News from the Selectboard
Submitted by Erik Spitzbarth, Chairperson

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We have immediate openings in three committees at the moment. Two are standing event work committees that are well documented with defined activities and checklists. The third is a new activity to Hancock.

Old Home Days Committee. The country’s oldest standing event (130+ years) is revving up for another weekend for the record books this August. Melody Russell and Mandy Whicker are looking for a third member (three year term) to carry on the tradition. Please contact Jonathan Coyne (525-4441 or townadmin@hancocknh.org) with your interest.

Fireworks Committee. Hancock has another long tradition for providing a “show of shows” in July. This year’s date is Sunday July 1st. Harry Pollack has done an excellent job of creating a complete checklist of “time line to do’s” making the transition of leadership straight forward. Unfortunately Harry is out of the country for the event this year and not available. This is an IMMEDIATE NEED for a volunteer to head this up. Although this years show is paid for, the required fund raising for this July’s event determines the viability for next years show. Support volunteers are available to assist, but a leader is needed to take the reins. Please contact Jonathan Coyne (townadmin@hancocknh.org or 525-4441) with your interest.

Telecommunications Committee: This will be a newly formed committee responding to the recent Planning Board Master Plan and Visioning activities. The top two issues brought forward by Hancock residents were Broadband and Cell Service access. The following are guiding statements for the committee.

Mission Statement

The Hancock Telecommunications Committee (HTC), as a duly authorized subcommittee of the Hancock Selectboard, is tasked to research, investigate, evaluate, and report on technologies and infrastructure improvements that bring a high standard of broadband and cell service throughout the community at competitive costs; allowing each resident the opportunity to fully participate in these state-of-the-art utilities.

Telecommunications Vision Statement (Hancock)

Hancock is a safe and tranquil community; committed to historical preservation, land protection & education, that provides its residents 21st century telecommunication opportunities making it a high tech balance of global connection and rural living.

Please contact Jonathan Coyne (525-4441 or townadmin@hancocknh.org) with your interest in participating on this committee.

Tax Collector hours for the month of June and July 5th have been extended. See page 3 for details.
The summer season is finally here. As soon as we think summer we think of all the outside activities we can participate in. Just remember, your friends and family at the Fire Department want you to stay safe. I have a couple of items that need to be stored in your brain that is now in a relaxing mode.

The first, and one of the most important, is Water Safety. We are so lucky to have the many lakes and ponds around Hancock. I’m sure many of you even know someone with a pool at home. Although this section is about children, some of the tips are for the adults, too. Never leave your child unattended around water. We know it sounds strict, but there is no room for compromise on this one. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water. Put the cell phone away (you know who you are), forget about all the other things you have to do and give young children 100 percent of your attention when they are near or around water.

- Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.
- Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child’s life to another child. Teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Maintain constant supervision.
- If you have a pool, secure it with appropriate barriers.
- When using inflatable/portable pools, buckets and water activity tables remember to empty them immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children’s reach. These types of items can pose as a drowning risk.

Avoid heatstroke by remembering to ACT. Babies and young kids can sometimes sleep so peacefully that we forget they are even there. It can also be tempting to leave a baby alone in a car while we quickly run into the store. The problem is that leaving a child alone in a car can lead to serious injury or death from heatstroke. Young children are particularly at risk, as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult’s. These tragedies are completely preventable. Here’s how we can all work together to keep kids safe from heatstroke.

**TOP TIPS: Reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to ACT.**

A: **Avoid** heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you’re not in it so kids don’t get in on their own.

C: **Create** reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you’re not following your normal routine.

T: **Take** action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life. Think about this now. These scenarios can also relate to older folks. You never know how an elderly person might cope with a hot vehicle.

This last month we had a pretty serious motor vehicle accident and another not so serious accident. None of these occupants were wearing their seat belt! During my 40+ years in the fire and rescue service it amazes me, no it baffles me, that there are still drivers and passengers out there that do not buckle up. Now don’t start telling me that you know someone who is alive today because they didn’t have their seat-belt on. I’ve heard it all and I am not impressed. I even had someone say that if they were going to get into an accident they would quickly buckle up. I can only tell you what I have seen. Many, many times we have responded to a serious crash only to have the occupants walk away because they were belted in. You have a much better chance of surviving inside the vehicle than being tossed out and bouncing along the road and the brush or even hitting a rock or a tree. Believe me – it’s not a pretty sight. Please don’t be one of those we have to work our behind off to keep alive. Instead be one of those we can talk to and enjoy being with well after an accident.

Raffle winners for the month were:
- $40 Edward Kokoske
- $20 Mike Cass
- $10 Susanna Toumanoff, Lynne Way, Sandra Jackson
Memorial Day Activities

Sunday, May 27th at 12 noon
Brief ceremony to honor veterans at Hillside Cemetery

Monday, May 28th Memorial Day
1:30: Parade assembles on School Street
2:00: Parade sets out for Main Street and Norway Plains Cemetery

Bob Fogg will be the parade commander

The Great Brook School band under the direction of Jahna Moncrief will play. Rev. Judith Copeland of the Hancock Congregational Church will offer prayers at the Norway Plains and then the Pine Ridge Cemeteries.

To request a ride, or for more information please
Hank Drury, 525-3375 or Ken Davis, 525-3505

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS
Tax Collectors hours have been extended for the month of June:
Thursdays, 9:00am to 4:30

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

The Hancock Inn
INNKEEPERS’ SUNDAY SUPPER
June 2018
THE 3RD
Cream of Asparagus Soup
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Blancmange

THE 10TH
Melon and Mozzarella Brochettes
Onion Tart w/ Arugula Salad
Strawberries & Wine Sundae

THE 17TH | FATHER’S DAY
House Made Chips and Dip
Country-Style BBQ Pork Ribs potato salad and coleslaw
Ice Cream Cake

THE 24TH
Green Bean Salad
Fish Tacos
Blueberry Cobbler

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**HANCOCK WOMAN’S CLUB**

The Hancock Woman’s Club final meeting was on May 9th at the Hancock Inn. The Innkeepers hosted a wonderful luncheon with some very delicious entrées and desert.

In addition to our monthly meetings, it’s been a very busy year starting in July of 2017 with a private tour at Distant Hill Garden in Walpole, NH, an environmental and horticultural center. About 20 women joined the tour of the gardens and enjoyed a picnic lunch on the beautiful grounds.

In September we enjoyed a Garden Party hosted at Sonja Mucha’s home. It was a beautiful, sunny day and many attended, members as well as guests.

November is an important month as we created Canvas Tote Bags depicting Hancock buildings on them and sold them throughout the community and at the Holiday Craft Fair at the Meeting House. All proceeds went into our Charitable Giving Account.

Each year in November we distribute donations to eight or so organizations in the surrounding area. This is truly an important mission for the Woman’s Club and our fundraising throughout the year is instrumental in this endeavor. December is always a fun meeting with our “Holiday” luncheon. It’s always a “potluck” event and this year we were pleased to have Bob Pettegrew play holiday music on the piano.

In February we hosted an “Art and Wine Party” which was open to the public. Barbara Danser, one of our members, taught a painting class for 20 women while we snacked on cheese and had a glass of wine. We learned a lot from Barbara and each of our paintings were truly wonderful. It was a fun time and we look forward to doing it again this coming fall.

We sponsored a NH Red Cross Blood Drive at the Vestry in March and we sponsored the Hancock Community Supper in April. As always, we offered up delicious homemade food by our members and a fun time was had by all.

June is the month we will distribute our “Scholarship” to an adult Hancock woman that is in mid-career who plan to continue their education, update their training, or enter a new field.

July will bring our Historic Homes and Summer Gardens tour on Saturday the 21st. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event!!

*Respectfully submitted by Sara LeFebvre*

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**Hancock Historical Society News and Events**

The month of May saw two popular Historical Society events: Dale Russell’s talk about local train history on May 10th, which we co-sponsored with the Hancock Town Library and the Hancock Depot Association, and our annual plant sale on May 19th.

So many people were eager to hear Dale speak that the Daniels Room at the library was standing room only! Dale was an engaging speaker and we look forward to having him back to Hancock to speak again in the future.

Turnout was also good for the plant sale, despite the threat of rain that day. Thank you to everyone who donated to the sale – and to all those who purchased plants and baked goods. This is a major fundraiser for the society and we truly appreciate your support. A special ‘thank you’ goes to gardener Wayan Suarni, who was on hand at the sale to offer advice and answer questions.

In June, we will be preparing for our museum to open in early July with an expanded World War I exhibit. The museum will be open Sundays from 2-4 pm for July and August, and probably into the fall as well. We hope you will stop in to visit – exploring both the World War I exhibit and our permanent collections are an interesting way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

*Submitted by Pat Payne*
Finally, spring feels like it has arrived with the scents of blooming flowers filling the air and warmer temperatures arriving. It none too soon as summer is now just around the corner. The Guild recently held its year end banquet at the Toll Booth Tavern in Francestown and it was a pleasant evening spent catching up with old friends and wrapping up some of the years’ business.

We’ve received several applications for scholarships from graduating seniors living in Hancock and awards will be going out soon. So much of our fundraising efforts go directly towards helping this next generation reach their goals and realize their dreams.

Our next fundraising event is on the near horizon, and it is always a popular local happening. The Guild’s semi-annual clothing sale is June 8th and 9th. All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly into our scholarship fund for ConVal graduating seniors from Hancock.

Also coming up for The Guild is our annual Ice Cream Social, currently scheduled for July 1st. Come for a delicious ice cream sundae “made to order” with delicious toppings of hot fudge, strawberries, whipped cream, jimmies (or sprinkles if you’re not from around here), and of course a cherry on top. Find a spot outside to enjoy your concoction, visit with friends, and stay for a wonderful fireworks display over Norway Pond. What better way to start the summer?

If you or someone you know is a crafter looking for a venue to sell your wares, keep us in mind. The Guild Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, November 3rd and we are always open to new crafters. If interested, please mail hancockguild@gmail.com.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr
Hancock Guild, President

Hancock Guild
Clothing Sale
(Gently used Spring & Summer Clothing)

Clothing Drop-off Times
at Hancock Meetinghouse- Main St
Accepting donations of gently used men's, women's, tween's, and children's clothing, footwear, outerwear, hats, scarves, bags/purses, socks, linens, blankets

Tuesday, June 5th through
Thursday June 7th
2:00-4:00pm
6:00-7:30pm

Clothing Sale Times
Friday, June 8th from 1:00-5:00pm
Sat., June 9th from 8:00am-1:00pm
Bag Sale from 12:00-1:00

PROCEEDS FROM THIS GUILD
FUND-RAISER GO TO THE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR
GRADUATING HANCOCK SENIORS
We are pleased to announce that some local people have stepped up to take over the Hancock Community Supper program. It will be led by Bradford Volz and assisted by Mark Goranson, Kyla Ward, Debbie Greeley and Kim Lord. We welcome them to this great community service. The next Community Supper will be on June 28th at 5:30pm and will be hosted by the Addiction Recovery Coalition of New Hampshire. Thank you to the Hancock Elementary School who hosted the May Community Supper; as usual they presented a great feast and equally great social environment.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank those who were involved with our committee the past 2 ½ years: A special shout out goes to Grant Nigh, Barri Wyma, Barbara Schweigert, and Melissa Gallagher, thank you for all your help.

Sincerely, Mike and Carol Domingue

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Hancock Old Home Days are on the Horizon!

Save the weekend of August 17th, 18th & 19th for this year’s festivities. The theme this year will be: Water is Life: Norway Pond as the Heart of Hancock. Start scheming—make your floats, costumes, dreams for the day!

The committee has started to meet. We welcome ideas, suggestions and involvement. Please be in touch if you would like to share your ideas and be involved this year. Each year we love to have new additions to the activities, it takes a village after all!

Starting in June, we will be meeting every Monday, at 3:30 at Fiddleheads.
Mandy Whicker: email- mjwhicker15@hotmail.com, 831-9436
Sarah Laeng-Gilliatt: email- mainstcheese@gmail.com, 525-3300

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.
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
Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm

New Carpet! The third and final section for new carpeting is happening now! We’re very excited that the YA & Children’s Rooms are getting new carpet installed. The library will be closed to the public the week of Memorial Day and reopen on Saturday June 2nd. The Children’s Room will continue to be closed until June 11th when we will reopen with full services and brand new carpet. During that time there will be no access to public computers though there will still be open wifi 24/7. Please consider making a donation of $20 to sponsor a carpet tile in your (or a friend/family member’s) name and help us defray the cost! A great Father’s Day gift!!

Tuesday June 12th at 6:00pm
State Representative Jon Manley
Join Rep. Manley as he updates his constituents on what’s going on at the statehouse in Concord. Rep. Manley represents Bennington, Greenfield, and Hancock. All are welcome.

Thursday June 14th at 7:00pm
Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Jack Davis
*The Gulf: The Making of An American Sea*
Come hear Jack Davis talk about his book, *The Gulf: The Making of An American Sea*, which won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for History. It was also a *New York Times* Notable Book for 2017, a *Washington Post* Best Book for 2017, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for nonfiction, and winner of the 2017 Kirkus Prize for nonfiction. The book is a sweeping history from geological formation to the present of how the Gulf of Mexico converged with human life around it. The New York Times writes about the book, “Davis has written a beautiful homage to a neglected sea, a lyrical paean to its remaining estuaries and marshes, and a marvelous mash-up of human and environmental history.” Jack Davis is an author and professor of history at the University of Florida where he teaches environmental history and sustainability studies. He divides the seasons between two “villes”: Gainesville, Florida, and Harrisville, New Hampshire. Free and open to all.

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

**Thursdays at 10:30am Family Storytime**
Every Thursday we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement! Children of all ages and the caregivers are welcome.
There will be no storytime on May 31st or June 7th due to carpet installation.

**Monday June 11th and June 25th 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!

**Summer Reading Programming starts June 25th!**
We have lots of fun programs planned throughout the summer. We will be giving out raffle tickets for hours read and keeping track of library visits with a colorful mosaic poster. Stop by the front desk to sign up for our different programs and see our progress with the mosaic.

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

**Wednesday June 27th at 6pm**
**Summer Reading Kick-Off**
**Animals with Bad Reputations (LIVE animals!)**
Can you think of any conflicts wildlife have with people? The public image of some animals is often inaccurate and can result in negative attitudes. A Squam Lakes Science Center naturalist will introduce you to three live animals that have a bad "rep" and help you consider the good side of these wild neighbors.

**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.

**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.
Another “Tale From Home” at www.herb-gardner.com

In the 1980s Cadillac made a compact car called the Cimmaron. My neighbor was very proud of his, but when his brother-in-law from Brooklyn came up to visit he said, “That’s your new Cadillac? Where’s the rest of it?”

To place an ad, email is the best way: happenings@hancocknh.org or call 603.903.0190
ConVal Elementary School Field Day 2018 - Looking for Donations and Sponsors

On Tuesday, June 5th, the students, staff and parent volunteers from the Conval Elementary schools of Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Temple and Antrim will all come together for a joint field day at Conval High School. Physical Education and Health teachers Derek Castor, Kevin Morneault, and Elsa Johnson, have planned this great day with help from the school PTOs and staff members. There will be over 500 students participating along with over 100 staff and volunteers. The first three years of the event have been a huge success and we hope that our 2018 Field Day will be the most successful yet.

All students from each school will be receiving a Field Day t-shirt to wear at the event and bring home afterward. We will greatly appreciate any and all donations and are welcoming families, community members, and other businesses to donate any amount which they feel comfortable contributing in order to help fund this annual event for our local children.

If you are interested in donating any amount to this event, please send your donation to the Hancock PTO at:

Hancock Elementary School
ATTENTION: Laura Akerley
10 Elementary Lane
Hancock, NH 03449

If you have any questions for our Field Day Planning team, including information about donating and sponsoring, we can be contacted by email at dcastor@conval.edu (Derek Castor), or at kmorneault@conval.edu (Kevin Morneault).

Thank you so much for your support in helping to provide our local students with a fun, exciting, and valuable experience that they will remember for years to come!

HES PTO
Donations Needed...
Spring cleaning?

We are in need of clean, sellable items to be donated to the Hancock Elementary School PTO. Books, toys, housewares, bric-a-brac.... All proceeds from the sale of these items will directly benefit HES children.

Items can be dropped off at 16 Carriage Hill in Hancock, anytime but no later than June 10th . Pick-up may also be arranged. Please call Megan Dodge @ 525.9465 with any question or to arrange a small pickup.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.
The sale will take place Saturday, June 16th at the Union Congregational Church, 33 Concord Street, Peterborough at Kiwanis Club Spring Yard Sale.
YARD SALE
SAT., JUNE 9, 8AM–NOON
MAIN STREET, HANCOCK
$5 Bag Sale 11–12
Everything is FREE after Noon

YARD SALE DROP-OFF: Thu., June 7, 5-7PM  Fri., June 8, 2-7 PM
CONTACT: Sue Shute / 924-7898  Jane Richards-Jones / 525-4485
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2018 SCHEDULE
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We are a league of skaters and community members dedicated to the sport and spirit of roller derby.
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another to be our best, because none of us is alone, and create a safe, supportive space for all
members to learn, grow, and smash their fears. Monadnock Roller Derby is a registered 501C3 nonprofit.
For more info: contact@monadnockrollerderby.com
The Hancock Town Library is the first of many venues for “Text & Textiles” which is on exhibit in the Daniels Room through June 20th. The show represents eleven collaborations between poets invited by Alice B. Fogel, the poet laureate of New Hampshire, and artists from the Women’s Caucus for Art, NH Chapter. The exhibit is scheduled to be seen at the following libraries: Portsmouth in July, Moultonborough in August, Plymouth in November and December, and Newport in February, 2019. The Medallion Opera House in Gorham will host the show in September. For more information, go to http://www.wcanh.org/text-and-textiles/.

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.

Both shows 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.
On June 2nd, the Hancock Depot Cabaret will feature Sugarbush Road, a local favorite. Come out and experience their tight harmonies, excellent musicianship, and diverse repertoire of folk, rock, and Americana songs!

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
· July 7: The Lied To’s – Just don’t miss them … give them a listen: https://www.facebook.com/liedtomusic/
· August 4: Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards – These guys are incredible; check them out: https://www.facebook.com/MarkandRaianne/

Monthly Association Meetings & Cleanup/Painting Day!
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? Our next meeting will be at 7:00 on Monday, June 18 in the Depot. If you’d like to help out with planning, events, cleanup days, etc., feel free to join us!

AND, speaking of cleanup days, we will be meeting at 10:00am at the Depot on Saturday, June 16th for “Painting Day” (weather permitting). If you want to help scrape, prime, and/or paint, join us! We’ll provide grillin’ grub and drinks! Please RSVP to David Young by calling 603-525-3085 or sending a note to the Depot Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/hancockdepotcabaret/

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.
We are thankful that so many of you attended our community events that took place over the last couple of months! These events help us raise awareness of the important work we do supporting those age 62 and over in their homes and communities. Much of the work we do is through our dedicated volunteers. The volunteer work is very flexible and volunteers can choose to donate as little or as much time as they wish. We are actively looking for more volunteers! Friendly check-in calls, grocery delivery from Roy’s Market, and helping with the little things around the house, such as installing air conditioners and window screens and changing batteries in smoke detectors are some of the examples of the ways you could lend a hand. Send us an email at help@monadnockathome.org or call us at 371-0809 if you have a little time to give!

We are also busy gearing up for the state wide 24-hour period of giving known as NH Gives! NH Gives starts at 6pm June 6th and goes through 6pm on June 7th.

NH Gives – an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits – is designed to bring the state together as one community, raising as much money and awareness as possible for NH’s nonprofits within a 24-hour, flash-mob of giving.

As a nonprofit, a community day of giving such as this one is important to not only help us raise much needed funds, but also spread awareness about our services and how we can help seniors in our region.

Many give generously to MaH throughout the year and we are very grateful. This 24-hour giving day will be a chance for you to come together to show your support for seniors in your community.

If you would like to support us during the 24-hours of giving, go to www.nhgives.org and search for Monadnock at Home! Our NH Gives page highlights just how your gift can make a difference. Thank you!

Monadnock at Home is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) serving seniors in ten towns in our region, providing them with the support and practical means to live and thrive in their homes and communities. www.monadnockathome.org.

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**Do you suffer from anxiety? Are you tired all the time? It’s not you... It’s your BRAIN!**

**FREE INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR**

**Wednesday, June 13th, 1:00 pm or Thursday, June 14th, 6:00 pm**

Learn about a highly effective and natural alternative for those struggling with Anxiety, Weight gain, Addictions, Insomnia, and other neurological disorders.

**Seating is limited RSVP today!**

(603)371-9400

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Dr. Stephanie J Clark
Back to Life, LLC
3 Elmwood Rd • Hancock, NH
June 1 (Fri)  Morning Paddle on Powder Mill Pond
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a 2-hour paddle on Powder Mill Pond in Hancock, followed by lunch on a lakeside porch out of reach of the black flies. Bring lunch, and meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough. Back by 2 p.m. For more info, contact Lee at (603) 525-5262, snowman3137@gmail.com or Rich at (603) 827-4105, kayaks100@msn.com.

Shinrin-yoku (Forest Bathing) Fridays, June 1, 8, and 15
10 to 11:15 a.m. at the Harris Center
$35 for Harris Center members / $55 for nonmembers
Shinrin-yoku, also known as Forest Bathing, is gaining popularity in the US after being practiced in Japan for decades. Through yoga poses, deep breathing, and quiet sensory observations, our revitalizing Shinrin-yoku mornings will help you catch your breath, slow down, and find solace in nature. These gentle explorations of the trails and hidden courtyards of the Harris Center will wake up your senses and give you a chance to reconnect to the natural world and to yourself. Instructors Marilyn Wyzga and Susie Spikol Faber have been Forest Bathing since before they could walk. **Space is limited and registration is required.** For more info or to register, contact Sara at (603) 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

June 1 (Fri)  An Introduction to the Hancock Bobcat Den Project
Using trail cameras and tracking, Dallas Huggins and Eric Aldrich have spent the last few years following in the footsteps of local bobcats. Their in-depth observations have given them rare insight into the lives of these elusive creatures. In this enlightening talk, Dallas and Eric will share some of their discoveries, along with bobcat images, video, and audio recorded right here in the SuperSanctuary. **From 7 to 8 pm at the Harris Center.** For more info, contact Dallas dallas.a.huggins@gmail.com or Eric ericadine@gmail.com.

June 7 (Thu)  Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow
Thursdays, June 7, 14, and 21 10 to 11am Harris Center
Free of charge
Come out, come out babes-in-arms, into the fair June air! Join us for three morning rambles around the wild edges and forests of the Harris Center. Bring your babies in front packs, backpacks, wraps, and slings, to help us search for birds that sing. Bring your toddlers too, to seek out butterflies, frogs, and salamanders under logs. For more info, contact Susie Spikol Faber at spikol@harriscenetr.org.

June 8 (Fri)  ESI Course: Railroads and Rail Trails of Hancock and Harrisville Fridays, June 8, 15, and 22
June 8 • 1 to 2 p.m. at the Harris Center
June 15 • 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Hancock Depot and Elmwood Station
$40 for Harris Center members / $60 for nonmembers
Join us for a very special exploration of our local railroad history. On June 8, Alan Rumrill of the Historical Society of Cheshire County will use historic photographs and records to paint a picture of the vital role the local rail system played in the Monadnock Region, with a special focus on railroads in Hancock and Harrisville. On June 15 and 22, we’ll carpool to various sites to see the remnants of this history firsthand and to explore the new ways these old byways are now being enjoyed. **Space is limited and registration is required.** Cosponsored with the Historical Society of Cheshire County. For more info or to register, contact Sara at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenetr.org.

June 9 (Sat)  Hiking through Grief
Hiking in the healing presence of nature provides a unique and meaningful way to work through grief. This group offers a way to connect with others in a safe, supportive setting, and is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, the end of a relationship, life transitions, or environmental loss. Sandy Morgan will facilitate these easy to moderately strenuous hikes, which will all take place on Harris Center trails. **Meet in the Harris Center parking area at 10 a.m. Back by noon.** **Registration is required.** For more information or to register, contact Sara LeFebvre at lefebvre@harriscenetr.org.

June 15 (Fri)  Spiders of New England
7 to 8:30 p.m. (free and open to the public)
Saturday, June 16 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (by registration)
Harris Center and surrounding grounds
$40 for Harris Center members / $60 for nonmembers
Join Keene State College professor of biology and spider researcher Dr. Karen Cangialosi for an introduction to New England spiders. On Friday night, she’ll present an indoor overview of our local spider species. On Saturday, we’ll dig deeper, with ample field exploration and a look at spiders as model organisms for studying questions of behavioral ecology. This short course will help you develop a new understanding of, and appreciation for, the valuable role spiders play in our local ecosystems. The Friday evening talk is open to all, but the Saturday session is by registration only. Instructor Dr. Karen Cangialosi is a professor in the Biology Department of Keene State College, where she teaches a wide variety of courses from Ecology to Animal Behavior. **Space is limited and registration is required.** For more info or to register, contact Sara at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenetr.org.
June 21 (Thu) Summer Solstice Concert w/ Steve Shuch
Fusing Celtic/Folk roots with a storyteller’s heart and humor, Steve Schuch’s artistry touches people on many levels. Haunting violin and loon calls, tales of mud season and black flies in all their glory, irrepressible singing and audience harmonies are all part of his wide-ranging repertoire. Critics have praised Steve’s “warmth and storytelling magic.” Credits include a Grammy nomination, PBS soundtracks, and five National Book Awards for his musical story, A Symphony of Whales. Steve has performed and recorded with folk legend Pete Seeger, Windham Hill’s Will Ackerman, storyteller Odds Bodkin, and his own Celtic ensemble, The Night Heron Consort. For sound samples and more, visit NightHeron.com. You don’t want to miss this free concert! **7pm at the Harris Center.** Brought to you by the Harris Center, the Hancock Town Library, and a generous private donor. For more info, contact Sara LaFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

June 23 (Sat) Landscaping at the Water’s Edge
Join Cathy Neal and Jason Aube for an introduction to landscaping on shorefront properties. You’ll learn best practices for enhancing your yard while also protecting water quality in our lakes, streams, and rivers. Cathy Neal is an Extension Professor and state specialist in landscape horticulture for UNH Cooperative Extension. She’s also the author of Landscaping at the Water’s Edge: A Manual for New Hampshire Landowners, which will be available for purchase. Jason Aube is with the DES Shoreland Program and will be able to answer questions about the regulatory aspects of shorefront development. **9 to 11am at the Harris Center.** Cosponsored by the Harris Center and the UNH Cooperative Extension. For more info, contact Eric Masterson at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.

MHS Announces the 16th Annual Hair Ball Gala Held on June 16th
This Year’s Theme - MISSION:PAWSible!
Monadnock Humane Society will hold its 16th Annual Hair Ball – MISSION: PAWSible! – on Saturday, June 16th at the Keene Country Club in Keene to benefit the shelter animals and to support the many programs and services MHS offers to the community.

This year’s MISSION: PAWSible! theme appeals to the imagination of all age groups, given the long history and popularity of "Mission Impossible" and the entire spy genre. Guests are encouraged (but not required) to wear secret agent attire or black tie if they choose!

Tickets for the Hair Ball are $75 per person. Guests will enjoy high end hors d’oeuvres, signature drinks, live string music, an amazing auction experience, delicious desserts and dancing - all done in an elegant and exciting “secret agent” atmosphere. Tickets may be purchased on our website at (www.monadnockhumanesociety.org) or by phone - 603.352.9011, ext. 107, Annie Fernandez. Individual tickets and/or tables of 8 or 10 may be purchased. Tax receipts are available for the amount allowable by law.

**EVENING PROGRAM:**
6:00 - 7:00 p    Cocktail Hour with Live Music by **Suite Occasions**!
6:00 - 7:30p    Silent Auction
7:00 - 7:30p    MHS Evening Program
7:30 - 8:00p    Live Auction Featuring **Daryl Pelletier**!
8:00 - 8:05p    Closing Remarks
8:05 - 10:00p    Hit The Dance Floor with DJ **Jana Blake**!
Thank you to everyone who walked, volunteered, and pledged for our 14th Annual Spring Walk for Families! As of this writing, we have raised over $8,000 and counting…!

Grapevine Special Programs and Events

Black Fly Community Art Show, Saturday, June 2nd 10:00-12:00
Our popular annual art show features multi-media art by local children and youth, community and family art activities, and more. If you have art you would like to show, please call Carol 588-2620.

Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope
Wednesday, June 6th, from 7 – 9 p.m. at Antrim Town Hall
Join us for this FREE screening of Resilience, a film that looks at toxic stress and brain development in childhood, and the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). Co-sponsored by Be the Change Behavioral Health Task Force, the Antrim HOPE Initiative, The Grapevine and Monadnock Thrives New Hampshire. Film followed by a panel discussion moderated by Emily Read Daniels.

Learning Vine Yard Sale, Saturday June 16th, 8:00 to 12:00
Grapevine parents are collecting new and gently-used items for the annual Learning Vine yard sale. All proceeds support the Learning Vine preschool and make it possible to provide financial assistance. Call Carol if you have a donation.

Grand Opening of the Grapevine Community Tool Shed - Saturday, June 16th at 11am. Come see the big reveal of our Grapevine Community Tool Shed. A dedication ceremony will take place followed by an introduction to our shed, information on borrowing tools and equipment and family friendly “make a box” project. Mark your calendars!
Do You Have Time Now and Then to Give Someone A Ride?

The Community Volunteer Transportation Company, or CVTC, is looking for more people to become part of our volunteer driver team, especially in the towns of Keene, Swanzey, Troy, Langdon, Marlborough, Francestown, Antrim and Temple. Do you have time on your hands?

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.

Our volunteers contribute to the health, wellness, dignity and independence for all we serve. Please join us. It’s easy and most rewarding.

Give CVTC a call today at 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5. for more information.

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.

Collection for Refugee Families
Arriving this year in NH’s larger cities.

Gently used items—CLEAN and in working order:
- Sheets, linens, comforters/blankets (queen, full, twin)
- Towels, wash clothes, shower curtain with rings
- Silverware, plates, bowls, cups, glasses
- Sauce pans, stock pots, frying pans, baking dishes
- Sets of mixing/serving bowls, cooking utensils
- Mops, brooms, vacuum cleaners, rug sweepers
- Alarm clocks, lamps, light bulbs, wastebaskets, laundry baskets
- Pack ‘n plays for babies

NEW household/personal items:
- Dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, sponges, bathroom and kitchen cleansers
- Soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Diapers, sanitary napkins
- Pens, paper, scissors

In conjunction with our Yard Sale on June 9, 2018.

DONATION DROP-OFF: June 7–9 at Hancock Vestry (upstairs)
Thurs. 5-7PM — Fri. 2-7 PM — Sat. 8-Noon

QUESTIONS, please call: Kathy Anderson / 603-525-4909

SPONSORED BY FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANCOCK
**LIGHTS AND SIRENS**

On May 15th at an assembly of ConVal High School juniors and seniors, we had students and staff put on Fatal Vision goggles that simulate certain degrees of impairment and had them attempt to complete field sobriety tests. It was clearly a well-received event.

We continued our efforts on the morning of May 16th by partnering with the New Hampshire Liquor Enforcement Agency. They brought their Mobile Outreach Unit to ConVal which is equipped with a driving simulator where you can simulate distracted driving, texting and driving and impaired driving. They came with the Fatal Choices program in which they brought a golf cart down and set up a driving course using the fatal vision goggle. We had another station where our officers had a station set up to conduct field sobriety tests with the fatal vision goggles. Students were able to see the clues we look for and were asked to determine impairment of the participating students. Some of the health classes were brought out and participated in the activities. This was fun and appeared to be well received as well.

Our intent is to get these conversations started with our young adult population. Our department wants to be part of the solution. We want to be engaging and give real life experiences. I am going to be moving forward to bring more of these programs into our community and the larger community that we are part of at ConVal. I want to do what we can to mitigate any tragedies from occurring. If we can save a life by having these speeches and conversations, then that is exactly what we will do. We need to be talking to our younger community members about life’s challenges and ways of coping without turning to illegal substances.

**Laws for thought**

265:79 Reckless Driving; Minimum Penalty. – Whoever upon any way drives a vehicle recklessly, or causes a vehicle to be driven recklessly, as defined in RSA 626:2, II(c), or so that the lives or safety of the public shall be endangered, or upon a bet, wager, or race, or who drives a vehicle for the purpose of making a record, or who drives a vehicle at a speed of 100 miles per hour or greater, and thereby violates any of the provisions of this title or any rules adopted by the director, shall be, notwithstanding the provisions of title LXII, guilty of a violation and fined not less than $500 plus penalty assessment for the first offense and $750 plus penalty assessment for the second offense nor more than $1,000 plus penalty assessment and his or her license or operating privilege shall be revoked for a period of 60 days for the first offense and from 60 days to one year for the second offense.

265:79-b Negligent Driving. – Whoever upon any way drives a vehicle negligently or causes a vehicle to be driven negligently, as defined in RSA 626:2, II(d), or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than $250 nor more than $500 for a first offense and not less than $500 nor more than $1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

*Respectfully, 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, Drewsville 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.

WORDS FROM A CVTC DRIVER

CVTC’s Volunteer Drivers provide “no fee” transportation for people who do not have access to transportation because of age or other limiting circumstances. Our trip purposes include non-emergency medical, social service appointments and trips to the grocery store and pharmacy.

Our CVTC Volunteer Driver, Terry, says:

“About two years ago our small town newsletter ran an ad looking for Volunteer Drivers. Since then, my husband and I have been active participants in the CVTC program. Being retired and having the freedom to “go & do” on our own schedules, we were initially hesitant to sign up, fearful of getting locked into a schedule of some kind.

We did our “due diligence,” learning that the selection of days and times were at our discretion. The fear of commitment evaporated. There’s an impressive computer system allowing volunteers to easily search and assign themselves for riders in need. After the trip has been concluded, it’s simple to record time spent and mileage for reimbursement.

This program not only helps our riders in getting to appointments but it has enhanced our retirement existentially. We feel needed, appreciated and there’s a reason for being here. In some instances we’ve encountered riders who have little social interaction outside of their trips to hospitals and doctors. Our trips in these cases have reflected rejuvenation for both rider and driver. Our riders have been diverse, fascinating and most appreciative of CVTC’s services. We cheerfully look forward to continuing assisting those we’ve met to date and anticipate meeting new riders as our schedules allow.

Try putting yourself into the positions our riders are experiencing: losing their independence and ability to drive; dependency on others. You’ll find as a driver that you’ll get more out of the ride than your rider will.”

Thank you CVTC Drivers, for donating your time and taking your neighbors where they need to go. For those drivers who do not use a computer CVTC’s staff is happy to assist in choosing trips as well as mileage reimbursement. Talk with us if you have questions or would like to take part!

CVTC is a Monadnock Way Partner Agency
Community Volunteer Transportation Company 877-428-2882, ext. 5
Hancock Happenings

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

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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SUMMER CAMP

WHAT’S HAPPENING

JULY 9-13
Building Community

JULY 16-20
Music and More

JULY 23-27
Wellness Week

JULY 30-AUG 3
Camp Olympics

AUG 6-10
Hancock History

DON’T MISS THE FUN! SIGN UP TODAY.
$150 for ALL 5 weeks or $15/day
(resident fee)
Town Of Hancock

Summer Recreation Program

2018 Summer Rec Camp

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Please initial each disclosure and attach an Emergency Contact Form for each child:

_____ Once your child is at the recreation program, (s)he must remain there and participate in activities until completion of the program, unless otherwise arranged with the camp director. At 3:00pm, the child will be picked up by an authorized person or will bike/walk home if permission has been given. All children must be signed in upon arrival and signed out upon departure. The summer program ends promptly at 3:00pm. Please pick up your child on time. Staff cannot go home until all children have been signed out.

_____ Participation in this sport/activity may involve risk of injury, as a parent, guardian, or participant, I am aware of these hazards and my ability to participate. In consideration for participation in the program listed above, I hereby for myself, my heir, executors, and administrators, waive and release all rights and claims against the Town of Hancock, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and supervisors, except in the case of sole negligence, from all loses, damages, fees, and other expenses, arising out of or in connection with participation in this activity. I understand that cancellation and/or refund is unavailable for the Town of Hancock Recreation Program.

_____ I authorize the Town of Hancock to reasonable use of any and all images of my child

By signing this form, I agree to the above terms and conditions and verify that all information provided on this form is correct:

Parent/Guardian Print: __________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________