How We Fund Public Services in NH or Understanding My Tax Bill: “Government revenue is critical to funding all public services, such as schools, infrastructure, public safety, and protected lands. Different levels of government in New Hampshire are responsible for delivering separate sets of services, and these levels raise funds in varying manners. Funding also moves between different levels of government, with the federal government supplying a substantial amount of money to the State government, and the State contributing funding to local governments through grants. These fiscal relationships make revenue and expenditure decisions at each level interact in inextricable ways, and decisions in both Concord and Washington, D.C., can have direct and cascading impacts on local budgets in NH.

New Hampshire collects revenue in a unique variety of ways. Notably, not all services are funded through taxes. At the State level, myriad tax revenue sources only accounted for about 38 percent of all revenue to fund services in State fiscal year (SFY) 2017. The rest came from revenue generated by charges for services and grants, including grants from the federal government to run certain programs. Federal grants, most notably for Medicaid, provide a third of funding for State programs, only 5 percent less than State tax revenue. However, while the State government uses a diverse array of taxes on different economic activities, local governments rely on one major tax source: the local property tax.”

The following graph depicts the 2018 Hancock tax rate ($/$1,000 assessment) change and rate set this October:

8/17/2018 STORM DAMAGE UPDATE: Implementation of Storm Recovery Plan is complete. Many thanks for the hard and professional work by the Highway Dept.

LONGVIEW BRIDGE REPAIRS: The side guardrails were installed this week and the project is complete. Enjoy a safe passage!

APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITIONS: Alison Rossiter – Road Committee, and Henry Sanders, Road Committee alternate.

Police Dept. New Hire: Nathan Jette was sworn in as a new full time officer for the Hancock PD.

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This month we are going to talk about slips, trips, and falls. Statistics show that the majority of falls happen on the same level resulting from slips and trips. The remaining are falls from a height. Slips happen where there is too little friction or traction between the footwear and the walking surface. Common causes of slips are: wet surfaces from occasional spills, weather hazards, and loose, unanchored rugs or mats. Trips happen when your foot hits an object causing you to lose your balance and, eventually fall. Common causes of tripping are: poor lighting, clutter in your way, wrinkled carpeting, extension cords, uneven walking surfaces, and even bottom drawers not being closed. The best way to prevent falls from slips and trips is good housekeeping. Clean up spills immediately, mopping or sweeping debris from the floor. Keep walkways well-lit and replace burned out light bulbs and faulty switches. Secure (tacking, taping, etc.) mats, rugs and carpets that do not lay flat. Make sure that things you are carrying or pushing do not prevent you from seeing any obstructions or spills. You certainly do not want to fall and risk an injury. Something you may not think about is the effects of the prescription and non-prescription medications you are taking. Some medications can cause dizziness or light-headedness that can lead to falls. As people age, the effects of medications may change. Ask your physician or pharmacist if you have any concerns. Remember, most serious falls occur in and around the home, and can be life-changing. To help maintain your independence, it’s important to understand the ways you can protect yourself from falls.

It's Raffle time!! If you are a Hancock homeowner, you should have received a copy of our newsletter, Firelines. Thanks to Eric Aldrich for writing and editing this amazing masterpiece of literature. As always, we included two raffle tickets for our year-long drawings held at our monthly meetings. If you have not yet done so, please consider mailing them in to us. This is our biggest fund raiser and allows the fire department association to purchase equipment without dipping into town tax dollars. In the past we have purchased some major medical and traffic safety equipment. Thanks to everyone who has already sent in raffle tickets – good luck to you!

Hard to believe it’s time for Christmas and the holidays. We’ve said this before but here it is again. Be cautious with candles! Don’t leave them burning if nobody is in the room, and keep them away from curtains, home furnishings, kids and pets. Be careful setting up Christmas lights. Use decent extension cords, and make sure they aren't a trip hazard or run under carpets. As always, NEVER burn wrapping paper in your fireplace or woodstove! Make sure you have a designated driver if you are likely to get into the eggnog at a Christmas party, know what I mean? Drive carefully and slowdown in cruddy weather. It seems like every year we need to be reminded that snow and ice make for slippery conditions on the roads. From what we have already see this winter won’t be any different.

May your holiday be filled with family and friends enjoying great food and friendship for a safe holiday gathering. Remember – when the smoke detector goes off dinner’s ready. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Joyous New Year from all of us at HFD.

Raffle winners for the month:
$40.00 – Rafael Meyers, $20.00 – Nina Pollack
$10.00 – R.C. Van Horn, Bob Kennedy, Alan Chandler as well as 40 other end of year $10.00 winners.
Because both Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve fall on Mondays this year, the Town Clerk’s office will be closed on December 24th, 26th, and 31st. In order to accommodate all of you who have to renew your auto registrations in December, the Clerk’s office will be open on Thursday the 27th from 5pm to 8pm, and Friday the 28th from 3pm to 6pm.

Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

As always, you can also send in your renewals by mail. Please try to get them in early.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year, from Carolyn and Alisha!
The Christmas Season at The Hancock Congregational Church

**December Mondays**—Join us on December 3, 10, and 17 at 4:30pm for a soothing half an hour of reflection and meditation. Less formal than our Sunday morning services, this is a time to step out of the busyness of the season and enjoy the peaceful setting of our sanctuary as darkness approaches.

**Worship Services during Advent**—The Christmas season is a good time to begin or rekindle a worship practice. Our Sunday morning services (on December 2, 9, 16, and 23) begin at 9:45am and all are welcome.

**Hancock Family Christmas Concert**—Saturday, December 15 at 4:00pm. Come early if you want to find a seat at this event that we co-host with Norway Pond Music. Also, as you park, please remember not to block the loading dock at the Post Office, as that is used even after regular Post Office Hours.

**Christmas Eve Service**—Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 pm on December 24 with Carol Hamilton as our organist and Pamela Stevens will be our soloist.

**Our 2018 Giving Tree**
There are many holiday gatherings scheduled in the Vestry this month and while you are there enjoying a Christmas Party or a holiday meal, we hope you will take a moment to make a donation in one of the envelopes on our Giving Tree. The envelopes all have pictures on them of Milena, a child we sponsor in Ecuador. All donations will be used primarily for her educational and health care expenses, but also for a Christmas present or two. Please seal your donation (checks can be made out to The First Congregational Church) and return it to the tree. Thank you!

Finally, if you need a little extra help this holiday season, or know of someone who does, the **Helping Hands Fund** or our **Pastor’s Fund** may be able to provide some assistance. Please contact Pastor Judy Copeland at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com or 525-4626 or 525-8037.

Submitted by Judy Copeland, Pastor

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**Happy Holidays from all of us at the Hancock Historical Society!**

As we prepare for 2019, we invite you to become a member of the Society.

As a member, you have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping preserve Hancock’s history as part of this all-volunteer organization. You also get invitations to events throughout the year, some for members only.

In 2018, the historical society hosted a variety of speakers on historical topics, parties for members and friends, a special museum exhibit on World War I in Hancock, and an Armistice Day celebration honoring the one hundred years since the armistice was signed.

Topics for the year ranged from the forgotten women of World War I and trains in Hancock to local author Haydn Pearson and New Hampshire’s covered bridges.

It’s easy and affordable to become a member. Family memberships are just $25 and individual memberships are $15. You can send your check to: Hancock Historical Society, PO Box 138, Hancock, NH 03449.

Submitted by Pat Payne
Hancock Woman’s Club

With the snow on the ground and Thanksgiving behind us we invite you to come to our traditional pot luck lunch on **Wednesday, December 12th at 12:30pm in the Vestry**. All are welcome for this festive occasion and again this year we’ll be entertained by Bob Pettegrew with Holiday music on piano. As always, please bring a vegetable, salad, main course, or dessert to add to the bounty. Contact Terri Lombard by phone 525-9451, or email, talombar@aol.com to let her know what you plan on bringing.

We do have a small amount of our beautiful Hancock canvas tote bags made right here in Bedford, NH. They have a very nice design on them which was created by Diane Kidd. The cost of the bag is $15 and they make wonderful a Christmas present!!
Another "Tale From Home"

I finally accomplished a childhood goal of becoming a complete twentieth-century man and felt pretty good about it until I remembered that it isn’t the twentieth century any more.

Reflections of Bill Eva from Tom Bates

I am so thankful for the fire and emergency service volunteers that serve our communities every day, and for the families and friends that support Hancock’s responders. One of those remarkable volunteers was William Eva. Bill was a member of the Fire Department for over sixteen years. Bill’s father was also a Hancock Firefighter. In continuing the tradition his son-in-law Mark Thompson and grandson Spencer Thompson are also members of the Hancock Fire Department. No matter what was going on at the time, Bill was always one of the first to respond to a fire or rescue call – day or night. His calming voice and comforting actions always made our job a lot easier. Many times, the rescue truck would respond to an elderly person in town who was nervous and anxious about what was happening. But then Bill would poke his head in and the person would say “Oh, hi Bill” and everyone was immediately relaxed. One time we had a mutual aid call to one of the senior facilities in Peterborough. Bill was on the rescue truck and helping in every possible way. When it was time to go the staff thought Bill was a resident and he should return to his room. Were they surprised when they were told he was one of the rescuers. On any rescue call as an EMT, Bill was right in there with the patient taking vitals, bandaging, or whatever else needed to be done. On any fire call, Bill was the go-to guy if you wanted a dependable pump operator. Bill, along with a couple of other members of the department, was always there to make repairs to the equipment; and he always could put his hands on the right tool to get the job done.

While in the Air Force Bill traveled the world. When I moved here from Nebraska, I found out Bill and the family had lived in Bellevue, not far from where I was from. Right away I had a friend I could relate to. Bill was known across New Hampshire and New England for his Maple Syrup prowess. He even made sure the Governor’s wife knew how to tap a tree. Just like all of you, whenever I visit the relatives, I must bring Bill’s Maple Syrup. There are so many stories about Bill that we could go on forever. Please keep his family in your prayers and remember the good times. Bill Eva, a true hero.

The Hancock Area Watercolor Group will be starting a new session on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 for six weeks. Class is held in the Vestry next to the Church from 9:30am to nearly 12 noon. All levels of experience are welcome. Cost is low. For more information, call Sue Francis at 525-3313.

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http://hancocktownlibrarynh.wordpress.com
Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 7:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm

Library Giving Tree
It’s December already! We have a few events for you this holiday season, including a giving tree which will be set up in the front lobby. Our giving tree will have our wish list items hung on it for those of you who want to give back to the library community this year. Simply choose a card off of the tree and bring it up to the front desk to purchase it for us. We thank you for your continued support of our small-but-mighty library and its programs.

Gorgeous Amethyst Necklace & Bracelet could be yours!
Stop by the library to see if yours will be the name drawn to win this beautiful amethyst necklace and bracelet made and donated by Padma Pali. Through December 20th Thank you, Padma!

Did you know? The Hancock Town Library offers free digital magazines through our membership with OverDrive. You must have a library card to access materials (audiobooks, ebooks, and magazines). Magazine checkouts do not affect the number available checkouts of eBooks or audiobooks. The magazines expire, but can be re-checked out. Great selection – something for everyone. Go to https://nh.overdrive.com/ to check it out. Feel free to come in and we’ll help you get started!

Streaming movies coming to HTL patrons in January!
The library is very excited to be able to offer streaming movies via Kanopy.com starting in January 2019! Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library, the library will be offering patrons access to streaming movies for free. By mid-December we’ll have the details (setting it up as I write this) so stop by to find out how you can see your favorite foreign, independent, classic, children’s, and documentary films all in the comfort of your own home at no cost to you!

There will be no Books Sandwiched In book club in December. Join us January 17th for our next selection!

Holiday Schedule:
The library will be closed for the holidays on Monday December 24th and Monday December 31st. Wishing you a festive holiday season from all of us at the Hancock Town Library!

Saturday December 8th from 10am til Noon
Holiday Wreath-Making with Megan Dodge
Whether you are new to wreath-making, in need of a refresher, or a seasoned wreath-maker, please plan on joining us for a morning of merry creations! All supplies will be provided. Please feel free to bring along your favorite ribbon and embellishments. Megan Dodge has 15 years of experience as a floral designer. Providing unique designs specifically suited to your personal style, she operates her floral design business, “Flowersdamore” out of her home in Hancock. This program is geared to adults but families are welcome. Pre-register @ the library before December 5th by stopping by or calling us at 525-4411. Free and open to all.

Wednesday December 12th at 7:00pm
Game Night for Grown-ups
The days are getting shorter but the nights won’t feel so long if you’re scoring at Scrabble or getting confused by Cranium. Come relax, have fun, meet new friends and neighbors with an old fave or challenging new-in-the-box board game. Bring a game if you’ve got one, and a snack or drink to share if you like. Every second Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm. RSVP to the library: 525-4411 or hancocklibrary@comcast.net just so we have an idea of numbers.

Tuesday December 18th
Free-Form-Français en Vacance
The popular French conversation group hosted by the Hancock Town Library is taking a break in December. We meet will meet again on January 15, 2019. The setting is very informal and will be open from 5:30 to 7:00 on the third Tuesday of every 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!”
From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian

I SPY
I spy snowflakes and elf on the shelf are back. They will move every Monday in December. Younger patrons can look for the elf on the shelf in the picture book room and older children and teens are able to search for the 3 snowflakes that can be anywhere above the stairs. Small prizes will be available for those who find them each week.

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

Tuesday December 4th 3:30-4:30 Lego Club
Free build with Legos. Each participant gets one base to build on. At the end of the one-hour build time we put all our creations up on display! This program is open to all Lego fans and builders, all ages welcome.

Monday December 10th 3:30pm-4:30pm
Paws to Read with Coffee with a seasonal craft!
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. We will be offering a cool seasonal craft to those who come to read to Coffee.

Wednesday December 12th 3:30pm-5pm
Make Your Own Wrapping Paper
Come on by to decorate a section of white paper to use as your very own wrapping paper. We have stamps and markers and foam shapes to use. This program is free and open to all ages.

Thursday December 27th 2pm Movie and Popcorn
Join us for a family friendly winter movie and some popcorn. A great way to get out of the house and have some low key holiday fun.

Tuesday January 8th 3:30-4:30* Lego Club
Free build with Legos. Each participant gets one base to build on. At the end of the one-hour build time we put all our creations up on display! This program is open to all Lego fans and builders, all ages welcome.

*Special date since we are closed on January 1st.
Hancock Is Still Making Money with Ice: Help Wanted

The Ice Out Committee for 2019, composed of both Town and Church members, has begun preparations for this winter’s ice out contest which as in prior years is planned to run from January 1st through March 15th. The contest is mostly fun, although the 50/50 winner and the Meeting House/Vestry maintenance fund benefit equally from the proceeds. However, the contest does entail some work, e.g. advertising/publicity, ticket sales, installation and maintenance of the equipment in the little church on the pond, recovery in the spring, storage in the off season, etc. Now into its seventh year, the Hancock Norway Pond Ice Out Contest has become a tradition which many suggest we would do well to continue (as long as we have ice). But to keep it going into the future the committee could use some fresh help, and possibly some younger, helpers. Care to get involved? Please contact Jane at 525-4485 with questions or better yet, to attend the first committee meeting of the year to be scheduled in December.

Submitted by Phil Jones
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I am writing this update on Thanksgiving. There is so much to be thankful for at HES.

I am thankful for the staff that challenge and support the children at Hancock Elementary School.

The classroom teachers have masterfully integrated new strategies into their daily literacy instruction. Katelyn Purrington and Fawn Woudenberg have introduced our kindergarten and first grade students to the world of Letterland. The children love the characters that help them understand the mystery of reading. Courtney Shultz and Emily Hutchins have incorporated Key to Comprehension into the second, third and fourth grader classrooms. The strategies have proven quite successful and will build a bridge for learning with the middle schools.

Lindsay Carter, our new administrative assistant, and Emily Hutchins spearheaded our first Hancock Talent show. Approximately fifteen students showcased their talents for a full crowd. The children danced, sang, maneuvered through obstacle courses, played the guitar, hula hooped, displayed karate moves and more. They were so proud of themselves.

I am thankful for the wonderful parents and community members.

Last month the PTO worked feverishly to organize the fall community supper. Parents supported children as they washed and cut vegetables that were harvested from the HES garden. The vegetables miraculously made three delicious soups that fed approximately 100 people. They also managed to pull off a silent auction that raised funds to purchase new recess equipment for the children. Many of the local businesses and community members supported the auction with gift cards, donations, and services. Next on the agenda is movie night at the library as well as a holiday lunch for the teachers.

Most of all, I am thankful for the children at HES.

Each and every child comes to school excited to learn and grow. I feel honored to watch the students as they attempt to read or solve a complex math problem. I can’t wait to read their writing and hear what they have learned in science or social studies. I look forward to Friday assemblies where children share poems, jokes, and stories as well as share their learning for the week.

While not perfect, I couldn’t imagine a better place to spend my days!
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Fur and Feathers

Hancock Town Library

Nov. 24 – Jan. 3

Artist Hannah Ellingwood of Hancock will exhibit a collection of wildlife portraits, all made from cut paper, from Nov. 24 through Jan. 3. Self-taught, she uses a surgical scalpel to intricately cut feathers, skin, fur, and scales from paper. Through her detailed wildlife portraits, Hannah shares the awe she feels when in the presence of wild animals.

Whether watching a great gray owl, exploring a national park, or meeting and ‘shaking tentacles’ with Sy the octopus at the New England Aquarium, Hannah draws from her own experiences to remind viewers of the connection we have with all living creatures.

Come meet Hannah and enjoy refreshments at the opening reception Sat. Nov. 24, 3-5 p.m. for the Fur and Feathers exhibit at the Hancock Town Library. Hannah will be demonstrating how she creates her paper cut art.

The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Mon. and Wed., 2-6 pm; Tues. and Thur., 10 am-7 pm; and Sat. 10 am-4 pm. Call the library (525-4411) before your visit to ensure no special events are scheduled at that time.
News from the Depot

This month, our feature will be the Kingsnakes! If you’ve never experienced these guys, you’re in for a real treat. Legendary RCA Viper recording stars, the Kingsnakes play all your favorites from the great age of American (and sometimes Island) music. Better come early if you want a good seat as these cool, smooth cats will pack the joint!

For more information, visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/legendarykingsnakes/

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
· January 5: We’re kicking off the New Year with a “songwriters’ circle” featuring four amazing singer-songwriters: Doug Farrell, Lisa Bastoni, Tom Smith, and Allysen Callery! Put it on your new calendar!
· February 2: Off the Cuff – local favorites performing semi-acoustic instrumental and vocal quartet, interpreting great songs from the 20s to the 21st Century.

Monthly Association Meetings
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? If you’d like to help out with planning, events, cleanup days, etc., feel free to join us! For information about our next meeting, give David Young a call at 525-3085.

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 525-3085 or Nancy Adams at 525-4176.
Dec 5(Wed) Sidelining Science: How Did We Get Here, Why Does It Matter, and What Do We Do About It? Support for science and reliance on scientific facts is eroding in Washington, with some attempting to permanently sideline science from the policymaking process. However, many people recognize that engaged scientists, together with an informed public, make for a stronger democracy and that sound science matters to the quality of our drinking water, to our energy decisions, and to public welfare and prosperity. What should our expectations be for the future leaders of New Hampshire and the nation? Join Andrew Rosenberg (Director of the Union of Concerned Scientists’ Center for Science and Democracy) for a presentation on just how serious this cultural rejection of science has become, and Abigail Abrash Walton (Director of the Advocacy for Social Justice and Sustainability program in the Department of Environmental Studies at Antioch University New England) to learn about new research regarding scientists’ beliefs and behaviors about the public policy process and how scientists are mobilizing and building their capacity to engage. Following the presentations, Jeremy Wilson (Executive Director, Harris Center for Conservation Education) and Phil Suter (President, Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce) will join us for a panel discussion on why support for science among future leaders is not only warranted, but essential. 6:30-8pm Norma Walker Hall (previously Centennial Hall) in the Alumni Center at Keene State College. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP at harris-center.org/events. For more information, please contact Roger Stephenson at (603) 770-9484 or by email.

Dec 7 (Fri) American Marten: The Latest Findings on New Hampshire’s Marten Population Members of the weasel family, pine martens live from the White Mountains north to the Canadian border and are considered one of New Hampshire’s species of special concern. Join NH Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist Jill Kilborn for an introduction to the American marten, and to learn what the latest research has revealed about this elusive mammal. 7 to 8pm at the Harris Center. For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Dec 15 (Sat) 45th Annual Christmas Bird Count for Hancock, Peterborough, and Surrounding Towns The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is the world’s oldest and largest biological survey and citizen science endeavor, with thousands of participants worldwide. Begun locally in 1973, the CBC is the world’s oldest and largest biological survey and citizen science endeavor, with thousands of participants worldwide. No need to be an expert! For more information and to sign up, please contact John Ranta at john.f.ranta@gmail.com.

Dec 16 (Sun) Christmas Bird Count in Keene The Christmas Bird Count is the world’s oldest and largest biological survey and citizen science endeavor, with thousands of participants worldwide. The Keene count is one of the oldest, dating all the way back to 1900. For more info or to sign up for this fun day of birding, please contact Phil Brown at 525.3499 or by email. Cosponsored by the Harris Center and New Hampshire Audubon.
“Great Decisions - 2019”

Begins in January

Are you in the mood for a rousing discussion of major international issues and crises?? If you like to stay on top of the news, in a totally non-partisan way, and if you like to chat with friends and neighbors, perhaps you would consider joining the discussion at Great Decisions in January. Developed by the America Foreign Policy Association whose goal is to inspire learning about the world, Great Decisions takes you behind the headlines to look at eight of the year’s most significant and far-reaching challenges facing the world.

Topics for discussion this year include: *Refugees and Global Migration, The Middle East Regional Disorder, Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?, The rise of Populism in Europe, Decoding US-China Trade, Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics, The US and Mexico: Partnership Tested,* and *State of the State Department and Diplomacy.* The discussions are always interesting and informative, even when the topics are a challenge for us! And we have snacks!

We will be meeting at the Hancock Town Library for eight Monday afternoons beginning on January 14th from 1:45-4:00pm. Please call to register and for information about ordering your book: Jane Richards-Jones at 525-4485. New participants are most welcome!

Submitted by Jane Richards-Jones

Join us at CVTC

The Community Volunteer Transportation Company, or CVTC, is looking for more people to become part of our volunteer driver team.

Our drivers are all volunteers and use their own vehicles. They receive an optional reimbursement of $.41 per mile on the trips they provide. CVTC provides transportation for non-emergency medical appointments, social services, grocery shopping, banking, and/or visits to the pharmacy.

Trips needing a driver are listed on our website and each driver can use his/her computer to determine which trips would fit in with their plans. For those drivers who do not use a computer, our staff will help select trips that match time availability and complete a monthly mileage log.

In the words of our Volunteer Driver, Ginger, “I’ve been driving for CVTC for seven months. I have thoroughly enjoyed the trips I’ve taken and met some wonderful people. I’ve heard interesting stories and tales of funny family antics. Many of our riders are dealing with tough life circumstances, and rising health issues. They’ve all been truly grateful for the rides and happy for a new face and a smile. CVTC provides a service vital for its riders and rewarding to its drivers!”

For more information call 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5.

CVTC provides no-fee transportation for individuals without access to transportation because of age, ability, income, and/or life circumstance. We are a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency.
A very special THANK YOU to all who donated and participated in our 2018 Annual Online Auction. At press time, we are closing in our fundraising goal of $8,000! We are grateful to have the support of local individuals and businesses who together donated nearly 200 items this year.

Special Programs
The cold is here. Are you having trouble keeping up with your heating bill? Fuel Assistance through Southern NH Services is available and you may be eligible for assistance. Please call the local Fuel Assistance office in Peterborough to set up your appointment at 924-2243.

Happy Holidays! If you or someone you know cannot afford gifts and other essentials for your children this holiday season, please call us at The Grapevine at 588-2620. We may be able to help.

Upcoming Grapevine Programs and Events
Special Note: Our November 29th Vine Story Hour “Stuck” has been rescheduled with a new theme! Please join us for….

The Vine Story Hour – Misadventures!
| Thursday, January 31st 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 "Misadventures". If you have a story to share, please email Jacqueline at avenuea@grapevinenh.org.

Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center, 42 Main Street Antrim
Friday Night Open Hours for Teens 13-18; 6:30-9pm
Tabletop Game Club for teens in 7th grade and up - Mondays 5:30-8pm
Middle School Creative Writing Club for grades 7 & 8 Tuesday 2:15 to 4:15
High School Creative Writing Club - Tuesdays 6-8pm
Ave A Club for GBS Students: For grades 5-8, Wednesdays 2:15-4:15 pm; starting in October.

Pick Up Basketball: For Boys Grades 8 and Up, Wednesdays 7:15 – 8:15pm; at the Antrim Town Gym at Antrim Elementary School.
For our full Winter Schedule visit us at Facebook.com/AvenueATeenCenter!

Ongoing Programs & Resources
Rolling Registrations for our weekly Children’s Programs! Please call Carol at 588-2620 to register for programs, or for more information.

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HANCOCK FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

“Sing We Joyous All Together”
Saturday December 15th
4:00 pm
Hancock Meeting House

A lot of people think of this concert as the best way to enter into the true Christmas spirit and this year’s concert should not disappoint.

In addition to songs from the Norway Pond Festival Singers, the Junior Mints and the Village Ringers, we will also be welcoming 18 singers from the Conval High School Select Choir and magnificent baritone Mark Andrew Cleveland who will be headlining a performance of Robert Chilcott’s moving cantata “Wenceslas” all about the generosity and kindness of this legendary king.

And the frosting on the cake is an appearance by the Brooklyn duo Liam Robinson and Jean Rohe robinsonandrohe.com who sing and play guitar and banjo like no one I have ever heard (although I do think a little of Simon and Garfunkel when I listen to their music). With powerful lyrics and haunting harmonies woven into songs about tradition, love and land, they sing with a richness that is earthy and immediate.

The audience will have several unusual opportunities to join the singing, so bring your voice with you, too. The doors open at 3:30. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome and urgently needed. Suggested donation would be $20 for each family.

NORWAY POND FESTIVAL SINGERS

WELCOME NEW SINGERS
FOR THEIR FEBRUARY PERFORMANCE OF

PIPPIN

On February 10th, the Norway Pond Festival Singers will present a concert performance of the musical PIPPIN. Soloists from New York and Boston will join forces with our chorus, in a performance similar to the way Fiddler on the Roof was presented last year. This might be the perfect way for people who love to sing, to stave off winter doldrums and to reveal your hidden Broadway persona!

PIPPIN was a Broadway hit first in 1972 and the revival won several Tony awards three years ago.

It is the story of Pippin, a young prince who longs to find passion, adventure and meaning in his life. He is the son of Charlemagne. The music is far from “classical” and extremely contagious and fun to sing.

Rehearsal are either Thursdays at noon or Sunday afternoons.

If you are interested in joining the troupe or have any questions about the commitment, contact me, Jody Simpson at jhspals@aol.com or at 525-9303.
Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

Tax Collector - Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm
Town Clerk – See page 3 for Special December hours
    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

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, meetings will be noticed; Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

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 – 1st Wednesday of the month 11am, 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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SUNDAY, December 15, 2018 • 4 to 5:00pm • Hancock Meeting House • Free

Hancock Family Christmas Concert

with Norway Pond Festival Singers, ConVal Select Choir, Hancock Village Bell Ringers, Junior Minstrels, and featuring bass-baritone MARK ANDREW CLEVELAND as King Wenceslas

Also featuring:

ROBINSON AND ROHE, a duo from Brooklyn, NY
“...earthly and immediate...”

SAVE THE DATE:

January 27, 2019, 4pm Alma del Mundo Free | Suggested Donation $20/family
Guitar, saxophone, and cello, featuring favorite JOHN MURATORE

As always, we promise that our concerts will last for one hour with no intermission. For more information, call ludy Simpson at 525-9103. Photos by Deb Porter-Hayes & Design by Margaret Baker.