News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

There will be a Hearing on Friday, June 24th and a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, July 5th to correct defects from this year’s regular Town Meeting. Both meetings will be held at 7:00pm in the Caverly room on the lower level of the Town Offices. The defects are related to the two Bond Issues passed at Town Meeting for the Five Year Road Project and the new Front End Loader. The defects are concerned with the original notices for the Hearings for the Bond Issues, not the Warrant Articles or vote at Town Meeting. The original notices were properly posted for the Hearings. However, due to pending bad weather, the Hearings were postponed. The notices for the postponement did not appear in the newspaper a full seven days before the rescheduled Hearings. It was five days which resulted in the defect. Because of this we have to repeat the Hearing and the vote on the Warrant Articles. Please consider attending the Hearing on June 24th and Special Town Meeting on July 5th to cast your vote.

The hiring of a new Director of Public Works is being reopened. At present, we have no qualified candidate(s) for the position. Jeff Wright, our Foreman, will be managing the day to day operations of the department. We will be looking to hire an experienced person to act as a temporary part-time Director. This will allow for the time to do a proper search to fill the position. We have an excellent Department of Public Works and we want to retain the present personnel. It is important to find the right person to fit in with the department so as to not risk losing anyone.

The Conval School District has a projected surplus of $500,000 to $700,000. It is our understanding that at least $500,000 can be expected to be returned to the Towns. This will be good news when the 2017 tax rate is set at the end of the year. Our share of costs is approximately 12% of the total assessment for the District and our return will be the same percentage of the surplus. That should put it in the neighborhood of $60,000. Every $2500 of our budget is about 1 cent on the tax rate, therefore, this could affect the rate by 24 cents. Every little bit helps.

Summer is here, the beach will be opening and parking at Nubanusit will become impossible on weekends. Hopefully, we will get some rain soon so we do not have to water our gardens as often.

Memorial Day Committee Report

We regret that ominous weather reports led to premature cancellation of the Memorial Day Parade in Hancock.

The committee wants to extend thanks to all who helped with planting geraniums and replacing American flags at graves of veterans in our three cemeteries as well the Great Brook School Band and director Jahna Moncrief, who wanted to play, rain or shine.

We also want to thank the many people who showed up for a brief ceremony at the flagpole on the Common at the time the parade would have taken place, including Rev. Judith Copeland, members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and the 8th graders Sean Burden and Ella Rousseau who gave us their well-rehearsed “TAPS.”

Submitted by Hank Drury

See page 3 for 4th of July festivities
Hancock Fire & Rescue
Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

Trees On Wires,
And Islands with Fires
That pretty much describes our June. We had rain earlier in the month, and then a long stretch of quite windy days. That leads to weakened trees and branches falling down, and when they land on a power line, it becomes our problem. On School Street, we had a big limb sit on the primary line until it burned through. The tree service hired to remove the entire tree found it was still burning inside two days later. Another tree fell on wires on Bonds Corner Road and eventually shorted out service to that end of town. It made a blinding flash and that cool electrical zapping noise, like when somebody steps on the third rail in the movies. A tree way up on Old Dublin Road made it necessary to barricade that section of road. The biggest mess was a large poplar that tore down everything on the side of Rt. 202 near the Peterborough town line. That is a major transmission line into Peterborough, coming from the "South Hancock Substation" on Rt. 123. I know that, because there is a sign there saying that... It took a lot of time and trucks and Eversource crews to get that situation under control. Please bear with us if we need to close a lane or an entire road while dealing with an incident like this. We do our best to keep ourselves and motorists as safe as possible.

One night, we were called to Bennington to help with a large campfire on the island on Powdermill Pond. The only boat launch is at the covered bridge way up in Greenfield, so we carried a small boat across the tracks on the side of 202.

Later in the month, kayakers found a fire on the Cabot Preserve on Lake Nubanusit. That's the big chunk of land between Nubie and Spoonwood Pond. Everybody calls it an island, although it is technically a peninsula. It was apparent that somebody (I blame kids, cuz I'm old and grumpy) started a small campfire near the shore, and then didn't put it out after they had their hotdogs or whatever. The fire burned down into the "duff"; that's the thick layer of dry organic material on the ground in the woods. We had to send out our boat and personnel to pour water on an area smoldering around some of those big boulders. Three days later, we had to go back there, as it was still burning deep into the ground. That time, we dragged out a portable pump on the boat to really drown it. Please be careful with your campfires, particularly during dry spells.

I promised not to mention any names, but we had a funny call in June. A resident reported a strong smell of propane outside her house. We responded with our gas meters to check it out. She described noticing the powerful "skunky" smell of propane. Turns out, it was an actual skunk. Propane is odorless, so for safety reasons, there is a chemical added to it at the processing plants to give it a foul odor. To me it is more sulphury than skunky. In any case, please don't hesitate to call us if you think you have a problem- we're friendly, and we don't charge.

June Raffle Winners:
Russell Nylander, $40; Nathan Schall,$20; Janet Willis, Nina Talix, Meghan Creeley, $10 each

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Jaime Donovan, Editor
Town of Hancock
Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 2nd
(rain date Saturday, July 9th)

6-9pm Ice Cream Social, hot dogs, drinks - Vestry
6-7pm Bell ringing with Bob Fogg - Meetinghouse
7pm Reading of the Declaration of Independence
7:30pm Concert – Music by Kingsnakes - Bandstand

Dusk FIREWORKS over Norway Pond
Help support the Fireworks with a donation
Mail to PO Box 6, Hancock
Parking: $5 at Town Hall
HANCOCK WOMAN’S CLUB

As I write this, our "Days of Summer" are here to enjoy. The Post Office garden, window boxes and horse trough are filled with flowers ready to put on their summer display. I noticed that one Zinnia is in bloom with more buds ready to open. Many thanks to all the volunteers who signed up to take care of watering these areas for the weeks to come. We will be rewarded!

Check us out on Facebook: Hancock Woman's Club
Hancock New Hampshire

Submitted by Gertie Kanner

HANCOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Celebrating the opening of our remodeled Historical Society building we are pleased to announce our upcoming exhibit:

Woods, Water & Wildlife Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Hancock, and New Hampshire

The exhibit shares the local history of hunting, fishing, and trapping through objects, art, photographs, and stories shared by Hancock’s very own outdoor enthusiasts as well as a pictorial history from the collection of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department.

We will be open to the public: Saturdays, July 23rd — October 8th 2:00 – 4:00pm

Upcoming Program

Four Centuries of Fish and Wildlife in New Hampshire
Sunday September 18th, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Location: Hancock Historical Society

In concert with the theme of our 2016 exhibit, hunting, fishing and trapping, Mr. Jack Noon will be presenting a newly developed program on fishing and wildlife in New Hampshire dating back to our earlier days. A noted author and avid fisherman Jack will be presenting a dialog on the history of this most important means of food supply for our early settlers up to the sport that many enjoy in current times.

Submitted by Mike & Carol Domingue

Hancock Happenings is available online at
http://www.hancocknh.org/hancock-happenings
From the Editor:
In the June issue of Hancock Happenings, I listed the wrong dates for Old Home Days this year. The correct dates are August 19th - August 21st. See page 6 and 9 for more information.
Also, my phone number has changed. Email is still the best way to reach me, but you can call 603.903.0190 and I will call back as soon as I can.
Jaime Donovan
Community Supper

The next Hancock Community Supper will be on September 22nd as we take a brief break during the summer for July and August. Please enjoy this time in Hancock as we look forward to the Independence Day and Old Home Day celebrations. Submitted by Mike & Carol Domingue

The Fresh Chicks Outdoor Marketplace opens its sixth season on Monday, May 2nd from 11am to 3pm. The Marketplace is set up on the grounds of the Monadnock Community Hospital, Old Street Road, Peterborough, and takes place every Monday from May until October.

Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com

We played a pre-fight press conference party for Muhammad Ali in NY. After about 45 minutes of his wonderful nonsense to the reporters, he closed by saying, "...and I tell you, there isn't another heavyweight champion in the HISTORY of the WORLD...who could have followed what I just said!"

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Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center is looking for Summer Volunteers!

On-call Food Box Deliveries - The Keene Community Kitchen is in need of summer volunteers who are willing to be "on-call" for their food box home delivery program. Food boxes are packed and delivered locally on Thursdays. Volunteers must be able to lift 30 lbs and have their own vehicle.

Interested? Please contact Allison Riley at the Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center at 283-1686 or ariley@mfs.org

Summer tutoring opportunities in Keene & Jaffrey - Keene Community Education is looking for summer tutors! Tutoring will run from mid-late June through August. If volunteers need to travel for a few weeks, coverage can be worked out.

What do the Stanley Cup, Boston Marathon, Super Bowl, Preakness, and Winni-Derby, have in common with the

Hancock Town Library

OHD Book Sale?
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Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 7:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm

TICKETS ON SALE FOR
HANCOCK SHEDS TOUR
aka TOUR DE SHED 2016

“Where I live,” opens Sheds, a new book by Howard Mansfield with photographs by Joanna Eldredge Morrissey, “we really have only one kind of building, old and new, big and small: the shed. From woodsheds to barns, to houses, meetinghouses, and covered bridges, they are all sheds.”

Through a fundraiser for the Hancock Town Library, locals and visitors can tour a variety of sheds in Hancock and environs on July 23rd. The event begins with a brief talk by Mansfield at 11am at the library, where the shed tourists will be provided with a copy of the book and a map to eight sheds. The sheds will be staffed by docents (aka “shedsters”) and open for viewing until 3pm. Tour participants are invited to meet up at the Hancock Inn by 3 to enjoy a Shed Brown Ale.

The tour includes a range of structures, from a sugar shack to a barn to a sculptor’s studio to a sauna to carriage sheds – and then some. Tickets are $25 and include the talk, the tour, and a copy of the book, which is priced at $25. Tickets are available at the Hancock Town Library, the Hancock Market and the Hancock Inn.

Like the shed tour, the book Sheds is a local production. Author Mansfield writes about preservation, architecture, and American history from his home in Hancock. Photographer Morrissey lives in Peterborough, where she serves as photographer for the MacDowell Colony. The book is published by Bauhan Publishing of Peterborough. Many thanks to Howard Mansfield, Sarah Bauhan and Marcia and Jarvis Coffin for their generous donations to this library fundraiser.

For more information on the shed tour, call the Hancock Library at 525-4411.

PING PONG! Don’t forget that we have a wonderful new ping pong table at the library just waiting for more players! Great intergenerational entertainment this summer. Just call ahead to make sure the Daniels Room is not in use when you wish to play. 525-4411.

Use our Museum Passes this summer!
Passes available to: Canterbury Shaker Village, Cheshire Children’s Museum, the Currier Art Museum, The Fells, Mariposa Museum, Montshire Museum, Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and Strawbery Banke Portsmouth. Many thanks to the Friends of the Hancock Town Library for these passes.

Tuesday July 12th at 7:00pm
They Breathe Life into Stones with Peter & Susie Toumanoff

Peter and Susie Toumanoff, now full-time Hancock residents, recently returned from several months in Armenia. They will talk about the personal and professional challenges and opportunities that the country of Armenia faces. They will describe the economic and geo-political challenges in Armenia and the South Caucasus as well as their experiences living in Armenia for four months this year as Fulbright Senior Scholar. In addition, they will discuss their continued search for details about Irakly and Sophia Toumanoff’s experiences in the region during the Russian Revolution and Civil War. Dr. Peter Toumanoff is a retired economics professor from Marquette University. He is deeply interested in all things Russian – Language, Literature, History, Food, and especially People. He is also an avid racer of sailboats and, when between injuries, a competitive swimmer. He shares his love of the water with his Golden and Labrador Retrievers.

Saturday July 23rd from 11am to 3pm
Tour de Shed 2016!

See above for details on this summer’s Hancock Town Library fundraiser! Tickets only $25, available at the Hancock Town Library, the Hancock Inn, and the Hancock Market.
From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian

A Note from Miss Jenn~
Summer Reading has started and it runs thru August 8th. This year’s summer reading program has two components! There is a team component as well as an individual component.

On your own: You may complete bingo cards or reading logs in order to earn raffle tickets. Each reader may then choose which prizes they wish to use their raffle tickets to try and win.

As a team: Children and Teens will be competing with their team captain Miss Jenn against the Adults and their team captain Miss Amy. The defeated team captain will be spending a “day” dressed as a peacock!

If the total hours read by both teams combined is 2,500hrs or more BOTH captains will be dressed up!

Brochures and Calendars are available at the library. Summer Reading Sign up is available online!

Mondays @ 3:30pm Paws to Read with Coffee – check our calendar for updated dates for the summer!
Come by the library and practice your reading with Coffee the Chihuahua! Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog, loves when kids practice their reading with him or tell him stories. Also, if you bring 3 non-perishable items for the Food Pantry, you get to choose a free stuffed animal graciously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys!

Tuesday July 5th 2pm Tinker Tuesdays: Straw Weaving
Learn this simple weaving technique with yarn and drinking straws.
All ages welcome! Sign up required.

Wednesday July 6th 6pm Wacky Wednesdays: Family Game Night with Pizza
This event is for EVERYONE! A variety of games for all ages and skills will be set out. Snacks will be provided, please sign up for the pizza!

Tuesday July 12th 2pm Tinker Tuesdays: TShirt Making
Bring your own white TShirt or pillowcase. We will be using crayons and an iron to create custom designs.
All ages welcome!

Wednesday July 13th 6pm Wacky Wednesdays: On Your Mark, Get Set...Draw!
This a professional drawing class. Come learn how to draw comics and use time constraints to challenge your art. Ages 10 and up! Sign up required.

Saturday July 16th 11am Paws to Read with Toven
Come read to Toven, a gentle Great Pyrenees dog! Toven, a registered reading therapy dog, comes to the library once a month and loves when kids read to him. Reading to a therapy dog is great for children who want to improve their out-loud reading skills. Come meet Toven, you will love him!

Tuesday July 19th 2pm Tinker Tuesdays: Squirt Gun Races
Fun games with water guns. How fast can you move your cup across the finish line?
All ages welcome.

Wednesday July 20th 6pm Wacky Wednesdays: Candy Sushi
Come make your own sushi creations out of candy ingredients! Ages 10 and up! Sign up required.

Tuesday July 26th 2pm Tinker Tuesdays: Cardboard Construction
Using only cardboard boxes and our imaginations we will be constructing all that we can imagine.
All ages welcome.

Wednesday July 27th 6pm Wacky Wednesdays: LIVE SHOW! Reptiles on the Move!
Reptiles on the Move will be bringing their LIVE reptile show Close Encounters of the Reptile Kind to the library. This is a great chance to get up close and personal with real reptiles!
All ages welcome.

Tuesday August 2nd 2pm Tinker Tuesdays: Bubbles!
Come play with bubbles!

Wednesday August 3rd 6pm Wacky Wednesdays: Teen Iron Chef
Who will be the best chef? Can the reigning champion defend the title?
Teen Program. Sign up required.

Wednesday August 10th 6pm Finale Concert with Ken Sheldon
This will be a fun concert event for the whole family. The winning team will be announced at this event! Come and see who will be dressed as a peacock.
All ages welcome!

Every Tuesday @ 10:30 Family Storytime
This storyline is open to all ages. Come listen to some stories and dance with scarves! Don’t forget storyline reading counts towards your reading totals for Summer Reading!
37th Anniversary Betty Pels Run For The Honey
Saturday, August 20th – Hancock Old Home Days
5K Race (3.1 miles) starts at 8:00am Register online. Pay on Race Day.
Hancock Residents $5 entry fee --- Non-Residents $10 entry fee

The best way to register is online at [http://hancocksk.com](http://hancocksk.com). Go to: Registration and Fees section. Please register online by Thursday 8/18. Pay when you pick up your number.
Alternate registration: Pick up an application at the Hancock Market. Send to:
Ginger Smith/RFTH, 80 Longview Rd., Hancock, NH 03449

**Kids’ Fun Run at 9:00am – at the Bandstand. Free! Register only on race day!**

No Kids’ Fun Run online registration. Sign Kids’ Run participants up on race morning - parent or guardian signature required.

The first 100 registrants for the 5K will receive a jar of honey.

There are awards for the first three finishers in each of nine categories for male and female ranging from 13 and under to 80 and over.

For further information contact: Ginger Smith at 525-3502, ginger3502@myfairpoint.net or Hunt Dowse at 525-4069, hsdowse@gmail.com

**Course:** A bee-utiful and challenging course through Hancock, NH, on tree lined paved and gravel roads. Two moderate hills (Evergreen Hill Road and Mill Road) and plenty of rolling terrain, finish near the Meetinghouse and Vestry on Main St.

**Start:** School Street (200 yards east of registration)

**Water Station:** at the 2 mile mark. Bathrooms at registration and the finish.

Thanks for helping to make the race operate more efficiently by using our on-line registration at [http://hancocksk.com](http://hancocksk.com). Remember: register for 5K online, pay on race day. No online registration for the free Kids’ Fun Run. Register kids on race day.
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Monadnock Humane Society Appoints New Executive Director

Monadnock Humane Society is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathy Harrington as their new Executive Director. The MHS mission is to foster a compassionate community by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. Harrington will succeed Joseph Olsen who has been serving as the MHS transition leader since January of 2015 to present. Her appointment follows an extensive nation-wide 3-month search led by a committee of six, and will be effective in September, 2016.
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“A Modern Illuminated Book,” an art exhibit by local writer-illustrator Cornelius Bull, remains on view in the Daniels Room through July and until August 4th. The show includes collages, photography—flowers, portraits, NH landscapes—as well as a series of illustrated pages from “Ganesha’s Mouse,” a work-in-progress devoted to liminality (“betweenness”) and the poetics of doorways.

The Daniels Room is open during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2-6; Tuesday and Thursday, 10-7; Saturday, 10-4; closed Friday and Sunday. It’s always best to call the library 525.4411 before traveling any distance to attend a show as the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings.

Yellow Magnolia Antiques

Summer is here, come see what we have for your home!

We have lovely wicker and bamboo furniture to relax in, linens for your patio, antique lamps to brighten your evenings, tables to put them on, and beautiful containers to fill with fragrant summer flowers. We also have three glass cases full of interesting small treasures, curiosities and silver.

Open Thursday to Sunday 11-4
5 Bennington Road, Hancock
July 8 (Fri) Easygoing Hike on the Wapack Trail
Lee Baker and Rich Taylor will lead a moderately strenuous, 4.5-mile one-way hike from Temple Mountain Forest to Sharon along the scenic Wapack Trail. Bring lunch and meet at 10am next to Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202) to carpool. Back by 3pm. For more information, contact Lee at (603) 525-5262 or snowman3137@gmail.com.

July 9 (Sat) and 10 (Sun) New England Bee BioBlitz
Calling all bee enthusiasts! Join the UNH Bee Lab for the 2nd annual New England Bee BioBlitz, with special focus on Hancock and surrounding towns. The goals of the BioBlitz are to document the diversity of native bee species in south-central New Hampshire, connect bee researchers across New England, and engage citizen scientists in bee research. Weather permitting, bees will be collected on Saturday, July 9th, from 8am to 5pm and identified and labeled on Sunday, July 10th, from 8am to 5pm. No experience required. Seven Maples Campground in Hancock will serve as our home base. For more information, visit www.unhbeelab.com/bioblitz.html. **Registration is required.** To register, contact Sandra Rehan at 603.862.5310 or sandra.rehan@unh.edu.

July 10 (Sun) Hiking the Loverens Mill Preserve
Join Denny Wheeler and Russ Daigle for a moderately easy 3-mile hike to the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp in the Nature Conservancy’s Loverens Mill Preserve. Meet at 9am at the junction of Loverens Mill Road and Route 9 in Antrim. Back by noon. For more info, contact Denny at 603.313.0350.

July 17 (Sun) Nubanusit to Spoonwood by Canoe
Join Tom Warren for an easy paddle on Lake Nubanusit and Spoonwood Pond to view nesting loons and eagles. Bring your own boat and lunch, and meet at 10am at the Nubanusit boat landing at the end of Old King’s Highway in Hancock. Back by 2pm. Please RSVP to Tom Warren at (603) 563-7190 or ttwassociates@myfairpoint.net.

July 30(Sat) Nubanusit Paddle
Russ Daigle and Leslie Crossmon will lead a paddle on Lake Nubanusit and Spoonwood Pond. Bring your own boat and lunch, and meet at 10am at the Nubanusit boat landing at the end of Old King’s Highway in Hancock. Back by 2pm. For more info, contact Russ at 603.477.7506.
Quote: “God as Truth, has been for me a treasure beyond price. May He be so to every one of us.” Mahatma Ghandi
Adding to his quote; May Truth be our Freedom and Freedom our Truth.

Presenting: A Midsummer Celebration; Saturday, July 23rd from 11:00 - 3:00
Past Life, Angel and Psychic readers will be at the Holistic Health Professionals
Center, 123 Prospect Hill Road, Hancock. They are: Susi Marrotte, Soul Aura
Artist & Reader, Ann Marie Will, Angel & Psychic Reader and Terry Milton,
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Volunteers needed to complete my practicum in Color Light Therapy. Please, only one hour of your time. 603-
933-3294.

Best Gardening days for planting & transplanting: July 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 30 & 31.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Smith
Hancock Improvement Association pays $30,000 more for the Meetinghouse

The Hancock Improvement Association (HIA) is a charitable organization which raises funds to “improve the appearance of the Town of Hancock and any other initiatives that may enhance the quality of life of the town residents and the enjoyment of its visitors.” In 2009 HIA raised funds to bury the telephone lines on the north end of Main Street, and improve the bandstand. In 2014 the Town asked HIA to raise one-third of the cost of the Meetinghouse Restoration. In response, generous residents and foundations pledged $307,299 to be paid in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Using pledge payments from 2014 and 2015, HIA has paid $261,397 to the Town. This fulfills HIA’s share of the project’s direct costs.

Using 2016 pledge payments, HIA has paid $30,000 more to the Town—$20,000 at the 2016 Town Meeting and $10,000 in this past spring. These amounts will pay down the debt for the project.

As a separate piece of the project, HIA also received close to $25,000 to support the restoration of the Meetinghouse’s windows. Most of these funds are a generous gift from a local family. These funds will pay for the Town’s match of the $69,000 State “LCHIP” grant it received for the window preservation, with enough left over to support some of the exterior work for the Meetinghouse.

All of this excellent story is the result of Hancock residents’ generosity and commitment to the Town. Thank you—

Rod Perry, Chair
Hancock Improvement Association
NORWAY POND JUNIOR MINSTRELS
PREPARE FOR TANGLEWOOD DEBUT
WITH THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Thirty-two young singers from our region are busily rehearsing for their debut performance with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood on Saturday night, July 9th! The Norway Pond Junior Minstrels will perform Carl Orff’s iconic work, *Carmina Burana*, with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Canadian maestro Pierre Lacombe.

Jody Hill Simpson, their director, was the founder and artistic director of the Boston-based PALS Children’s Chorus (now known as Voices Boston) until ten years ago when she and her husband Rick moved to Hancock. During her 16 years with PALS, they performed over 70 concerts with the Boston Symphony in Boston Washington DC, Tanglewood and New York City’s Carnegie Hall.

The Junior Minstrels (fondly known as the Junior Mints) were formed about 7 years ago and it was just this past season when Jody felt that they were ready for an adventure outside of Hancock. They performed *Carmina Burana* with the Norway Pond Festival Singers under her direction in 2014. She became aware that the BSO had yet to contract a children’s chorus for their Tanglewood performance of *Carmina Burana* and on an impulse, contacted them in January, proposing the Junior Minstrels as a potential children’s chorus. Within a few hours, they were hired. By word of mouth, she has opened up the experience to other children in the region including members of the Conval choral ensembles under the direction of Krystal Morin.

The kids will travel to Tanglewood on Thursday July 7th and immediately rehearse for three hours in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. They will spend three nights in the Berkshires rehearsing and touring the area.

On Saturday morning, the children will rehearse again in an Open Dress Rehearsal format with the Boston Symphony and on Saturday night, they will perform for over 10,000 concert-goers. They will be wearing new uniforms, embroidered peasant-style shirts, hand-made for them in the Ukraine. Several donors have generously under-written the expense. Graphic designer and Hancock resident Margaret Baker has created a Junior Minstrels logo which will appear on their rehearsal tee-shirts.

The experience awaiting the thirty-two member of Junior Mints will be life-changing. The transformative power of making music on a stage with over 200 professional musicians is profound. It will be an important benchmark for the rest of their lives.
To My Hancock Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Summer! While this season tends to be a slower, quieter time of year at the Grapevine, we still have plenty to offer! Right now, we are searching for a new Coordinator of our Avenue A Teen and Community Center. This is a part time position (approximately 12 - 15 hours per week). The ideal candidate will have professional experience and a passion for working with youth; a college degree is preferred. If you or someone you know is interested, please email us at: admin@grapevinenh.org or 603.588.2620. To view the full job description, please visit our website at: www.grapevinenh.org

Summer offers us the chance to spend longer hours outdoors, exploring and meeting new friends. I am reminded of the opportunity that the town community suppers provide for connecting to neighbors all year long and thought I’d share a bit of its history. Over 13 years ago, early in 2003, a group of citizens from Antrim, Hancock, Bennington and Francestown began meeting together with The Grapevine to take a look at the health and well-being of people in our towns. The “4-Town Citizen Group” talked about how many people -- especially our elders and our young people -- are isolated, and are not connected to the community. We came to the conclusion that the first step in building community health and well-being is helping people to connect with each other, and with the community. In the fall of 2003 we organized free community suppers in each of the towns, which are still going strong. Our town’s suppers continue thanks to the generosity and commitment of many community group and individual sponsors in Hancock, as well as the Congregation Church which supplies the dining space, kitchen and supplies and our supper coordinators, Mike and Carol Domingue. Each month, Hancock offers a delicious meal complete with lively conversation and a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. The community suppers are meant for everyone, young and old, new to town or longtime resident. The intent is to build community by coming together and sharing a meal. If you have never attended a community supper, I encourage you to give it a try! (I’m betting you’ll make at least one new friend while you are there!).

Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

Grapevine Special Programs and Events - for all programs please call 588-2620 to register and for more information

Summer Backyard Adventures Series this July

The Grapevine will once again be running its popular series of “Backyard Adventures” led by Francestown educators, Carol Lunan and Rachel Lunan-Hill. This summer’s programs include:

- **Backyard Adventures for 4 ½ - 6 year olds**
  - July 11-15 from 9:00 – 12:30

- **Backyard Science Adventures for 7 – 9 year olds**
  - July 18-22 from 9:00 – 1:00

- **Backyard Art Adventures for 4 ½ - 7 year olds**
  - July 25-29 from 9:30-11:30

Contact us to register and for more information

At Avenue A Teen and Community Center

Creative Writing Club

This is a new group that is just forming, led by Francestown’s own, Cynthia West! Join others interested in writing on subjects of personal interest and passion, get peer feedback and publishing help. Open to all ages.

**Club meets weekly at Avenue A on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

For more information, please email avenuea@grapevinenh.org and for updates, please follow us on Facebook: AvenueATeenCenter and Twitter @AvenueATC

Summer Open Hours for 13 – 18 year olds

Friday Nights from 6:30 – 9:00. Movies, free snacks, wi-fi, pool table, foosball, ping pong, computers, games, art. Join us!

Grapevine Summer Hours:

July 5 – August 24

Monday – Wednesday from 9am – 12pm or by appointment
Hancock Hours and Meetings

Please review your listings and correct as needed by emailing happenings@hancocknh.org.

Tax Collector - Monday 3:30 to 6:30pm
Town Clerk – Monday 6:00 to 9:00pm
     Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00pm
Town Dump and Demolition Hours – Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00pm; Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm;
Selectboard – First three Mondays at 4:00pm; Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room
Planning Board - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: may hold working sessions for planning purposes. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: 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 E Caverly Meeting Room
Zoning Board – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as needed at 7:00pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room, meetings will be noticed;
Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office;
Conservation Commission – 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm,
     Town Office 2nd floor;
HEAT Committee – Meets on an as needed basis
Historic District Commission – 4th Tuesday at 7:00pm, Barbara Caverly Meeting Room;
Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Daniels Room;
Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm, Town Office;
Town Archives Committee – as noticed, Town Office Archives Room;
Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:30pm, DPW;
Dump Committee – 3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm, 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 7:00pm, Town Office.
Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse
School Board – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Board Room

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2016 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July 7  SKIP PHILBRICK BLUES BAND  Blues
Sponsored by: Seven Maples Campground

July 14  WENDY KEITH & HER ALLEGED BAND  Folk
Sponsored by: Peterborough Folk Music Society

July 21  EASY STREET  Cajun & Swamp Pop
Sponsored by: The Hancock Inn

July 28  OTIS & the ELEVATORS  American Roots
Sponsored by: Fiddleheads Café

August 4  LI’L BEE DEE & the DOO RITES  Rockabilly
Sponsored by: Mollie Miller & Robert Rodat

August 11  SUGARBUSH ROAD  Folk, Rock, & Pop
Sponsored by: Mosquito Terminators

Many Thanks for Your Generous Donations!

Concerts 7 PM - 8:30 PM  (unless otherwise noted)
IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, CONCERTS MAY BE HELD IN THE MEETINGHOUSE.
CONCERTS ARE FUNDED BY DONATION AND ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.