less than half the size it should be to provide the community with the services and materials needed and more importantly, desired.

The Library has responded to these surveys in several ways. More comfortable seating has been added to the front of the library, sacrificing part of the collection to do so, a difficult decision to make. More quiet study space was created in the New Hampshire Room with comfortable seating thanks to the Friends of the Library. The Library has increased its DVD and Audio Book Collections, and is bursting at the seams with new books, games, magazines, and other materials.

You, North Hampton residents, have voted 4 times in the past 5 years to raise money for improved or new library facilities to be put in a Capital Reserve Fund that the Trustees have matched for a total, thus far, of $400,000. Please take the time to go to our web site and let us know your thoughts, or come into the Library and let us know what you want as we move forward and plan for a larger, more adequate, library. If you’d like to volunteer to help the Library by working on a committee or help the Library in some other way, let us know that too. We look forward to hearing from you!

~ Susan Grant, Library Director, Alison Robie, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Peter Parker, Treasurer, John Kollmorgen, Secretary
North Hampton Forever Update

The North Hampton Forever Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission recently entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Peter Corbett, Jr. to acquire 73 acres of land for permanent conservation for the purchase price of $585,000. This potential acquisition consists of land that could have been subdivided into 12 residential lots.

This is an important acquisition for North Hampton and for the region. The preservation of this acreage is important for the protection of water quality and quantity in the headwaters of the Winnicut River and consequently of the Great Bay. Protecting this land will help improve and sustain this crucial regional water resource for generations to come.

If consummated, this project will complete work under the 2001 North Hampton Forever $4.0 million bond authorization and will bring to a total of 655 acres the conservation land that has been permanently protected under the North Hampton Forever program.

To supplement the Town’s bond authorization, the Subcommittee has been successful in obtaining $1,649,600 in federal grant funds and in securing donations with a value of $1,782,866 to increase the amount of land permanently conserved under the North Hampton Forever program.

Without these additional funds, especially the generous contributions of several residents, the program would have been far less successful.

Without permanently protected open space—forests, meadows and pastures, wetlands, and farmland—the Town cannot preserve its traditional rural “look and feel,” and the benefits of open space—environmental, aesthetic, recreational, and educational—would be irrecoverable.

Permanently protecting land for conservation purposes also has fiscal benefits. Undeveloped land does not require services from the Town and therefore does not increase the tax burden on Town residents. Additional residences in Town require roads that have to be maintained, protection by the fire and police departments, and seats for pupils in schools. In order to provide tax revenue sufficient to support one student in school, for example, a property must be assessed at approximately $1,000,000.

Members of the Subcommittee:
Robert Field (2000 to present), Chris Ganotis (Treasurer, 2000 to present), Tim Harned (Co-Chair, 2000 to present), Stanley Knowles (2006 to present), Shep Kroner (Secretary, 2004 to present), Peter Simmons (2006 to present), Dick Wollmar (Selectmen’s Representative, 2000 to present), and Phil Wilson (Co-Chair, 2000 to present).

Ms. Michele Peckham, Esq., serves as legal counsel for the Subcommittee.

~ Submitted by Phil Wilson, Co-Chair

Thank You to Our Volunteers

On behalf of PAL (People Active in Learning), the PTO of North Hampton School, we would like to extend a sincere “thank you” to all the volunteers and community members that helped make this year’s Back to School Picnic such a terrific success.

First, we must thank our underwriter for the event, Lamprey Brothers. Without Lamprey Brothers’ support we would not have been able to provide all the wonderful food and fun to our community. Most importantly, Lamprey Brothers’ very generous contribution, enabled us to reduce our admittance fee to $5 per family. This represents a significant price reduction and during these difficult economic times, a wonderful gift to the families of North Hampton.

The NHS teaching staff did a fantastic job of preparing each and every room with fun activities for the Open House and we thank you for your outstanding dedication to our children. What a great way for students to get to meet their new teachers.

To the NHS staff: food services, building maintenance and administration we appreciate your taking leadership roles in serving the community even after you have worked a full day. It is so kind of you to extend yourselves and to add to the community spirit.

Finally, thank you to all the families and community members who gave up a lovely summer evening to work the grills, monitor the bouncy house, help kids carry plates, sell tickets, staff the dessert tables,
North Hampton Historical Society News

The Historical Society will be presenting four public programs for the 2010-2011 season. The first two will be held this fall, one each in October and November, with the spring ones being held in April and May. The season will open on October 18th at 7PM at the United Church of Christ. The title of this presentation will be announced later. Please tune to Channel 22 or watch for the posters advertising the program. The programs are held the third Monday of the month. The board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 3PM at the Library. Members are encouraged to attend to help conduct business and plan upcoming programs.

Recently, the Society Members had the opportunity to be given a guided tour of The Independence Museum and Tavern in Exeter by its Curator Wendy Bergeron. If you haven’t been there yet you need to put it on your “to do list”. I promise you’ll find it very interesting and educational. We all enjoyed it very much, it was unbelievable all the history that’s in the buildings.

For our November program we’re working in conjunction with the Library for a possible program by Hetty Startup on the History of Collectors and Collecting.

As of September 1st dues are due for the coming year. They remain at $10 for single and $15 for couples. As always new members are welcome to join the society.

At the recent business meeting it was voted to keep the current officers in place for the coming year. They are: George Chauncey President, Beverley Frenette Vice President, Jean Booker Secretary and Penny Holbert Treasurer, Priscilla Leavitt, Curator. Hope to see you on October 18th.

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

Parents Active in Learning

Parents Active in Learning (PAL), North Hampton School’s PTO, recently held its 18th annual Back to School Picnic. Our picnic co-chairs, Kristine Sullivan and Amanda Peterson, ensured it was a well organized event. It was truly a wonderful evening and PAL wishes to greatly thank Lamprey Brothers for generously underwriting the picnic in addition to the many volunteers for giving their time to make this event successful. Finally, this evening was made special by the numerous families attending the picnic. It was see PAL page 8

Rye Beach Little Boar’s Head Garden Club

The Rye Beach Little Boar’s Head Garden Club held their annual meeting on September 7, 2010 at the Fish House of Kate Southworth at North Hampton Beach. The Group closed out their garden season at this meeting which included a program by Dody Kolb and Barbara Peterson on the history of the Club. The group will begin to put the present garden to bed and plan for next year’s garden during the fall months.

Those attending the meeting include, front row from left to right: Susan Boies, Jane Kent Rockwell, Nancy Squatrito, Dody Kolb, Janice Mellian, Margaret Schoenberger, Kate Southworth, Anna Dennehy, Leslie Asadoorian, second row: Ann Malpass, Cindy Trayers, Sallie Mackie, Dottie Williams, Jane Palmer, Carol Kurtz, Deborah Spiecker, Mary Ellen Morse, third row: Pat Meyers, Joyce Hamilton, Barbara Peterson, Sarah Coorssen, Jane Veale, top row: Barbara Dunfee, Sue Ingram, Deborah DuSault, Tibbie Field, Lee Sullivan and Betty Burnell

provide activities for the children set up and clean up PAL’s largest community building event. There were so many happy smiling faces. Newcomers were blown away by your efforts. Thank you for your efforts to create such a great evening and for giving back to your community in such a lovely way.

~ Sincerely, Kristine Sullivan and Amanda Peterson, Picnic Co-Chairs
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delightful to witness enthusiastic children meet their new teachers and share some fun with friends.

PAL is excited to have filled all but one of our coordinator and co-chair positions for the school year. However, we are still in need of volunteers for other activities. If you are interested in helping by taking a one hour shift at a social event or the book fair, helping in the library, baking for a function, assisting with Friday folders, and more; we would love to have your help. Please contact Kim Glendon at d.glendon@comcast.net or Rachel Robie at csrobie@comcast.net if you are interested in one of these volunteer opportunities.

PAL welcomes our new officers and looks forward to helping support our children’s education throughout the upcoming school year.

~ Co-Chairs: Kim Glendon and Rachel Robie
Treasurer: Shannon Holden
Secretary: Diane Bednarek

Recreation News

If there is one season that can bring both a smile and frown to your face, it has to be summer. While many dislike the sweltering summer heat, the breezy, sunny summer days make us beam with joy. Personally, my favorite season is fall, when it’s just warm enough to still wear shorts and flip-flops, but nice enough in the day not to sweat. Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Russell Baker put it best when he said, “Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.”

Summer Fun in the Summer Sun was the theme at rec camp this year. We had almost 170 campers partake in either full-time camp, part-time camp or the Little Nippers preschool rec camp. As always, there are many thanks I wish to send out there. Thank you to my dedicated summer rec crew, who put those big smiles on the campers’ faces every day, rain or shine. Thank you, Sr. Counselors: Kelsey Farrell, Anthony Facella, Brett Ruggles, Alex Seaton, Catie Wheeler, Caitlin Terry, Michael Worrell, Emily Keane, Katie Savidge, Hannah Moran, Pete Jenkinson, Alex Peckham, Karen Donohoe, Ashley Maclaughlin, Emma Hayden; Jr. Counselors: Aidan Barry, Ryan Flagg, Dan Sullivan, Kearney Dewing, Maddy Gaffey, Sean Kates, Heather LaRoche and Jillian Sarazen; and last but not least, the CIT’s (Counselors In Training): Marybeth Farrell, Cassidy Saal, Walker Hart, Katie Moore, Deanne Amato, Erin MacDavitt, Will Wright and Darrin Varnum. Thank you to the School Board and NHS summer staff for letting us house our very large program at the school!

Our Granite State North Hampton Rec Tennis teams were extremely successful this year in the USTA Tournament. The 12U’s (there were three teams) placed both first and second, while the 14U squad won the Seacoast Summer USTA League!!! North Hampton members included: Jenny Freedman, Isabella Leonardi, Griffin Chenard, Delaney Kennedy, Kate Whittier, Allison Taylor, Keirnan Spencer, Mary Diharce, Connor Glendon, Max Reich, Abby Leonardi and Toby Helton. Our Women’s 3.0 team, which included Jenny Taylor, Ginger Augustini, and Justine Pallatroni placed first in the Winter USTA Tourney and placed second at Districts. On a whole different level is North Hampton’s own Magnus Johnson, 10, who is ranked in New England’s Top FIVE in the 12U! Congratulations!!! Thanks to our tennis instructor, Mark Moulton, for building up the tennis programs at Dearborn Park and guiding our residents to success.

AND speaking of Dearborn Park, I would like to thank Hampton resident Lou Toohey for taking it upon himself to pick up debris left behind by people visiting our park. Dearborn is a carry-in/out park and more often than not, trash gets left down there. Lou is such a gentleman and it is always a pleasure chatting.

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with him when I am down there.

Lacrosse Camp: This year, the Rec Department was lucky enough to have Team USA player and Major League Lacrosse pro Brendan Mundorf run a lacrosse camp for us. North Hampton resident Luke Powell, who played collegiate lacrosse at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, is a friend of Mundorf’s and was instrumental in making this happen. The campers who attended raved about how much they learned in the three days that Brendan was here! One parent said that it was one of the best lacrosse camps around!

The Men’s Over-35 Hoop League finished up with Team Ferrari winning the tournament. Four teams played every Tuesday night: Team Latitude, the White Team, The 401 Restaurant and Team Ferrari.

The Coed Softball League teams this year were: FA Gray, The Beach Plum, Seacoast Harley, Joe’s Meat Shoppe, Bella Rose, Labels Inc., and the Bullets. In our league, the men swing wooden bats, giving the women an edge and making the games safer. Once again this year the tournament champ was FA Gray. They defeated the Beach Plum in a very close game, 3-0. Thanks everyone for a great summer!

The Town Hall (NOT the Old Town Hall as some call it :) has been refurbished and is looking mighty fine! The Channel 22 office and the Recreation Department will be located in the two front offices. Town meetings, as well a few recreation programs, will be held there. The Rec Dept. will move mid-October from the Town Offices. Until then, I am still located at 233 Atlantic Ave.

Going Green!! From now on, the recreation brochures will be online, at the town offices, or at the library. They will no longer be going home in the kids’ Friday folders. The fall brochure can be found at: http://www.northampton-nh.gov/Public_Documents/NorthHamptonNH_Recreation/index or go to www.northampton-nh.gov and click on the Recreation Department.

Upcoming Fall Programs:
Zumba! with Marianela! If you want to get your groove on, then try this class! Marianela is offering Wednesday and Saturday classes for adults. Tai Chi on Tuesdays, PASA (Programs for Active Senior Adults) meets every third Tuesday with a monthly trip, Little Nippers Soccer and Tennis, Horseback Riding Lessons, Coyote Club, Street Hockey, and so much more!!!!

Surf Lessons with Cinnamon Rainbows: In partnership with the North Hampton School PE Dept., once again this fall we have been able to provide an exciting experience to some eighth-graders. The students have been able to take surfing lessons before school and during their PE class at a very inexpensive rate, thanks to David Cropper at Cinnamon Rainbows. These lessons allow students to learn about a sport that they might not otherwise have an opportunity to be exposed to.

Scarecrow by the Seacoast Contest: in collaboration with the North Hampton Business Association and The Home Depot, a scarecrow contest begins in October! I am hoping that residents will join in and help us in creating a Halloween atmosphere. The businesses participating will be on a map that I will have on the town website and you, the residents, will vote for who has the “Best Scarecrow” on the Seacoast! This should be a fun-filled event that I hope you all enjoy! Let’s give ’em something to talk about!


Back to School Supplies Collections: A HUMONGOUS squishy hug to Staples in North Hampton and the families who generously donated to help 12 North Hampton students with their supplies. Staples was EXTREMELY generous and jumped at the chance to help our kids!!! You are the best!

It takes a village...

If anyone would like a program offered in the winter, please feel free to drop me an email at diane@northhampton-nh.gov or call me at 964-3170, I love new ideas.

~Yours in recreation, Diane Wheeler
North Hampton Public Library
Youth Summer Reading 2010

This summer, 106 children ages 2-14 read more than 2653 hours during the seven week summer reading program. Congratulations to all our readers for a great job. Thank you to the library staff, Lee Keirstead, Bob Lee and the Beach Plum,

Learning Express Toys of North Hampton, The Great American Country Gift Store, Pam Newhall Brown, Cynthia Jenkins, Dick Wollmar, Abercrombie & Finch Restaurant, and the North Hampton Agriculture commission. In the Teen Read 2010 program, teens read and entered “Make Waves” bingo cards to win gift card prizes. Thank you to the Friends of North Hampton Public Library for again sponsoring the Teen Read program.

Fall Programs for Youth at North Hampton Public Library

Fall Story Times
Two's Time with Ms. Stacy
Ages 18 months to 3 years:
Thursdays at 10:15-10:45am,
Ages 3-6 years: Wednesday at 10:15-10:45am

Critters and Creatures
See, touch and learn about animals up close. Six animals will visit the Library. Thursday October 14th at 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Sign up and meet a blue tongued skink! Ages 3-9, group size is limited to 30 children.

American Girl Doll Book Group
Join us for a book group that focuses on American Girl stories. We'll read about the historical dolls and explore the times in which they lived. What kind of dolls did they play with? What games did they play? Did they go to school? We will have a planning tea party for those interested at the library on Wednesday, 10/13, from 3:45-4:45. We will meet at that same time on Wednesday, 11/10 and Wednesday, 12/1, and resume in 2011. The first doll we'll read about is Samantha Parkington who lived in Victorian times and is finding it difficult to be a proper young lady. The library has many of the Samantha books on reserve at the main desk. Ask for one when you sign up, and we'll talk about Samantha over tea. Sign up in person at the library or by calling 964-6326.

After School Programs
StoryCraft - Stories and Crafts
Ages 4 and up. Sign up for one or all of the sessions: Thursday, October 7th 4:00-4:40
Thursday, October 21st 4:00-5:00
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HAUNTED HOUSES
“Clay Works”
with Anne McCreA

Haunted Houses! Build a haunted house in clay with Anne McCreA! This program will be offered during the StoryCraft Session On October 21st from 4-5pm. Ages 4 and up.

Thursday, November 4, 4-4:40pm
Thursday, November 18, 4-4:40pm
Thursday, December 2, 4-4:40pm
Thursday, December 16, 4-4:40pm

Pizza and Pages Book Group for Grades 5-8

A fun book discussion group for students in grades 5-8. Participants are invited to choose and discuss classic and current fiction for young people. Meetings may also include guest speakers, book related cultural and historical displays, games, prizes and PIZZA! Copies of the current book are available at the library.

Fall 2010 Meeting Dates:
Monday, October 25th 7:00-7:45
Monday, November 22nd 7:00-7:45
Monday, December 20th 7:00-7:45

North Hampton Library News

We’d like to give a special thanks to Allison Bacon’s Brownie Troop for the flower barrels out front of the library that have added color and cheer to the library grounds. We’d also like to recognize Bill McCoomb for his tireless efforts in improving our library landscaping.

The Friends of the Library deserve a huge thank you for sponsoring the Fuller Gardens passes so many of you enjoyed this summer and for providing the passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston again this coming year.

The library has acquired memberships to the New Hampshire Historical Society and Historic New England. Both memberships give discounts for various exhibits, historic sites and other benefits. Contact the library for more information.

The book group that meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2pm is looking for new members and is open to all who are interested. The group will be reading the following books: The Glass Palace by Amitav Ghosh-11/14, (library closed the 11th)

Works of Wonder Literary Series with Holly Perrault, discussion leader. All who are interested may sign up for all or part of this engaging book discussion series. 10/19@7pm The Street by Ann Petry (change in date from original schedule) 11/10@7pm Susan Poulin will perform “The Full Angel” a theatre performance of arresting vignettes that chronicle the death of her mother, her family’s struggles and the healing power of love. This performance will preface a book discussion the following week on 11/17 at 7pm of Alice Monro’s Carried Away: Stories.
12/8@7pm Lit, A Memoir, by Mary Karr. 1/19@7pm At 82, by May Sarton. 10/20 at 7pm SPEAKER: Margaret Hagen, University of New Hampshire Extension Educator will be at the library to present the program: Landscaping at the Water’s Edge: An Ecological Approach. Learn how landscaping can affect our water quality and the watershed, the land area that drains into rivers and wetlands in North Hampton and elsewhere in New Hampshire.

We’d like to give a special thanks to Allison Bacon’s Brownie Troop for the flower barrels out front of the library that have added color and cheer to the library grounds. We’d also like to recognize Bill McCoomb for his tireless efforts in improving our library landscaping.

The Friends of the Library deserve a huge thank you for sponsoring the Fuller Gardens passes so many of you enjoyed this summer and for providing the passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston again this coming year.

The library has acquired memberships to the New Hampshire Historical Society and Historic New England. Both memberships give discounts for various exhibits, historic sites and other benefits. Contact the library for more information.

The book group that meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2pm is looking for new members and is open to all who are interested. The group will be reading the following books: The Glass Palace by Amitav Ghosh-11/14, (library closed the 11th)

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The library has had many compliments on our web site. Barbara Dewing is our website genius and works very hard to make sure you can find what you need on the library web site and that it is also pleasing to the eye. We want to thank Barbara for all her hard work!

~ Susan Grant, Library Director
UPCOMING Recycling Activities

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
Bulky Item Collection at the Recycling Center

BRUSH AND COMPOST AREA
Last day for the season is Saturday, November 27
Brush and Compost is open Saturdays only.
8:00 AM-12:00, 12:30 PM-4:30 PM.

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS
Recycling Center is open all year.
Wednesdays and Saturdays 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Recycling Center is located off Cherry Road.

For additional information, call the Recycling Center
(964-9825) or the Dept of Public Works (964-6442)

The Half-Way Tavern was built by Simon Dearborn in 1792. The Tavern closed at the end of the 19th century. It was located on the corner of Exeter Road and State Road (Post Road).
(photograph courtesy of the North Hampton Historical Society)