News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

The tax bills have gone out. Since the last two increases in the Conval school district assessments, the Town’s cash flow has become a critical issue. The school district has been billing the Town for its new budgets beginning in July. The adjustment to the Town’s tax rate to fund the increase does not occur until the State’s Department of Revenue Administration sets the new rate for the December billing. The Town tries to maintain an Unassigned Fund Balance of a minimum of five percent (5%) of the total annual tax assessment. The goal is a Fund Balance of at least $400,000. Prior to last year, with moderate increases in the school budget, the Fund Balance has been sufficient to absorb the increase in the school district assessment until the tax rate was adjusted at the end of the year. Last year with the increase in the school budget and the $1,700,000 addition in the teachers’ contract, the Fund Balance was not sufficient to accommodate the increased assessment. Simply put, we ran out of money. With last December’s tax revenues, the Town was able to reestablish a Fund Balance, but with a new increase in the school district assessment and another increase in the teachers’ contract, we are facing the same problem as last year. Some of the increase in the school district assessment is due to reductions in State funding which is a problem that hopefully the Legislature will finally address. It is not reasonable to expect the cost of education to be supported primarily with property taxes especially with the State continually downshifting costs onto the Towns. The State law regarding payments to the schools, RSA 198:5, appears to require the Town to pay to the School District only the funds which have been assessed for that purpose. This would allow the Town to defer any increase in payments until December and allow it to maintain a reasonable reserve.

The Board of Selectmen recently accompanied the DPW Foreman on a tour of our roads to review the upcoming road projects. The Town will be going out for bids on the year’s paving projects including redoing the section of Duncan Road that was damaged. Also going out to bid, will be the gravel for our road maintenance program. The backhoe approved at Town Meeting should be arriving in the next few weeks and will be put to immediate use in culvert replacement and ditch maintenance.

The process to hire a new DPW Director is proceeding with initial interviews being completed by the Hiring Committee. The Town is still in need of a Treasurer and a Cemetery Sexton.

A message from the Tax Collector: July property tax bills were mailed on May 16th, and are due on July 5th. Payments can be dropped off daily to the Town Hall Administrative office, or given to the Tax Collector on Thursdays, mailed, or paid online at www.hancocknh.org.

The Tax Collector’s office will be open on Friday, July 5th 9:00-4:30.
When the warmer weather hits, there’s nothing better than the smell of food on the grill! Holding a barbecue should be a safe and fun experience for everyone. Three out of five households own a gas or charcoal grill, which translates to a lot of tasty meals, but it also means there’s an increased risk of home fires. So here are a few safety tips that you need to think about and practice. Make sure that your grill is clean and in good working order. Keep barbecue grills far away from anything that can burn – your home, cars, dry vegetation, etc. Regardless of the circumstances NEVER use a grill indoors, in garages, or in tents. This can pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to carbon monoxide. And NEVER use any open flame on a porch, covered patio or balcony. Stay with the grill when lighted and keep children and pets well away from the area. Use long-handled grilling tools that provide distance from heat and flames. For charcoal grills, only use starter fluids designed for barbecue grills (never use gasoline). Use a limited amount of starter fluid before lighting the fire. If the fire is too slow, rekindle with dry kindling and add more charcoal if necessary. Don’t add liquid fuel to re-ignite or build up a fire, as flash fires can result. Soak the coals with water before you discard them and leave the grill away from the house until completely cool. For gas grills, always store the gas cylinder outside - away from structures - and turn off the valves when not in use. Check frequently for any leaks in connections by using a soap-and-water mix that will show bubbles if gas escapes. Never transport a propane tank in the passenger compartment of a vehicle. When barbecuing, protect yourself by wearing a heavy apron and an oven mitt that fits high up over your forearm. If you get burned, run cool water over the burn for 10 to 15 minutes. Safety Tip: Don't use butter or a salve on burns because these seal in heat and can damage the tissue further. If you receive a serious burn, with charred skin, for example, seek medical attention promptly. Now that you have been warned about the unpleasant things go grilling and have a good time.

In recent years it has become more and more difficult for many Volunteer Fire Departments to recruit new volunteers. As a result, many departments are woefully understaffed. Being part of the Hancock Fire Department can be a deeply enriching experience. Over 75% of current volunteers say they have met their closest friends volunteering for the fire department, and that being a part of the department was like being in a big family. Do you think you have what it takes? If so then “Why Volunteer”? Here are 3 reasons!

**Integrity** – Adhering to a guideline of moral and ethical principles, volunteers are known for their compassion and kindness.

**Public Service** – Helping others is something that takes you beyond doing things for yourself and makes the world a better place.

**Character** – When you dedicate your time to helping others, your entire perspective on life begins to change.
The first issue of Hancock Happenings was published May, 1999 by Nancy P. Adams. Recently, she took some time to reflect on how it all got started:

The Hancock Happenings had its start when a member of the Recreation Committee (Kathy Byam) and I thought the town needed some kind of informational resource. So we put together a monthly calendar that circulated for about two years. After a few years, Kathy moved and I could see the need for a town newsletter. I had a PC with a Windows program but knew nothing about doing a newsletter. So I spent a weekend in Durham taking a crash course in how to put together a newsletter, with help from son Jonathan who worked with computers at UNH. Hancock Happenings began with three advertisers and six to eight pages; it then grew slowly but steadily from that point forward. It was my pleasure to work with the many local advertisers and people who submitted news items to the Hancock Happenings during nearly 15 years as editor.

Nahida Sherman took the reins from Nancy, and these are her thoughts about that:

In 2012, when Nancy Adams called to tell me she would be retiring from Hancock Happenings, she wondered if I might be interested in continuing its publication. Though I knew I would have awfully big shoes to fill, the thought intrigued me. Nancy had built Happenings as a very successful, interesting publication with faithful contributors and creative advertisers. Nancy sealed the deal when she said she would be available to answer questions anytime. As it “happened,” it turned out for her to be more than answering questions. A great deal of credit for the newsletter making it out of my computer in good form and on to the printer goes to Nancy, my invaluable adviser and deputy proofreader!

Happenings was humming along, and in 2015, after three years, it was my turn to retire and the Town put out a call for an editor. When Jaime Donovan called me to inquire about the position, I knew we had found the ideal person: a former member of her high school newspaper! Happenings could not have been in better hands to continue the tradition!

From the current editor, Jaime Donovan:

Nahida is too kind, because high school was a long time ago and I didn’t know much about how to be an editor, but wanted to try it. I have learned a great deal since then, especially from Nancy and Nahida (sometimes late at night when I am trying to meet a deadline!) I am forever grateful for their help and guidance.

Also, I am grateful for the many people who submit articles every month for everyone else to read about what is going on in town. The advertisers, who offset the costs involved, keep the newsletter free of charge. And a special thank you goes to all who have volunteered their time throughout the years keeping the boxes around town full. In general, I drop off the newsletters either on a Wednesday evening or Saturday morning before the 1st of the month. Hope Pettigrew picks them up and distributes them to her team who keep an eye on the boxes around town and fill them when they get low until all of the newsletters are gone.

If you have questions or suggestions, call me at 903.0190 or email happenings@hancocknh.org.

Hancock Happenings
Mission Statement

Hancock Happenings is the monthly newsletter of the Town of Hancock, established in 1999 for the purpose of publishing news articles by Town Departments and local organizations. The publication is self-supported through the sale of block and classified ads. Hancock Happenings is not a forum for opinion pieces of any nature, political advertising and political columns; any such submissions will be edited or rejected.
A big thank you to everyone who supported our plant sale last month, as a customer or a volunteer! This year’s event was a big success, with some plants selling out quickly.

In addition, the silent auction, a new addition to the sale this year, was very popular. If you weren’t able to attend the sale this year, we hope to see you next year. As always, proceeds from the plan sale support Historical Society programs and events throughout the year.

Stay tuned for an announcement of our annual museum opening, coming up sometime next month.
June 2019

HANCOCK HAPPENINGS

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Town of Hancock
Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 6
(rain date Saturday, July 13)

6-9pm Ice Cream Social, hot dogs, drinks - Vestry
6-7pm Bell ringing with Bob Fogg - Meetinghouse
7pm Reading of the Declaration of Independence
7:30pm Concert by “Eyes of Age” - Bandstand
Dusk - FIREWORKS over Norway Pond

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Wednesday - Saturday

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Community Supper

The next Community Supper will be Thursday, June 27th hosted by Renew Church.

Friends of Willard Pond

The “Friends of Willard Pond” have met twice already this spring to discuss ways to support the natural environment at Willard Pond and keep it a peaceful and restorative place. About 30 people are involved, and we would welcome new people joining. The next meeting will be held on June 13th at the Tuttle Library in Antrim at 6 pm. As the busy time at the pond approaches, we hope to implement several projects along with NH Audubon to help increase awareness of how to preserve this gem of a pond.

Please join us at this meeting. If you would like more information about the group, please contact Anitra Sorensen anitrasorensen@gmail.com or 603.731.9764

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

There are several bridges at the north end of Staten Island nearest to Manhattan and one ‘way out at the southern end, named appropriately enough, the “Outerbridge Crossing” to New Jersey.

But it was named for Eugenious Outerbridge, the first chairman of the New York Port Authority.
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

A Universe of Stories is this year’s Summer Reading theme! We’ll be doing a reading raffle for the grownups (fabulous prizes, as always – the more you read, the better your chances to win!) and lots of activities for kids (see news from the Children’s Room below). Stop by to see our monthly displays of books for all ages!

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

Tuesday June 4th at 7:00pm
Armenia’s Velvet Revolution – One Year Later
Imagine a country led by a corrupt politician whose majority party is supported by rich shadowy oligarchs allied with Russia. Now imagine a popular movement that turns hundreds of thousands of protestors out in the streets and public squares of the capital city every day for two weeks of peaceful demonstrations. After failed attempts to arrest the leaders of the demonstrations, and on the eve of the most solemn and important national celebration and memorial, the corrupt prime minister resigned, admitting that he was wrong and that the demonstrators were right. This all happened one year ago in Armenia, a former Soviet Republic that is surrounded by enemies and whose economic transition has been slowed by military conflict and post-soviet economic corruption. Peter Toumanoff will describe the dramatic events of Armenia’s "Velvet Revolution" and the progress the new government has made in the past year. Peter is retired from Marquette University, where he taught Economics for 35 years, specializing in Communist and Post-Communist economies. He and his wife Susanna moved to the family property in Hancock in 2015, but spent Spring 2016 in Armenia on a Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship, and has returned to Armenia several times since to participate in conferences and to teach a study abroad course.

Thursday June 6th at 7:00pm
Solarize Monadnock!
Learn about the advantages of this community program that gives incentives for going solar while Hancock is participating! All solar projects will be completed by the end of 2019 to take advantage of the 30% federal tax credit, but you have to sign up soon! Solar is booming and people in solarize communities are jumping on board fast. Don't lose out on this great opportunity!

Thursday June 13th at 7:00pm
Spinning Gold: Shaping Your Family Research into Compelling Stories with Chris Halvorson
Local author Chris Halvorson hopes this lecture and workshop will inspire attendees to dust off their boxes of family memorabilia and start mining them for golden stories—true or not. Attendees are encouraged to bring one memorabilia item or a significant photograph from their family to help in the evening’s discussion. Last fall, Halvorson published a young adult novel, “Inmate,” that is very loosely based on her family. She will focus on that book’s genesis, which was her curiosity about the technology behind such websites as ancestry.com. “I had zero interest in researching my family. None,” she explains. “But my husband was researching his, and I was just fascinated by how all that data was inter-linked.”

Experts advise to start with what you already know when undertaking genealogical research, so Halvorson chose her maternal grandmother, who was nearby as Halvorson was growing up. She searched the U.S. Census from 1920 just to see where her grandmother might have lived as a child. “She was missing in action,” Halvorson says. “I found her family, but I couldn’t find her. Suddenly I cared very much about family history.” Years later, amid mountains of file folders and sticky notes, Halvorson had more questions than answers about what was true in her family. Instead of being discouraged, she was inspired to fictionalize “the known knowns,” she had found in the data. Halvorson will share her research process, the mistakes she’s made, and a bit about the story-writing process. “The work that goes into genealogical research so often never sees the light of day beyond, maybe, family members,” she said. “Every family has secrets and stories to tell. It’s a shame to let them moulder unseen.” —continued to page 8
Tuesday June 18th 5:30-7:00pm
**Free-Form-Français**
The popular French conversation group hosted by the Hancock Town Library will meet on Tuesday, June 18th, the third Tuesday of the 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!”

**Thursday June 20th at 7:00pm**
**Non-Violent Communication: An Introduction to an Alternative to Resentful, Accusing, and Defensive Communication – Led by David Robins**
Come share your encounters and concerns and pick up some handy communication tools by learning about Marshall Rosenberg's Non-Violent Communication(NVC).

David Robins lives in Harrisville where he is a cemetery trustee. He is a retired UU Minister, a writer, a trail steward for the Harris Center's Hiroshi Trail, and has worked over the years to practice the language of NVC.

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

**A Note from Miss Jenn**
Summer Reading is coming to Hancock. Summer Reading Sign Up begins on June 7th! This year’s theme is *A Universe of Stories*. There will be many space themed activities to look forward to throughout the summer. We will be participating in the Global Rocket Launch on July 16th. Keep an eye out for our Intergalactic Garden Party, Astronaut Obstacle Course, and more! Summer calendars will be available soon.

**Thursdays at 10:30am Family Storytime**
Every Thursday we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement!

**Friday June 7th 3:30pm at Hancock Elem School**
Traveling Planetarium from the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center
We are very happy to announce that the HES PTO and The Hancock Town Library have joined forces to bring a fascinating science program to Hancock. The Discovery Center staff will present a program focused on the constellations in the night sky. All HES students will have the opportunity to participate during their school day on June 7th. At 3:30pm the Discovery Center staff will offer a show that is open to all other Hancock children. This portable, inflatable planetarium can accommodate 25-30 children depending on size. Please arrive a little before 3:30 to allow staff time to get everyone settled before the show starts. Admission into the planetarium may not be possible once the show starts. Join us!

**Monday June 10th & 24th 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!*

**June 26th 3pm Galaxy Slime**
We will be making our very own galaxy slime for you to take home with you. This activity is by sign up only. Weather permitting we will be doing this activity outside as there will be glitter involved. :)

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Tuesday, June 11 7:00pm at the Hancock Library

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Join Sandi Bandieri for an evening exploring group travel getaways and vacations.

Relax and enjoy refreshments.

Everyone is welcomed. Please RSVP 603-785-2088 or bannertoursandtravel@gmail.com.

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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Current Exhibit – May 11 - June 19
From Houses and Ladders to Gallery Walls
Exhibit of realistic and colorful acrylic paintings by Jerome Varnum of Bennington, covering a wide variety of subjects including wildlife, landscapes, and people.

Coming June 22 – July 31
When Oil and Water Mix
Artwork by Marilyn (Mer) Wyzga and Kin Schilling
Paper and canvas, oil paints and watercolors — their mediums may not blend, but when they mix, you get an art show. Kin and Mer have applied their distinct styles to similar subjects: mountains, animals, water, light. While each works in multiple mediums, this show will feature Mer’s fluid, bright watercolors and Kin’s charming and evocative oils. Those will be on display with some new pieces and a few surprises.

The artists invite you to an opening reception, with refreshments featuring local fresh ingredients, on Sunday, June 23, 3-5pm.

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

A Note from the Friends of the Hancock Town Library:
Baby Book Bags Return!
After an almost two year hiatus, Baby Book Bags are again being delivered. Friends of the Hancock Town Library welcome new babies with a Book Bag containing an invitation to use the library, three new books, and a five-dollar gift certificate for their parents to Fiddleheads. (Because sometimes parents need a break!) Thanks go to the following volunteers: Hélène Bickford, Anne Kenney, Liz Lawlor, Judy Lister, Deb Shumway, and Jen Sutton. Fifteen bags were delivered in May to parents of children born between October 26, 2017 and January 1, 2019. If we missed you please contact the library and we will rectify the situation with appropriate reading for your child! We encourage everyone to make use of the programs and wealth of books (including board books) offered in the Children’s Room. It is somewhat difficult to locate new parents. Vital Statistics information is not always timely and does not provide addresses or phone numbers. Forms to help the Friends reach out to new parents are now available at the Town Hall and the Town Library. Make sure to fill one out if you know of a baby new to Hancock!
News from the Depot

On Saturday, June 1st, we're super jazzed to have Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards (http://markmandeville.com/) back as our feature! Mark Mandeville and Raianne Richards are clearly inheritors of a timeless legacy, creating music that is both original and evocative of a rich tradition. Blending distinctive voices and a wide range of accompaniment (guitar, harmonica, ukulele, clarinet, penny whistle, electric bass, mandolin and banjo) their songs have been well-received by audiences around the eastern United States and Canada since 2010. Transcending the genre of folk Americana, their music echoes inspiration from traditional folk duos and singer/songwriters like Ian & Sylvia, Kate Wolf and Neil Young – combining beautiful harmonies and a lyrical intensity, while establishing a unique sound of their own. Don't miss them!

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

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Upcoming Feature Acts

· Friday, July 5th: Songwriter’s Circle featuring Justin Lang, Kirsten Manville, Tyler Allgood, and Jane Ross Fallon. PLEASE NOTE that this Cabaret will be on the first Friday of the month instead of Saturday because the Hancock Fireworks are on Saturday the 6th.

· Saturday, August 3rd – The Jenni Lynn Duo

Monthly Association Meetings
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? If you’d like to help out with planning, events, cleanup days, etc., feel free to join us! For information about our next meeting, give David Young a call at 603-525-3085.

Rent the Depot for Your Special Event!
Have a birthday party or other significant event coming up? Consider hosting your event at the Hancock Depot! The venue is available for parties, meetings, celebrations, concerts, and other special events. To learn more, call David Young at 525.3085 or Nancy Adams at 525.4176

Time to Saddle Up and Hit the Trail to the 17th Annual MHS Hair Ball Gala – Happy Tails to YOU!

It’s a shindig too good to miss

Monadnock Humane Society will hold its 17th Annual Hair Ball – Happy Tails to YOU! – on Saturday, June 1, at the Keene Country Club in Keene, to benefit the shelter animals and support the many programs and services MHS offers to the community.

This year, the event will have a “country western” theme. Costumes are always welcome and encouraged, but whether you’re in Stetsons and boots or dresses and suits, plan to have a rip-snortin’ good time.

A silent auction will feature a wide array of wonderful items donated by individuals and businesses of our community. Tickets for the Hair Ball gala are $75 per person. Guests will enjoy high-end hors d’oeuvres, signature drinks, an amazing live auction experience, decadent desserts and dancing - all done in an exciting “country western” atmosphere. Tickets may be purchased on our website at www.monadnockhumanesociety.org. Individual tickets and tables of 8 or 10 may be purchased.
Thank you to our supporters who makes these programs possible.

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

June 1 (Sat) ESI Course: Active Hope – How to Face the Mess We Are In Without Going Crazy
Saturday, June 1 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harris Center
$20 for Harris Center members / $40 for all others
Based on Joanna Macy's groundbreaking book, The Work That Reconnects, this introductory workshop will help you stay engaged in working toward a better world. You’ll have the opportunity to share deeply, listen actively, find joy, take risks, create safe space, and collaborate with others that care for our world. If you feel despair for our world but love this life, then this work is for you. Come with your lunch packed and your heart open. Facilitator Coleen O’Connell has worked with Joanna Macy for 28 years, and has been trained in The Work that Reconnects. Registration is required. For more info contact Sara LeFebvre at 525-3394, lefebvre@harriscen.org.

June 6 (Thu) Family Program: Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow
Thursday, June 6 • Hiroshi Land in Peterborough
Saturday, June 15 • Hiroshi Land in Peterborough
10 to 11am Free of charge
Come out, come out, babes in arms, into the fair spring air! Join us for these gentle morning rambles around local protected lands, specially designed for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. Babies in frontpacks, backpacks, wraps, and slings - help us search for birds that sing. Toddlers and tots - help us seek out butterflies, frogs, and salamanders under rocks. Come to one or to all! See harriscenter.org for directions to the site. For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525.3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

June 7 (Fri) Easygoing Paddle on Powder Mill Pond
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a moderately strenuous paddle on Powder Mill Pond in Greenfield. We’ll head north along the Contoocook River, then work our way to a lunch stop at Lee’s shorefront cabin via the old railroad trestle. Bring your own canoe or kayak, a PFD, and a bag lunch, and meet at 10am at the state boat landing on Forest Road, just east of the covered bridge in Greenfield. Back by 2:30pm. For more info, contact Lee at 525.5262, snowman3137@gmail.com or Rich at 603.827.4105, kayaks100@msn.com.

June 8 (Sat) First Session of Hiking Through Grief
Hiking in the healing presence of nature provides a unique and meaningful way to work through grief. This group offers an opportunity 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 and Marguerite Cheney will co-facilitate these easy to moderately strenuous hikes, which will all take place on Harris Center trails. Meet at 9am at the Harris Center parking lot. Back by 11am. Registration is required. For more info, contact Sara LeFevre.

June 8 (Sat) ESI Course: Medicinal Plant Walk with Luna’s Herbal Botanical Cultivations
9 to 11:30am at the Harris Center
$10 for Harris Center members / $30 for all others
Join herbalist Brenna Morris to learn how to mindfully harness the medicine inherent in plants. This workshop will start with a plant walk, followed by a hands-on activity of making tinctures from plants collected on our walk. Brenna Morris is a scientist and herbalist who teaches about the connection between spirit and science. She created Luna’s Herbal Botanical Cultivations to deepen respect and awareness for the land, and to empower people to make their own medicine from the land around them. Registration is required. For more info, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscen.org.

June 8 (Sat) Teen Program: Medicinal Plant Walk for Teens with Luna’s Herbal Botanical Cultivations
Saturday, June 8 • 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harris Center • $5 materials fee
Join herbalist Brenna Morris for an afternoon of herbology for teens. Learn the smells, tastes, and magical properties of the native plants in our forest edges and understory! This workshop will start with a plant walk, followed by a hands-on activity making tinctures from plants collected on our walk. Registration is required. For more info, contact Sara LeFebvre at lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

June 15 (Sat) Hiking Through Grief
For a full description, see June 8. 9 to 11am at the Harris Center. Registration is required. For more info or contact Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

June 15 (Sat) Family Program: Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow
For a full description, see June 6.

June 22 (Sat) Hiking Through Grief
For a full description, see June 8. 9 to 11am at the Harris Center. Registration is required. For more info, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

June 29 (Sat) Bikin’ Round the SuperSanctuary
Join Russ Cobb and Richard Pendleton for a challenging, but easy-paced 25- to 30-mile bike ride through the SuperSanctuary and environs. We’ll roll on pavement, dirt, and gravel, so a gravel, mountain, or fat tire bike is recommended. We’ll be doing some climbing too, so bring your best legs, two bottles of water, and a few snacks, along with a spare bike tube or patch kit. We’ll leave at 10am sharp from the Harris Center parking lot, and take frequent stops to rest, chat, and enjoy the day. Back by 1 pm. Registration is required and limited to 12 riders. For more info, contact Russ at rcobb67@gmail.com.
Update from Hancock Elementary School
Amy Janoch, Principal

We are so fortunate to live in a community where the arts are encouraged and celebrated. We have been able to take advantage of a number of experiences and opportunities with little impact on day to day learning!!

We started out the month with an NHDI residency. Jeanine Andrews spent the week with staff and students. It is incredible to watch Jeanine teach the children the various dance moves through familiar phrases like “lower your arms like they are dripping chocolate.”

The next week we hosted our Spring Concert. Ms. Pineau, music teacher, facilitated a concert where the children showcased their beautiful voices and recorder skills.

On Saturday, May 18th, many HES students carried their art work in the Children and the Arts parade. Prior to Children and the Arts, the students created visually textured stars in art class. The stars were then attached to paint stirrers so that the children could carry them in the parade. They were so proud to represent their school!

The end of the school year always includes a number of hands on learning opportunities that engage and motivate students as the weather warms and the sun shines outside.

Friday, May 31st is our district wide field day. All elementary students come together at ConVal high school to play a wide range of outdoor games. This is the one time in the year where students meet and collaborate with peers from all of the towns in the district. It is great fun!

Hancock Library and HES are working together to bring a Traveling Planetarium to Hancock on June 7th. From 1:30 - 3 students at HES will participate in a night sky presentation in the inflatable dome planetarium. After school, the community is welcome to come to the HES multipurpose room to explore and learn about the night time stars.

June 12th is our all school field trip to the Montshire Museum. Students and staff will participate in the hands-on activities offered by the museum. The younger students will attend a magnet workshop while the older students will explore the world of engineering. We are lucky to be able to ride to and from the museum on coach buses thanks to Hancock Trust Funds.

Finally, we have our end of the year moving up ceremony for our fourth grade on June 17th at 2:15pm. It is an opportunity to recognize the many contributions that they have made to our community and wish them well in middle school.

Thank you to the Hancock Community for your ongoing support of Hancock Elementary School. It is because of you that our students are able to enjoy these special learning activities.
June 2019

HANCOCK HAPPENINGS

Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

Upcoming Events

**Black Fly Community Art Show, Saturday, June 1**
The public is invited to join us Saturday, June 1st from 10:00-12:00 to view works of art by children, youth and adults in our community. People of all ages are invited to participate in community art making projects during the show.

**NH Gives 24 hour Online Campaign: June 11 at 6pm to June 12 at 6pm:** Join our exciting online campaign to support our youth programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center! Visit NHgives.org and find our campaign by searching for The Grapevine. For more info visit avenueatc.org.

**Yard Sale** to benefit The Learning Vine Preschool on Saturday, June 15 from 8:30-noon. Where: Grapevine parking lot. What: Loads of treasures and bargains! Donations of new and like-new items are welcome—please call 588-2620 BEFORE you donate.

**Summer Programs**

**Grapevine Community Tool Lending Shed** - Come borrow tools and light equipment throughout the season! Tool pickup is by appointment. We are also accepting donations of your gently used items. For borrowing or donation, please email: toolshed@grapevinenh.org.

**Heartfelt Thank yous...**
By the time you read this, our 15th Annual Spring Walk for Families will have come and gone. We are grateful to the people of this community who have collected pledges, participated and sponsored our walkers. We are well on our way to meeting our pledge goal of $10,000 this year! The Grapevine is grateful to our many business supporters for their continued support of this major fundraising event. We thank the following 2019 Annual Spring Walk Business Sponsors:

- Antrim Medical Group
- Bank of NH
- Bellows-Nichols Insurance
- Edmunds' Ace Hardware
- W.S. Badger Company
- Chucksters Family Fun Park

**Grapevine Summer Hours:**
The Grapevine office will be closed June 17 - July 5 Office will re-open July 8 -August 23; Monday – Wednesday from 9am – 12pm or by appointment.

**Other Programs and Services Available at The Grapevine...**

- **Home Visiting Supports**
- Information and supported referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating and food
- **Child and family counseling through RiverBend Community Mental Health**
- **Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Support Group**
Boy Scouts of Troop 2

The Boy Scouts of Troop 2, representing Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, Hancock and Greenfield plant geraniums in honor of veterans at three Hancock cemeteries Saturday morning.

Submitted by Michael Redmond

Hancock Woman’s Club

The Hancock Woman’s Club members are pleased to announce the 2019 Scholarship recipients. Each year the Club awards adult women who plan to either begin or further their education. The following women will be receiving a scholarship. We wish them all the luck with their education pursuits!

Stacy Theberge was awarded a scholarship to assist her in gaining her Master’s Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at SNHU. Her ultimate goal is to be in a group practice and eventually open her own private practice here in the Monadnock area.

Angie LeFebvre is enrolled in the Patient Safety and Quality Masters of Nursing program at SNHU. Completion of this Master’s program is a requirement for advancement in her job as Accreditation and Regulatory Compliance Leader at Cheshire Medical Center. This is a specialty she has grown to love after serving as Emergency Room nursing leader for many years.

Hannah Kokoski is in the Yoga Teacher Training program at Peggy Cappy Enterprises. She is interested in helping those struggling with limited mobility or chronic pain, discovering the joy that comes from gentle, mindful movements. She wants to help others to help themselves through health and wellness.

Submitted by Sara Lefebvre
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 and Friday, July 5th 9:00am-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 11am, Town Office

Common Commission – every other 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, Town Office Main Floor

School Board – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Board Room

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HANCOCK GUILD
CLOTHING SALE

(Gently Used Spring/Summer Clothing)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH 1:00 P.M TO 5:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

BAG SALE ON SATURDAY 12:00 PM TO CLOSING AT 1:00 PM

CLOTHING DROP OFF TIMES AT HANCOCK VESTRY - 47 MAIN STREET

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH - JUNE 6TH
2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

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