News from the Selectboard
Submitted by Erik Spitzbarth, Chairperson

APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITIONS:
Norm LeBlond, our Tax Assessor, has decided to retire this month. Todd Horton has been appointed by the BOS to fulfill the balance of Norm’s contract with Hancock. Todd brings with him the full certifications necessary for the position and has many years experience in neighboring towns. Welcome aboard Todd and best wishes in retirement Norm!

NEW HIRE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:
Officer Joe Sweeney has resigned his full-time position in the HPD. Officer Cameron Prior has been hired as a full-time officer to fill the vacant position. “Cam” comes to us with seven years prior experience in law enforcement. He was sworn in during our last board meeting. See his picture on the department Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HancockPoliceDepartment/) Welcome to the Department Cam!

MEETINGHOUSE STEEPLE REPAIRS:
As of this writing, things are in high gear for making the necessary repairs to the Meetinghouse Steeple. The required lift is on site and safety fencing is being assembled. Unavoidably, this work will coexist with the upcoming 4th of July Fireworks Celebration (July 1st) and the Woman’s Club House & Garden Tour (July 21st). All efforts will be made to minimize the aesthetics during these events. The interior facilities will remain accessible. Please respect the cordoned areas for you and your pet’s safety.

RECENT TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS:
The BOS supports the continual training opportunities for town employees. The following employee accomplishments are noted:
Bret Martin (Highway Foreman): UNH Roads Scholar Program Training Completion for: Culvert Maintainer Certification and State of NH Department of Environmental Services Water Division: Certified Culvert Maintainer.
Donald Freeman Jr. (Equipment Operator): UNH Roads Scholar Program Training Completion for Chainsaw Safety 7 Maintenance; Culvert Maintainer Certification and State of NH Department of Environmental Services Water Division: Certified Culvert Maintainer.
Eric Bourgoine (Equipment Operator) UNH Roads Scholar Program Training Completion for Chainsaw Safety 7 Maintenance
Adam Blanchette (Equipment Operator): UNH Roads Scholar Program Training Completion for Chainsaw Safety 7 Maintenance

YES, you probably saw these skills being put to use with last week’s storm and the downed trees that came with it!

COMMITTEE UPDATES:
Telecommunications Committee: We have received interest from 5 volunteers to date and will be contacting them for an upcoming organizing meeting with the Board Of Selectpersons. Many thanks for participating in this important project.

See page 3 for notices from the Town Clerk’s Office and Tax Collector’s Office
Many times, we have safety messages for the kids or young adults but let’s face it; none of us are getting any younger. This time around I would like to offer summer safety tips for the elderly. I guess that includes me. For seniors, the heat and sun can be dangerous if the proper precautions aren’t taken. Here are some great tips that the elderly, as well as their caregivers, can use to make sure they have a fun, safe summer. Most important of all, remember to drink water often. Seniors are more susceptible to dehydration than younger people. Check with your medical team to make sure any medications you are on won’t be affected by higher temperatures. Keep your cool. Seniors are much more vulnerable to the harmful effects of heat. During the summer, be particularly cautious about abnormally high body temperatures - a condition known as hyperthermia or heat stroke. Stay in touch with friends and family. Check on your neighbors and know who to call if there is an emergency. Wear light-colored and loose-fitting clothes made from natural fibers to help feel cooler and more comfortable. Rub on sunscreen, wear hats and sunglasses, and apply bug repellent. If you enjoy outdoor activities such as walking or gardening, make sure to wear the proper clothing and protective gear. It is also important to keep track of time. Do not stay out for long periods and make sure to drink even more water than usual when exercising. Also consider getting outdoor exercise earlier in the morning or later in the evening when the sun is not at its peak. If you follow these tips, there’s no reason you can’t have an enjoyable and fun-filled summer -- no matter how old you are.

It’s that time of year again – Fireworks! As parents it is our responsibility to protect and educate our children. The Safety Educator newsletter from the State of NH has a good tip about sparklers. Please know that while sparklers appear to be a safe way to celebrate many people are unaware that the sparklers’ metal stick can reach 1200 degrees. That is hot enough to melt glass and not safe for little hands to hold! Too many children have been seriously burnt from sparklers when a piece breaks off or the hot metal stick comes in contact with their eyes, body or clothing. PLEASE don’t let this happen to your child! So, while fireworks may be in season we strongly urge you to leave them to the professionals and enjoy the professional displays.

A couple of weeks ago I received a call at home from an organization that was asking for a donation. The cause sounds worthy: Please support your local firefighters (or police officers), the caller implores. And soon, you say, sure, why not? Fortunately, I had heard about (and received) these types of calls in the past. I knew our department was not currently doing any fundraising, so I asked the caller for details about the "association." He gave me some information but after I asked more questions the person on the other end of the call hung up. Your well-intentioned donation could miss its target—by a lot. Chances are the caller is not an off-duty firefighter or police officer but a paid solicitor or even a crook pretending to be affiliated with firefighters or police. Much of your donation, or even all of it, could end up in the caller’s pocket rather than helping those responsible for your neighborhood’s public safety. Only once in my long firefighting career have I ever seen our department benefit from these fundraisers and it was only a small amount of fire prevention handout material. Just because an organization claims it has local ties or works with local police or firefighters doesn’t mean contributions will be used locally or for public safety. Don’t feel intimidated about declining to give. A caller who uses intimidation tactics is likely to be a scam artist. Usually the best way to support your local fire and police department is to donate directly to either of your local departments. Remember, you can always hang up and call us directly. That way, you know every penny is going to your local firefighters or police, not to the guy who interrupted your dinner.

Speaking of support, I have a couple of notes from the Fire Department Auxiliary. Their Annual Kayak raffle is back and tickets are available. The money raised goes toward emergency equipment they feel is necessary to keep the firefighters safe as we perform our duties. I’m sure most of you also know that the Auxiliary loans out basic medical equipment many elderly citizens can use at no cost. Contact any Auxiliary member for more information. Just remember that when you are done with any items you return them so others can benefit from this program. By the way, they did lend a couple of wheel chairs that don’t seem to be around. If you know their whereabouts please let them know.

Raffle winners for the month:

$40.00 Gary Ryer
$20.00 Dale Eva
$10.00 Keegan Harris, Bob and Hope Pettigrew, William Pierce
More About Dogs, from the Town Clerk’s Office-

The fact that dog registration reminders have been sent out with motor vehicles in the past seems to have caused some confusion. Dog tag renewals are not due in your birthday month. State law requires that all dogs be properly licensed, and that all dog licenses expire on April 30 each year. Hancock assesses a late fee of $1.00 per month for each month after June 1, but failure to properly license your dog can result in even higher penalties. If your dog doesn’t have a gold tag, please come in and get one as soon as possible. If you no longer have a dog that you owned in 2015, 16, or 17, please let us know so that we can update our list.

Carolyn and Alisha

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Tax Collectors hours have been extended for the month of June:

Thursdays, 9:00am to 4:30pm

AND

Thursday, July 5th 9:00am to 5:00pm (tax due date)

After July 5th, the Tax Collector’s will go back to the regular hours of Thursdays 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Submitted by Ann Carbonneau, Tax Collector
HANCOCK WOMAN’S CLUB

Hancock Woman’s Club announces scholarship recipients:

Diane Newbury is enrolled in Rivier University in Nashua taking courses in nursing to complete her associates degree. She will be completing her degree in the spring of 2019. Diane has lived in Hancock since 1990 raising three children while working at Monadnock Community Hospital. She plans to obtain a BSN degree.

Donna Coty is currently employed at Keene State College as their nursing simulation lab coordinator. She is currently taking classes at St. Anselm University to obtain certification to become a health care simulation educator. She has lived in Hancock for 25 years and has been in the field of nursing since 1983.

Margo Swanson is a long time resident of Hancock and works in Human Services in the state of Massachusetts. She is working toward her certification in Family Mediation to become a New Hampshire certified Family Mediator.

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July 2018

Hancock Historical Society News and Events

Coming Up in July

The Historical Society’s museum will open for the summer on July 1st and will be open on Sunday afternoons through September 23rd. We hope you’ll stop in for a visit – exploring the objects and artifacts that tell the story of Hancock’s history is an entertaining way to spend a few hours.

In addition to our regular displays, 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.

The museum will also be open for the Hancock Woman’s Club Historic Homes and Summer Gardens Tour, on Saturday, July 21st.

We hope to see you at the museum this summer!

Submitted by Pat Payne
Summer has arrived, at least according to the calendar. The Guild has been busy this year with two clothing sales, the summer Ice Cream Social, the annual Holiday Craft Fair, delivering Christmas cheer baskets, hosting a visit from President Calvin Coolidge as well as the ladies from “68 Hours of Hunger”, and then assembling Easter treat bags to go home in each child’s bag. Phew, we’ve been one bunch of busy ladies!

With the calendar heralding the arrival of summer and the end of another school year, that also means that July can’t be far either. In Hancock, July means fireworks and the Guild’s annual Ice Cream Social! This year the Social will be in the Vestry Sunday, July 1st from 6 pm- 9 pm (or until we run out of ice cream). For just $5.00, you can get two scoops of ice cream, vanilla or chocolate, or perhaps you’re a wild one and prefer a scoop of each, some hot fudge, strawberries, whipped cream, jimmies, and of course a cherry on top. Each sundae is made by our “expert team” of sundae makers and are guaranteed to be served with smiles. If the weather decides to be contrary and the fireworks are postponed, the rain date will be Saturday, July 7th, same time, 6pm -9 pm.

The Ice Cream Social is typically the last event until Fall for the Guild, so we’ll be taking a brief hiatus until September. If you’re interested in joining this community-oriented group of ladies who share lots of laughter and fun, we are looking for new members who want to give back to their community with the gift of your time. We are looking for new members who want to be involved in their community, but might not know how or what is needed. We are looking for new members who have seen what we do to raise funds for the graduating seniors from Hancock and the Scholarship fund and would like to be a part of that endeavor. If any of this sounds like you, please email me at hancockguild@gmail.com and I’ll let you know how easy and fun it is to become a part of this wonderful group of ladies. Come to a meeting to check it out, maybe you’ll leave as a member!

Submitted by Darlene Tarr
Hancock Guild, President
We had a Sunday night concert to play in Syracuse, NY. Since we were split up on different jobs the night before, we all flew in separately.

One of the guys was particularly looking forward to an exceptionally luxurious flight, since he’d booked one that promised “X-7 service to Syracuse.”

When we went to pick him up at the airport he was nowhere to be found. The girl at the counter explained, “X-7 service means it doesn’t fly on Sundays.”

Celebration of Life for Eugenie Sprague

There will be an open house to celebrate the life of Genie Sprague at the Hancock Inn on July 31st from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Genie’s friends are welcome to come share their memories.
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

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing at the library. The theme this year is Libraries Rock! Grown-ups – for every book you read, you’ll get a raffle ticket to win fabulous prizes. Kids – for every hour you read you’ll get a raffle ticket for fabulous prizes. And on check out, everyone gets to add a colorful square to a mosaic we’re building. Let’s see how fast the image appears!

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 July 11th – 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. Betsy lives in Hancock with her husband Martin, dog Scout, and 5 chickens. She is a retired teacher, who loves doing yoga, gardening, and spending time on the water with family & friends. She began taking yoga classes 10+ years ago in Chicago, a great way to unwind after a busy day in the classroom. When she moved back home to Hancock, yoga continued to sustain her body, mind, and spirit. Betsy is excited to be able to offer yoga classes to her Community. *Class is by donation only. *Some of us will be taking a swim after class, as well.

Tuesday July 17th 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 Laliberte Bickford, French first-language speaker (“mais tres rouillé”), will help to keep the conversations going. “Venez tous!”

Wednesday July 18th at 7:00pm
Concert with PepperJill & Jack
Back by popular demand, the musical duo known as PepperJill & Jack (aka Stephen & Shannon O’Bent) will offer up another light-hearted and entertaining concert here at the Hancock Town Library. PepperJill & Jack is a musical act based in Seattle, WA. They debuted in March 2012 in New York City, performing in the Astoria Symphonic Choir’s spring concert, and recorded a full album of original tunes the following February. PJ&J has played throughout NYC and the Pacific Northwest in various bars, clubs and church basements, always surprising audiences with their eclectic style and instrumentation. A genre-defying duo, they blend a Cole Porter lyric sensibility with Simon & Garfunkel style duo vocal harmonies. In a typical concert you’ll hear everything from trombones to ukuleles, all used for maximum listener enjoyment. They are the current world-record holders of the title: “Most Beatles References in a Song.” You won’t want to miss this! Free and open to all.

Wednesday July 25th at 7:00pm
An Evening of Poetry & Pie with Jessy Randall
Jessy Randall is the author of the poetry collections Suicide Hotline Hold Music (Red Hen Press, 2016), There Was an Old Woman (Unicorn, 2015), Injecting Dreams into Cows (Red Hen Press, 2012) and A Day in Boyland (Ghost Road Press, 2007), a finalist for the Colorado Book Award. Randall's poems have been hung from trees, made into rock songs by garage bands, used in library advertisements, and sold in gumball machines. Her poems poetry comics, and diagram poems have appeared in Poetry, Rattle, McSweeney's, and Asimov's, and she occasionally guest-edits the online magazine Snakeskin.

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She is curator of special collections at Colorado College and lives in Colorado Springs with her family. “Funny, playful and vibrating magic from the quotidian, these poems and comics, if they don’t solve all universal riddles for you, will reintroduce wonder to your heart.”—Scott Poole, house poet for Public Radio International’s Live Wire! Free and open to all. Come for the poetry, stay for the pie, but don’t miss this one!

Friday July 27th at 7:00pm
Prose, Poetry, & Song with Charles Coe
The Hancock Town Library is pleased to announce the return of Boston poet, prose writer and singer Charles Coe, who’ll be joining us in July for two exciting literary events. On Friday, July 27th, at 7pm he’ll read selections from his poetry and prose, including a special preview of new work from his next book of poetry, The Toll Taker’s Ghost (to be published by Leapfrog Press in April, 2019.) He'll also sing a few songs a cappella, and those who've seen and heard Charles before can tell you that's a special treat. Charles Coe is author of two books of poetry and one novella. He's taught at numerous writing conferences and served as poet-in-residence at Wheaton College and the Chautauqua Institution in Western New York. He's taught in Dingle, Ireland for the Bay Path University MFA-Abroad Program and is on the faculty of Newport's Salve Regina University, teaching poetry in their new low-residency MFA Program. In 2017 Charles was a Poet-in-Residence for the city of Boston and created an exhibition of photos and interviews with residents of the Mission Hill neighborhood. That exhibition will be on view at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square main branch, through September 30th. Charles is also a singer who's performed with some of the New England's premiere jazz and classical musicians. Free and open to all. For Charles’ second literary event, keep reading…

Saturday July 28th 10:00am – 2:00pm
Writers Day Camp with Charles Coe
Do you love to write? Want to work on your writing? Join Charles Coe for his WRITERS DAY CAMP, a workshop that includes writing prompts and exercises and discussion of each others’ work. The day also includes coaching on how to read your writing in front of a group. WRITERS DAY CAMP is for both poets and prose writers. Whether you’re just getting started as a writer or you’re an experienced wordsmith looking for new ideas, this promises a day of "serious fun." Workshop fee is $50. Please register with us by July 20th call 525-4411 or email the library at hancocklibrary@comcast.net. For more information about the workshop, please contact Charles: charles52@comcast.net

From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian
A Message from Miss Jenn ~ Summer Reading is happening now at the library! There is a bulletin board in the children’s room with posters for events and the sign up folders. We will be tracking library visits with a colorful mosaic poster. For each check out you will be able to add a stick to our mosaic! Stop by the front desk to sign up for our different programs and see our progress with the mosaic.

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.

Monday July 2nd at 3:30pm 4th of July Crafts
Come make some 4th of July themed crafts! Paper fans, masks and more. This program is open to all ages. Young crafters should attend with an adult to assist them.

Every Tuesday at 2pm starting June 26th
Movie and Popcorn
Join us for an afternoon movie and snack. Check the bulletin board for the upcoming titles.

Thursdays July 5th, July 12th, July 19th and July 26th
Acro Yoga
Thursdays in July at 2pm. Join Miss Jenn and Erica Fayrie-Malone as they teach you some beginning poses. Learn to fly or to lift up others. This class requires sign up and a signed permission slip to attend. Ages 8yrs and up or permission from the instructor.

Wednesday July 11th 6pm
Family Game Night with Pizza
This is a great opportunity to come have fun and meet new friends at the library. We provide games and pizza. Sign up for pizza is required. Donations of snacks and drinks to share are appreciated.

Monday July 16th at 3:30pm Rock Painting
We will be turning our favorite rocks into rock pets! Paint and brushes will be provided. Limited number of rocks will be provided. Children are encouraged to bring a rock with them. Free and open to all.

Wednesday July 18th at 4pm Teen Chef: Dessert
We will be doing a special dessert-only version this year. Teens will be given access to a limited supply of ingredients and be given a time limit to finish their creations. What crazy desserts will they invent? This program is for ages 10-18, sign up is required.

Wednesday July 25th at 4pm Photo Booth
We will have a photo “booth” set up at the library for you to take silly photos with your friends. Photo props will be provided. Recommend use of personal camera or smartphone. This is free and open to the public.
Wednesday July 25th and August 1st at 4pm
Arduino and MaKey MaKey workshops
These workshops are designed to allow the exploration of electrical circuitry and computer programming. The workshop on the 25th will be an introductory workshop where each device will be set up to demonstrate possible uses. We will also be exploring the books available and selecting the next week’s projects. The August 1st workshop will be the construction of the selected projects and setting them up for display. All projects created will be available on August 2nd as part of an interactive display at the library.

Monday July 9th and 23rd 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!

Our Summer Reading Finale, *Wild West Mystery of the Haunted Piano*, will be on August 8th at 6pm

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Autism Services for Children
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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
From June 23 through August 1, Lone Mountain Artists will exhibit in the Daniels Room. Founded by six New Hampshire artists, Donna Allen, Evelien Bachrach-Seeger, Carole-Anne Centre, Diane Gibbons, Gundy Khouw and Martine Villalard-Bohnsack, The Lone Mountain Artists grew from the camaraderie developed in the challenging and inspirational watercolor classes taught by Evelien Bachrach-Seeger at the Sharon Arts Center. Wanting to spend more time creating art and expanding artistic horizons, a few of her students decided to pursue their training at Evelien’s studio and later, at the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

The bond and commitment strengthened and in the spring of 2007 The Lone Mountain Artists was formed.

In 2009, Maria “Mia” Mead, an accomplished artist and art instructor, was welcomed into the group. She shares her talent, inspiration and guidance with all the members.

Lone Mountain Artists added 4 more talented artists in 2012: Judy Badot, Phyllis Clark, Toni Garland and Rita Klug. During weekly painting sessions they demonstrate an enthusiastic desire to explore artistic passions, exchange ideas, techniques, show support and encouragement and celebrate friendships.

The artists share the following goals:

- continue to learn, motivate and inspire one another as we work together
- support each other in creating and exhibiting our art
- contribute to our communities

Working in a variety of media, the artists focus on different aspects of the New England landscape, with a particular emphasis on the Monadnock region. Through exhibits, they hope to promote awareness and appreciation of the beauty and vulnerability of the world we live in.

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

On July 7th, our feature will be The Lied To’s! The Lied To's are Susan Levine and Doug Kwartler, two Massachusetts-based singer-songwriters with countless individual awards, performances, tours, song placements, and writing accolades between them. They joined musical forces in 2014, released their debut CD in February 2015, and their second CD, The Lesser of Two Evils, this past May. Performing a formidable blend of urgent, gritty, folk-rock and country tinged music about negotiating relationships in the wake of difficult times and burdensome pasts, The Lied To's continue to make solid headway as an Americana duo in a very crowded Americana duo scene.

Here's what the press is saying about The Lied To's:
• "... one of the finest contemporary guy/gal duos on the scene today" - Metronome Magazine, Boston, MA
• "The tunes resonate in both Nashville country and New England folk traditions." - The Day Paper - New London, CT
• Singer-songwriter-guitarist Susan Levine and singer-songwriter-multi-instrumentalist Doug Kwartler have teamed up to create one of the finest contemporary guy/gal duos on the scene today. - Metronome Magazine
• Susan Levine has a voice somewhere between Dolly Parton and Maria Muldaur – it carries an edgy passion with a wailing “want my man” quality. - Boston Globe
• "Doug Kwartler has one of those John Mellencamp-ish, longing, honky-tonk voices that make women weak in the knees." - The Noise
• "...lyrically and musically a gentle masterpiece..." - Americana-UK

For more information, and to listen to some of their music, visit http://www.liedtomusic.com/index/

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:

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Upcoming Feature Acts
• August 4: Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards – These guys are incredible; check them out: https://www.facebook.com/MarkandRaianne/
• August 18 -- 3rd Anniversary & Old Home Days Edition: Crazy Cowz & Friends

Monthly Association Meetings
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? Our next meeting will be at 7:00 on Monday, July 9 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.
**Monadnock at Home**

We live in a beautiful place, rich in culture, friendship and a caring spirit. This caring spirit was on display in the recent NH Gives Day. Thank you to the many who took the time to donate to Monadnock at Home! We ranked 19th out 257 non-profits across the state in donations and 15th in number of donors! It is wonderful to know that so many of you believe in what we are doing for our community.

Recently, I had a conversation with a Monadnock at Home member’s daughter that reminded me once again just how vital our mission of service is. She told me how relieved she was knowing that with one phone call, her Mom would have help from wonderful volunteers and providers whenever she needed. She went on to say, “Our family is so grateful my Mom now has the support of Monadnock at Home. I was my Moms main driver until two months ago when I herniated three disks in my lower back. Presently I am unable to drive, or do anything else for that matter. The doctors think it will take 6 months to heal...so you can see you are a Godsend for my mom.” Not only are our volunteers driving her to appointments, but she is participating in MaH outings and programs, making new friends and staying active.

I’m certain the relief of knowing your loved one has help available when needed, resonates with many who know someone who could use a little extra support at home. I can tell you that the services Monadnock at Home provides are critically important to our members and our beloved Monadnock community.

Later this Summer and Fall, we will be inviting the public to attend informational sessions to learn more about how we support seniors in our community. So, whether you may be interested in membership in MaH, you’re looking for information for a relative, or you would like to volunteer with us, we hope you will join us! Stay tuned for more information! Please call us at (603) 371-0809 or email help@monadnockathome.org with any questions.

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**Monadnock Humane Society Partners with the Gallery at the Offices at Depot Square, Peterborough - An Art Exhibit Celebrating the Visual World of Animals - "Art for Animals"**

Monadnock Humane Society has partnered with the Gallery at the Offices at Depot Square and eight area artists to celebrate the visual world of animals with an exhibit - "Art for Animals." All artists involved are donating a portion of their sales during this show towards the care of the animals of MHS.

The exhibit will be on display from June 1st through August 31st and will be open for public viewing Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, from 10 am - 4:00 pm. Several events are scheduled during the 3-month exhibit and are free and open to the public, ample free parking available. (for more information on events in July and August, please visit www.shoppeterboroughnh.com/).

Eight artists have come together to showcase their distinctly unique style and perspective of their animal inspirations: Carol Laughner, Lauryn Welch, Matthew Gendron, Hannah Ellingwood, Kate O'Dell, Erica Nye, Robert H. Seaman and Karena Ness.

Monadnock Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization that serves the Monadnock Region, which includes 44 towns. MHS cares for an average of 1,400 animals each year with a staff of 28 and the help of over 800 volunteers. Its mission is to strengthen the animal-human bond by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. MHS receives no state or federal funding, and is not affiliated with any other agency or organization such as the Humane Society of the United States or the ASPCA. It is supported solely by the generosity of those in our community.
Aug 3(Fri) Easygoing 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 10 a.m. 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 kayaks100@msn.com or Lee at (603) 525-5262 or 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 with UNH Cooperative Extension. For more info, Eric Masterson at 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 Hiroshi Land. Meet at the Hiroshi trailhead on Route 137, 2.1 miles north of the gas station at the intersection of Routes 101 and 137 in Dublin. 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, 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 information, 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 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 first time. Come help the next generation of hawkwatchers soar! 9am to noon at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Susie at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.
2018 OLD HOME DAYS AUGUST 17th, 18th and 19th

It is time to dream and scheme for your talent show performance or parade float!!

We know Hancock’s got talent! The Talent Show will be Fri eve, 7:30-9:00.

For floats, 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

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.

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.

Final month to donate to the 2018 Hancock Town Library
Old Home Days book sale!!

Thanks.
Grapevine Special Programs and Events

Backyard Summer Adventures – Backyard Adventures is now full, but we are still accepting registrations for our Backyard Science Adventures for 7 to 9 year olds: July 30-August 3. Scholarships are available, so please inquire if needed.

SUMMER Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRITERS' SOCIETY*
7th and 8th graders | Tuesdays 3-5pm | July 10 - August 14
Are you writing a novel? Poem? Rap? A journal of your life as a top-secret juggling expert? Come share it with us! Enjoy fun creative writing activities, snacks, and the company of other writers!

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 judgement free zone... We even have visits from local authors and poets!

DINNER CLUB*
6th grade and up | Wednesdays 4-6:30 | July 11 - August 15 | $45 Supply Fee**
Local cooking enthusiasts will be visiting each week to teach us their favorite dinner recipe and cook it with us--then we'll eat! This program is held at the Antrim Presbyterian Church Kitchen. **Scholarships available!

PICK-UP BASKETBALL
8th grade and up | Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm | July 11 - August 15
Bring your friends, join a team, and practice your skills! Open to all skill levels! Don't forget to bring gym shoes. This program is held at the Antrim Town Gym in AES.

S.M.A.S.H* (Science Makes Awesome Stuff Happen)
6th grade and up | Thursdays 4-5:30pm | July 12 - August 16
We're turning Ave A into a science lab this summer! Join us for hands-on activities like 3D printing/design, pond water testing, and looking at stuff under microscopes! S.M.A.S.H labs will be led by local scientists, including folks from the Harris Center and New England College!

ART AT THE AVENUE*
5th grade and up | Thursdays 6-7:30pm | July 12 - August 16
We're exploring forms of visual art thru weekly workshops led by guest artists... From handmade book binding to mixed media art, there's something for everyone!

EXPRESSIVE ART
9th - 12th grade | July 23-27 from 2-4pm | $25 fee, scholarships available!
Expressive art is about process not product! It's about creativity, imagination, and playing with art! No experience necessary. We'll focus on a different project/activity each day. Carol Lunan has taught art to groups young and old--we're excited that she's teaching this for us!

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, Franeestown, 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/
Hancock Hours and Meetings
Please review your listings and correct as needed by emailing happenings@hancocknh.org

Tax Collector - Thursday 9:00am to 12:00pm
For June only Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm
& Thursday July 5th 9:00am to 5:00pm

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

Publishing Information
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Submit articles to Editor at happenings@hancocknh.org or call 903.0190 for information and rates.
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Hancock Happenings
Mission Statement
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I hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer. Understanding that clear communication is vital to a successful community, I am trying to use social media and other sources to keep the Hancock Community informed of incidents, road closures, or events that take place in our town and the immediate geographic area. I have also been using this system to post information on lost and found domestic animals and SCAM alerts. I have established a Facebook page called Hancock NH Police Department that I will be posting to on a regular basis to get the information out. I have also been using the DPW Google Groups email when I can to inform residents of important events. I am also gearing up to be able to make calls to residences and cell phone contributors through the 911 system. I am hoping that by using these avenues, we can enhance the information being distributed to our community.

We received many positive letters and communication regarding our community relations event at ConVal in May. I want to thank everyone for their support. If we can save one or more lives by doing these types of events and by having these conversations, I consider that a huge success and will continue to get the messages out.

Before joining the ConVal Substance Abuse Task Force I had never heard of “Trauma Informed” or what it meant. The more I hear, the more I believe that this is opening my eyes to the importance of understanding and considering the entire life events of people we encounter. My department will be moving more towards understanding how trauma effects the individuals we deal with which will help us better assess the situation. I look forward to knowing more.

We are going through a few changes here at the PD. Joey Sweeney has resigned and has been hired by Peterborough PD. Joey said that although he has enjoyed his time working here, he felt that he wanted a different demographic of experience. Joey will be remaining on as a Part-time officer for the department.

Fortunately, I was in the process of hiring a part-time officer at the time, which turned into a Full-time offer of employment. The candidate is highly qualified and has over 8 years of experience as a Full-time Police Officer. The candidate accepted our offer. We hired Cameron Prior to take the position. Cam started his career in Alstead as a part time officer graduating from the 258th Part-time Police Academy. He was hired the same year with the Winchester Police Department as a full-time officer. Cam is a graduate of the 154th Full-time Police Academy where he obtained the rank of Sergeant. Cam comes to us with a multitude of training and experience. Cam is a Firearms Instructor, a Field Training Officer, and has been a Drug Recognition Expert, to name a few, along with many other certifications and training.

If you see Cam around town please stop and talk to him and get to know him. I believe that he will be a very good fit for our community and will bring a lot to the town.

The State Department of Transportation will be doing a lot of work on the State Highways through our community. They plan on paving several sections of roads to include Bennington Road and Route 202. Our DPW will be around on many roads doing maintenance and we will be working with them to ensure our employees, as well as the traveling public, remains safe. I continue to try to educate motorists on the need for safety for emergency service workers, Highway workers, and Tow truck operators. Please be mindful of the ‘Move Over” law.

Andrew M. Wood, Chief of Police
One hour, once a week, can improve the life of a young child!

The Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center is gearing up for another exciting year in the America Reads program! Men and women, ages 55+, are invited to consider becoming an America Reads volunteer to help children struggling with reading. Volunteers will engage children in grades pre-K through 3rd grade in literacy activities and one-on-one reading time. The commitment is for one hour, once a week, during the school year.

We anticipate needing to fill volunteer positions at the following America Reads sites for the 2018-19 school year: Francestown, Marlborough, Troy, Drewville Head Start, and Swanzey Head Start. Volunteers complete an interview and application process and undergo criminal background and reference checks. In addition, mandatory training will be offered on the following dates this fall. Volunteers only need to attend one training session.

In Peterborough: Wednesday, September 19th from Noon – 4:30 pm
In Keene: Tuesday, September 25th from 9am – 2 pm

To find out more, contact the Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center at 603-357-6893 or send an email to rsvp@mfs.org. Monadnock RSVP is a program of Monadnock Family Services, a Monadnock United Way Agency.

New Hampshire Fish and Game's Barry Camp Receives $6,100 Donation

CONCORD, N.H. – The local chapter of a relatively new Canadian organization has donated $6,100 to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Barry Conservation Camp. The organization was originally founded by Jason Mosher of Prince Edward Island and has already given away more than $50,000.

At each quarterly meeting, members contribute $100 apiece then vote on one of three causes to give the money to. The nonprofit with the most votes takes the donation for that meeting.

"I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the group," said Fish and Game Marketing and Promotion Coordinator Mark Beauchesne. "Some members even contributed additional funds. We are currently in the process of expanding the dining hall which also serves as class room space at Barry Camp and this money will go toward purchasing the furniture and fixtures."

Barry Camp is operated by Fish and Game in partnership with 4-H through UNH Cooperative Extension. Programs include education in the shooting sports, hunting, fishing, camping, and other outdoor skills. Barry Conservation Camp is in the White Mountain National Forest on the grounds of the Berlin Fish Hatchery. To learn more about the camp, visit www.wildnh.com/barrycamp.

For more information about the organization, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GWGASNH/.
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.
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www.hancockwomansclub.org
TICKETS ARE $20 IN ADVANCE; $25 ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR

5 Homes Dating from late 18th to early 19th centuries  See how their historic grace and charm have been retained while being thoughtfully updated for modern living.  10:00AM - 4:00PM

6 Distinctive Gardens in Various Styles  Appreciate the beauty of each unique design from traditional English to ones attracting Pollinators.  10:00AM - 4:00PM

Margaret Hensel, noted gardener & landscape designer and author  Hear her speak, on-site at one of the tour’s gardens, on “Creating the Cottage Style” at 11:00 AM and 2:00PM.

The Hancock Historical Society  Learn about its recently completed major restoration and improvement project from members who are there to meet you and answer your questions. While there tour the Museum and take in their extensive collection. Donations are welcome.  10:00AM - 2:00PM

The Hancock Meetinghouse  Meet members of the Restoration Committee who are on hand to greet you and share their experiences of preserving this newly restored icon of quintessential New England village.  10:00AM - 4:00PM

The Hancock Inn & Fox Tavern  Unwind with a glass of wine and savory morsels at New Hampshire's oldest inn, circa 1789. Advance tickets $15, day of Tour $20.  2:00PM - 4:00PM

Craft Boutique  In the Meetinghouse. See an array of one-of-kind creations by many area artisans and crafters for sale at a variety of price points.  9:30AM - 4:00PM

Complimentary Bottled Water Station  In the Meetinghouse.  9:30AM - 4:00PM

On the Town Green:

Tour Check-In and Information  Make this your first stop to pick up your tour booklet & map.  9:30AM - 4:00PM

Lunch on the Green  Bring your own picnic or purchase, for $15 in advance, a boxed lunch with a wrap sandwich, side salad & cookie.  11:30AM - 1:30PM

Music  Listen to live performances on the green.  11:30AM - 1:30PM.

Shakespearean Scenes  Watch Actors from Project Shakespeare on the Green.  12:30.
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