News from the Selectboard
Submitted by Tom Shevenell, Chairperson (shevenell@hancocknh.org)

Happy New Year! With the holidays in the past, the Selectboard’s focus in January is finalizing the 2018 Town Budget and warrant articles for Town Meeting. Last month we received welcome news that our LCHIP grant for $40,000 was awarded by the state. This means our final phase in the Meetinghouse restoration can be completed with no additional funds being requested in the 2018 Budget. The drafting of the Meetinghouse Articles of Agreement is now complete and being reviewed by Town Counsel. This agreement pledges to continue the historical relationship in the Town and Church’s “common undivided interest” in the Meetinghouse. This is the first time in 161 years that this document has been completely updated.

Lesson 10: The Selectboard and the Budget Process, Part 2. I will expand on my discussion in Lesson #8 where I focused on the legal aspects of the budget process, and now discuss how the Selectboard is managing the process for the 2018 Budget season. The Selectboard started with the goal: Give value to the community while maintaining a stable town tax rate and adequate unassigned fund balance by providing sufficient service; by maintaining and improving infrastructure and capital assets; and by predicting and planning for future needs.

With this goal in mind, the Selectboard asked each department head to develop their operating budgets, including expenses and sources of non-taxpayer revenues, and to provide requests for capital purchases. At the same time the Capital Improvement Plan committee projected infrastructure and capital asset needs over the next 6 years to determine potential impacts in maintaining a stable tax rate. Because employee wages and benefits make up the largest component in the operating budget, the Selectboard focused on the implementation of an employee classification and compensation plan by developing systematic performance review procedures tied to a wage adjustment process designed to be fair to all employees, and keep wages competitive with the local market. Our objective is to be able to recruit, develop and retain skilled personnel, plan for succession, and maintain a fair and competitive compensation plan so town government can continue to offer valued service to the community.

The Selectboard’s next step is to merge all three components of the operating budget and requests for capital purchases into a single draft 2018 Budget. This then allows us the month of January to analyze in detail the estimated non-taxpayer revenues and proposed expenses to meet our goal. The starting point is an analysis of the needed infrastructure improvements and recommended purchases of capital assets. The general rule is the town’s depreciated asset value needs to remain in the same proportion to the town’s net property valuation. Operating expense line items proposed for 2018 are then compared to 2017 expenses, as well as to the average of the past 5 years of expenses. Justifications for overages are evaluated; and sources for more efficiency are explored. This work culminates on February 5th when the first budget hearing will be held at 7pm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Next month I’ll take a look at the relationship between the Selectboard and various committees.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
With a New Year comes the opportunity to start things off on the right foot. Often one of the resolutions we make is to improve the health of ourselves and our family. As you work towards this resolution please add this one additional step to maintain your health: **Home Fire Prevention and EMS Safety.** Please dedicate some time to go through your home room by room to ensure that your home is not only safe but properly equipped with smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. I know we preach this all the time but it is important. Another important item is fire safety for older adults. Let’s face it; Hancock has a large elderly population. Knowing what to do in the event of a fire is particularly important for older adults. At age 65, people are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires compared to the population at large. This also applies to the EMS side of the fire department. Older adults are prone to falls and other emergencies. Take a moment to visit with older neighbors and family members to ensure that their homes and lives are kept as safe as possible! Consider sleeping in a room on the ground floor in order to make emergency escape easier. Have a telephone installed where you sleep in case of emergency.

The other morning I got a call from Mia Gagliardi, our public works director. She told me that the compost pile at the transfer station was on fire. Granted it was just smoldering but it was quite smoky. We pulled one of the engines and sprayed water on the fire as the town backhoe dug in and spread the compost around. After a thorough investigation it was determined that someone had dumped their wood stove or fireplace ashes in the pile. Perhaps that person thought the ashes were old and wouldn’t burn. That is one of the problems we see from year to year. Someone will clean and put the ashes in an ash bucket and after a couple of days think they are out. Not so! They can stay hot for a long time. And don’t even think about putting the ashes in a plastic bucket or pail. We have seen the plastic melt from the heat and start a fire on the deck, for example. Over the years there have been many fires that have destroyed a deck, garage, or even house because the homeowner thought his or her “cold” ashes wouldn’t start another fire. So, let’s review. Treat all ashes as hot. Store the ash bucket (with ashes) in a well ventilated location as ashes may contain live coals (embers) from which carbon monoxide emits. Do not place ash bucket (with ashes) next to anything combustible. Place a lid over the ash bucket to reduce the possibility of oxygen reaching a live ember or smoldering ashes in the ash bucket. Think before disposing!

Time to talk about burn permits. Burn permits are required except when the ground is covered with snow. “Ground Covered with Snow” means the area within a 100’ radius from the fire edge is covered with snow. We still need to know when you want to burn, so please contact one of the Fire Wardens when you are burning. This also helps us when someone reports seeing a fire and we already know what’s going on. Seasonal Burn Permits expired 12/31/17. It is time to contact us to get a new 2018 Seasonal Burn Permits for your small controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 4’ in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace.

Raffle winners for the month:
$40 William Owen
$20 James Ball
$10 Adam Gould, Joyce Stevens, John & Deb Hayes

It has been one year that I have been Fire Chief in Hancock. Thanks to all who have made this a terrific year. The Hancock Fire Department is truly fortunate to have such wonderful support from our community.
HANCOCK WOMAN’S CLUB

Winter has descended upon us and the Holidays are in the past so now we look forward to welcoming in the New Year! Our January meeting will be held on Wednesday the 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the Vestry. All are welcome to join us to meet and listen to a wonderful presentation by Connie Gatlin and Ramazan Genc from Mediterrano Restaurant located in Hillsborough. The cuisine of the restaurant is Turkish and Mediterranean and made fresh to order. Their products mostly come from South Mediterranean or West Aegean region of Turkey. Please plan to stay for tea, coffee, and delicious goodies following Connie and Ramazan’s presentation.

If you haven’t already purchased your own Hancock tote bag, designed by Diane Kidd, and made right here in Bedford, we will have them for sale at the meeting. All proceeds will go to our charitable giving and the Women’s Scholarship Fund. We only have a few left!!! Submitted by Sara LeFebvre

Hancock Woman’s Club  
2018 Scholarship for Adult Women

Applications for the Hancock Woman’s Club Scholarship will be available in January. The scholarship is for adult women in mid-career who plan to continue their education, update their training, enter new fields, etc. The award is $1,000.

Applicants must be residents of Hancock and have lived in Hancock for at least 2 years. The application deadline is March 31, 2018.

For more info or to request an application contact Joyce Perry, 525-3304 or jwkp43@gmail.com

The Hancock Inn
INNKEEPERS’ Sunday Supper  
January 2018

THE 7TH
Feta Cheese & Tomato Toast
Chicken with Green Olives & Polenta
Poached Pears

THE 14TH
Zucchini and Blue Cheese Salad
Short Ribs with mashed potatoes
Lemon Squares

THE 21ST
Composed Winter Vegetables
Turkey Tetrazzini
Chocolate Espresso Cake

THE 28TH
Spinach Salad
Irish Seafood Pie
Elderflower Fool

Sunday Supper $18.99 per person
Excludes tax, gratuity & beverage
5:30 – 7:00PM
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603-525-3318 www.hancockinn.com

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Seven Maples General Store will be filling LP tanks through the winter.
Stop by or call ahead... 525.3321
Thank you!

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Hancock, NH 03449
www.sevenmaples.com
Hancock Historical Society Annual Meeting: Save the Date

We will hold our annual meeting on January 21st at 2pm at our home on Main Street. All Hancock Historical Society members are invited for a business meeting, including the election of officers. After the business meeting is complete, learn more about — and sample — “Hoover Suppers.”

Families were encouraged to serve these austerity meals during World War I to conserve wheat and other products needed for American soldiers overseas. As a result, they made creative use of other ingredients!
**Intrepid Ice Out Explorer for 2018**

Just weeks before Christmas, on Norway Pond there was ice, but it was thin; only the most intrepid such as Ice Out Committee Member Monty Warner (left) dared venture forth. But he reported expecting the ice by early January to be ready for large men and little churches.

Tickets are on sale at the Hancock Inn, Hancock Market, and Fiddleheads (also see Ice Out committee members - except Monty - or Hancock Congregational Church members) until the close of the contest on March 15th. Also consult http://hancock.iceout.us for further information and on-line ticket sales. Two dollars for one ticket; five dollars for three. One half the proceeds of the contest supports the Meeting House and Vestry maintenance fund; the winner pockets the other half – worthy causes both.
The next community supper will be held on Thursday, January 25th and will be sponsored by the Hancock Board of Selectmen. The Board has invited Mia Gagliardi and her DPW crew along with family. Hope you can come to meet and give a warm welcome to the crew that drives those big trucks, takes your trash and makes Hancock a beautiful place to live. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th. Keep your fingers crossed for a clear, star-filled night!

**Searching for a new Hancock Community Supper Committee and Committee Chairpersons**

After 2 great years of managing the Hancock Community Supper program, Carol and I will be stepping down from our positions as Chairpersons. We have been blessed with meeting many Hancock residents and also provided with the opportunity to serve our community. While we have enjoyed our tenure we find that we must free up some time for other commitments we have and will be stepping down after the May 24th Community Supper.

The Hancock Community Supper program is looking for interested people to step up to the manage this fantastic program which would typically start up again for the month of September. We would be happy to train new incumbents during the upcoming months but still find it necessary to terminate our positions in May 2018.

If you have a heart for community service and would like to take on this rewarding program please contact us at: mcdomingue@comcast.net or talk to us at the next Community Supper. Thank you –

*Mike and Carol Domingue*

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Another "Tale From Home" at [www.herb-gardner.com](http://www.herb-gardner.com)

At a recent performance, Abbie sang the old song from the 1950s, “You Belong to Me”. When someone in the audience remarked that it had been their high school prom song, she asked, “Oh, did it go like that back then, too?”
Happy New Year!

We’ve got a lot of new books, audiobooks, and DVDs just waiting for you to come in and check them out. For a preview, go to our catalog page: https://hancock.biblionix.com/catalog/. For info about programs, visit our website at https://hancocktownlibrarynh.wordpress.com/.

Yoga Mondays! 9:00am – 10:15am
Don’t forget that we host a weekly yoga class here at the library. Chris Justice teaches this gentle-stretch yoga class. $15/session for drop-ins, $60/six weeks. Bring a mat and a blanket.

Monday January 8th at 7:00pm
Hike Like a Woman with Jacquelyn O’Connor
Are you a woman looking for a way to get outside more, but don’t know where to start or do not want to be out on the trails alone? Are you looking to connect with other women who also love the out of doors? Please join Jacquelyn O’Connor, Ambassador from Hike Like a Woman and creator of gettinglosttogether.com, as she explains how Hike Like a Woman is motivating women to get outside. Jacquelyn grew up on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in Maine and has continued her love of the outdoors with her family in Southern New Hampshire. She will show a short video about Hike Like a Woman and talk about what she is doing in the Monadnock Region to encourage women to get outside more often. She will discuss what motivates her and her family to get out even during the winter months and will also reveal their favorite local trails. Free and open to all!

Tuesday January 9th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm
State Representative Jon Manley
Come with your questions for Rep. Manley (Hillsborough County District 3: Bennington, Greenfield, Hancock) as he reports to his constituents on current legislation.

Rep. Manley is at the Hancock Town Library the second Tuesday of every month.

Wednesday January 10th at 7:00pm
Game Night for Grownups!
Got Game? Maybe it’s time you did. Keep the winter blues at bay with some board time at Game Night for Grownups. Once a month, we’ll gather with neighbors to play our dusty old favorites and break out those challenging new-in-the-box games. Bring one if you’ve got one, and a snack or beverage for the table. Second Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Please RSVP to us here at the library: 525-4411 or hancocklibrary@comcast.net just so we have an idea of numbers! Free and open to all.

Thursday January 18th at 7:00pm
Keeping the Faith: Celebrating Creativity in Troubled Times:
An Evening of Poetry, Prose and A Cappella Song with Charles Coe

Come join poet, writer and musician Charles Coe as he presents his work and that of other artists in a night of inspiration, entertainment and surprises. Poet, writer and singer Charles Coe is author of two books of poetry: "All Sins Forgiven: Poems for my Parents" and "Picnic on the Moon", both published by Leapfrog Press. He is author of "Spin Cycles", a novella published by Gemma Media. "Peach Pie." a short film by filmmaker Roberto Mighty based on his poem “Fortress”, has been shown in film festivals nationwide. Charles is the winner of a fellowship in poetry from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. He was selected by the Associates of the Boston Public Library as a “Boston Literary Light for 2014” and was a 2017 Artist-in-Residence for the city of Boston. He has served as poet-in-residence at Wheaton College and at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York and has taught in Dingle, Ireland for the Bay Path University MFA Abroad program. He also teaches in the Salve Regina MFA Program in Newport, Rhode Island. Free and open to all.

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

A Note from Miss Jenn
Welcome to 2018! We have put a suggestion box across from our display case. Please feel free to add your purchase suggestions to the box! We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Tuesday January 2nd 3:30-4:30pm
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 January 8th & January 22nd 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!

February 7th 3:30pm-4:30pm
Make Your Own Valentines
More details of the specific crafts will be provided in February’s Hancock Happenings. This will be an all ages program with limited supplies. Mark your calendars now to save the date!

Thursdays at 10:30am Family Storytime
Every Thursday we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement!
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On January 6th, we’ll host Tom Keating as our feature performer. Tom is a musician, singer-songwriter, artist, and master craftsman. Tom grew up on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts and Antrim, New Hampshire. He's a self-taught musician and learned woodworking, jewelry making, carving, and inlay work as a young adult. These skills were born of the necessity to repair his own and friends' stringed instruments. Tom continues to perform professional instrument repair and setup work as a well-known and sought-after luthier.

Logistics & More
All shows begin at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 for performers who want to sign up for one of several open mic spots. In addition to the entertainment, 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.

The Cabaret was created to provide a venue for local and regional musicians, poets, and other artisans to share their talent in a comfortable, friendly, and inspirational environment. While admission is free, we suggest a $5 donation, which the Depot Association will use to keep the lights on and provide general maintenance for the Depot (upkeep, enhancements/upgrades, insurance, utilities, etc.).

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

· February 3: Julie Snow

Rent the Depot for Your Special Event
Did you know you can rent the Depot? It’s true – the Depot 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.

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Callista Faucher, former children’s librarian at the Hancock Town Library, will be exhibiting her work in the Daniels Room from January 6 to February 14. An opening reception is planned for Saturday, January 6th, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Her show is titled “This Place: ten years of photography near and far.”

“Photography has been my passion for years,” writes Callista, “and I have finally put together a cohesive show that I am happy to share with the public. ‘This Place’ is based on my favorite quote by Walt Whitman: ‘happiness, not in another place but this place. Not for another hour, but this hour.’

“I chose this because on the surface, my photographs are literally taken in various places in the world, from various trips. But on a deeper level, my photographs speak to the idea of finding happiness near or far simply by being present in the moment.

“Snapping the camera on a particular scene that felt beautiful, harmonious, or peaceful is what my love of photography is about. Photography for me is being on my hands and knees, physically moving to get my shots, rather than relying on heavy zoom lenses and other bulky equipment. I don’t use tripods or image stabilization and I don’t use a flash. I want life’s real moments—to find the happiness inherent in ordinary and extraordinary places.”

“This Place” can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 – 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; the library is closed on Friday and Sunday. Because the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community activities, it is best to check with the library (525-4411) to make sure the room will be available at the time of your visit.

Callista invites you to visit her New England travel blog on her website www.callistafaucher.com.
Thank you to our supporters who makes these programs possible.

The Harris Center for Conservation Education is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for our natural environment.

Jan 13 (Sat)  Post-Harvest Hike on Goodhue Hill  
Join Phil Brown, NH Audubon’s Director of Land Management, for a moderately strenuous, 2½- to 3-mile round-trip hike in the Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. We’ll snowshoe to the summit of Goodhue Hill and enjoy views of the surrounding lands and waters. If tracking conditions are good, we’ll search for sign of moose, porcupine, bobcat, and other wildlife that call this sanctuary home. **Meet at 9am in the parking area at the end of Willard Pond Road, off Route 123 in Hancock.** Back by noon. Co-sponsored with NH Audubon. **Please RSVP to Phil Brown at (603) 525-3499 or pbrown@nhaudubon.org.**

Jan 13 (Sat)  Get Fit Hike Up Skatutakee  
Do you dream of staying active this year? Get off on the right foot by joining local health coach Sonya LeClair for a fitness-paced 3-mile roundtrip snowshoe hike up Mount Skatutakee. Expect a fun yet challenging hike that will help you increase your endurance and boost your physical and mental health! **Meet at 10am at the Cadot Trailhead on Old Dublin Road in Hancock.** Back by noon. **Registration is required. For more info and to register, contact Sonya at info@thereluctantenthusiast.com.**

Jan 14 (Sun)  Dark Pond Ski  
Tom Warren will lead a moderately strenuous, 3-mile cross-country ski to Dark Pond via the Dublin Lake Golf Course. If we’re lucky, we may see otter or mink sign. We’ll also look for owls and winter finches. **Meet at 9am in the Dublin Lake Golf Course parking lot on Charcoal Road, off Route 101 in Dublin.** Back by noon. **Please RSVP to Tom Warren at (603) 563-7190 or ttwassociates@myfairpoint.net.**

Jan 20 (Sat)  Hiking the Pack Monadnock Summit Rd  
Join David Baum and Francie Von Mertens for a 2-mile roundtrip hike up the Pack Monadnock access road at Miller State Park. Come see why this roadway is one of the most popular hikes in the region—why so many people spoke up when they learned that clearing for a power line along the upper road was about to begin. The project was halted, the state and utility companies are exploring alternatives, and the Pack Monadnock Trail Alliance is keeping watch on the process. Bring binoculars and **meet at 10am at the Miller State Park parking area off Route 101 in Peterborough.** Back by 12:30pm. For more information, contact Francie at (603) 924-6550 or vonmertens@myfairpoint.net.

Jan 21 (Sat)  Pitcher Mountain to Hubbard Hill Ski  
Join Ben Haubrich and Sandy Brewer for a moderately strenuous, 5-mile cross-country ski to Hubbard Hill, partly along the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway and with views of Vermont. Bring lunch and **meet at 10 a.m. at the Pitcher Mountain parking lot off Route 123 in Stoddard.** Back by 2pm. For more info, contact Ben at (603) 547-2075 or bph03043@gmail.com.

Jan 21 (Sun)  Howe Reservoir Snowshoe Hike  
Join Tom Warren for a moderately strenuous, 2-mile snowshoe hike on land adjacent to Howe Reservoir. If we’re lucky, we could see mink or otter. **Meet at 1pm at the pulloff on the south side of Route 101, opposite the Monadnock Rotary sign in Dublin.** Back by 3:30 p.m. **Please RSVP to Tom Warren at (603) 563-7190 or ttwassociates@myfairpoint.net.**

Jan 27 (Sat)  Skiing the Peterborough Rail Trail  
Join Dave Butler for an easy, 3-mile out-and-back cross-country ski on the Peterborough Rail Trail. We’ll start at the Peterborough Transfer Station and ski north along the Contoocook River. Beginners are welcome. **Meet at 1pm at the Rail Trail parking area 0.2 miles down Scott Mitchell Road, off Route 202 in Peterborough.** Back by 3:30pm. For more information, contact Dave at davidlbutler@comcast.net.

Jan 28 (Sun)  Cross-Country Ski at Mountain Brook  
Join Tom Warren for a moderately strenuous, 2-mile ski along scenic Mountain Brook, which rises in Thoreau’s Bog high on Mount Monadnock. If conditions are good, we could find tracks of bobcat, deer, moose, or otter. **Meet at 1pm at the end of the plowed section of Troy Road in Dublin.** Back by 3pm. **Please RSVP to Tom Warren at ttwassociates@myfairpoint.net.**
Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

Dear Hancock Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year! We at The Grapevine have much to be thankful for as we reflect on the past year. A special thanks to those of you who donated and bid in our Annual Online Auction, helping us raise over $8,000! In addition, we thank all of you who responded to our Annual Appeal fundraiser. Individual donations make up the greatest portion of our funding, and your support makes our vast array of programs and resources possible. Special thanks to our Board members from Hancock, Matthew Ferrisi and Kathleen Robbins, each of whom are wonderful volunteers and contributors to our organization as well as Larry Schwartz for his continuation of the free tax preparation program!

Grapevine Special Programs and Events

Free Tax Preparation with Larry Schwartz of PCH Financial

Appointments will be held on Monday afternoons and evenings starting January 22nd at The Grapevine. Last year Larry extended services to 96 families through The Grapevine. As a member of our People’s Service Exchange, Larry also offers financial planning services. Contact the Grapevine to set up your tax appointment at 588-2620.

Fall Season Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center

Tabletop Game Club – Mondays 5:30 - 8pm - Play new board games, strategy games, and chess with us...With over 75 games to choose from, there's something for everyone! Chess volunteer Steve is on hand from 6-7:30 for those who want to learn chess, play a game, or improve their strategy! Open to middle and high school students!

High School Writing Club – Tuesdays 6 - 8pm - Share your writing and get feedback from other writers in our friendly, fun environment! New writers (grades 9-12) always welcome!

Middle School Writers’ Society - Tuesdays 2:15-4:15pm

Are you writing a novel? Poem? Song? Rap? A journal of your life as a top-secret juggling expert? Come share it with us! Meet local authors, and join us for fun creative writing activities, snacks, and the company of other writers and our cactus, Marvin!

Avenue A Club - Wednesdays 2:15 - 4:15pm - Open to grades 5-8! Students enjoy group activities, snacks, and free time in Avenue A’s awesome space. School bus transportation to Avenue A from GBS is available with late bus pick up. Registration forms available in the school office!

Teen Open Hours – Fridays from 6:30-9pm - Teens ages 13-18 are invited to join us for pool, foosball, Xbox games, snacks, karaoke, and all-around awesomeness!

Email avenuea@grapevinenh.org for more info about our programs. Or call The Grapevine at (603) 588-2620.

Ongoing Programming

Our Community Tool Shed is complete and it’s time to start filling it up! We've developed a wish list of specific tools for the space. If you think you might have something to offer, contact our volunteer shed coordinators: Glenn Stan at glennstan24@gmail.com or 562-5545 or Rick Edmunds at athiker@tds.net or 588-6565. Please do not drop off any tools without speaking to Rick or Glenn first. Thank you for your support and stay tuned for further details on our Community Tool Shed opening!

WEEKLY CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Please call Carol at 588-2620 to sign up for programs, or 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, Franctestown, 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/
HERE this NOW is Bringing Trauma-Informed Change to NH and Beyond

In the spring of 2017, Hancock resident Emily Read Daniels resigned her position as a Student Assistance Counselor at ConVal High School to launch a business, HERE this NOW. Doing so, she joined countless others in the trauma-informed movement sweeping across the country. When she tells others what her business is about, she is often met with blank stares. The phrases “trauma-informed” or “ACEs” doesn’t register for many. This is exactly why Daniels launched HERE this NOW.

The trauma-informed movement in health care, human services, education, corrections, and the like, reflects a significant paradigm shift in understanding determinants of health and human behavior. A landmark study published in 1998, known as the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Study revealed what many already knew – we are shaped by our early life experiences.

If you are interested in learning more, HERE this NOW has three workshops fast approaching, “Learn to Build a Trauma-Informed System (January 17-18),” “The Lonely Leader: Administrator Resilience (January 22)” and “The Resilient Caregiver (February 3-4).”

More information about workshops and Daniels can be found at www.herethisnow.org.

The ACES Connection (acesconnection.com) has been a huge resource for Daniels – so much so that she has agreed to co-manager with Jocelyn Goldblatt a new local chapter of the ACES Connection – called, “Monadnock Thrives,” which will launch on February 15, 2018 with a screening of the documentary, Resilience, at Keene State Library from 6:30-8:30pm.

Albert Duvall Quigley Scholarship Will Help Monadnock-area Students Study Art

A scholarship in the name of Albert Duvall Quigley, an artist, musician and frame-maker from Nelson, has been established at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The scholarship will provide assistance to students from the Monadnock Region who are pursuing post-secondary education in the visual arts.

Albert D. Quigley grew up in Frankfort, Maine and came to Nelson after his service in World War I. “Quig,” as he was known, quickly became an integral part of the fabric of the town and its rich history of artists and musicians as he played for contra dances, painted the region’s towns and people, and made frames to hold regional artists’ paintings. He died in 1961.

This scholarship is the result of a community effort to remember Quig’s life and honor his legacy. The first scholarships from the fund will be made in 2018, through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation’s scholarship program. Applications will open in February.

The scholarship was launched by a group of people who joined together to mount an exhibit of Quigley's work at the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene, to compose a comprehensive 184-page full-color catalogue of his work, and to create a scholarship in his memory. The Albert D. Quigley Exhibit Quigley Committee consists of artists, writers, and educators from Nelson and beyond. Generous people and businesses made donations to support the committee’s work and the scholarship fund.

For much of his life, Quig bartered his paintings: for legal services to purchase his home in Nelson, and in exchange for medical and dental services. Many of the paintings in the catalogue had been created as part of this exchange system.

Sales of the Quigley catalogue will continue to support the scholarship fund and ensure its success in helping young artists in the Monadnock Region long into the future.

The book can be purchased directly from the committee in Nelson (contact quigleyexibit@gmail.com), at the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene, and at local bookstores.
HANCOCK HAPPENINGS

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
  Thursday 9:00am to 12:00pm

**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. 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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In less than three years, Renaissance Men has paved their way into Boston’s cultural landscape with a seven-concert series, the performance of several U.S. and world premieres by internationally-celebrated composers such as Patricia Van Ness and Daniel E. Gawthrop. They have garnered a devoted following in their concerts, their broadcast live-streams, and social media outlets.

In February 2016, The Boston Globe highlighted RenMen for their groundbreaking musical retrospective, RenMen 1965, which juxtaposed traditional choral music and rock/pop songs of the year. It also included the world premiere of Five Clippings from 1965, a multi-movement work for men’s voices using texts from Boston Globe articles published in 1965, by Charles Stacy III, then a student at the Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

This is a concert that everyone will love … many styles, lots of spirit, infectious humor and true beauty. Hope you can make it!

Tickets are $20, available on-line or at the door. Students of all ages are admitted free.  Musiconnorwaypond.org