# North Hampton Community News

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# Town Administrator thanks residents and staff for warm welcome; looking forward "to our work ahead"



I would first like to thank everyone I have met for a very warm welcome since I began my tenure as your Town Administrator on March 12. I am

Above: Bryan Kaenrath (Photo courtesy of Seacoa

courtesy of Seacoast thrilled to be here Media Group) and very much look forward to our work ahead. For those of you I have yet to meet I would encourage you to stop at the town office, call me at 964-8087 or email bkaenrath@ northhampton-nh.gov if you have any particular issues you would like to discuss. My door is always open and my foremost priority is being responsive to the needs of North Hampton residents. I would also like to extend my thanks to the entire staff at the town office for their hard work and guidance during this transition. I have come to quickly realize that we have an excellent group of employees serving our town and I am proud to work alongside them every day.

In my first weeks on the job there have been a number of priorities that have been my focus. Near the top of the list of course has been introducing myself to as many citizens as possible and that includes attending the meetings of all our boards and committees in addition to other citizens' groups. Getting a sense of what is truly important and what are the top priorities on residents' minds guides my work on a daily basis. We suffered major storm damage from our March Nor'easter and I have been committed to working with DOT, NH Parks, FEMA and our Highway Department in seeing that repairs can be made as fast as possible with the smallest fiscal impact to the town.

We are also currently putting together a plan to address the needed maintenance and repairs to our historic town hall that hopefully will begin later this year. I was pleased to be invited to meet with members of the North Hampton Business Association to discuss ways to assist with outreach and assistance to business owners and potential new businesses coming to town. I am wholeheartedly committed to working to further improve our business climate and continue the work in development of our Route 1 corridor.

Overall, in my first weeks here I have learned that North Hampton is a beautiful seacoast town that is a great place to live, work or run a business. I truly believe this. If there is any perception to the contrary I will work as hard as I can to turn that around. Sometimes people take things for granted but we cannot forget or be complacent about the many, many positive things happening here and why we really are fortunate to have such an amazing community. Please know I'm honored to be here serving in this position and I hope I can take part in making this town an even better place for all citizens.

~ Bryan Kaenrath

# New, pristine conservation land; conservation monitoring; septic maintenance

The Conservation Commission is pleased to announce the acquisition of 24 acres of pristine conservation land off Mill Road, which was donated to the Town of North Hampton by *Lida Wendover Higginson.* 

The Little River Conservancy, comprised of uplands and wetlands, has significant ecological value, in part, because Oliver Brook runs through a portion of the land. The acreage also provides for wildlife habitat, helps protect Little River from further pollution, and abuts conservation land, all suitable for hiking and passive recreation.

This extraordinarily beautiful land, which runs contiguously to pre-existing conservation land, will further protect Little River and the Town of North Hampton's water resources. On behalf of the Town of North Hampton, the Commission extends a sincere thank you to *Mrs. Higginson* for the generous donation of land to the Town.

#### MONITORING OF CONSERVATION LAND

Much of the work of the Conservation Commission encompasses protection of the Town's natural resources and conservation land. To further that aim, with the help of Google Earth Pro, Commissioners will be conducting aerial monitoring of those conservation parcels where the town or Commission owns the land or holds the enforcement rights on conservation easements. The purpose of aerial review is to identify visible changes in the land, such as dumping, vehicle tracks, cutting of timber and construction. If necessary, the Commission will follow up with ground monitoring.

# SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE:

Now that the ground is thawing, the Commission encourages all residents of North Hampton to consider pumping out their septic systems.

After a few years, the solids that accumulate in the septic tank should be pumped out. If not removed, these solids will eventually overflow, accumulate in the drain or leach field, and clog the pores (openings) in the soil.

To better maintain your septic system:

- Have the solids pumped out of the septic tank periodically.
- Restrict the use of your garbage disposal.
- Do not pour grease or cooking oils down the sink drain.
- Make a diagram showing the location of your tank, leach field, and repair area.
- Maintain adequate vegetative cover over the leach field.
- Keep automobiles and heavy equipment off the system.

Untreated wastewater from failing septic systems can contaminate nearby wells, groundwater, and drinking water sources. It can be very costly to replace a septic system, compared to \$100 to \$300 to have a septic system routinely pumped and inspected. Maintaining privately owned septic systems is far more cost effective for residents than the multimillion dollar cost for a town to construct and maintain a sewer system.

As reported in The EPA Decentralized Wastewater Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Partnership, when properly maintained, septic systems have been proven to be both far more cost effective than a centralized sewer system and protect the environment, public health, and water quality. Decentralized systems or privately owned septic systems avoid large municipal capital expenditures.

Septic systems protect the environment, contribute to community well-being by increasing water quality and availability, using energy and land wisely, responding to growth while preserving green space, and using the natural treatment properties of the soil.

The wastewater from decentralized systems or septic systems stays in the local watershed as it returns to the drain field, dispersing into the underlying soil and eventually recharging groundwater and/or reentering the local watershed. Centralized sewer systems do not recharge the aquifer because the waste water is pumped or disposed into the sea.

We encourage all residents to help preserve North Hampton's rural character and natural resources through proper maintenance of septic systems.

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# Highlights of the town survey by the Economic Development Committee

The town survey conducted in March and April was intended to gauge residents' opinions on economic development as well as general town and lifestyle issues. Businesses were also surveyed, and those results are noted separately.

#### Residents' opinions are similar to surveys of the past several years. Top highlights:

- Preserve the Town's aquifer and wetlands
- Protect open space
- Maintain the dark nighttime sky
- Preserving the rural atmosphere of North Hampton is more important than economic development
- Support Rails to Trails project
- Oppose apartment buildings on Route 1
- Beautify Route 1
- Preserve the Town's history and architecture
- Businesses most desired are restaurants and small stores and boutiques
- Whether there should be sewer on Route 1: 15% favor, 33% oppose, 51% favor only if property taxes would not increase
- Fill empty storefronts as opposed to developing new areas.

Business responses in many categories were similar to resident responses. Here are the most dissimilar results of business opinions:

- Strongly favor greater development over the next few years (nearly twice the resident response)
- Nearly half favor allowing apartment buildings on Route 1 if sewer were allowed while 62% of residents are opposed
- More important to allow businesses to have brightly-lit signs than it is to maintain a dark nighttime sky (77% favor brighter signs, 74% of residents favor night sky)
- 62% say attracting non-residents to support businesses is one of the most important objectives of economic development (32% of residents favor this)
- 58% favor prioritizing economic development over maintaining the Town's rural character and heritage while 73% of residents prioritize maintaining rural character over economic development.

The Committee will use the survey to craft an economic development plan to be presented to the Select Board.

The survey results are posted on the Town website and are expected to be presented in a public hearing at the Select Board meeting of July 23. Check Town calendar to confirm date.

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### NEXT DEADLINE

Monday, September 17, 2018

### CONTACT INFO

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The North Hampton Community Newsletter is published three 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.

### **Do's and Dont's of Recycling:** Clean up for Household Hazardous Waste Day in September

Everyone has some form of household hazardous waste in the garage or basement. If you want to round it up and get rid of it, mark Saturday, September 29 on your calendar.

The Town of North Hampton pays an annual fee that allows all residents to dispose of household hazardous waste free of charge (except for electronics) every fall. You can take as much or as little as you want.

Simply pack up your stuff and deliver it to:

Brentwood Highway Facility, 207 Middle Road, Brentwood

9 a.m. to 12 noon September 29.

To pack and transport your waste safely, just make sure that:

• Waste is in its original container

#### HAZARDOUS WASTE

• Oil-based paint, strippers, paint thinner, solvents, stains, varnish, shellac

- Fiberglass resins
- Solvent adhesives
- Lighter fluid, ether
- Antifreeze, engine degreasers
- Carburator cleaner, brake fluid
- Transmission fluid, car wax
- Straight waste oil
- Gasoline, diesel, kerosene
- Poisons, insecticides
- Weed killer, moth balls
- Wood preservatives
- Pest strips, flea powder
- Photo chemicals

- If the container is leaking, put the entire container into a larger one of the same kind
- Pack your products closely in a sturdy box so they don't tip during transport, and don't pack anything in plastic bags.

People often ask about two products that are not hazardous waste and should be disposed of elsewhere:

• **Pharmaceuticals**. Any pills or prescription drugs you have should be taken to the North Hampton Police Department Monday through Friday. They collect all pharmaceuticals for proper disposal. Please do not flush them down the toilet!

- Furniture, floor and metal polishes
- Oven, toilet bowl cleaners
- Drain cleaners
- Spot removers
- Dry cleaning solvents
- Septic tank degreasers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Dry cell batteries
- Lead compound, mercury
- Acids, alkali bases
- Penta brand wood preservative
- Pesticides containing 2-4-5T, Silvex
- Fluorescent tubes

#### **ELECTRONICS (FEE)**

• Televisions

• Latex paint. Old cans of latex paint can be dried out and put into your regular trash. Just open the can and leave it open until paint is dry. For larger quantities, add kitty litter to help the drying process. Put all dried cans and lids in your regular trash. This only applies to latex paint, not oil-based paint and other finishing materials.

Below is a list of things accepted at hazardous waste day. Also, there is a list of electronics you can take (a small fee to cover disposal will be charged), and an important list of what NOT to take.

Note that you can also take electronics to the Town Recycling Center on Bulky Goods Day (small fee applies), which will be October 20. ~ John Hubbard

- Desktop/Notebook PCs
- Computer Monitors, Printers, scanners, copiers Keyboards

#### WHAT <u>NOT</u> TO BRING:

• <u>NO latex paint.</u> It is not hazardous when it's dried out. Open cans, leave open until paint dries and dispose of dried can and lid in regular trash. For larger amounts, mix in kitty litter to aid drying.

- NO ammunition, fireworks, explosives\*
- NO pharmaceuticals\*
- NO gas grills/tanks
- NO tires
- NO infectious/biological waste\*\*
- NO white goods

\*Take these to the North Hampton Police Deptartment, \*\*Take these to hospitals or physicians that accept them

### Her last request: One final trip to her beloved North Hampton Beach

All she wanted was once again to visit North Hampton's beach. She never lived here but held loving memories of her many summer visits to the sand and sea off Ocean Boulevard. When it became clear she had but a short time left in her life, she mentioned to one of her caretakers how much it would mean to her to make one more visit.

Confined to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, dying of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), her words were but a dream until they made it to Sean Kukauskas, Director of Ambulance Services at Spaulding. His next call was to the North Hampton Fire & Rescue Department: Could a crew from North Hampton help the crew from Spaulding if they brought her to the beach in the hospital's ambulance?

Deputy Chief Jason Lajoie, Lt. Stephen Henry, and Firefighters Will Taber and Troy Wise would help make her last visit the trip of a lifetime. Lajoie borrowed a large pop-up tent from the Hampton Fire Department so they could carry her stretcher out to the sand and she'd have shelter. They arranged the date based on low tide times and the weather forecast. It would be a chilly but sunny, blue-sky, calm winter day.

On a Saturday morning in December, the Spaulding crew was to arrive at 10 a.m. By the time they pulled into the beach parking



lot, the North Hampton crew had barricaded part of the lot, cleared rocks thrown there by storms, figured out the best path to carry her stretcher from the lot to the sand, and erected the tent. They carried a generator ready to power her ventilator, and Lajoie held a Christmas package for her: A quilt hand made by his wife, Melissa.

Accompanying the patient was Maureen Banks, Chief Operating Officer of Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, Kukauskas and three ambulance crew. Together with North Hampton's crew of four, they moved her from the ambulance to the shelter of the tent on the sand for her final look at the sea.

"It was a breathtaking moment," Lajoie said. "Never do we really have the opportunity to give people that one last chance at something. We see a lot of suffering and there's not a lot we can do to change that course."

For this one dying woman, who has no family, the excursion was a symbol of life and love and memories. For the hospital and fire department crew, it was a moving gesture few get to witness. As they returned her to the Spaulding ambulance after her final moment in the sun of North Hampton, she lay under Melissa Lajoie's quilt and gave them all a thumbs up

Note: Spaulding Hospital delivered an award to North Hampton Fire & Rescue at the Select Board meeting of April 9 for the extraordinary assistance.

## Town Clerk: Important dates, holiday office closings

- JULY 4: Independance Day, Closed
- SEPTEMBER 3: Labor Day, Closed
- SEPTEMBER 10: Last day to accept absentee ballots in person, 5PM
- SEPTEMBER 11: State Primary Election Day, Town Hall, 8AM-7PM, Office Closed
- NOVEMBER 6: General Election, NH School 8AM-7PM, Office Closed

### Boy Scout Troop 162 News



T162 Klondike Derby (Scouts with their trophy earned at the Klondike Derby in Manchester, NH.)

Winter and early spring are busy times for Boy Scout Troop 162. Meeting topics included snow sports, climbing, geology, golf, and cooking competitions. Outdoor events included camping at Pat's Peaks for Snow Sports, the Klondike Derby (a competition of Winter skills), Wall Climbing, and the New Hampshire Scout Jamboree at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Service is an important part of Troop activities. Recently we cleared downed limbs and trees on the nature trail behind North Hampton School. We also cleaned up Knowles Field in preparation for the new baseball season. In addition, we held a Pancake Breakfast for the United Church of Christ in North Hampton to show our appreciation for their support.

Our 2018 Winter Court of Honor included recognitions for rank advancements as well as merit badges earned for Camping, Climbing, Family Life, and Snow Sports. On Tuesday, June 5, 2018 Troop 162 held an Eagle Court of Honor to celebrate Johnny Simmons achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations Johnny!

Other upcoming events include a backpacking trip in June, Boy Scout camp in July, and a canoe trip in August.

Troop 162 invites boys in 6th grade to 18 years old to join the adventures of scouting. Registration is ongoing. Join soon to experience more of the fun! For info please visit www.troop162nh.org

### Summer programs for children and teens at the Library

Thurs, June 22. Summer Reading Program KICK-O! Stop in the Library between 9:30 and 5:00 to register and make a plan for your summer reading! We offer special thanks to our local business sponsors: The Airfield Café, Drum Center of Portsmouth, Gus' Bike Shop, and Pioneers Board Shop.

Thurs, June 28, 3:00 to 4:00 pm "LIBRARIES ROCK" MUSICAL PROGRAM. All ages. Fun, upbeat music, humor and wit! Peppy tunes and instruments to play.

**Tues, July 10, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm** Learn fly tying from an expert angler. All ages.

Wed, July 18, 3:00 to 4:00 pm SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER. All ages. "Animal Sounds" – hear live animals, led by expert naturalists.

Mon, July 30, 1:00 to 2:00 pm MODERN TIMES THEATRE. Ages 3 and up. Hand puppetry at its best! Includes a concert with a variety of musical instruments.

**Tues, August 2, 11:00 to 12:30** LEARN TO PAINT with artist Jody Mueller. Materials and instruction provided.

Sign up required. Ages 8 and up. Fri, August 10

Wrap up the summer reading program with recognitions and prizes for "most hours read". Ice cream party for all!

And summer fun for teens... Teen Book Club –Pick up the first book club book on June 22 or check it out on Hoopla.com using your library card. Discuss the book through our online book club forum or at our monthly club meeting.

**The Teen/Study Room** has books, music, games, TV and internet. Spend some time browsing what's available in the room, or simply bring your friends and hang out in a relaxing atmosphere.

And more summer fun... Biblio-Greens, the library garden club, is experimenting with flowers, herbs and vegetables in the library garden. Join in any time to plant, weed, water, pick, smell, eat, and enjoy.

**"Rainy Day" Programs** run all summer: don't let rain wash out your day! The library has you covered. We've prepared special programming suitable for all ages that we will pull out on rainy days.

And stay tuned for more details... Date TBD: Scouting tips tutorial by Boy Scouts from Troop 162.

August Spanish Summer Camp – language, music and games. For ages 10 to 14.

Visit or contact us at 964-6326 to register for events and for additional information. ~ *Connie Margowsky* 

### At the Library

The library has two new passes. With your valid library card you can reserve and pick up a pass to visit any of the NH State Parks for the day. We have one pass per day to most parks, excluding beaches. We also now have passes to the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine located in Portland, just 60 miles north of North Hampton, thanks to The Friends of the Library. Call or come in for more details.

Join us for 2018's Adult Summer Reading program, Libraries Rock! This fun reading program begins Monday, June 25th and will conclude on Wednesday, August 8 with a literary ice cream social. Keep track of what you are reading and enter a raffle for prizes. Sign up at the front desk or on our website nhplib.org.

Marsha Carr from *Tai Chi for Everybody* will be back to lead Tai Chi weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:30am beginning June 28 and ending August 2. This is accessible to all and will take place outside when weather permits, in the Craig room otherwise. Please sign up at the front desk or call us at 964-6326.

July 10 at 6:30 pm, Steve Hale, of Open World Explorers will be back for a program about Bizarre Birds of the World. This entertaining and educational program is for the whole family and features extreme examples of birds and bird biology, and will stretch our understanding of what it means to be a bird.

We will also continue to show our Friday Flicks Fridays at 2pm. Cool off from the summer heat in our AC and enjoy a new movie release with popcorn!

In August, we are very excited to be hosting Baza's, *Queen Bees of Blues.* Featuring the music, trials and tribulations of some of the greatest and most influential female blues artists of the 1920s including Bessie Smith, Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, Ida Cox, Lizzy Douglas a.k.a. "Memphis Minnie" and others. This program sheds light on the contributions



and successes of the "Queens" of the blues who paved the way for many of the male artists that followed. This program will be held in the Old Town Hall on Thursday, August 9th at 6:30pm and is being co-sponsored by the Granite State Blues Society. Please join us for this unforgettable night of music and entertainment!

Contact Liz Herold at lizatnhpl@ gmail.com or Susan Grant at nhpldirector@gmail.com for more info.

~ Susan Grant and Liz Herold

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#### PLEASE TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST TICKS AND MOSQUITOS:

The Conservation Commission also encourages all residents to take precautions against ticks and mosquitos when enjoying the outdoors. To better protect your family and pets, consider purchasing **"TICK TUBES"** to guard against ticks and mosquitos. They are available at Home Depot and garden supply stores. Thank you to the Commissioners for volunteering your time and talents to accomplish the work of the Commission. The Commission encourages volunteers from the community to get involved and to please contact the members of Commission or Select Board if interesting in serving on the Conservation Commission.

~ Lisa Wilson

#### North Hampton Conservation Commission Members:

Phil Thayer, Andy Vorkink, Shep Kroner. Lauri Etela, Mike Lynch, Allyson Ryder, Alternate Member; Kathy Grant, Vice-Chair; Lisa Wilson, Chair

#### Conservation Easement Subcommittee Members:

Andy Vorkink, Chair; Kathy Grant, Lisa Wilson, and Lauri Etela

### An Important Message From **NORTH HAMPTON FIRE & RESCUE** by Jason Lajoie, Deputy Fire Chief

## Right now in your home, one of the most dangerous and misused electrical devices

f ost people have at least one in use in their home or office. They go by many names: Strip plugs, strip cords, surge protectors, and power strips. Plug in the wrong device, and you have a fire in waiting.

These devices are regulated under their real name, Relocatable Power Taps (or RPT for short). They were created after the first advent of computers to power associated hardware (printers, scanners, modems). RPT's provide some

degree of electrical surge protection but it can be very limited.

RPT's are commonly designed to handle up to 6 low voltage ancillary devices (under 12 amps of combined load). They were not designed to handle high concentrations of power load. Common household devices often found plugged into an RPT include microwaves, refrigerators, hair dryers, curling irons, and other high-draw equipment. This is extremely dangerous! Some of these items often draw 12 or more amps by themselves, and the common misconception is, "...but I still have 5 more plug outlets, so it can handle more equipment, right?" No. To ensure these devices are being used correctly:

RPT's are intended to be directly connected to a <u>permanent</u> power source - a receptacle protected by

> Let us answer your questions or concerns, please call the Fire Department for more information | 964-5500

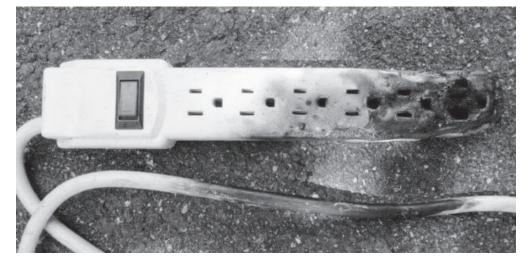
a circuit breaker (wall outlet). They are not designed

Make sure the RPT's you purchase are <u>UL Listed</u>, ensuring it has been torture tested by Underwriting Laboratories and any design vulnerabilities have been engineered out before it came to market. If you have any questions about electrical concerns in your home, call a licensed electrician. If we can provide any assistance with fire safety concerns, please call us at 964-5500 or stop by the fire station. We'll help you stay safe!

~ Deputy Chief Jason Lajoi

to be connected in series (daisy chained together) or connected to each other by an extension cord. RPT's are not intended to be a permanent wiring solution. They are intended to power up to 6 low load devices drawing less than 12 amps of combined power.







### NHPL Community Listening Sessions: Please Join Us!

How much space will be added with the expansion? Is it really enough? How will phasing construction coincide with library operations? How large will the meeting rooms and reading rooms be? The library is currently scheduling more Community Listening Sessions to answer your library expansion questions.

The Library Board of Trustees is excited to be stewards of a new expansion/renovation plan for the North Hampton Public Library that is still in the planning stages. We are continuing to develop a proposed plan that includes approximately 5,000-square feet of new space to the current library footprint. We will be adding meeting and programming rooms, a dedicated Children's room, Teen Room, and ADA compliant bathrooms, as well as reconfiguring and renovating space in the existing library. Ron Lamarre, of Lavallee Brensinger Architects will be presenting the new library floor plan and will answer questions from the community. We are also working with a construction company to define the cost of the expansion/ renovation project in order to develop a more definite time line.

Our goal is to create spaces in the library that all North Hampton community members will be able to enjoy, and realize that in order to make it the best it can be, community participation is needed. We want to hear from you! As we move forward in the design process, we graciously welcome your feedback, suggestions and concerns.

Please join us! Look for our next Community Listening Session date on the library sign or stop by the library to learn more.

~Library Trustees

### TOWN RECYCLING CENTER

Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 8AM-5PM all year, 14 Cherry Road.

#### TOWN BRUSH DUMP

Open Saturdays 8AM-4:30PM. Bring your brush or get some mulch for your yard. Brush dump sticker available at Town Offices or Town Clerk, \$1. *NOTE: When transporting loose loads of brush, the load is to be tied or covered.* 

### **COMING UP:**

#### SEPT 29: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

(see story this edition)

#### OCTOBER 20: BULKY GOODS DAY

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

Historical Society goal: Local history on line



This year the Historical Society is focused on creating ways to make the collection accessible to our members and interested parties. We would like inventories, finding aids and photographs to be available online and hope to accomplish that within a year. The Curators Group continues its work in the collection organizing photographs, newspapers, diaries and documents, and processing additions to the collection.

The Group is also preparing an exhibit focused on the history of education in North Hampton. Using the exhibit to spark memories, we will begin recording oral histories with residents who attended schools in North Hampton - Centennial Hall, Little River, and the current school.

The North Hampton House Styles and History program in March has energized many to research their houses. And the Society has raised the money for the conservation of the 1843 Map of North Hampton. Work is being done at The Northeast Document Conservation Center.

As always, if you have any questions about North Hampton history or would be interested in joining the Society, please contact us at nohamptonhs@gmail.com. And volunteers who'd like to work on a website and the Timeline of town history would be welcome!

#### COMING UP:

• September 19 - Steve Taylor presents a NH Humanities program, New Hampshire Roads Taken - or Not, at 7:00 pm in Town Hall

## Friends of the NHPL

The Friends will be visible this summer. We are planning something "blue" as in blueberry for the August 11 Old Home Day festivities.

Andrea Vibbert finished updating the Friends' scrapbooks of photos, posters, and news clippings about the Library. We will have each of the four scrapbooks available for viewing on a rotating basis over the next four months, most likely on a table by the Library computers.

The Friends are purchasing a new museum pass thanks to a patron we overheard at the circulation desk. She suggested that the Portland Children's Museum is a comparable driving distance to the one in Boston. It made sense to us and Library Director Susan Grant that going nawtheast rather than south might be preferred by some. (The Library has free or discounted passes to various museums and NH State Parks that are available to anyone with a valid library card. All passes have to be reserved ahead - except for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston – and can be reserved by calling the Library at 964-6326.)

We hope those of you who have ideas about ways to enhance the Library will let us know at one of the Summer events or by contacting us at friendsnhpl@ gmail.com

And, not to neglect an earlier event, thank you everyone who participated in the Community Oven fundraiser by coming and buying food, purchasing tickets for the 50-50 raffle, and bidding on silent auction items. We hope to repeat the event sometime. In addition to "anonymous"

who provided items for the silent auction, thanks to the other mainstays for that effort -- local



Do you recognize yourself or any friends in these photos from the Library's summer reading program in 1966? If so, please contact us at friendsnhpl@gmail.com.



businesses Al's Seafood, Sagamore Golf Center, and Urban Farmhouse, and crocheter extraordinaire Andrea Vibbert.

~ Cynthia Swank

2 acres of land to the town of North Hampton for this purpose.

Our goal is to create a dog park that benefits dogs and owners alike and improve the town's sense of community.

If you're interested in supporting our mission, have any questions or would like additional information, please contact us at northhamptondogpark@gmail.com.

# North Hampton Dog Park Committee

#### **Our Mission Statement:**

• To establish a fenced in, off leash park where people and their well-behaved dogs can socialize and exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering people, property or wildlife.

• To view the park as a community project in partnership with the Town of North Hampton.

• To foster an increased sense of community by encouraging social interaction among citizens.

Upon approval from the town of the North Hampton a volunteer dog park committee has been officially established. The members of the dog park committee of North Hampton are enthusiastic, dedicated and critical thinkers who have reviewed dog park information and laws state and nationwide.

We are reaching out to property owners who own land locally to see if you or someone you know would be willing to donate at least

## **Report from the Agricultural Commission**

Community Gardeners met on Earth Day in April to work on their gardens and share a pot luck meal. Significant cleanup occurred, and there are plans to plant native plants in an experimental section along the fence line to encourage beneficial insects. The state is encouraging native plantings to help our pollinator population. (See: plantsomethingNH.org)

June 18 - 24 is National Pollinator Week. The US fish and wildlife service says: "These hard-working animals help pollinate over 75% of our flowering plants, and nearly 75% of our crops. Often we may not notice the hummingbirds, bats, bees, beetles, butterflies, and flies that carry pollen from one plant to another as they collect nectar. Yet without them, wildlife would have fewer nutritious berries and seeds, and we would miss many fruits, vegetables, and nuts... not to mention chocolate and coffee...all of which depend on pollinators."

*A word about soil:* Nurture your soil as the important ecosystem it is. Soil is a critical living organism. It acts as an engineering medium, a habitat for soil organisms, a recycling system for nutrients and organic wastes, a regulator of water quality, a modifier of atmospheric composition, and a medium for plant growth. Since soil has a tremendous range of available niches and habitats, it contains most of the earth's genetic diversity.

In your gardens, add compost before planting, use an organic fertilizer where you have a shortage of compost, add a little rock phosphate every couple years. Rock phosphate in your vegetable garden leads to fewer pests, greater yields and richer flavor. See www. gardeningknowhow.com for more information. Revitalize vegetable gardens annually (fall or winter) with a "green manure" cover crop such as rye or alfalfa. Building soil is what gardening is all about.

#### **Barn Survey**

Since September we have surveyed 27 old barns that provide the rural look and rich history of farms, farming and rural character of North Hampton. There are more than 100 other historic barns to survey, and if you have an old barn you'd like documented contact Joan Ganotis at 964-6885 or rrambler2@comcast.net

# One Community Garden plot still available

Freshly-tilled plot, 15 x 20 - if interested in growing your own fresh produce, contact cynjenks@comcast. net or 964-8629. ~ *Cynthia Jenkins* 

## Heritage Commission News

The Heritage Commission has spent two years engrossed in the production of the Historic Resources Town-Wide Area Survey made possible by a Pre-Disaster Planning Grant for Historic Properties. There is much information to share with the Town residents, government, Boards and Commissions. Every effort has been made to inform the Town of the available information. The 202 page document containing over 200 current and historic photographs has been printed and distributed to the various Town departments and Chairs of relevant

Boards and Commissions. The Library has two copies for public viewing. The Heritage Room in the Stone Building has a copy of the form and a large color map under glass for viewing. In addition, the remainder of the 75 printed copies were sold to the public at cost. On the Heritage Commission Town website, the form is available for viewing. On the left side of the Commissions page click on Historic Resources Town-Wide Area Form 2018 to view. The map is also available, click on Historic Properties Map 2018. Available on the Town

website at Stream Town Videos is the March 22, 2018 Historical Society presentation by Lisa Mausolf of some of the homes surveyed in the Area Form. Lisa is an Architectural Historian who conducted the survey. She has an extensive knowledge of our Town as a result of a 25 year history performing surveys and consulting with numerous Federal, State and local entities.

As a result of all the forgoing, the Heritage Commission is now engaging in goal setting to further study how the information can be used and expanded. We are

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interested in collaboration with other Town Commissions to further explore some of the knowledge gained. We are also interested in engaging Town residents to explore their interest in the Heritage of North Hampton. There are primarily five areas to expand our collective knowledge and interest: PageTown, North Hill, Town Hall/Depot, Little River and Little Boars Head. We think this is very important and of great interest to residents; as the most recent Town Survey results

continue to identify the importance and desire to preserve the Town's history and architecture. We will keep everyone informed of our activities.

~ Donna Etela, North Hampton Heritage Commission

# Firefighter Fridays: "To these kids, these guys are like heroes"



Lt. Martin Tavitian and Firefighter/ Paramedic Mike Morin eat lunch with kids at North Hampton School during Firefighter Friday.

Most every Friday just before 11 a.m., the North Hampton ambulance and one fire engine pull up to the North Hampton School, and the firefighters aboard make their way inside to the lunchroom that in moments will be echoing with the chatter of dozens of kids.

Firefighter Fridays have become a popular time for the kids, mostly the younger ones, who join the firefighters for lunch and conversation. On this Friday, the hot lunch was fish sticks and smiley fries, a favorite – at least the smiley fries. Lt. Martin Tavitian and Firefigher / Paramedics Mike Morin and Dave Trainor are surrounded first by second graders then first graders, then the kindergarten crowd as the classes arrive in shifts.

They talk about their lunch. "I never tried cherries," said one second

grade girl as she dug in. "This doesn't taste like cherries." Another asked Morin about tying a string around a loose tooth, the other end to a doorknob and pulling. "I don't think that works very well," he said. The conversation moved on.

"Are you the chief?" one asked Lt. Tavitian. "No," he said, "the chief is Mike Tully" as another proudly chimed in, "he's the Lieutenant."

Most of it is small talk about their lunch choices, gym class, the events of the day, whatever the kids are interested in. Some is about the radios and other equipment the visiting firefighters are wearing. But most of all it's about building relationships with the kids. If the day comes when a home emergency means the arrival of fire trucks or the ambulance, scared children can be comforted when they see a familiar friendly face they've seen week after week at the school, said Lt. Tavitian. One first-grade girl reminded him she went to the annual Police and Fire benefit basketball game and "wanted the firemen to win."

The lunch program started a couple years ago when the school invited firefighters to visit, and this year it's been a Friday mainstay. Whoever is on duty usually goes, if they aren't out on emergency calls, and they take the equipment so they can leave immediately – as they occasionally have had to do – when an emergency call comes over their radios. "We are involved pretty heavily with the school with fire drills," Tavitian said, "we just want to be part of the community and be approachable." His sons are in kindergarten and first grade and came into the lunchroom in separate shifts so each was able to have friends sit with their dad.

Paula Field, School Nutrition Director, said the kids love seeing the firefighters. "To these kids, these guys are like heroes," she said. And that's what it's about, letting kids know who is protecting them, knowing them by name. She said she and the rest of the lunchroom staff – Anne Francis, Ralph George, Amy Montoya and Lisa Noonis – look forward to seeing North Hampton's first responders as much as the kids do. They'll be back for Firefighter Fridays in the fall when school starts up again.



Town vehicles were on display for the third annual Touch-A-Truck Day on a sunny Saturday in May

### Historic Little River Chapel opens for annual summer worship

For the 66th year, summer services return to the Little River Chapel on Atlantic Avenue.

The church was built by the Baptist Society 180 years ago in 1838 on ground deeded by John Lamprey just west of the burying ground off Woodland Road and Atlantic Avenue. Behind it, the Little River runs east down to the ocean. Over its history, like many small churches, sometimes Little River Chapel could afford a full-time minister and sometimes not but "the church stayed strong and...it was a community of the spirit."

Today, it is open only as the summer location of worship for the North Hampton United Church of Christ located at North Hill, next to Centennial Hall. And so each Sunday in July and August, worship is held at 9:30 a.m. and the spirit and history that live on here are remembered.

The Little River Chapel underwent a major restoration in 1900 when beautiful stained glass windows were installed at the suggested of The Rev. David Chase to honor those who contributed to the life of the church. Restoration of those windows began in 2010.

By the 1940s. changing times and declining memberships at both Little River and the North Hampton Congregational Church (now the United Church of Christ) led to the beginning of their consolidation. As early as 1947 the two churches were served by one minister who preached at each church for a three-month period, and the



congregations gathered together where he was preaching. By 1952 the churches merged, and the tradition of summer services at Little River and winter services at UCC began and continues today.

Most people who travel Atlantic Avenue have seen this beautiful chapel just west of Woodland Road at 95 Atlantic. All are invited to worship here and share the history of one small but strong church when its summer services begin the first Sunday in July. *~Jane Boesch* 

## **Union Chapel History**

The 'idea' for Union Chapel began nearly 150 years ago with services originally being held in a pine grove on Chapel Road in North Hampton. The little Chapel, now located on Willow Road (across from Fuller Gardens), was constructed 141 years ago and has provided Interdenominational services ever since. It has also hosted scores of weddings and baptisms over the years. It's a wonderful, welcoming place in which to spend an hour on a Sunday morning. Services begin at 11:00 AM and parking is available across the street at the Gardens.

#### Union Chapel 2018 Schedule

- JULY 1: Rev. Donald Wells, Theologian in Residence, Old South Church, Boston, MA
- JULY 8: Rev. Stephen Kendrick, Senior Minister, First Church, Boston, MA
- JULY 15: Rev. Rodney Petersen, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
- JULY 22: Rev. Robert Hill, Dean of Marsh Chapel, Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology, Boston University, Boston, MA
- JULY 29: Rev. Elizabeth Nordbeck, Professor, Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA
- AUGUST 5: Rev. Reg Dunlap, Founder, Director, Church Centered Ministries, Eliot, ME
- AUGUST 12: Rev. Malcolm Reid, Assistant Rector, Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, Danvers, MA
- AUGUST 19: Rev. Beth Richeson, M. Div., Chaplain, New Hampshire State Women's Prison
- AUGUST 26: Rev. Patricia M. Batten, Ph.D., Professor of Preaching, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
- SEPTEMBER 2: Rev. Robert Thompson, Associate Minister, St. Paul's A.M.E. Church, Cambridge, MA

### North Hampton Business Association



he North Hampton Business Association (NHBA) kicked off the New Year at the Barley House Restaurant with the annual meeting to recognize business milestones and honor NHBA members in our local community. NHBA President Ioe Mittica (Edward Jones Investments) and the NHBA Board of Directors recognized long time NHBA member and former Board member Nancy Beveridge (Seacoast Sold Team) for her years of service. Nominees for two business awards were highlighted, and the fifty plus NHBA members cast their votes for final winner during the event. The first award was Best New Business; nominees were The Drum Center, Seacoast Storage of North Hampton, Alpha Cars and Ural Motorcycles, and the winner Donut Love. Business of the Year included nominees Gus' Bike Shop, Joe's Meat Shoppe, The Barley House and the winner The Old Salt.

Special recognition was given to Interim Town Administrator Michael Tully for his outstanding service to the town during the recent time of transition.

NHBA Board members Jim Better and Kirsten Larsen Schultz are active members of the Town of North Hampton

Economic Development Committee (EDC). Their leadership has provided local business members with a voice related to growth and future business development in town. Results of the recent town-wide survey are being compiled and analyzed for future direction.

The NHBA hosted a Candidates Night on March 7, prior to the Town election. Despite the inclement weather there was solid attendance. The event was televised on Channel 22 for those who could not travel.

The NHBA welcomes Urban Farmhouse Eatery owner Renee Locke as a new member of our Board of Directors. Renee brings over 18 years of professional restaurant and management experience to the Board! She will be a great addition to our team.

Thank you for your continued support of our local North Hampton Business community! Find out more at www.nhba-local. com and our Facebook page www. Facebook.com/

#### DATES COMING UP

#### MAY

28 | Memorial Day parade 10 a.m. - Community BBQ follows at 11:30, Fire Department

#### JUNE

25 | Select Board meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

#### JULY

02 | Rec Dept. Summer Camp begins

09 | Select Board meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

20 | Coffee With Seniors, 9:30-10:30 a.m.,

Mary Herbert Conference Room, Town Offices

23 | Select Board meeting, 7 p.m. Town Hall

#### AUGUST

11 | Old Home Day

13 | Select Board meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

27 | Select Board meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

#### SEPTEMBER

10 | Select Board meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

**10 | Last day to deliver absentee ballots** in person at the Town Clerk's Office

**11 | State Primary Election Day**, Town Hall 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**19 | New Hampshire Roads Taken** – Or Not, Historical Society program presented by Steve Taylor. 7 p.m., North Hampton Town Hall.

**21 | Coffee with Seniors**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mary Herbert Conference Room, Town Offices.

24 | Select Board meeting, 7 p.m. Town Hall

**29 | Household Hazardous Waste day**, 9-12, Brentwood Highway Garage, 207 Middle Road, Brentwood (see story in this edition)

#### OCTOBER

08 | Select Board meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

20 | Bulky Goods collection day, 7-5, Cherry Road Recycling Center

Note: Select Board meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month but are occasionally subject to change. Check the calendar on the Town website for any updates.

## Friends of Centennial Hall

Centennial Hall will be celebrating the Community Spirit on Old Home Day with Music, Art, Dance and the Seacoast based Soggy-Po Boys bringing the brassy music of 'Nawlins to North Hampton! **SOGGY PO BOYS** *Saturday, August 11th/4-5pm* New Orleans Jazz- served messy

### North Hampton Bandstand SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE 2018

WED, JUN 20 6:00-8:00 PM	JUMBO CIRCUS PEANUTS New Orleans Style Funk. This is a Seacoast favorite. Bring the family and enjoy!
WED, JUN 27 6:00-8:00 PM	<b>CLUB SODA BAND</b> Performs Top 40 favorites from the 1960's through today (Rock'n Roll, Country, Romantic ballads). The band is rich with vocal harmonies and encourages crowd participation!
WED, JUL 4 6:00-8:00 PM	<b>THE NEW LEGACY SWING BAND</b> With five saxes, four trombones, four trumpets, a full rhythm section, a vocalist and a music library of 300+ tunes and songs, they have a big sound and a great mix for everyone!
WED, JUL 11 6:00-8:00 PM	<b>SWING ROCKET BAND</b> A 5-piece family swing/jazz band from Bristol, NH. They bring family friendly music to our summer concert series.
WED, JUL 18 6:00-8:00 PM	RICO BAR AND THE JUMP'N JIVE REVIEW New England's premier Swing Party Dance Band. They also perform Jazz, Rock, Motown and R&B. Another local Seacoast favorite.
WED, JUL 25 6:00-8:00 PM	<b>THE OLD BASTARDS</b> Classic fun time, Rock'n Roll. Their slogan says it all "Come and Party with us".
WED, AUG 1 6:00-8:00 PM	<b>REBOUND</b> (COUNTRY) This band will be singing all of your country favorites. This band is one of the hottest and most sought after bands in New England.
WED, AUG 8 6:00-8:00 PM	<b>THE REMINISANTS</b> Performing music from the 50's thru the 80's. Their music is great and their interaction with the audience was outstanding!
SAT, AUG 11 5:00-7:00 PM	NORTH HAMPTON OLD HOME DAY WITH THE VISITORS Playing classic rock and country music for all ages.
WED, AUG 15 6:00-8:00 PM	<b>THE J.C. UNDERWOOD BAND WITH ELVIS!!</b> ELVIS LIVE! Back by popular demand this year. With your eyes shut or open, you will hear the music and be transported back to a time when the King ruled the airwaves.
WED, AUG 22 5:30-7:30 PM	MILITARY BAND More details to be released at a later date.
WED, AUG 29 5:30-7:30 PM Thought some of the	MAINESQUEEZE A brilliant mix of rhythm & roots, Texas-swing, folk, country, w/3-part harmonies, hot guitar and pedal steel. e band's songs are familiar it's their unusual song choices that leave audiences smiling and scratching their heads.
MON, SEPT 3 2:00-4:00 PM	LABOR DAY WITH BLUE NOTE BIG BAND Cookout by American Legion Post 35. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and strawberry shortcake available for purchase or bring your own Join us! In case of rain this concert will be cancelled by 10am.

### DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BLANKETS OR CHAIRS!

IN CASE OF RAIN: Wednesday concerts will be canceled by 1:00pm on the day of the concert. We will have a "Concert Canceled" signboard at the bandstand or you may call 964-6326, 964-6029 or 964-5992. A canceled notice will also be on the town web site. FOOD AND BEVERAGES: The St. James Masonic Lodge of Hampton will provide food for purchase, i.e., hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips, sodas and desserts. Winnicunnet Rebekah Lodge #26 will have desserts. With your support, these organizations raise funds for their worthwhile causes.

### Summer fun planned by the Recreation Department

Old Home Day-Saturday August 11 (second Saturday in August). A day full of North Hampton Community events for the whole family. If you have suggestions or would like to be a part please contact us.

**Pickle ball**- Is held Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays 8am though noon. Free of charge.

**PASA** (Programs for active senior adults) meets for luncheon the third Tuesday of the month at Town Hall. Cost of luncheon is \$5 per person. Contact us at 964-3170 to reserve your luncheon spot and for information on trips and other activities.

Tennis for all ages with Coach

Mark Moulton begins in June - register online.

Adult Co-ed Softball is open to all those ages 16 and up. Season begins the week of June 25. Register online.

**Teen Trips Tuesdays** begins this summer and is open to teens entering grades 7-10 in the fall. Register now online

**"3 and 3 for 3's and 4's"** is a summer program for 3 and 4 year olds. We offer 3 weeks of t-ball and 3 weeks of soccer on Wednesday mornings. Register now online.

**Boston Redsox Coach Bus trip** Sunday June 10 while there is still space. Cost is \$69 per person which includes coach bus, ticket to the game, and after the game those 14 and younger get to run the bases at Fenway. Register online.

**7 weeks of Summer Camp** - begins the week of July 2 - register online.

#### Register online for all our programs at...apm. activecommunities.com/ northhamptonnhrec

There is no additional charge to register on-line. For more information on all our programs please go our website www. northhampton-nh.gov/recreation Phone us at 964-3170 or email jmanzi@northhamptoin-nh. gov Please like North Hampton Recreation on Facebook.



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