News from the Selectboard  
Submitted by Erik Spitzbarth, Chairperson

APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITIONS:
Conservation Commission: Eleanor Briggs has been appointed to the Conservation Commission for a term of three years.

Telecommunications Committee: The Selectboard appointed Timothy Lord, Mary Covington, Timothy Theberge, Stephen Fillebrown, Dana Primiano and Garrick Raczek to the Telecommunications Committee.

Thank you to the above mentioned residents for volunteering!

OPEN COMMITTEE and TRUSTEE POSITIONS:
We are still looking for a few more volunteers to join the Recreation Committee.

John Hayes has resigned his position as Cemetery Trustee. We are looking for a volunteer to appoint as acting Cemetery Trustee for the current period till March 2019. At that time an election will be held to fill the remainder of the John’s term (2021). We thank John for his many years of dedicated service to Hancock in a myriad of ways.

6 TON ROAD LOAD LIMIT – OLD DUBLIN ROAD:
Per RSA 231:191, VII , a Public Hearing was held to discuss placing a vehicle load limit restriction on a section of Old Dublin Road between “Flagstone Corner” and Jacquith Road. The Selectboard voted to place a temporary (1 year) restriction of 6 tons for this section. Of primary concern is the condition of a historic stone culvert crossing this road. The culvert will be monitored during this time period.

SAMPLE TRAFFIC STUDY BY SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:
The SWRPC presented the results of a sample “Hancock” traffic study conducted from June 19-24, 2018. The following results for “vehicles per day” are noted for weekday & weekend respectively;

- Forest Road -1,940 & 1,446
- Stoddard Rd – 1,284 & 1,115
- Bennington Road – 1,535 & 1,139
- Bonds Corner Road – 779 & 710

NOTE: This is a sample only and not representative of what a full seasonal study may provide. A full copy of this study is available on the Hancock website www.hancocknh.org.

MEETINGHOUSE STEEPLE REPAIRS:
As of this writing, things should be winding down with the steeple repairs. Not without some high anxiety moments and fast issue resolutions, the project team has done an outstanding job. Many thanks to Dave Drasba and Woody Huntington for their many hours of execution with this project!

RECENT TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS:
The BOS supports the continual training opportunities for town employees. The following employee accomplishment is noted:

Eric Bourgoine: Class B CDL license for a vehicle GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more.

See pages 16-20 for Old Home Days activities
Did you know the Hancock Fire Department is an all-volunteer organization that serves the town of Hancock, New Hampshire by providing structural and wildland firefighting services, emergency medical services, hazardous material response and general community support? The volunteers which serve the fire department are comprised of your neighbors, friends and relatives. They’re people just like you – with families, jobs and active lifestyles who find time to give back to their community. We take emergency services very seriously and while we are a volunteer organization we are committed to providing our services 24/7/365. Our members are trained and certified to the same standards as the big city fire departments you see on the news. The Hancock Fire Department membership is made up of approximately 24 active Fire and EMS volunteers. We are always seeking new members so please contact myself or any of our current members if you have ever been curious about what volunteering entails.

Walking is great exercise and can be particularly enjoyable but walking in rural areas requires special care. Unpaved surfaces may provide uneven footing. Often the vehicles on rural roads travel at higher speeds than walkers are used to, and drivers won’t expect to see someone walking on or near the side of the road. With that in mind we have the following safety tips for those who want to enjoy a walk in the country:

- Always walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Look for a smooth, stable surface alongside the road.
- Be sure drivers can see you. Wear light or brightly colored clothing.
- If you walk during low-light hours—at dusk or dawn—be sure you have reflective material on your jacket or walking shoes and carry a flashlight.
- Be careful when crossing the road. Look left, right, and left again before crossing. Don’t assume drivers will stop.
- Wearing headphones and using a mobile device will reduce your awareness of what is happening around you – keep your attention on the road.
- Take along a cell phone and an ID, especially if walking alone.
- Be sure to wear sturdy shoes that give you proper footing.

Sure, these words of wisdom are just plain old common sense, but it seems that common sense flew out the window some time ago. I have been asked to bring you this message because some drivers have been taken by surprise with walkers that could not be seen. I know because the same has happened to me. Never assume a driver has seen you! Please, be safe out there.

It is already August and everyone in Hancock knows that it is time for Old Home Days. This year, it will be August 17 through the 19th. By far, the most important day will be Saturday, the 18th, with activities such as the Run for the Honey, the Parade, the Fire Department Auxiliary Paddle Raffle, the Library Book Sale, and many more. Most important of all - don't forget the legendary Hancock Fire Department Chicken Barbecue on the Town Common. As an annual fund raiser the fire department will cook about 400+ chickens to feed the citizens and visitors to Hancock this year. Assistant Chief John Pirkey will once again be our chef of the day with his secret cooking technique for a delicious meal. Of course, we couldn’t prepare this spread without the help of all the firefighters, their spouses and significant others, the Auxiliary, and a herd of people that always materialize in time to help with serving so many dinners. Please come down and enjoy this traditional event with us under our big green and white tent. We will be serving dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Tickets are available all day. Remember to support the HFD Auxiliary with their Raffle – you could win a cool Kayak. See you there!!

A few months ago I asked that the Hancock Community mark their house number so we have an idea where the emergency is, especially at night. Even though we know many of you, the responders don’t always know exactly which house is yours! Reflective numbers that are visible from the street really help. Your house number may be on a tree, on the mailbox, or even a stand alone post. Try not to put any numbers on rocks or something that gets covered with bushes in the summer and snow in the winter. I noticed that the last time we made this request a few fine people put up new numbers. Thank you. There are still many houses that I see with nothing. I bet that if we all think about this we could have every house marked by next year.

Raffle winners for the month:
- $40 Lance Flamino,
- $20 Jean Harrison,
- $10 Brian Marquis, Robert F. Keil, Emily Post
Supervisor of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist of the Town of Hancock will be in session for new registrations and corrections to the checklist on Thursday August 30th, 2018, from 7:00pm to 7:30 pm.

The session will be held in the lower level of the Town Office Building, in the Barbara E. Caverly Meeting Room accessible from the parking lot at the rear of the building.

There are several ways that you can register to vote in the state of New Hampshire.

1. At the town clerk's office. You'll be required to provide proof of identity, domicile, citizenship, and age.
2. At your community's Supervisors of the Checklist. The supervisors meet 6 to 13 days before each election.
3. At your polling place.

Submitted by Kathy Anderson

New Tax Collector hours:
Thursdays 9:00am—3:00pm

The Hancock Inn
INNKEEPERS’ SUNDAY SUPPER
August 2018

THE 5TH
Private Event
No Sunday Supper

THE 12TH
Corn Fritters
Grilled Salmon Burgers with Avocado Salsa
Strawberry-Watermelon Shortcake

THE 19TH
Cucumber Salad
Pork Chops with Sauteed Apples and Onion Rings
Blondies à la Mode

THE 26TH
Sweet Bell Pepper Salad
Chicken Parmesan with Zucchini and Tomato
Banana and Coconut Pudding

Sunday Supper $18.99 per person
Excludes beverages, gratuity & tax
5:30 – 7:00PM

RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED
603-525-3318  www.hancockinn.com
Hancock Historical Society News and Events

The Historical Society’s museum is open for the summer! Please stop in for a visit – we are open every Sunday from 2 to 4 pm. In addition, we will be open on Old Home Day.

Our World War I exhibit has been expanded for this year. It fascinating to learn more about the war experiences of Hancock residents – both at home and overseas. In addition, our regular displays offer a look at Hancock life over several centuries.

Exploring the objects and artifacts that tell the story of Hancock’s history is an entertaining way to spend a few hours. We hope to see you at the museum this summer!

Submitted by Pat Payne
HANCOCK Happenings

HANCOCK 2018 Summer Concert Series

July 5  39th ARMY NATIONAL GUARD JAZZ BAND
   Sponsored by: Norway Hill Associates

July 12  SU’AL  Celtic & Old Timey
   Sponsored by: Josie & Richard Warner

July 19  EASY STREET BAYOU  Cajun, Zydeco, & Swamp Pop
   Sponsored by: Fiddleheads and Deb & John Hayes

July 26  TATTOO  Acoustic Dance Music
   Sponsored by: Mosquito Shield

August 2  SKIP PHILBRICK BLUES BAND  Blues
   Sponsored by: Win & Vici Robinson

August 9  OTIS & THE ELEVATORS  American Roots
   Sponsored by: Bellows-Nichols Insurance Agency

Many Thanks for Your Generous Donations!

Concerts 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM on the Common
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.
Another "Tale From Home"
One of the band regulars asked the lead saxophone player, “How was that sub I sent in last week?”
He snorted and replied, “That was no sub. That was a Destroyer!”

Lost
Wednesday July 18, while at the Recycling Center, I unknowingly dropped my titanium LEATHERMAN SKELETOOL pocket knife. This is a high quality, and quite frankly, an expensive knife. I went back to the center to look for it to no avail. One of the attendants told me he saw someone pick up a shiny object and put it in their pocket at the spot I deposited my trash. If YOU are that someone, you have my knife and I would appreciate having it dropped, anonymously, in my mailbox at 38 Evergreen Hill Rd Hancock.
Respectfully, Brad Geer

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Hancock Town Library Events

Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director
http://hancocktownlibrarynh.wordpress.com
Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 7:00pm

Book Sale The annual Friends of the Hancock Town Library Book Sale is coming up August 17th-23rd! The Early Bird sale is Friday August 17th from 5:00-8:00pm. Free for members of the Friends of the Library, $10 for all others. The book sale is free Saturday through Thursday. Hours are: Saturday August 18th 9:00-4:00, Sunday August 19th 11:00-3:00, Monday through Thursday during library hours. We have an unprecedented number of books, DVDs, and CDs this year. Please help take them off our hands! Prices can’t be beat and it all goes to a good cause.

Summer Reading Program Don’t forget to fill out your raffle tickets to win fabulous prizes! Drawing will be August 8th.

Food Pantry Donations Just a reminder that many people in our area are hungry all year long but often food donations decline during the summer months. You can donate food to the Peterborough Food Pantry (serving 13 area towns) here at the Hancock Town Library anytime during library hours. They particularly like donations of canned vegetables, pasta, sauce, meat, soup, tuna fish, peanut butter, cereal, and other types of packaged food items. Nothing expired and no alcohol please. Thank you! And special thanks to Marcia Schwartz for delivering our items to the food pantry in Peterborough.

Monday Morning Yoga 9:00 – 10:30am with Chris Justice
Our ongoing yoga class! Bring a mat and any yoga accoutrements you might need. $15/session or $60 for six sessions.

Wednesday Mornings through August 22nd 8:30-9:30am Summer Yoga on the Beach!
Come and join us for a yoga class on Wednesday mornings, 8:30-9:30am, from July 11th - August 22nd on Norway Pond beach. Betsy DiPrima will lead us through some gentle stretching, twisting, and balancing poses bound to make you feel amazing and ready to take on the day. No need for a yoga mat, just bring your beach towel. If the weather is not favorable, class will be held in the Daniels Room at the Library.
*Class is by donation only. *Some of us will be taking a swim after class, as well.

Tuesday August 21st 5:30-7:00pm
Mais, Oui! Free-Form-Français continue cette été!
“Parlez vous Français?” Are you learning French and would like a chance to get better at speaking it? Were you fluent once and wish you had the opportunity to converse once again? Or would you just like to brush up on this romance language? The Hancock Town Library continues to host a French language conversation group and you’re invited! The setting is very informal and will be open from 5:30 to 7:00 on the third Tuesday of the month. Arrive and leave at your leisure. All levels welcome. Modeled on the Manchester Franco-American Centre’s “Prêt-à-Parler,” the sessions will be free flowing and with your help, fun. Hélène Laliberté Bickford, French first-language speaker (‘mais tres rouillé’), will help to keep the conversations going. “Venez tous!”

Coming in September…

Mondays September 10th through October 29th from 4:30-6:30pm
American Sign Language Class with Christine Swain
Ever wanted to learn American Sign Language? Here’s your chance! Join ASL Interpreter Christine Swain in a Level 1 Beginning ASL class. You will learn the tools you need to meet and greet a neighbor or a local store clerk, to make new acquaintances, learn about a new culture, and of course, dazzle your friends. In these 8 weeks you will learn approx 200 ASL words and phrases, numbers to infinity (and beyond :-), fngerspelling, and ASL grammar and sentence structure. Did you know that you can change the entire meaning of a sentence by just raising your eyebrows? You will be exposed to a culture that busts the myths and wrong perceptions we tend to have about the Deaf. By the end of the very first class you will know how to engage in a basic sign conversation and we promise that you will have a lot of fun doing it. Forty years ago Christine Swain took a Sign Language class out of curiosity and was instantly hooked. She continued her schooling at the Austine Residential School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, Vermont and soon began working there and interpreting in local churches. She has worked for 15 years in the school system as an Educational Interpreter and many more in independent contracting positions. ASL is now among the fastest growing foreign languages, second only to Mandarin Chinese. Please consider joining us and learning more about this beautiful language and the fascinating people behind it. Please register by Sept 7th at the library (feel free to call 525-4411). The cost of the entire course will be $180 per person and must be paid in full by the 9th. Open to adults and students 15 years and older (you don’t have to live in Hancock to attend). We love having a wide variety of ages and signers! Don’t forget to register soon!!

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HANCOCK HAPPENINGS

August 2018

From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian

Wednesday August 1st 4pm
Ardunio and MaKey MaKey Workshop
This is the second workshop in this series. We will be following up on experiments from the first workshop as well as designing our interactive display. Interest in electric circuits and computers a plus. Recommended for ages 10-18.

August 6th 3:30pm-4:30pm Button Making
Come enjoy a make and take drop in craft. We will have some blank button templates as well as a few preprinted designs. Let the creativity flow and have a blast!

August 7th 2pm Movie and Popcorn
Drop in and watch a movie with us! This is the final movie in our summer movie series.

Wednesday August 8th 6pm
Summer Reading Finale with performance by the ScienceTellers
All summer reading prizes will be announced at this event! The Finale Prize raffle drawing will be done at 6pm so make sure you arrive on time!

Wild West: Mystery of the Haunted Piano
Grab your spurs and journey with us to the Wild West, where a legendary train-robbing outlaw is back in town, about to strike again! After the Sheriff mysteriously vanishes, two young kids must saddle up to foil the great heist - but not before stopping a runaway wagon, escaping an abandoned mine shaft and discovering how a haunted piano can play an "instrumental part in putting the rotten cowboy back behind bars. The ScienceTellers is a unique and interactive science and storytelling program. With the help of audience volunteers, they conduct science experiments to bring an exciting story to life! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Hancock Women's Club.

Monday August 13th and 27th 3:30pm-4:30pm
Read with Coffee
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!

Thursdays at 10:30am Family Storytime
Every Thursday we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement! All ages are welcome.
Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

Tax Collector - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk – Monday 5:00 to 8:00pm  
Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00pm  
Closed on Federal Holidays

Town Dump and Demolition Hours – Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00pm; Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm;

Selectboard – First three Mondays at 1:00pm; Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

Summer schedule: 1st Monday 1pm, 3rd Monday 7pm

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. 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, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

Historic District Commission – 4th Tuesday at 7:00pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Daniels Room

Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm, Hancock Inn

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

Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:30pm, Town Office Main Floor

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 Main Floor

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

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Autism Services for Children
Crotch Mountain’s Ready, Set, Connect! program will be opening an autism clinic at the Greenfield campus on January 2.
Ready, Set, Connect! provides ABA therapy for young children in a group setting, offering an environment of fun and learning and a path to a bright future!
Locations also in Manchester and Concord.
603.547.1430 or cmf.org/autism

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NH Fish & Game
Species Occurring
in New Hampshire

New Hampshire is home to more than 500 species of vertebrate animals. This list would be much longer if a complete list of invertebrates (insects, crustaceans, clams and snails) were included. About 75 percent are nongame wildlife species not hunted, fished or trapped. Twenty-seven species are endangered and fourteen are threatened in the state. With your help we are able to maintain New Hampshire's rich diversity of wildlife through research, management and education projects outlined in the Actions of the Wildlife Action Plan.
Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

Upcoming Grapevine Programs and Events

Now Registering for Fall! Weekly Children's Programs:
Please call Carol at 588-2620 to register for programs, or for more information.

Better Beginnings for Children- Groups available on Mon, Tues or Thurs from 9:30 to 11:30. Meets weekly, parents enjoy coffee & tea, conversation with other parents experiencing the same joys and challenges. Open to expecting parents, infants and children up to age 5.

Better Beginnings for Babies - Wednesdays 10:00 to 11:30. Group for parents and their infants up to age 20 months. Songs, play and enriching discussion. Group supported by facilitator, Nancy Macalaster, M.A.

Better Beginnings Hillsborough Play Group - Tuesdays 1:00 to 2:30 or Fridays 10:00 to 11:30 at the Dubben House in Hillsborough (next to Smith Memorial Church). Parents gather for conversation, children's play supervised by Grapevine educators, Amy Doyle, M.Ed. and Paula Coombs.

The Vine Story Hour – The Best Laid Plans! | Thursday, August 23rd at 7pm | 42 Main Street, Antrim
Based off the popular MOTH Story Hour that airs on NPR, The Vine Story Hour invites storytellers to bring their story to the Avenue A “stage”. This event is for adults and older teens. Admission is by donation. Refreshments provided. Join us for an evening of captivating stories! Proceeds benefit our programs for local youth! Our theme for this event is "The Best Laid Plans". For more info email avenuea@grapevinenh.org.

AUGUST Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center

HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CLUB
9th - 12th graders | Tuesdays 6-8pm | ongoing program
Join us for an evening of pizza rolls, writing, and feedback! Share your poetry or prose in our judgment free zone... We even have visits from local authors and poets!

OPEN HOURS
Ages 13-18 | Fridays 6:30-9pm
Looking for something to do on the weekend? Join us for pool, foosball, Xbox games, music, snacks, karaoke, and more! Fridays are a great time to unwind at Avenue A!

OPEN MIC/JAM TIME
8th grade and up | Saturdays 6:30-9pm | August 11 & August 25
Practice performing with us! Or just come to listen!

Collaborate with fellow musicians and perform with us at local events.

Ongoing Programming

Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren
If you are parenting your grandchildren or a family member, you are not alone. “Grandparents (Kinparents) Parenting Grandchildren” meets monthly and is free. Call 588-2620 and ask for Carol for more information, and to let us know you’re coming and if you will need childcare.

Strong Living Wellness and Exercise Group
Join seniors from your community in this twice weekly light weight exercise program held at the Grapevine. Meet and become part of a supportive, lively group who together strengthen mind and body! Held on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Grapevine from 1:30 – 2:30. Call the Grapevine for more information.

Services at The Grapevine

• Information & Referral: Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.
• Community Wood Bank: For those who use wood to heat their home and can’t afford to buy it. The wood bank has also helped residents who typically can buy their own wood but find themselves in a bind due to major ice and snow storms. Call if you need wood, if you have wood to donate, or to volunteer for the 2016-17 season.
• Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance: Call 924-2243 or 877-757-7048 for an appointment or The Grapevine for information.
• Child & Family Counseling by Monadnock Family Services and Riverbend Community Mental Health

Help Finding Shelter for families who are homeless or face homelessness.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Francetown, Hillsborough, Deering and nearby towns. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). Visit us online at www.GrapevineNH.org and LIKE us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/
This month, we’ll hold two Cabarets – the first on Saturday, August 4th, and the second on Saturday, August 18th (the “Old Home Days Edition”).

- **On August 4**, we’re super jazzed to have Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards (http://markmandeville.com/) back as our feature! For over a decade, Mark and Raianne have resonated with the lover of Americana, old country, and harmony singing, commanding crafted melodies and poignant, introspective lyrics, backing them with delicate arrangements on ukulele, clarinet, guitar and banjo. Don’t miss them!

- **On August 18**, we’ll host our third anniversary show, featuring Crazy Cowz, Crabgrass, and other friends! Come on out and celebrate with us!

**About the Venue**

The show begins at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 if you want to sign up to play at one of several open mic spots. In addition to the music, visitors will enjoy snacks, veggies, and drinks (BYOB!).

Sponsored by the Hancock Depot Association and the Keene Music Festival and hosted by Crazy Cowz, the Hancock Depot Cabaret is a music, arts, and function venue located in the old Hancock Train Station/Depot on Depot Road.

If you are interested in performing as a feature performer, want to sign up for an open mic spot, rent the Depot for an event, or simply want more information:

--> E-mail: hancockdepotcabaret@yahoo.com  --> Phone: 508-641-0076

Like us on Facebook and receive automatic notifications about upcoming shows: www.facebook.com/hancockdepotcabaret

**Upcoming Feature Acts**

- September 8 – Teresa Storch … **NOTE** that this Cabaret will be the second Saturday of the month
- October 6 – Lori Diamond & Fred Abatelli

**Monthly Association Meetings**

Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? Our next meeting will be at 7:00 on Monday, August 13th in the Depot. If you’d like to help out with planning, events, cleanup days, etc., feel free to join us!

**Rent the Depot for Your Special Event!**

Have a birthday party or other significant event coming up? Consider hosting your event at the Hancock Depot! The venue is available for parties, meetings, celebrations, concerts, and other special events. To learn more, call David Young at 603-525-3085 or Nancy Adams at 603-525-4176.

**BECOMING A CVTC VOLUNTEER DRIVER**

CVTC’s Volunteer Drivers provide “no fee” transportation in the 34 towns of the Monadnock Region. We give rides to people who don’t have access to transportation because of limiting circumstances. Our trips include non-emergency medical and social services appointments as well as trips to the grocery store and pharmacy.

Our drivers use their own vehicles and receive an optional reimbursement of $0.41 per mile on the trips they provide. All of our drivers carry a minimum of $100,000/$300,000 liability on car insurance.

Once vetted, we provide an orientation and training on TripList, our online management system. Drivers select the trips that match their availability. If you don’t use a computer, our staff will help you select trips and complete a monthly mileage log. Monthly mileage reimbursement is provided by federal funds.

CVTC is a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency  
www.cvtc-nh.org  375 Jaffrey Road, Peterborough  
1-877-428-2882
Aug 3 (Fri) Easy Going Hike to Historic Greystone Lodge
Join Rich Taylor and Lee Baker for a moderately strenuous, 4-mile hike through Monadnock Paper Mills land to Nabor Hill (total elevation gain: 200 feet), where historic Greystone Lodge once stood. Bring lunch, and meet at 10am in front of the Hancock Town Office, across from the Post Office on Main Street. Back by 2pm. For more info, contact Rich at (603) 827-4105 or Lee at 525-5262, snowman3137@gmail.com.

Aug 4 (Sat) Blueberries and Fire: a Winning Combination
Join Andy Fast, Field Specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension, for a field trip to Hubbard Hill, where a prescribed burn occurred in 1998. Andy will explain why fire is an integral part of managing for blueberries, and detail the operation and challenges of conducting a prescribed burn. Bring a pail for blueberry picking, and meet at 9am at the Pitcher Mountain parking lot, just off Route 123 in Stoddard. Back by noon. Cosponsored by the Harris Center and UNH Cooperative Extension. For more info, contact Eric Masterson at (603) 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.

Aug 7 (Tues) Babies in Backpacks and Families in Tow
Summer days are calling you, come out and bring your baby too! Join teacher-naturalist Susie Spikol Faber for a pint-sized hike and exploration of summer’s beauty. Bring your babies in front packs, backpacks, wraps and slings, to search for blooming flowers and trickling springs. Bring your toddlers along, as we listen to summer’s sweet song! 10 to 11am at the Harris Center. For more info, contact Susie at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Aug 9 (Thu) Nocturnal Nature: Perseids Meteor Shower and Greek Star Tales
Join naturalist, writer, and classics scholar Henry Walters for a late-night stargazing adventure. We’ll look at summer constellations and hear some of the mythology surrounding these stellar characters. We’ll also scan the night sky for shooting stars during one of the prime nights for viewing the Perseid meteor showers. Bring a blanket, and meet at 10pm at the Harris Center. Done by midnight. This outing is weather dependent and will be cancelled in the event of rain or heavy cloud cover. For more info, contact Henry at (603) 933-3349 or walters.henry@gmail.com.

Aug 18 (Sat) Celebrating Our Trip Leaders and Trail Stewards
Calling all volunteer trip leaders and trail stewards! Join Harris Center staff for a scenic lunch (provided by the Harris Center) at a cabin above Island Pond, as a thank you for your incredible and much-appreciated work. For time and location details, please RSVP to Eric Masterson by August 10 at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.

Aug 23 (Thu) Raptor Volunteer Educator Training
Calling all hawk fans – we’re in need of volunteer educators to help out at the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory this fall! If hanging out on top of Pack Monadnock, scanning the skies for migrating hawks, and teaching school groups about these amazing birds of prey sounds like a great way to spend some of your September and October days, consider signing up for this volunteer training. Harris Center teacher-naturalist Susie Spikol Faber and HawkWatch coordinator Phil Brown will teach you the tricks of the trade, so you’ll be well prepared for sharing your love of hawks with kids who are hawkwatching for the rest time. Come help the next generation of hawkwatchers soar! 9am to noon at the Harris Center. For more info, contact Susie at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.
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It is time to dream and scheme for your parade float!!
If you want to do something around the theme, this year it is: Water is Life: Norway Pond as the Heart of Hancock
We look forward to outpourings of creativity, a plethora of delights, and a myriad of ingenious manifestations!!

If you have questions, contact the Old Home Days Committee:
Mandy Whicker, 588-2475
Sarah Laeng-Gilliatt, 525-3300
Allison Corrigan, (802)522-7454

The Annual "Hancock Has Talent" Show - A Beloved Old Home Days' Tradition!
Calling on all talented, and even semi-talented people in the local area to take part in the Annual "Hancock Has Talent" Show on Friday evening, August 17th in The Hancock Meeting House at 7:30pm, as part of our Old Home Days' Celebration. Limitless opportunities for the type of talent you would like to share, and pretty much anything goes. Singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, reading poetry are just a few examples. Are there any comedians out there looking to get a laugh? Or magicians wanting to surprise us... If you would like to participate in this year's talent show, please contact me, Alison Corrigan 802-522-7454 - And for those of you that are looking for a fun, free night out with your family, full of lively entertainment and amazing talent please come cheer on all of our performers.

The Annual Kid's Market Event at The 2018 Old Home Days' Celebration
Calling all budding entrepreneurs, up to the age of 18, to sell your own creations at The Annual Kid's Market at Hancock's Old Home Days' on Saturday August 18th. If you're the type of kid who likes to earn their own spending money, then this is the event for you. This event is free for all kids who want to take part. The sale begins, on the common-near the bandstand, following the parade, around 11am and goes for up to two hours, give or take, depending on how long you would like to sell your items or services. Ideas from past events include, selling cupcakes or cold drinks, items you helped grow in the garden, items you have created by hand. In addition there have been face painters, nail painting, etc.. Parents are responsible for their children and children need to be supervised. If your child would like to participate please contact me, Alison Corrigan 802-522-7454
39th Anniversary Betty Pels Run For The Honey

Saturday, August 18th – Hancock Old Home Days

5K Race (3.1 miles) starts at 8:00 a.m.  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://hancock5k.com

Go to: Registration and Fees section. Please register online by Thursday 8/16. 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 9:00 a.m. – 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 age 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://hancock5k.com.  Remember: register for 5K online, pay on race day.  No online registration for the free Kids’ Fun Run.  Register kids on race day.

3 on 3 Basketball & Tennis Tournament

If you are interested in playing 3 on 3 basketball or in the tennis tournament please send an email to karys@wormtownbrewery.com to sign up. Basketball will be held Saturday 1pm at the Hancock Elementary School outdoor courts. Tennis will start at 9am on Sunday at Moose Brook.
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Old Home Day Bake Sale
The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary is preparing for its annual Old Home Day Bake Sale, scheduled for Saturday, August 18th at the Meeting House as part of the Old Home Day Festivities. This has been a tradition for approximately 56+ years.

Beginning around August 10th, the members and friends of the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary will begin telephoning Hancock residents to ask for donations of Home-baked Goods such as breads, cookies, brownies, pies, and other pastries for the Bake Sale. Baked goods should be brought to the Meeting House the day of the sale at 7:30 a.m. The Bake Sale will open at 8:00 a.m. and continue until noon. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Monadnock Community Hospital to be used for patient related items. Those that are not able to donate baked goods, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. If there are any residents that have not been reached by telephone and would like to make a donation of food or money, it will be most welcomed. Please, make all checks payable to the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary.

The Bake Sale is our only Fund Raiser. Last year we were able to purchase for the Antrim Family Medical Group a Wheelchair Scale and a Physical Therapy Shuttle Rebounder (to regain balance, overall body strength and hand/eye coordination) a result of the proceeds from the Bake Sale.

The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary was organized approximately 68+ years ago. The members meet every month in various members’ homes between October and June to sew special items for the hospital. This past year the auxiliary members continued to make the many different sizes of Surgical Instrument Pockets (to be used for sterilization of instruments for the Operating Room), and the very large Christmas Stockings for the babies born in the month of December to take home.

Submitted by Peg McLeod, Treasurer
Hancock Hospital Auxiliary
525-4912

John Hancock

Our eponymous forebear, John Hancock, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts on January 23, 1737. He graduated from Boston Latin School in 1750 and Harvard University in 1754. Most famously, he was the President of the second continental congress and the first signatory of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1775. He served as Governor of Massachusetts from 1787 to 1793. John Hancock died in Hancock Manor on October 8, 1793.

John Hancock never visited the town that honors his name and service.

Portrait by John Singleton Copley, 1765

Submitted by Phil Jones
Old Home Day Art Show
Reminding all artists in the Hancock area that the Old Home Day Art Show will be on Saturday, August 18th this year. While mostly paintings are displayed, other art forms are welcome. For questions, please call Sue Francis at 525-3313.

TOWN PHOTO
Be part of the annual town photo!
Right after the fabulous Synchro Sistahs!
In the field behind the horse shed!
Get together with the whole town!
And let's have our picture taken!!

Tradesman’s Alley
August 18th
Tradesman’s Alley runs from 9 am to 2 pm and we are looking for Vendors to sell their handmade or homegrown goods. Tables are $20. Contact Angie Ramsden (491-5956) or Amy Sulborski (234-6845) for more information.
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**FOOD OFFERINGS:**

- **Breakfast:** Saturday 7:30 - 10:00 - Vestry
- **Bake Sale:** Saturday 8:00 - Noon - Meeting House
- **Hamburgers and Hot Dogs:** Saturday 11:00 - Common
- **Sausages and Veggie Wraps:** Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 - Common
- **Chicken BBQ:** Saturday 4:00 - 6:00 - Common