News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

The Board is continuing the restaffing of the Highway Department. Eric Bourgoine who had been filling in as Foreman has been promoted to that position. Jeremiah Paquette is continuing as an equipment operator and we are looking to hire two more equipment operators. Tyler Howe, our new director, is doing an excellent job of organizing the work to be done before the end of the year. An asphalt curb has been installed on Old Hancock just past Cross Street to help mitigate the water problem in that location. A Request for Proposals for the paving of the damaged section of Duncan Road. Now that the new backhoe has been delivered, the Highway Department will be replacing the four culverts in that area. Arrangements are being made for Winter sand and for gravel replacement as part of our gravel road maintenance program.

Tom Horne, who has been working in Hancock as a part-time police officer, has been hired as a full-time officer with the rank of Sargent. Many of you have already met Tom and we are pleased that he has joined the department.

Advertisements have been posted for the sale of surplus Town equipment. The equipment includes a fire truck, backhoe and police vehicle. Please contact Jonathan Coyne at the Town Office if you have an interest in any of these items.

There have been some issues reported at the Town Beach at Norway Pond. Parking at the Beach is for residents only and all vehicles must have a sticker. Trailer parking is not permitted at the Beach lot or on the roadway to the landing. Trailers may be parked in the lot behind the Town Office. Many articles including some trash is being left on the Beach. The Town Beach is carry-in/carry-out. Please take all items that you brought with you when you leave. There is a dumpster in the parking lot for the disposal of any trash. Thank you to everyone for their help in these matters.

For all things related to Old Home Days, see pages 19 & 20
August - Old Home Days, and the famous
HFD Chicken Barbeque

That’s right, it’s August already. I wish that Winter went by as quickly as Summer.

As always, we will wash off our trucks (especially our new Engine 1) and our people-powered Hand Tub and then bring up the rear of the parade. You know the old saying – “Last but Not Least”.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL - don’t forget the legendary Hancock Fire Department Chicken Barbeque on the Town Common served under our big tent. We set up the big grill and commence cooking 400+ chickens. Our serving time is from 4 to 6pm. Tickets are $10; that gets you a full plate! Please come down and enjoy a good meal with your fellow townsfolk. We don't make a lot of money on our barbeque, but it is always enjoyable to talk to so many Hancock residents as they chow down. John Pirkey does a great job as our grill master, but we could not pull this off without the help of all the firefighters, their spouses and significant others, the Auxiliary, and a bunch of people that always materialize in time to help with serving so many dinners. Tickets are available all day.

Also, support the HFD Auxiliary with their Raffle – you could win a cool Kayak as well as other neat stuff. See you there!!

Your Fire & Rescue has two new EMT’s! They are Molly Webster and Bill Gnade. Molly had previously been licensed in New York and has now completed her New Hampshire accreditation. Bill recently became a member of the fire department and has jumped in with both feet to take the EMT 240-hour training course. These are just additional examples of the commitment our members have to provide professional care to you and your family.

Every so often I put a blurb in this article asking that the Hancock Community mark their house number, so we have an idea where the emergency is, especially at night! Even though we know many of you, the responders don’t always know exactly which house yours is. Reflective numbers that are visible from the street; on a tree, mailbox, or stand-alone post really help. Try not to put any numbers on rocks or something that gets covered with bushes in the summer and snow in the winter. Thank you to those fine people that put up new numbers since the last time I made this request, but there are still houses without numbers.

Reminder: be wary of phone calls asking for donations for Volunteer Fire or Police Organizations. They are not benefiting your local departments. It’s a hack they know will get money, so keep any donations local. We thank you.

Raffle winners for the month:
$40.00 Phil Petrov
$20.00 Lance Flamino
$10.00 Jean Harrison, Phil Jones, Wayne Gordon
Main Street Cheese joins the Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition’s Farm Tour and Annual Feast on This! Film Festival.

**We hope to see you! Saturday, August 24th, 37 Main Street**

11:00-4:00: Farm and Cheesery Tours
5:00-7:00: Outdoor Supper with Goat Cheese and Meat
7:00: Short Films and Discussion on “Tackling Climate Change through Food”

Real Food Films’ 45-minute set of short films explores how farmers and the local food movement work to provide solutions to stem climate change.

Please Note: it is necessary to RSVP for the Supper and Films. (We are limited in space.) Please RSVP to mainslcheese@gmail.com or 525-3300.

Supper is $20. Films: Suggested donation of $10 for each film. Farm Tour tickets are $10/car or $5/pp. Buy tickets at farms during Farm Tour hours only OR online at mfcommunitycoalition.org
Hancock Recreation Dept
The Hancock Recreation Committee, Directors, counselors and lifeguards would like to thank all our campers and family for a wonderful 2019 Summer Recreation Camp. This year we had 37 registered campers. We have spent many hours swimming, fishing and playing at the pond. We visited the library for activities and stories with Jenn, Children’s Librarian. We had a nice visit with Chief Woods and Rookie to learn about emotional support animals. In the next few weeks, we have plans for Susie Spikol to come lead us in frog catching and ponding. We plan to attend the Touch-a-Truck event at the library. Of course, we will make more slime, play more games and participate in team building tasks. We are looking forward to the last few weeks of camp and all the fun we can have.

Deb Coyne and Jen Booth, Camp Directors

Hancock Historical Society
Upcoming Events
The Historical Society museum is now open Sundays from 2 to 4pm. Please stop in to see our newest exhibit, Stitches in Time: A Collection of Hancock Quilts, as well as our regular Hancock history exhibits. Our volunteers are always happy to answer questions and help bring Hancock’s history alive for visitors of all ages.

Open through August and September, there will be a variety of quilts on display, including the one made by the women of Hancock in 1979 to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the founding of Hancock and quilt work done by Beth Maxwell Adams in the 1930s and 1940s.

In addition to our regular hours, the museum will be open on Old Home Day from 11:30 am to 3 pm.

On Sunday, August 11th at 2 pm in the Eaton Room at the Historical Society, Anna Mary Adams, Beth Maxwell Adams’ daughter, will share The Quilt Story, a memoir of her mother’s work, and Anne Kenney and Marie Fogg will share their research on the 1979 commemorative quilt.

On Sunday, September 22nd at 2 pm, we have another event coming up. Pamela Weeks, curator of the New England Quilt Museum will present New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell in the Eaton Room at the Historical Society. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. This program is offered through New Hampshire Humanities.

Please join us in the Eaton Room at the Historical Society for both of these events. Refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you at the Historical Society this summer!
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-- Dumas' Camille, by Charles Morey 8/14 - 8/25
-- A Doll's House, Part 2, by Lucas Hnath 8/28 - 9/8
-- Cindy Reilly, by Gus Kaikkonen & Kraig Swartz, Music by Ellen Mandel 8/17 - 8/24
The next Community Supper will be Thursday, September 27th hosted by Hancock Republicans.

Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com

In the spring of 1786, after serving in the Revolutionary War, my great, great, great grandfather, Elijah Washburn bought a farm here and moved from Leicester, MA to Hancock, where I still own a home handed down from his descendants. As a member of the New Black Eagle Jazz Band I played an outdoor concert at Washburn Square in Leicester on July 10, 2019, a little over 233 years later.

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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

AUGUST

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

BOOK SALE!!! We’re winding down on accepting books so please call before bringing any more over. Friday, August 16th is the Early Bird Sale from 5:00-8:00pm with a $10 entry fee unless you are a current Friend of the Hancock Town Library.

Saturday August 17th is the Book Sale from 9:00am – 4:00pm – Free admission!

Sunday August 18th 11:00am – 3:00pm
Bag Sale Begins $5/bag

Monday – Thursday August 19-22 Book Sale During Library Hours

Thursday August 22nd – All books FREE after 12:00pm ~ we’ll give you a box, you take what you wish!

Old Home Day Parade! We’re looking for kids and adults to walk in the parade with us this year. Please see Amy or Jenn for details (you will be sworn to secrecy, of course)!

Summer Reading Program There’s still time to get those raffle tickets in! For every book you read (whether child or adult) you get a raffle ticket for fabulous prizes. Ends August 7th!

Yoga at the HTL
Mondays 9:00-10:30am with Chris Justice
Fridays 9:00-10:30am with Betsy DiPrima

Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00pm Mah Jongg
Join us as we learn and play Mah Jongg on Tuesdays afternoons. Newcomers welcome! Someone is always on hand to teach the basics to get you started in this fun and challenging game. Every Tuesday from 1 – 3pm in the Daniels Room.

Monday August 5th at 7:00pm
Meet Allyssa Beird – Star of NBC’s American Ninja Warriors
By day, Allyssa is a 5th grade school teacher in Middleborough, MA but at night, she turns into one of the stars of the NBC show “American Ninja Warrior”. Competing this year in her 4th season on the show, Allyssa remains one of only two women to ever complete Stage 1 in the Las Vegas Finals! On Aug 12, you can watch Allyssa compete on NBC (8pm ET) where she enters the Baltimore Finals as the top female from the Qualifiers and competes to go to the Vegas Finals for her 4th year.

Joining Allyssa will be James “The Beast” McGrath and Daria Beird. James has been a staple on ANW since season 2 and earned a spot on original Japanese show, Sasuke, based on his strong Season 3 performance. Due to a shoulder injury James now roots for his long time girlfriend, Allyssa Beird.

A Hancock resident for 3 years, Daria Beird has always made physical work and gymnastics a critical part of her life. At age 55, Daria become the second oldest woman to complete an obstacle on any ANW course when she competed on Season 10 of the show in Philadelphia. During the off season, Daria participates in competitions for the National Ninja League as one of the top women athletes in her age group. When not on a Ninja Course, Daria keeps in shape working as the stable manager at Almost There Farm in Lyndeborough NH.

American Ninja Warrior is in its 11th season on NBC. Men and women from all walks of life and every corner of the country come together and compete in 5 cities to pursue their common dream of reaching the Las Vegas Finals on Mount Midoriyama, the world’s most notorious obstacle course! Each athlete, ranging in age from a minimum of 19 to their 70s, possesses an inspiring story and a memorable personality, and pushes through seemingly impossible tests of strength and endurance. Though few have ever finished the course, the challengers stop at nothing as they take on a growing number of competitors and an ever-changing set of obstacles. Free and open to all.
Friday August 16th - Thursday August 22nd
Book Sale!
Be sure to stop by our book sale for deals of the century! We have more books than usual this year with a huge selection on wide-ranging topics. Most books range from 50 cents to $2.00. Guilt-free shopping for all ages!

Tuesday August 20th from 5:30-7:00pm
Free-Form-Français
The popular French conversation group hosted by the Hancock Town Library meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The setting is very informal and will be open from 5:30 to 7:00. Arrive and leave at your leisure. All levels welcome. Modeled on the Manchester Franco-American Centre’s “Prêt-à-Parler,” the sessions will be free flowing and with your help, fun. Hélène Laliberté Bickford, French first-language speaker (“mais tres rouillé”), will help to keep the conversations going. “Venez tous!” This month the group will meet in the Children’s Room as the book sale will be in the Daniels Room on August 20th.

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

A Note from Miss Jenn
Summer Reading finale is on August 7th at 6pm. Make sure to turn in all your raffle tickets by the 7th. Prizes will be pulled at the finale.

We are looking for volunteers to march with us in the Old Home Day parade. There will be a sign up sheet at the front desk for those of you interested in marching with us. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to join us for our craft day to create a personalized accessory to wear in the parade.

Tuesday August 6th 2pm
Constellation Craft
Join us for a fun space themed make and take craft event. All ages are welcome.

Wednesday August 7th 6pm
Finale Event featuring Wildlife Encounters (with LIVE animals!)
Join us as we celebrate all our reader’s achievements with the raffle drawing and a live animal show. This is a great program for all ages.

Thursday August 8th 10am-5pm
Spider Headband or wrist band — Old Home Day Parade
Drop in to make a spider headband to wear in the parade. Feel free to bring your own headbands or wristbands. Limited numbers of headbands will be available.

Thursdays at 10:30am
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Thank you!

To all of you who donated money or time to our annual July 4th fireworks display, thank you for your generosity! We couldn’t have done it without you.

Castle Center at Home Healthcare Hospice & Community Services

Why stay at home when the Castle Center at HCS' Keene office is just around the corner offering entertainment, socializing, cards, games, arts and crafts, as well as peace and quiet. The Castle Center is available on weekdays from 7:30am to 5:00pm for those who just need a little help, as well as those with more specific needs.

The Castle Center’s registered nurse develops a nursing care plan tailored to each person’s medication, therapy, diet, exercise and activity needs. The care plan is designed in conjunction with the participant, his/her physician and family caregivers.

Families are invited to come in for a tour and to discuss their family member’s needs with our Registered Nurse. Those interested in experiencing what it’s like to participate at the Castle Center are welcome to join us for a complimentary half day of activities, including lunch! For details about the Castle Center Life Enrichment Day Program, go to hesservices.org call 603-352-2253.
August greetings from Jody at Music on Norway Pond!

If you love to sing, no matter how shy you are, or, if your child seems to be warbling away and gravitates towards music and singing and acting, I invite you to pre-enroll for singing this coming season.

**Children:**
The **Junior Minstrels**, fondly known as the **Junior Mints**, will be starting rehearsals for the **Hancock Family Christmas Concert** in mid-October. They meet on Tuesdays from 4:15-6:45 in the lower floor of the Hancock Meeting House.

We like to keep the size of the group to 25 children and welcome kids between the ages of 6 and 14. This wide age range makes Junior Mints unique in our region. The older kids mentor the younger kids and the artistic result always seems to be very affecting! In the spring, they combine their singing skills with their acting chops and put on a semi-staged show. This year, **Pirates of Penzance**.

**Women:**
Women comprise the ranks of the **Norway Pond Festival Singers** during the fall session. They also rehearse for the **Hancock Family Christmas Concert** and rehearse on Thursdays from 12:15-1:45, also in the Meeting House.

There is no limit to the number of singers. The more the merrier!

**Men and Women:**
In January, men join the women of the **Festival Singers** for a performance in mid-February. This year, we are going to perform Faure’s heart-breakingly beautiful **Requiem**, arguably the most satisfying, comforting, beloved choral piece ever composed. I am a good teacher and promise that as long as you can sing Jingle Bells in tune, I can help you sing this piece with artistry and confidence!

Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons and Thursday mid-day. Singers are required to come to one rehearsal each week but are welcome to come to both!

**NB** We also invite high school students to join us for this project. They add a great deal to the sound and have a fabulous experience, to boot!

Call me or email me if you want to pre-enroll for any of these choruses. **And please know that this is not a rock-solid commitment on your part- instead, just an indication that you are interested.** This will be a good year for singing...singing is a balm for the soul and the best possible way to stay connected.

Jody (Simpson)
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musiconnorwaypond.org
This month, we’ll hold two Cabarets – the first on Saturday, August 3rd, and the second on Saturday, August 17th (the “Old Home Days Edition”).

- On August 3rd, we're excited to welcome the Jenni Lynn Duo to the Depot! Jenni pleases audiences with a heavy hearted blues sound brought into many genres. Her belty sustains pack a punch with her throated delivery. Feisty, driven with plenty of sassitude, Jenni and partner Jay turn heads with the first note. Be sure to catch this dynamic duo!

- On August 17th, we’ll host our Fourth Anniversary Show, featuring the Rusted Bucket Band and Eyes of Age!

   - The Rusted Bucket Band is a rock n roll unit co-founded by singer/songwriter Russell Turnquist and drummer, Greg Desimone. Based out of Arlington, MA, the band draws on folk, classic rock, and “alt country/Americana rock” inspirations and has crafted their own sound and performance style. Since 2013, the band has played shows throughout New England and graced many stages of the preeminent music clubs in the greater Boston area. If you’re a fan of Wilco, Tom Petty, The Band, or any of the iterations born from that type of creative space, you’ll be pleased by the tradition and evolution carried on by The Rusted Bucket Band.

   - Known for their tight harmonies and eclectic mix of original and cover songs ranging from acoustic-guitar-based ballads to straight-ahead rock n’ roll, Eyes of Age performs all across New England, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and beyond. Straddling the worlds of folk music, Americana, and rock n’ roll, Eyes of Age’s songs address contemporary social and economic issues as well as the timeless subjects of love, heartbreak, and hope. Come on out and celebrate with us!

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

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

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

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Upcoming Feature Acts
- September 7th – Hanstock … STAY TUNED!
- October 5th – Decatur Creek

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

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**Aug 2 (Fri) Easygoing Hike at Crotched Mountain**
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a moderately strenuous, 3-mile roundtrip hike along Crotched Mtn’s accessible trails, with expansive views of the Contoocook River Valley. Expect an elevation gain of approximately 200 feet. Bring water, lunch, and bug spray, and **meet at 10 a.m. at Oak Park in Greenfield, located across from Greenfield State Park at the junction of Route 136 and Forest Road.** Back by 2pm. For more info, contact Lee at 525-5262, snowman3137@gmail.com or Rich at (603) 827-4105, kayaks100@msn.com.

**Aug 3 (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 overlooking Island Pond, as a thank you for your incredible and much-appreciated work. **Meet at the Harris Center at 11am** Back by 2pm. Please RSVP by July 26 to Eric Masterson at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscen.

**Aug 13 (Tue) Pizza Night at Orchard Hill Breadworks to Benefit the Harris Center**
On summer Tuesdays, Orchard Hill Breadworks welcomes the community to their beautiful property for Pizza Nights – delicious, family-friendly events whose proceeds are donated to local nonprofits. August 13 will benefit the Harris Center! Orchard Hill provides crusts ($9 each), sauce, cheese, and access to their “pizza topping” garden, and bakes the pie for you in their outdoor, wood-fired oven. You supply your own pizza toppings, beverages, plates, silverware, and picnic blankets or lawn chairs. Plan to come early as the pavilion fills fast. Bring your appetite, but please leave your dog at home. 5 to 7:30pm at Orchard Hill Breadworks, 121 Old Settlers Road, East Alstead. For more info, contact Orchard Hill at (603) 835-7845, or visit orchardhillbreadworks.com.

**Aug 16 (Fri) Norway Pond Series: Birding by Boat**
Join master birder Phil Brown for an early morning paddle in search of feathered friends. **Meet at 8am at the Norway Pond boat launch, off Main Street in Hancock.** Bring your binoculars, canoe or kayak, and PFD *(required).* Back by 9:30am
Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Norway Pond Commission. For more info, contact Phil at 525-3499 or brown@harriscen.

**Aug 18 (Sun) Norway Pond Series: Old Home Day Paddle Party**
Come start a new tradition with a late morning paddle around Hancock’s town gem! We’ll circumnavigate the pond, glimpsing back toward the hustle and bustle of Hancock’s Old Home Day as well as the church steeple and its beautiful arching barn. As we hug the water’s edge, we’ll search for turtles, beavers, and Great Blue Herons, and maybe even catch a sight of the Norway Pond mermaid. Bring your own canoe, kayak, paddle board, dingy, inflatable tropical island, or seahorse. No matter what you paddle, make sure to bring a PFD for each person in your boat. **Meet at 11am at the Norway Pond boat launch, off Main Street in Hancock.** Back by noon. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Norway Pond Commission. For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscen.

**Aug 19 (Mon) Norway Pond Series: Forest Ramble to the Norway Pond Peninsula**
Join Jeremy Wilson, forest ecologist and Harris Center Director, to explore the forests surrounding Norway Pond. Jeremy will point out the different forested areas around the pond on this 1.5-mile roundtrip walk, drawing on information from a tree-ring study that described how those forests have been shaped by events in Hancock’s history. **Meet at 4 p.m. at the Hancock Depot parking lot, 27 Depot Road, Hancock.** Back by 5:30pm. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Norway Pond Commission. For more information, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscen.

**Aug 22 (Thu) The Emerging LiDAR Landscape: A New Way of Looking at the Land**
Rick Chormann, NH state geologist, will provide an introduction to Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology and how it works, with an emphasis on glacial landforms. The presentation will conclude with a segment on stone walls as landforms, their place in New Hampshire history, and the New Hampshire Stone Wall Mapping project. **7 to 8:30pm at the Harris Center.** For more info contact Eric Masterson at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscen.
**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. 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.

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**About Race Relations**

While we are in the midst of Summer — having paid our dues to a long Winter and a barely existent Spring — you might remember the first annual Martin Luther King event held in the Hancock vestry this past January. That event was organized by a group of approximately 15 individuals from Hancock, Greenfield and Dublin.

They have been meeting *every two weeks* since their inception in October 2018 – stimulated by a 2-session offering at the Hancock Library titled “Talking about Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward, and Being Part of the Solution”. Those 2 sessions proved to be just the starting point in a much needed education about the role of race in our towns, state and country. And so a large number of individuals decided to continue meeting.

The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the Daniels Room at the Hancock town library from 6:45 to 8:45. There is no leader, no facilitator, no agenda, no book to guide the conversations. There is a deepening faith that valuable dialogue will and does flow in an atmosphere grounded in trust with the understanding that conversations can be uncomfortable and that mistakes will be made. All interested people are welcomed.

Discussions are far ranging. Topics range from articles shared via email during the intervals between meetings to current events…..from personal stories of experiencing racial prejudice to exploring what biases and assumptions we each make and how they play out in our everyday world…..from learning about the history of people of color that was never shared in schools to seeing the world with another’s eyes and the sensitivity to language and choice of words.

The group serves a number of purposes. Participants are committed to their own individual growth and understanding about how racial prejudice is interwoven into their lives. They are also committed to exploring what types of community action they can initiate or support to increase racial diversity in the region and to bring a deepening awareness of racial prejudice to our communities. There may also be as yet unknown opportunities to work on behalf of racial justice on a state and national level.
**Upcoming Grapevine Programs and Events**

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

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

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

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

**Back to School Clothing Day**: Monday, August 12th | 6-8pm

We’ve been collecting gently used clothing! All teens are invited to come stock up for the new school year! It’s free! If you have any clothes to donate, please contact Jacqueline at avenuea@grapevinenh.org!

**The Vine Story Hour** – Thursday, August 22nd at 7pm | 42 Main Street, Antrim

Based off the popular MOTH Story Hour that airs on NPR, The Vine Story Hour invites storytellers to bring their story to the Avenue A “stage”. This event is for adults and older teens. Admission is by donation. Refreshments provided. Join us for an evening of captivating stories! Proceeds benefit our programs for local youth! Story hour theme to be determined. For more info email: avenuea@grapevinenh.org.

**August Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center**

Our Summer Program Schedule includes something for everyone! Email us at avenuea@grapevinenh.org to register! For the full summer schedule, visit Avenue A’s Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/AvenueATeenCenter/. Here’s what’s in store:

**Tuesdays:**
- Try It Tuesdays | Grades 6-12 | 1:30-3:30pm
- Writers’ Society | Grades 7-8 | 4-5:30pm
- Writing Club | Grades 9-12 | 6-8pm

**Wednesdays:**
- The Idea Incubator | Grades 9-12 | 1-3pm
- Dinner Club | Grades 7-12 | 4-6:30pm
- Pick Up Basketball | Guys in Grades 8-12 | 7:30-8:30pm

**Thursdays:**
- Woodworking Crew | Grades 9-12 | 3:30-5:30pm
- You: The Filmmaker | Grades 9-12 | 6-8pm

**Fridays:**
- Yoga | Ages 12-18 | 3-4pm
- Expressive Art | Grades 9-12 | 4:30-6pm
- Open Hours | Ages 13-18 | 6:30-9pm

**Saturdays:**
- Community Open Mic | 3rd Sat. of each month | 6:30-9pm
**Hancock Hours and Meetings**

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

**Tax Collector** - Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm

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

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

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

**Planning Board**
On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: may hold working sessions for planning purposes.
On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: meets to process subdivisions, site plans and other applications which may legally come before the Board.

Appointments can be made by calling the Town Office at 525.4441. Applications must be received prior to the end of the preceding month to be included in the schedule and satisfy notification requirements. Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

**Zoning Board** –2nd and 4th Wednesdays as needed at 7:00pm, meetings will be noticed; Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

**Advisory Committee** – as noticed, Town Office

**Conservation Commission** – 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

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

**Hancock Library Trustees** – 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Daniels Room

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

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

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

**Dump Committee** –3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm, DPW

**Trustees of Trust Funds** – as needed, Town Office

**Cemetery Trustees** – 1st Wednesday of the month 10:00am, 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**

Editor and Publisher: Jaime Donovan
Submit articles to Editor at happenings@hancocknh.org or call 903.0190 for information and rates.
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Nameplate by Eleanor Amidon
2019 Old Home Day Theme is "Our Vast Community: All the Critters of Hancock"

Mark your calendars--August 16th, 17th, and 18th!!!

This should be great grist for creative parade entries! We hope to see all sorts of Hancock creatures, large and small, represented in the parade!! (Humans eligible too of course!) If you'd like to be a parade judge, please let us know.

And, as always, we will need volunteers for the weekend itself--call 525-3300 to get on the list.

Thanks, in advance, to all you Critters of Hancock for helping with 2019 Old Home Day.

Tradesman’s Alley – Saturday August 17th
Seeking artisan crafters and makers of handmade items for Hancock’s Tradesman’s Alley. Also welcoming farmer’s bounty. All products must be handmade or homegrown by the vendor.
Amy 603.234.6845 sulborskia@gmail.com or Angie 603.491.5956

Old Home Day Bake Sale
The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary is preparing for its annual Old Home Day Bake Sale, scheduled for Saturday, August 17th at the Meeting House as part of the Old Home Day Festivities. This has been a tradition for approximately 56+ years.

Donations of home-baked goods such as breads, cookies, brownies, pies, and other pastries should be brought to the Meeting House the day of the sale at 7:30am. The Bake Sale will open at 8:00am and continue until noon. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Monadnock Community Hospital to be used for patient related items.

If you are unable to donate baked goods, monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Please, make all checks payable to the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary. The Bake Sale is our only fund raiser. In past years we have been able to purchase various patient related items with the proceeds from the Bake Sale. Items such as a wheelchair scale for the Antrim Family Medical Group, several surgical instruments for the surgical group and equipment for the Healthy Teeth to Toes project.

The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary was organized approximately 68+ years ago. The members meet every month in various members’ homes between October and June to sew special items for the hospital. This past year the auxiliary members have been given a new project. The Auxiliary members are making “burp cloths” to be given to the new babies when they are ready to go home. We also make the very large Christmas Stockings for the babies born in the month of December to take home.

For more information contact Doreen Ames 525.4464.
Submitted by Karen McCormack

Run for the Honey
Saturday August 17th 8:00am
Please register early & online! The strongly preferred method to register for the 5K is to fill out the form on the webpage, save it to PDF, and email the completed form to ginger3502@myfairpoint.net. Pay on race day. Race -day check-in takes place from 7:00 to 7:45am.

The Fun Run is at 9:00am, free, and sign-in anytime after 7:30am. https://jbdowse.com/hancock5k/

The Old Home Days Art Exhibit will be held on Saturday, August 17th, at the Vestry, and once again we are inviting Hancock area artists and photographers to display some of their work.

Each item to be exhibited should be framed or matted, wired, suitable for hanging. Please label the back of each painting with your name, address and phone number. If it is for sale, the price should be put on the front of each painting.

There will be a $5.00 per person hanging fee to cover exhibited work which can be paid that Saturday morning. If you have questions, please call Sue Francis at 525-3313.

Hancock Fire Department
Old Home Day
Chicken Barbecue
August 17, 2019
One Dinner
$10.00
SERVING FROM 4-6PM
Tickets available at:
The Hancock Market
Seven Maples Campground
The big tent Friday evening and Saturday after the Race
# Schedule of Old Home Days Events August 16th, 17th & 18th

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## Old Home Day Talent Show

Old Home Day Talent Show is pairing up with the Cabaret at the Depot Association!

We know Hancock's got talent!!

Get your acts together and give David Young a call (508) 641-0076 to celebrate your talent!

Saturday night at the Depot