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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held **Monday evening, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Office meeting room to review the proposed budget and warrant articles for the 2015 Town Meeting and to hear any questions or concerns of Hancock residents, per RSA 32:5. (Parking and entrance in the rear of the building).

**Hancock Selectboard**

#### CONVAL FORUM DISTRICT MEETING

**Deliberative Session 1 (District Meeting)**  
**Saturday, January 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m. start**  
ConVal Gymnasium  
**Deliberative Session 2 (District-wide Voting)**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
Election Day  
Hancock Town Hall

### News from the Selectboard

Happy New Year to all my friends and neighbors in Hancock!

*Jim Mose, Chairman, for the Selectboard*

As we welcome 2015 in all its wonder and challenges ahead, we too welcome a few new people to our Hancock management team and express our heartfelt gratitude to those who have so honorably served our community before them.

Our noble and brilliant Hancock Town Treasurer, Mrs. Lois Haskins, has handed the reins of her office over to the new Deputy Treasurer, Mrs. Sharon Gordon. Following many years of exceptional service to our community, Lois has completed her treasurer-transition plan to commit 100% of her boundless ability to her equally successful private sector endeavors. Lois's impact to the financial stability of Hancock was nothing short of profound. She was the perfect person to see Hancock's financial house elegantly through the transition from small town books to the newly-mandated State of New Hampshire, more modern GASB-54-approved accounting system. Our financial audits and bookkeeping system are now current, rock solid stable, and fully compliant because of Lois Haskins. Although she will be missed, her legacy to Hancock is cemented in her results. Thank you Lois! An additional thank you to Sharon for accepting the massive responsibility of the Deputy Treasurer position (in the absence of a Town Treasurer...) and for graciously bridging the position to the new Treasurer-elect.

As evidence of your ability to actually read my contribution to the *Hancock Happenings* this day, Nahida is managing our local newspaper's editing and publishing; however, this February issue is her last. Nancy's and Nahida's legacy to this publication will likely outlive us all, as she has found a new person to produce our beloved *Hancock Happenings*. Ms. Jaime Donovan of Hancock is the newest publisher/editor of the *Happenings*, starting with the March issue, and we all thank you for volunteering your time and considerable expertise to this Hancock institution. We wish you great success with your newsletter.

Finally, welcome to our new Hancock Tax Collector, Mrs. Ann Charbonneau from Frankestown, NH. Along with her great reputation as a kind and effective tax collector for New Boston (where she remains in her current position), Ann brings to Hancock a decade of experience and community service. Her flexibility and service ethic are welcome additions to our team of managers and leaders. Ann will be assisted by Hancock's own, Linda Coughlan. Recently appointed as Hancock's newest Deputy Tax Collector, we are blessed by Linda's service to our community, and we can expect the tax collection component of Hancock services to improve as a function of Linda's vast ability, experience and grace.

#### ***Hancock Happenings* Mission Statement**

*Hancock Happenings* is the monthly newsletter of the Town of Hancock, established in 1999 for the purpose of publishing news articles contributed by Town Departments and local organizations. The publication is self-supported through the sale of block and classified advertising. *Hancock Happenings* is not a forum for opinion pieces of any nature, political advertising and political columns; any such submissions will be edited or rejected.

## Hancock Fire & Rescue News

*Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department*

### *Fifth Tuesdays...*

All HFD regular meetings and trainings are held on the first four Tuesday evenings of each month at 7:00 p.m. Several years ago, we decided to take advantage of the several fifth Tuesdays that crop up each year for another optional training. These are very often based on a seasonal topic. I'm proud to say that our membership shows up in big numbers for these extra training sessions.

On December 30, we did an ice rescue seminar out on Norway Pond. The timing was just right; there was enough ice to walk out on, but not so much that we couldn't bash a big hole in it. This photo is of a crew of our younger members (and Capt. Mark Thompson, not so young) getting ready to test out our cold water suits in the chilly waters of the pond.



We call them "Gumby Suits," even though they are not green. These suits are a bit bulky to walk or swim in, but they keep a rescuer warm and mostly dry, even in frigid water. Eric Aldrich is sitting in the little Jon boat that we picked up a few years back. It works well as a rowboat in the tight spots where our motorboat can't go, and it works OK as a platform for ice rescues. We are fine with dealing with situations on open water, and also incidents on thick safe ice. The tough times are when the ice

starts forming, but is not safe enough to support firefighters or equipment; and then again in the Spring when the ice gets thin and ratty. Twice recently, we have taken advantage of a small Hovercraft from the Winchester Fire Department to deal with conditions like that out on Lake Nubanusit.

Last month, we had one of those Lifeline calls ("I've fallen and I can't get up!") to a Hancock house. This house was locked up as tight as a crab's [patootie], and we had to break out the glass in the door to gain entry. In these situations, we attempt to do as little damage as humanly possible, and we will cob together some sort of temporary fix before we leave; however, we cannot be held responsible for the cost of repairs.

If you or a loved one in town uses one of these Lifeline systems, I would encourage you to consider one of our Knox Boxes. This is a small heavy armored box that is bolted to your house in a conspicuous spot, and holds a key to your door. We carry a key for the box itself. There are close to two dozen of these around town, you may have seen them. One costs \$250, but that can pay for itself if we don't have to break a door or a window. Something to consider. Give a call if you need more information: 525.3366.

We were happy to vote on two new members in January: Nicole Whitney and Garrett Cassidy. Both are young and eager, and live downtown in the Forest House. Once Nicole figures out that you have to take off your sneakers before you step into your fire boots, we think they will both be good additions to our crew.

### *January Raffle Winners*

Sunset Trust, \$40; Pamela Workman, \$20;  
Frank and Adele Mogavero, Paul Hansen,  
Dave Bowers, \$10 each.

**Tax Collector**  
Ann Charbonneau  
**Deputy Tax Collector**  
Linda Coughlan  
Mondays, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

So, what's  
it going  
to be,  
Phil, eh?



## ConVal School District News

### Budget News

*Pierce Rigrod, Hancock Representative to the ConVal School District*

The scoop on the proposed 2015-16 budget is that the District's operating budget is lower than the current operating budget, but maintains most of the priority programs and activities identified by the District Administration. The proposed operating budget is about \$476,035 less than the budget now in place, with reductions in budget items such as equipment, property services and employee benefits. Pre-buying fuels/oil saved the District over \$200,000 (for the remainder of this year and for 2015-16). The budget review process has been thorough, transparent and garnered support from all but one of the School Board members and many Selectmen across the District.

While reduced, the 2015-16 budget will make investments in elementary science curricula, waive athletic fees for students (to allow greater participation), add financial support for the QUEST program (an educational summer camp program for middle schoolers) as a partnership with the Peterborough Rotary. It will also increase program funding for the Harris Center, Cornucopia Project educational programs, and retain the Arts Enrichment Program, all of which make ConVal a better educational institution.

The District also came to an agreement with the CVEA which includes modest (2-3%) pay increases for teachers and para-professionals, while also increasing the percentage of the health premium (to

12% of premium cost) paid by employees covered by this agreement. It is a three-year agreement; however, wage and benefits will be reopened for negotiation in years two and three in part due to the uncertainty of health care costs further into the future. The Collective Bargaining Agreement will be Article 2 on the School Ballot.

There were two petition warrant articles submitted that will be on the ballot. One involves changing the Articles of Agreement to allow closure of elementary schools by the School Board, and the other is an article to close Great Brook School in Antrim. The board voted not to recommend either of them at our Jan. 20 meeting, as there had previously been a lengthy process via the Model Study Committee to evaluate options related to school consolidation.

As a member of the Budget and Property Committee, I would urge you to learn more about this budget and ballot questions. **Deliberative Session (1) will be held on Saturday, January 31 at the ConVal High School Gym starting at 10:00 a.m.** Childcare will be available, but contact the SAU for details, as it may be necessary to sign up in advance. Last year, voting across the District was extremely low in most District towns, including Hancock. Please mark your calendar to attend both sessions: the Deliberative (1) on January 31 and the **District-wide Vote (Deliberative 2) on Tuesday, March 10.**

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### Hancock Elementary School

Halfway Mark for the School Year - Time to Enroll Your K-4 Students for 2015-2016?

*Amy Janoch, Hancock Elementary School Principal*



Do you know that students are fast approaching the halfway mark for the school year? As a teacher, the halfway mark is very interesting. Regardless of what grade you teach, January seems to be the month of

consolidation and integration. Students are able to make sense of concepts and skills that they have been learning and practicing throughout the fall. They can now apply these skills in a deeper manner. Skills are fluent, which enables students to apply their skills with more complex material.

The halfway mark has a different meaning for principals. The 90th day means time to plan for the next school year in earnest. It is an interesting balance to stay present with staff, students and parents, while thinking about what the fall of 2015 will look like! One of the major considerations for planning in the community schools is census.

In order to properly plan for the new school year, it is essential that I have a clear understanding of how many students will attend Hancock Elementary School for the fall of 2015. This enables me to strategically hire, group and move staff and students. If you have a child that you would like to attend HES in the fall, please call 525.3303.

#### Kindergarten Entry

A student may enter kindergarten if his or her chronological age is 5 before August 25 of the school year of entry, with the exception of those students enrolled in the second year of a preschool during the 2013–2014 school year. No waivers may be granted from this minimum age requirement.

#### Grade 1 Entry

A student may enter grade one if his or her chronological age is 6 before August 25 of the school year of entry, with the exception of those students enrolled in Kindergarten for the 2013–2014 school year.

#### Immunization

The state of New Hampshire requires that students have proper immunizations prior to enrolling in public school. Waivers for religious reasons are available.

#### Transferring – Entering

Parents of students who are new to Hancock Elementary must complete a registration packet providing current contact information and proof of residence. The school also requires documents in advance for students with educational plans requiring specialized services.

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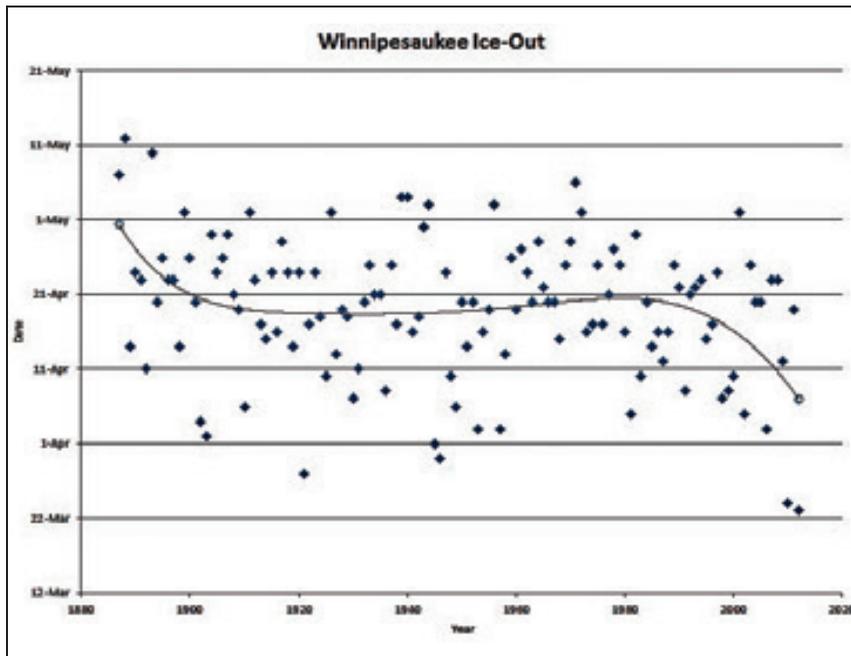
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## Third Annual Norway Pond Ice Out Contest

*Submitted by The Ice Out Committee for 2015*



Hancock's Norway Pond is not alone inviting speculation on the precise date and time of the ice out event. Note these data for Lake Winnepesaukee provided by the Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance, March 7, 2013. "The chart ... shows the trend of ice out dates for Lake Winnepesaukee for the last 125 years... the average ice out date has been getting closer to March over that time and actually set a record last year [2013] for earliest ice out date in recorded history on March 23, beating the March 24 date set in 2010."

Norway Pond's Ice-Out Contest has recorded the event on April 10 and April 16. Good luck guessing what it will be in 2015!

Questions about the contest? Consult the web site <http://hancock.iceout.us>

## Hancock Happenings

Welcome, Jaime! HH's New Editor!

Jaime Donovan of Hancock will be the new editor of *Hancock Happenings* starting with the March 2015 issue. Jaime brings competence and a lot of enthusiasm to her new position, and she will be a great addition to the Town's news producing life. I know contributors and advertisers will enjoy working with her. I am also sure you will give her a break, as she tries to know you and remember all the minutiae I have thrown her way. Have no worry, there is no risk of emails getting lost! Jaime's email address will be the same official email address for the newsletter: [happenings@hancocknh.org](mailto:happenings@hancocknh.org). When you get your first reminder in early February, it will be from Jaime!

**Welcome to *Hancock Happenings*, Jaime!**

*Submitted by Nahida Sherman,  
Soon-to-be former Editor*

## Town Website Update

A Bright, New Website

Because of severe limitations caused by the Webmaster-owned older web software and, thus, the lack of backup webmaster for website maintenance, the Selectboard opted to search for a cloud-based

solution offering direct access to the website on the Internet by a few Town officials who would be able to update Town information from any computer.

We contacted 19 New Hampshire towns by email or telephone. Of the 19 towns, 14 used Virtual Towns and Schools (VTS) and 100% of those 14 towns were very satisfied and enthusiastic about VTS and the web support provided. The Selectboard considered two other options that were not satisfactory, and chose VTS to design and develop the new site. Planned activation of this new website is for **mid-March 2015**.

In December 2010, based on RSA 91-A (the Right-to-Know-Law) authority, the Selectboard approved the Town's Internet website as an official site to post meetings and other notices in compliance with 91-A Public Meetings and Notices. All minutes, notices, decisions, RFPs, special reports and other documents of the various boards, commissions, committees and trustees were posted online on the same business day as received during business hours. And 2014 is the fifth straight year that all minutes are available on the website. In other words, in 2010, the Selectboard made the Town's municipal life available online to Town residents and the 2015 website will serve the Town better than ever.

*Submitted by Nahida Sherman, Webmaster*

### Art Exhibits at the Library

“A painting...is a story without words.”

It was a cold, blustery day last month, when Elaine Cummings’ show opened in the Daniels Room. Those attending the reception, however, seemed to warm up immediately as they walked around, enjoying the wall-to-wall color and variety of her appealing artwork—from cats and birds to people and places.

“A painting is an expression of ideas, feelings, colors, and textures,” writes Elaine. “It is a story without words. The art has a tale to tell to the viewer who interprets it. I enjoy the excitement of creative pursuits and have worked in a multitude of media, from designing clothing to operating my own art camp for children. Painting has now become my focus and I hope to express my feelings in ways for all to appreciate and enjoy.”

Elaine’s show “Color, Color Everywhere” can be viewed **through Thursday, February 19.**

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**From February 21 through April 2,** the Daniels Room will have an exhibition of artwork by two sisters: Elizabeth (Liz) Winchester Larson and Harriet Winchester Kuzdrall.

Liz and Harriet were drawing and painting together through most of the 1960s until they went off to different art schools: Liz to the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, and Harriet to the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. Years later, in the mid-’90s, after different journeys, they began exhibiting their art together again.



*Nest on a Shelf*  
by Liz Larson

Liz Larson lives in Keene and has a view of Mt. Monadnock from her studio, which is filled with the objects and plants that inspire her still-life paintings. An artist and print-maker, she especially

enjoys the medium of colored pencil. Applying many layers, she achieves rich colors and intricate detail. She is a member of both the Monadnock Area Artists Association and the Colored Pencil Society of America. Liz has exhibited her award-winning artwork throughout New England.



*Maine Salt Marsh*  
by Harriet Kuzdrall

Harriet Kuzdrall settled in Nashua, with her engineer husband, Jim Kuzdrall.

Around 1985, she began exhibiting her art, winning 70-plus awards along the way. For more than 20 years, she worked with

pastels but eventually switched to oil painting. Working in a realistic style, she enjoys both still-life subjects and New England landscapes, including a recent interest in portraying old trees. Harriet is a member of the Nashua Area Artists Association and the Sharon Arts Center.

Both artists will hold a reception on **March 21, Saturday, between 1:00 and 3:00 pm,** during which time they will give demonstrations of their art.

Art shows can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday. It is always best to call the library (525.4411) before attending a show, as the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings and events.

*Submitted by Sandy Taylor*

### First Congregational Church News

**Chili Supper**—They are out there treating our roads and plowing before many of us even get up. We’d like to say thank you to the “The Hancock Plow Guys” (and invite you to join us in doing so) at a Chili Supper at the Vestry at **5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 8.** The menu will include chili, cornbread and homemade desserts for \$5.00 per person, \$20.00 maximum per family. This will also be the kick-off event for this year’s Ice-Out Contest. Tickets will be available so you can make your guesses as to when the ice will go out on Norway Pond, and, if you come the closest, split the proceeds from the sale of the tickets with the Church. The Church uses its portion to heat and maintain the Vestry and make it available to the wider community.

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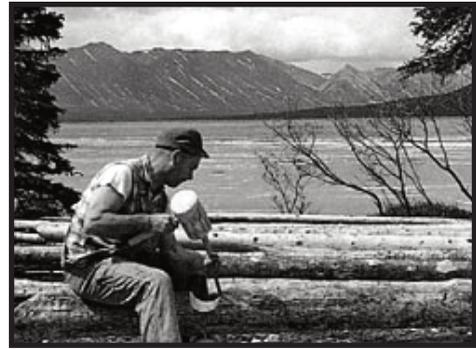
**Lent**—The season of Lent begins on **February 18** this year. An **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held in the Vestry, beginning with a simple soup and bread supper at **6:30 p.m.**, with worship and the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them following at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

*Submitted by Rev. Judith Copeland*



**Hancock  
Historical Society**  
"Alone in the Wilderness"

The Hancock Historical Society program for February will be a screening of the film *Alone in the Wilderness*, on **Sunday, February 22, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Daniels Room of the Hancock Library. This 60-minute documentary film tells the story of Richard Proenneke who, in the late 1960s, built his own cabin in the wilderness at the base of the Aleutian Peninsula, in what is now Lake Clark National Park.



*Notching logs for wall*

Dick Proenneke's self-sufficient life in his log cabin is revealed through this simple account of his day-to-day explorations and the activities he carries out alone in the wilderness, and the constant chain of nature's events that keep him company. Using color footage he shot himself, Proenneke traces how he came to this remote area, selected a homestead site and built his log cabin with hand tools, completely by himself.

*Submitted by Ruth Wilder*

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*Noelle Paradis, AuD, MS, CCC-A, FAAA and Margaret Glover, MA, CCC-A, FAAA*

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## Hancock Energy Advisory Team (HEAT)

The Hancock Energy Advisory Team (HEAT) is looking for new members. Please contact Pierce Rigrod at [xfire00@netzero.com](mailto:xfire00@netzero.com) if you have an interest in working on local energy projects. To learn more about our work, please check out our HEAT webpage at <http://hancocknh.org/HEAT/HEAT.htm>.

*Submitted by Pierce Rigrod*

## Hancock Women's Guild

The Hancock Guild was busy during the holidays as we endeavored to serve our community. In early December, we hosted our annual Christmas Cookie Walk for the Congregational Church. There were many inviting and tempting varieties of scrumptious sweets available to choose from. It was really quite remarkable that not one batch was a duplicate!

That's saying a lot when so many wonderful bakers contributed to the smörgåsbord.

Just before the holiday, we gathered to assemble Christmas baskets for local shut-ins. Again, those fabulous bakers donated in force, and each basket was filled with delicious treats and holiday wishes. Kory, from Monadnock Oil and Vinegar, graciously donated homemade baskets to package our treats, and even shrink-wrapped each one to make it secure and beautiful. The baskets were hand-delivered by members of the Guild in time to bring holiday cheer. January had us enjoying the cooking expertise of Kin Schilling. She demonstrated how to make her "famous" frittata and homemade brownies. Both recipes were open to substituting or adding ingredients to make them new family favorites. Have you ever thought of adding blood orange olive oil to your brownies? Kin shared many tips and tricks she has learned over the years, and there was lively discussion and sharing among the group. Of course the aromas from the oven were heavenly and the food was fabulous. Thank you, Kin for a lovely repast!

The Guild will not be hosting a February program, as the weather can sometimes be unpredictable, but keep watch in the *Happenings* for our spring programs! We have lined up some wonderful local folks who are willing to share their talents and expertise. We would love to see new faces as members or just those interested in sharing our programs. Everyone is welcome!

*Darlene Tarr, President, Hancock Guild*

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 Carrot Cake

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 Mix Green Salad  
 Baked Haddock with  
 parsley-dill potatoes & spinach  
 Boston Cream Pie

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 Baked Brie  
 Coq au Vin  
 Chocolate Pot de Crème

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
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## Tempting Tastes!

What could be better than chocolate for Valentine's Day?  
 A chocolate indulgence event in April!

Mark your calendar today for **Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** for our "I'll-regret-this-if-I-miss-it" event!

There is no better way to spend a Saturday afternoon in the midst of the "between season" – done with winter, maybe mud, waiting for iceout. We have rounded up the best local chocolatiers, pastry chefs, auction items and auctioneer for an afternoon that

will saturate your senses and bring ultimate pleasure to your evening.

The Hancock Congregational Church is once again hosting *Tempting Tastes* in the Vestry. Invite your sweetie, your neighbors, your best friends and your kids or boldly venture out just because you love chocolate, a good deal and a good laugh. This will be a time to sample spectacular chocolate creations and heavenly hors-d'œuvres and to find great deals at auction prices. Be entertained as Neal Cass sings his auctioneer's song, the bid paddles flash and tensions rise as the coveted item is "sold" to the highest bidder.

Make sure your Valentine Day cards includes an invite to *Tempting Tastes*, Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. with a preview of auction items. The auction will begin by 4:30. Parties of 8 or more may call ahead and reserve a table. Tickets for tasting will be sold at the door: 4 tastes for \$5

For more information, to reserve your table for eight or to donate auction items, chocolate masterpieces, or ambrosial appetizers, please contact Chris Streeter at 525.3361, 603.496.0957

*Submitted by Amy Wilson*

## Hancock Area Watercolor Group Seven-Week Session

The Hancock Area Watercolor Group started a seven-week session on **January 7, 2015**. Classes meet at the Vestry (next to the Church in Hancock Center) on **Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m. to noon**. All levels of experience are welcome. For more information, call Sue Francis at 525.3313.

*Submitted by Sue Francis*



## Community Supper

I just finished reading *God's Hotel* by Victoria Sweet, MD. She studied Latin (among many other languages), but throughout the book she references the origin of many words. It made me wonder about the origin of the word "community." It comes from two Latin words that mean "gift" and "together, among each other."

So community literally means "to give among each other" (from the website *Word Origins, Seek to Know*). I feel that is one of the main reasons people of all ages come to those suppers on Thursday nights. To give, to receive, and to be part of something bigger than themselves. We appreciate that you all come!

Our committee met last week to recap the year. The members – Sandra Faber, Kristin Harris, Barbara Schweigert, and Clare Varga – are all returning. We also welcome Jan Buonanno as our newest member.

We serve dinners ten months out of the year and this year we had eight hosting organizations. A big thank you to Hancock Elementary School, Hancock Woman's Club, Friends of the Library (for desserts), Seven Maples Campground, Divine Mercy Parish, The Well School, Kin Schilling (an organization in and of herself!), Hancock Republicans, Hancock Democrats and all the Hancock folks who helped cook in December.

## Yoga for the Young at Heart

### Winter Yoga Classes

Start your week with a joyful yoga group!

**Mondays, 9-10:15 a.m.**

**Daniels Room  
Hancock Library**

Chris Justice offers very friendly classes and retreats in Hancock, Keene, and Peterborough. All levels welcome. Join us and experience the joy of mindful, restorative movement.



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### Restorative Yoga Retreats

#### Deep Peace Restorative Yoga Retreat

**Sunday, February 8, 2015**

1:30-4:30 p.m. • Peterborough Unitarian Church

#### Power & Grace Yoga Retreat

**Sunday, March 8, 2015**

1:30-4:30 p.m. • Peterborough Unitarian Church

Retreat cost: \$40 per retreat.

Or \$35 per retreat if you preregister for both retreats.

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Kripalu Yoga

At this point, we will have ten organizations hosting for 2015. We are happy to report all our hosts are returning this year and a big welcome to Hancock Women's Guild who will be hosting in June. We hope that life at the Church will be back to normal and they can host a dinner in December. If not, then we all know our town will pitch in again to help out.

We so appreciate the generosity of the Farmers Market who donated their raffle money to us, and also to our anonymous donor. The timing of the donations was perfect, as we had a few big months of buying food for the suppers.

We would also like to give a big shout out to Hazel Gershfield who is a gleaner, and donates lots of fresh vegetables to be used in the suppers or donated to the community. Thank you Hazel for all your hard work! And lastly, we could not run the suppers without the help of the kids for set up and serving, and the people who stay to help clean up. We are grateful for all you do.

We reviewed our finances and had enough for donations to the Church and The Grapevine. Both organizations are important places in our communities and are generous to all in need.

We look forward to another year of being part of such an amazing town and to continue to provide a place to "give among each other." Even if it's only one night a month.

The Hancock Woman's Club will be hosting on **Thursday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Vestry.

Thank you, Nahida for all your efforts editing Hancock Happenings! Much appreciated!  
*Submitted by Donna Coty*

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## Hancock Depot Association News Update



As the winter moves on, we are looking forward to re-establishing the Depot as an important part of our Town's history. Come to the Winter

Frolic, where we will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers! Let us know what your thoughts are for this valued treasure going forward. As always, we are looking for some train enthusiast to be part of our board. Email me at [nadams77@hotmail.com](mailto:nadams77@hotmail.com) with your thoughts. We'd love to hear from you.  
*Nancy D. Adams, President, Depot Association*

## Hancock Woman's Club News Update

I heard that we are half way through the winter season! Perhaps those garden catalogs are arriving in your mailbox with beautiful flowers to select for spring planting! What a treat!

February's Woman's Club meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Vestry. Karen Nigh, RN, will give us a break from winter. Karen, a retired psychiatric nurse, lives in Hancock. She will perform as a "Singing Nurse" giving us a chance to enjoy funny hats and sing-along music. Karen has used her guitar, singing and wearing a silly hat to entertain patients in hospice and various local caring facilities, as well as performing at various local parties and events. Our hostesses, Marcia Coffin, Sara LeFebvre and Terri Lombardi, are preparing some delicious treats for us to enjoy after the meeting.

The winner of the six Music on Norway Pond concert tickets – of which two are for *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*, and four tickets for the March and April concerts – was Peg McLeod. The Club wishes to say a 'BIG' thank you to Jody Simpson, Artistic Director of Music on Norway Pond, for donating the tickets for the January raffle.

Suncatchers will be available for purchase at all our meetings for just \$10. We will also continue to pass the food pantry donation envelope around at each meeting for those who wish to contribute.  
*Submitted by Gertie Kanner*

**What's happening at the  
Holistic Health Professionals Center**  
123 Prospect Hill, Hancock

**Saturday, February 14–Valentines Day–Noon to 4:00 p.m.**–We are hosting a “Loving Hearts” event at the Holistic Health Professionals Center, 123 Prospect Hill Road, Hancock, NH

- *Angel card readings - Insight on Relationships - 20 minutes*
- *Friends and Lovers - Astrology report print out to take with you*
- *Reiki session - 20 minutes*
- *Jewelry - Classic, elegant original designs – gemstones, pendulums*
- *Peace Meditation - 15 minutes*

For a total admission cost of \$30, you are welcome to choose as many of these services as you wish. Light refreshments served all day. Come on over and spend a delightful afternoon of fun and have a good time. For further information: Arlene Smith – 603.933.3294

**Saturday, February 28–1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** –**Susi Marrotte, B. A.**–Soul Aura Artist and Intuitive will be giving channeled card readings at the Holistic Health Professionals Center. Susi is a caring, gifted intuitive artist who will help you find the answers to your questions. \$35.00 for a 25-minute session.

Please visit our website for updates on our associates and events:  
[www.hancockholistichealthcare.com](http://www.hancockholistichealthcare.com). We are always available by appointment, you may call 603.933.3294, seven days a week.

*Submitted by Arlene Smith*

**Circle of Strength  
Military Support Group**



Circle of Strength Military Support Group for moms, friends and families of service members will hold our next meeting on **Saturday, February 21,**

**from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** at the Monadnock Community Hospital's Bond Wellness Center's conference room. Please **RSVP by Thursday, February 19, 2015,** to [ellsworthsusan@ymail.com](mailto:ellsworthsusan@ymail.com).

You can also send to the same email address the name and address of any active service member to whom you would like to send letters and care packages. We are hoping to send care packages for April 2015 again.

*Submitted by Susan Ellsworth*



**Another Tale From Home:** Band leaders tend to be an anxious lot. On a recent engagement, a leader cautioned a young musician, “If you take a drink onto the bandstand, put it in a coffee cup, so people won’t know what it is.” He replied, “It’s OK, I’m just drinking coffee.” The leader nervously retorted, “Well then... put it in a wine glass.”

[www.herb-gardner.com](http://www.herb-gardner.com)

**Monadnock Roller Derby** practices **every Monday and Wednesday** (unless schools are closed) from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at Great Brook School in Antrim. For more information, contact Jess Gerrior or Amelia Gardner at

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*Submitted by Jess Gerrior*

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**YOGA with PEGGY for High School Students at Avenue A–Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Yoga is for EVERYBODY. Do you have strength, but need flexibility. Are you fast but need stamina. Are you a musician/singer in need or more breath for those long notes? Do you sit in a chair for long periods of time? Do you need better focus and concentration? Then yoga is for you. Clothing should be comfortable and not restrictive. There is time before and after class for snacks and drinks. Mat provided if you don't have one. No class on days that there is no school or school is cancelled. Classes taught by Peggy Marcellino, Registered Yoga Teacher and Reiki Master. For more information, contact Heidi Schultz, Coordinator of Avenue A at [avenueateencenter@gmail.com](mailto:avenueateencenter@gmail.com), on tumblr or on Facebook. Contact Peggy at 603.369.8368, [pimarcellino@gmail.com](mailto:pimarcellino@gmail.com) or on Facebook.

**The Avenue A Club for GBS Students–Wednesday afternoons from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. at Avenue A Teen Center** on 42 Main Street. Play pool or foosball, hang out with friends, listen to music, work on homework. Some club days will have local experts in the areas of nature, wellness and culture. Registration is required, you will find forms at GBS, Antrim Recreation Office or The Grapevine. Call Ave A Coordinator Heidi Schultz.

**Free Tax Prep-Call Now**–Hancock resident and IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz will provide free tax preparation at The Grapevine on **Mondays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** through April 13. According to Larry, people often do not realize that they are eligible for credits and benefits intended for middle income individuals and families. All returns



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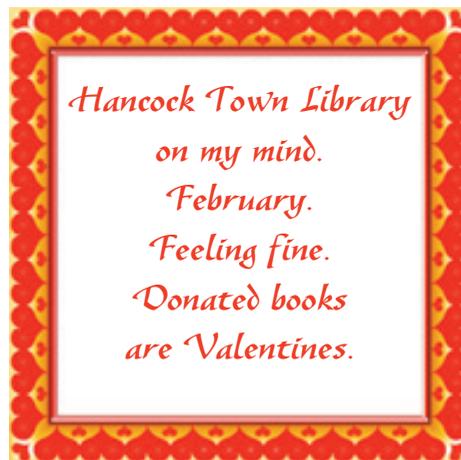
will be filed electronically. This fills up, call The Grapevine at 588.2620 now for your appointment.

**Reserve now for the Fancy Schmancy Tea Party–Saturday, February 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Antrim Town Hall. Children and their adults are invited to dress in their fanciest, schmanciest duds and join us for tea, punch, finger sandwiches and cakes, crumpets and assorted goodies (along with water, and crudités to cleanse the palate). Enjoy games, crafts and other delightful diversions beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by seating for tea at 11:30. Call The Grapevine early to make your reservation, seating is limited.

**Stop, Drop & Romance–Sunday, February 15 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for your child to enjoy fun activities and crafts with other children while you and your love celebrate. \$12 for the first child, \$6 for siblings. Please let us know when you call to sign up if the cost is a hardship. Space is limited, so call now.

**It's not too early to think about Preschool 2015-16!** If your child will be between 4 and 5 years of age in September 2015, call now to schedule a visit to The Learning Vine, **Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to noon.**

*The Grapevine is a nonprofit organization serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. Other programs and resources include the Before and After School Clubs, The People's Service Exchange, Senior Exercise, and Better Beginnings parent-child programs. Tax-deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). Visit [www.GrapevineNH.org](http://www.GrapevineNH.org) or call 588.2620 to learn more.*





### Hancock Town Library Events

*Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director*

<http://hancocktownlibrary.blogspot.com/>

*Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.*

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

*Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

The Library Trustees and staff would like to welcome Callie Faucher as our new Children’s Librarian. Callie has worked at several public libraries in New Hampshire, most recently at the Goffstown Public Library. She brings warmth and enthusiasm to her work in the Children’s Room, and will be a true asset to the Hancock Town Library. Callie’s first day will be Monday, February 2, and we hope you’ll come in to introduce yourselves and get to know her.

### Elected Positions to be filled March 10, 2015

Filing Period January 21 to January 30, 2015

Town Hall hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### 1 position each - 3 years

Selectboard

Water Rent Collector

Water Commissioner

Common Commissioner

Library Trustees

Trustees of Trust Funds

Cemetery Trustees

#### 1 position - 1 year

Town Treasurer

#### Town Election

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Barbara E. Caverly Meeting Room

#### Town Meeting

Saturday March 14, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Meetinghouse

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### Monday, February 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.– State Representative Jon Manley–

Representative Manley (representing Bennington, Greenfield, and Hancock) will be in the Daniels Room to talk about the gasoline tax and answer any questions you may have on that topic or on any upcoming legislation in Concord. Free and open to all.

### Thursday, February 12, 10:30 a.m. to noon– Writer’s Awake!–Do you like to write? If so,

this is a good time to get started again - or carry on - and often leads to many pleasures. We'll be talking about how to leave a legacy of living memories for your friends and family, a way to preserve some of the past as a gift for your great grandchildren, or a gift to yourself in thinking over your experiences. We'll talk about ways to give your writing structure, how to find your own voice, and how to be patient with progress. Come as a novice or experienced writer - all are welcome. Does History matter, or Herstory? Margaret Carlson has taught writing at ConVal High School, Franklin Pierce College and most

### Annual Town Holidays

The Town of Hancock Town Offices and normal operations of the Dept of Public Works will be closed on the holidays listed below:

- New Year’s Day (January 1)
- Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day (first Monday in September)
- Veterans’ Day (November 11)
- Thanksgiving (4th Thursday in November)
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas (December 25)

recently at the adult learning program at Keene State College. Pre-registration is appreciated. Please call or visit the library to register: 525.4411. Free and open to all.

**Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.– Valentine’s Day Poempalooza–Love Poems –** For All Ages and All Kinds of Love–Bring your favorite love poem(s) – for any age and for all kinds of love – to read aloud at our Valentine’s Day Poempalooza. All are welcome!

**Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.–Lefty Blue Musical Duo–**Please join local musicians Brian Murphy (on guitar and vocals) and Monica Laskey-Rigrod (on vocals) for an evening of new and old favorites. Playing an eclectic array of songs, from old standards to new musicals, Lefty Blue will entertain everyone in your family, from the very young to the young-at-heart. You'll want to sing along and join in the fun! Free and open to all.

### From the Children’s Room

*Callie Faucher, Children’s Librarian*

**Thursdays in February at 10:30 a.m.–Lapsit Storytime–**Walking and talking, the babies to toddler story time is an interactive program for all preschool children and their parents or care providers. We’ll share books, rhymes, songs, finger play and movement. Our goal is to foster an early love of books and literacy. At the end of the program, there will be playtime for parents and caregivers to share books, puzzles, or other literacy activities with their toddler. Dress comfortably as we will be sitting on the floor in the Children’s Room. No registration required, feel free to drop in anytime.

**Tuesday, February 10 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.–Block Party: LEGO® Fun–LEGO® DAY IS BACK TO THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH!!!** Let your imagination run wild, a hands-on learning opportunity to explore how things work. LEGO® bricks are provided by the library. This program is on the first Tuesday of every month. All ages welcome.

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*Weather pattern over  
Monadnock*

Illustration:

Kim Cunningham

**Feb 3 (Tues) Watching the Weather: A Citizen Science Training–**Join meteorologists Chris Kimble and John Cannon of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to learn how to become a volunteer weather watcher.

Chris and John will introduce the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), and explain how to take measurements of precipitation and snow. They will also provide SKYWARN Storm Spotter training, which includes detailed discussions of thunderstorms, tornadoes, and other hazardous weather, and of how volunteer storm spotters can provide crucial information to the National Weather Service. **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Keene State College Science Center (Room 175). For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org). Cosponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education, NOAA, and Keene State College.

**\*Feb 5 (Thur) First Session of ESI Course A Community of Women Dreaming of Getting (Back) Into Winter Hiking–Thursdays, February 5, 12, and 19, from noon to 3:00 p.m.** Meet at the Harris Center to carpool to local hiking/snowshoeing destinations. \$30 Harris Center members/\$50 nonmembers. We’ll snowshoe, hike, and renew our connection with nature on local trails in the sparkle of February light. Participants will: • Become familiar with gentle to moderately challenging Monadnock Region trails • Meet a group of women who may wish to hike together outside of this course • Gain confidence as winter hike planners • Get a strong dose of Vitamin N (Nature) • Be prepared for hikes of 2 1/2 to 4 miles, cold weather, hills, and a

wonderful time discovering nature's surprises with a supportive group of women. Ideally bring snowshoes that you've used before. Facilitated by Janet Altobello, Harris Center School Program Coordinator and lifelong hiker. Preregistration required. Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or [lefebvre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefebvre@harriscenter.org). A gear list and health forms will be sent to registrants.



*Porcupine (Hystricomorph  
Hystricidae)*

Illustration:  
Kim Cunningham

**\*Feb 5 (Thur) Nature on Tap: The Prickly Truth of Porcupine Courtship**—Join Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol Faber in the tavern of the Hancock Inn for a lively happy hour discussion on the mating and courtship habits of the

North American porcupine. Get into the Valentine's Day mood early by learning how male porcupines dance their way into the hearts of their mates. Drinks on you, conversation on us! **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at the Hancock Inn, 33 Main Street, Hancock. Seating is limited and registration is required. To register, contact Sara LeFebvre at [lefebvre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefebvre@harriscenter.org).

**Feb 6 (Fri) Easygoing Hike Along the Jaffrey Rail Trail**—A moderately easy, 4-mile round trip hike along a rail trail from the Jaffrey Pizza Barn to Woodbound Road and back. Bring water and lunch, and meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the parking area beside Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202) to carpool. Back by 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Lee Baker at [snowman3137@gmail.com](mailto:snowman3137@gmail.com) or 603.525.5262, or Ollie Mutch at 978.386.5318, [wapack@peoplepc.com](mailto:wapack@peoplepc.com)

**Feb 7 (Sat) Gridley River Snowshoe Trek**—Join Swift Corwin and Eric Aldrich for an easy, 2.4-mile roundtrip snowshoe trek (or hike, depending on conditions) along the Gridley River in Sharon. We'll visit The Nature Conservancy's Wales Preserve (protected 51 years ago), following the ice-bound brook under mammoth white pines and hemlocks. Bring water and lunch, and meet at **10:00 a.m.** at the Wales Preserve on Spring Hill Road in Sharon. Back by noon. For more information, contact Eric Aldrich at 603.525.4716, [aldrich@tnc.org](mailto:aldrich@tnc.org), or Swift Corwin at 603.562-5620, [swiftcorwin@gmail.com](mailto:swiftcorwin@gmail.com).

Cosponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education and the Nature Conservancy.

**Feb 12 (Thur) The Private Life of Deer Film Showing**—Just a century ago, there were fewer than a million deer in North America. Today, there are nearly 30 million. This hour-long documentary, filmed largely in the Northeast, takes a close look at how wild deer interact with one another, and how they've adapted to live alongside humans. **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Lucy Hurlin Theatre at ConVal High School in Peterborough. Following the film, Matt Tarr, Wildlife Specialist with the UNH Cooperative Extension, will be on hand for an informal Q&A session. Contact Brett Amy Thelen at [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org) for more information. Cosponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education, the Monadnock Conservancy, and the UNH Cooperative Extension.

**\*Feb 14 (Sat) Bobcats in New Hampshire: The Latest Research**—Bobcats have been protected in New Hampshire since 1989, when their numbers were so low that few of these wild felines were ever seen. Twenty-five years later, there are an estimated 1,000 bobcats statewide, and sightings are much more common; however, the landscape is quite different now than it was when bobcats last flourished. Join Rory Carroll, a graduate researcher at the University of New Hampshire, for a presentation on what the UNH bobcat research team has learned about the past, present, and future of this charismatic carnivore in New Hampshire. 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org).

**Feb 21 (Sat) Snowshoe Trek to Osgood Hill**—A moderately strenuous, 3-mile round trip hike to the top of Osgood Hill (a.k.a. City Hill) in Nelson. The route follows a new trail through Harris Center conservation land, then strikes out for less than a mile of bushwhacking along an abandoned trail to the top of Osgood Hill, the second-highest peak in Cheshire County. Bring water and lunch, and meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Bailey Brook trailhead on Bailey Brook Road/Old Stoddard Road in Nelson (1.4 miles south of the junction with Route 123). Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Kathy Schillemat at 603.847.9785 [kschillemat@yahoo.com](mailto:kschillemat@yahoo.com), or Al Stoops at 603.847.9494.

**Feb 22 (Sun) Cobb Hill Hike**—A moderately strenuous, 4.5-mile hike to Cobb Hill, beginning at the new footbridge spanning Nubanusit Brook in Harrisville and ending at Merrill's Four Corners. (We'll have cars at each end.) Bring water and lunch, and meet at **10:00 a.m.** at the trailhead just northwest of the junction of Bonds Corner Road and Hancock Road in Harrisville. Back by 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Rich Taylor at 603.827.4105, [rtaylor@gerkensinc.com](mailto:rtaylor@gerkensinc.com), Brian Bishoff at 603.899.5770, [bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net), or Russ Daigle at 603.477.7506.

**\*Feb 23 (Mon) First Day of Winter Wol's Nest Vacation Camp**—Monday to Wednesday, February 23 to 25, at the Harris Center (Snow Date: February 26) Grades K-4. It's time to register for Winter Wol's Nest, a three-day winter vacation camp filled with snowshoeing, fort building, animal tracking, winter survival tips, nature crafts, games, songs, and more. Space is limited to 30 children. Pre-registration required. Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or [lefebvre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefebvre@harriscenter.org).



Turtle

Illustration:  
Kim Cunningham

**Feb 26 (Thur) Wood Turtle Ecology and Conservation**—Wood turtles (*Glyptemys insculpta*) occur in cold streams in forested areas throughout the Northeast, including the Monadnock Region, but they're

especially vulnerable to habitat loss and fragmentation, mowing, and poaching. As a result, they're considered endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Join ecologists Liz Willey (Antioch University New England) and Mike Jones (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) for an introduction to the wood turtle, and to the regional efforts underway to preserve this seldom-seen resident of New Hampshire. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Keene State College Science Center (Room 175). For more



Painting by John Ward  
Dunsmore, ca. 1907  
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information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org). Cosponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education and Keene State College.

*Submitted by Margaret Baker*

## News from Fish & Game

### Free Ice Fishing Classes

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing Program," in partnership with other groups, is offering ice fishing classes open to the public this winter. Several are still available and coming up. Classes are free unless otherwise noted. Be sure to call ahead to reserve your space.

New Hampshire Fish and Game's "Let's Go Fishing" program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. [www.fishnh.com/Fishing/lets\\_go\\_fishing\\_class\\_schedule.htm](http://www.fishnh.com/Fishing/lets_go_fishing_class_schedule.htm) for details. The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

All the ice fishing classes include a hands-on indoor session where students learn about ice fishing equipment, safety and practices, and winter ecology of lakes and ponds, plus a field trip where students head out to a local pond, and put their newly learned skills to the test! Classes are open to everyone, those 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. Visit [www.fishnh.com](http://www.fishnh.com).  
*From New Hampshire Fish & Game Newsletter*

## Hancock Hours and Meetings

*Please review your listings  
and correct as needed by emailing  
[happenings@hancocknh.org](mailto:happenings@hancocknh.org)*

**Tax Collector** - Monday 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.;

**Town Clerk** – Monday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.;

**Town Dump and Demolition Hours** – Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

**Selectboard** – First three Mondays at 4:00 p.m.;

fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room

**Planning Board** - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.: may hold working sessions for planning purposes. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.: meets to process subdivisions, site plans and other applications which may legally come before the Board. Appointments can be made by calling the Town Office at 525.4441. Applications must be received prior to the end of the preceding month to be included in the schedule and satisfy notification requirements. The Planning Board may hold working sessions for planning purposes the first Wednesday of every month; Barbara Caverly Meeting Room

**Zoning Board** – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as needed at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room, meetings will be noticed;

**Advisory Committee** – as noticed, Town Office;

**Conservation Commission** – 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office 2nd floor;

**HEAT Committee** – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room;

**Historic District Commission** – 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room;

**Hancock Library Trustees** – 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Daniels Room;

**Recreation Committee** – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Town Office;

**Town Archives Committee** – as noticed, Town Office Archives Room;

**Water Commissioners** – 4th Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., DPW;

**Dump Committee** – 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., DPW

**Trustees of Trust Funds** – as needed, Town Office;

**Cemetery Trustees** – as needed, Town Office;

**Common Commission** – every other 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Town Office.

**Meetinghouse Restoration Committee** – as noticed, Meetinghouse

**School Board** – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Board Room



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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15th, at 4pm**

*THE ARMED MAN: A MASS FOR PEACE*  
by Karl Jenkins

Sure to equal the unforgettable impact of last year's *Carmina Burana*, the performance will feature 70 singers and a group of soloists and instrumentalists from Boston. 18 young singers from ConVal High School will also be joining us.

A critic wrote:  
*Tired of the standard old chestnuts? If so, try The Armed Man and travel to a music space you have longed for but never visited for more than a few chords; vigorous yet sublime, martial yet peaceful and altogether beautiful.*

Tickets are going fast. Don't miss out on this event!

All tickets are \$15. Students are admitted free of charge, but it would be wise to order their complimentary tickets in advance. Tickets may be ordered by going to our website <http://musiconnorwaypond.org> or by emailing Jody Simpson at [musiconnorwaypond@gmail.com](mailto:musiconnorwaypond@gmail.com).



**Norway Pond  
Ice Out Contest - Kick-off Event  
Chili Supper!**

**With corn bread and homemade desserts  
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## 2015 Hancock Winter Frolic

Friday and Saturday February 6-7th

### Friday, February 6th

- **5pm-630pm.** The 2015 Hancock Winter Frolic kicks off with a **Cabin Fever Dance and Kids Karaoke Contest** at the Hancock Meetinghouse. Break free of the winter doldrums and join DJ Emily Daniels who will be spinning today’s hottest dance hits, and leading the Karaoke Krazed Kids! **Come enjoy FREE pizza, salad and lemonade.** Prizes for the best family or child karaoke performance!
- **645pm-830pm. Kids’ Movie Night.** The Hancock PTO invites you to bring your child(ren) (ages K-8) to the library to enjoy a screening of the new release, “The Boxtrolls.” Admission \$8.00/child, \$25.00/family of up to 5 – this low, low price includes adult admittance to the “Live Music for the Grownups” (details below). All proceeds to benefit our Hancock PTO.
- **645pm-830pm. Live music and Karaoke for the Grownups** at the meetinghouse. The kids are shuttled off to the library, now it’s time for the adults to take charge of the karaoke machine. The beautiful new stage at the meetinghouse is prepared - your 15 minutes of fame awaits you! A prize will be awarded to the best karaoke performance. After the ear splitting sounds of karaoke have faded, the local band TOMBSTONE TERRITORY will make their first public debut! That’s something you won’t want to miss! Or maybe you will want to miss if you’ve got something better to do, but it better be something really good, because this is going to be super fun!

### Saturday, February 7th

- **9am – Winter Chiller Road Race** (8am Registration at the Hancock Meetinghouse). Who runs outside in shorts in the dead of winter? These folks do. Come cheer them on, and get inspired to do some running and exercising yourself. Or grab a coffee and a scone at Fiddleheads and sit inside where it’s warm and watch the show.
- **11am - Box Sled Races** on the sledding hill at Norway pond. Sleds must be made of cardboard and duct tape only – excluding decorations. Dan Harper is in charge of the rules and if he catches you using illegal sled substances he will strip you of your participation ribbon. No, he wouldn’t do that but don’t test him!
- **1130am-130pm – Food Alley at the Horse sheds.** Fiddlehead’s, the Hancock Inn and Hancock Depot Association will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, & More!
- **Noon – Broomball Tournament** on Norway pond. Bring your helmet, we’ll bring the brooms/balls. What’s broomball? It’s like hockey except without skates, and without a puck. It’s also like, a lot of fun. Come on down and check out the excitement!
- **Noon – 2pm - Bonfire** and make your own s’mores down on the beach at Norway pond. S’more fixings and fire pits provided!

*The 2015 Hancock Winter Frolic Extravaganza is sponsored by the Hancock Recreation Committee.*



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