News from the Selectboard

Submitted by Erik Spitzbarth, Chairperson

March means Town Meeting! This one will be as important as ever with many critical voting choices to be made ranging from current and future infrastructure support, equipment needs, communications, policy changes, educational spending, and charitable support.

Municipal

Town Budget: As of this writing, a Town Operating Expense schedule will be presented that is an estimated $0.63 per $1,000 evaluation higher than last year. A breakdown is as follows. The approved 2018 Warrant article for the six year, 10 wheel dump lease accounted for $0.17, health insurance premium increase: $0.18, planned legal fees associated with upcoming abatements: $0.10 and miscellaneous line item increases (salary, ambulance, and police retirement): $0.18.

An additional 15 Town Warrant Articles are planned to be presented, each with an individual estimated tax impact. Details available in Town Report

Expense and Opportunity Cost Savings:
DPW has reached an agreement with the Antrim Recycle Center to take transfer of their used motor oil (at no cost) for the purpose of using it to heat the Hancock Dump Facility. A scheduled $16,700 Dump Truck Plow and Wing Warrant Article has been removed. A demo plow became available at a cost of $2,800 and Equipment Reserve Funds were used for the purchase. The Wing will be repaired to last another year.

Conval School District

Potential Hancock Tax Impacts from the Proposed 2019-20 Conval Budget and Warrant Articles
(Hancock is assessed 11.42% of the Conval District costs)

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Conval Default Budget:

As of this writing, if the Conval Budget is not passed, the Default budget is $47,287,397.73 which is a reduction of $1,249,225.65. This would result in a reduction in Hancock’s Assessment of $142,661.57. The Reduction in tax Impact/ $1,000 would be $0.57
It’s March and the thoughts of spring are just around the corner. St. Patrick’s Day will soon be upon us. If you are feeling festive then please party responsibly. There’s still snow and ice so be careful. Hopefully, you will never need our emergency services, but if you do, we pledge to respond with a fast, well-trained and courteous team of professionals to your call for help. We are proud of the comfort that we can bring in your time of need. When It Comes to Your Family DON’T LEAVE FIRE & LIFE SAFETY TO PURE LUCK…

In this month’s article we focus on March 19-25th: POISON PREVENTION WEEK

Even though the following is geared toward families with young children we need to remember that many older adults are host to grandchildren and family friends. Take a moment to look and see what you can do to ensure your home, family, and visitors are kept safe.

Laundry Liquid Packets

Young children are explorers, and as they develop, they often learn by touch and by putting things into their mouths. Liquid laundry detergent packets are designed to dissolve in water, so when they come in contact with wet hands or mouths they start to dissolve and might release the concentrated liquid inside. We want to encourage our kids to explore and discover new things; we just need to be careful to keep them safe. Here are a few tips to show you how:

• Keep liquid laundry packets out of children’s reach and sight.
• Keep packets in their original container and keep the container closed.
• If a child gets into them, call the Poison Help number immediately.

Poison Help Number 1-800-222-1222

Poison Prevention Top Tips

• Store all household products and cleaning solutions out of children’s sight and reach. Young kids are often eye-level with items under the kitchen and bathroom sinks.
• Read product labels to find out what can be hazardous to kids. Dangerous household items include makeup, personal care products, plants, pesticides, lead, art supplies, alcohol and carbon monoxide.
• Make sure that all medications, including vitamins and adult medicines, are stored out of reach and out of sight of children.

Put the toll-free number Poison Help Number 1-800-222-1222 into your home and cell phones. You should also post it near your phone and/or on your refrigerator for the babysitter. Hopefully you’ll never need it, but it’s nice to have just in case.

Over the last couple of months it has become more obvious that the need for up to date, working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is extremely important. I can tell because of the emergency calls we have responded to. Did you know if a fire starts in your home you have just two minutes to escape? Did you know that you can’t smell CO (carbon monoxide)? Please take a moment to ensure that your batteries have been replaced and that your alarms are in working order. Detectors that are 10 years old (or older) need to be replaced. Just like everything else, they wear out and don’t do their job.

Currently the Hancock Fire and Rescue has approximately 22 active members. We are your neighbors, friends, coworkers, and the "Strangers" you chat with in line at the market. We represent a wide range of occupations with a wide range of skills, but we share one professional goal: to be there when you need us. The Hancock VFD is always looking for hardworking and dedicated members. If you are interested in volunteering as an active Emergency Medical Technician or a Firefighter or as a supporting member please contact any of our members to learn more about volunteering in our community.

Raffle winners for the month:
$40.00 Hon. Samuel Lessey, Jr.
$20.00 Roy Mills
$10.00 Pat Russell, John Schadegg, Jonathan Coyne
Notice of Public Meeting
Ballot voting: March 12th 8am to 7pm Hancock town office
Town Meeting: March 16th 9am Meetinghouse

From the Editor
While the Town of Hancock website (hancocknh.org) is being updated, I have been unable to input the February issue of Hancock Happenings. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and will get the issue on the website as soon as I can.
Jaime Donovan

Report from the Norway Pond Commission
By Tom Shevenell, Chair
The Norway Pond Commission continued to facilitate scientific research on Norway Pond in 2018 as it works toward meeting its vision that a scientific understanding of how the Norway Pond ecosystem historically functioned and currently operates, is a prerequisite in predicting how the pond’s ecosystem may evolve in the future.

The research conducted in 2018 will be presented at the 2nd Annual Norway Pond Symposium to be held at the Harris Center on Saturday March 2nd, 2019 from 9am to noon. All are welcome to come and learn about Norway Pond. If you want to be on the emailing list for future information about the symposium, please email Tom Shevenell at tcshevenell@gmail.com.

News from the First Congregational Church of Hancock

Ash Wednesday Gathering
We invite you to join us in the Vestry on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm for a simple supper (soup and bread) and a candlelight prayer service to mark the beginning of Lent. The imposition of ashes will be offered for those who wish to receive them.

Collaging Our Way Into Lent: A Mini-Retreat to be Held on March 10
The season of Lent has been used throughout the centuries as a time reflect more deeply and to get the spirit moving. We invite you to join us in the Vestry for another Sunday afternoon mini-retreat on March 10 from 2 pm – 4 pm to help set this process in motion. We will begin by working intuitively in the medium of collage. If have ever tried Soul Collage, you will find some similarities. Each of us will then use the personal collages we have created to identify a theme or question for exploration during the weeks leading up to Easter. There is no charge for this workshop, although boxes of cereal for End 68 Hours of Hunger are always gratefully received. We do ask you to sign up in advance by emailing Judy Copeland at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com. If possible, please bring a wide glue stick and a pair of scissors that can be used to cut paper (or a small exacto knife if you prefer).

Cutting Down on Sugar
Again, we thank the wider Hancock community for its continuing support of our effort to collect cereal for the End 68 Hours of Hunger Project. There is a bin on the first floor of the Meetinghouse where boxes of cereal (10-12 ounce boxes) and oatmeal (boxes of individual single serving packets) can be dropped off. Currently, somewhere in the neighborhood of 180 bags of food are going home with Conval school children each week.

The request has come through that we try to cut down on sugared cereals and provide children with healthier options. As you shop for cereal to donate, please consider some of the following lower sugar varieties: Cheerios (original and plain), Chex (corn, rice, and wheat), Rice Krispies, Kix, Corn Flakes, Quaker Life (original), Post Honey Bunches of Oats (Honey Roasted), Special K, Total, Wheaties, and Spoon-size Shredded Wheat.

Submitted by Judy Copeland, Pastor
Hancock Woman’s Club

With Spring just around the corner, we can enjoy longer days and warmer weather. This month, we invite you to come to our March meeting on Wednesday evening the 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Vestry. Our guest speakers will be Ellena Weston Zimmermann and Bobbie Nylander presenting us with the “Settlement of Hancock’s Main Street.” Their extensive research on Hancock is very impressive and this meeting will surely be an education on our very own Main Street with an emphasis on some of the homes we see every day.

Please note that this will be an evening meeting so that people unable to attend our afternoon meetings might like to join us! After the presentation a tea will be served with homemade treats. We hope you can join us.

Respectfully submitted by Sara LeFebvre

Hancock Historical Society
News and Upcoming Events

Jeff Warner will be performing “Songs of Old New Hampshire” on April 7th at 2pm in the Eaton Room at the historical society. Don’t miss this fascinating program with an accomplished performer! Jeff is among the nation’s foremost performer/interpreters of traditional music. His songs from the lumber camps, fishing villages and mountaintops of America connect today’s audiences with the everyday lives — and artistry — of 19th century Americans.

We hope to see you there!

Also, the Historical Society of Cheshire County is planning an exhibit the during the winter of 2019-2020 about the history of toy making in the Monadnock and Connecticut river valley regions, and has asked for the local historical societies to share information, photographs or actual toys that represent toy making in their towns. If you have any of the above you would like to share, especially about the Hancock Toy Company or the Williams family toy manufacturing on Middle Road in the mid-twentieth century, please contact Bobbie Nylander at 525-6649.
Ice Out Sales Star

Although no “official” sales records have been kept over the years, it is evident that Sherry Williams and her staff at Fiddleheads [along with Jarvis Coffin and his staff at the Hancock Market] have sold the most…by far. Ice Out Central recently interviewed Sherry to gain her perspective on the program and Fiddlehead’s diligent, reliable, and most appreciated support.

IOC: The Ice Out teams have benefitted greatly from your support here at Fiddleheads and we want you to know your help is very much appreciated. Fiddleheads makes no commission on these sales. Why do you sell all these ice out tickets year after year?

SW: I believe in supporting the community. Fiddleheads is a local hub for residents.

IOC: Have you had any interesting experiences involving the ice out contests?

SW: Just the excitement of learning the winner. My staff enjoys explaining what the “Ice Out” is to people visiting from out of the area.

IOC: Final thoughts?

SW: Hancock is a small town and we like to be part of what makes our town so special.

IOC: Thank you again Sherry Williams. You and your staff are terrific and can claim much of the Ice Out Contests’ success over the years.

Note: Both sales and collection of tickets end on March 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Then we wait. Let the melting begin. Good Luck!

Ice Out Committee for 2019
Submitted by Phil Jones
Community Supper
The next Community Supper will be on Thursday, March 21st at 5:30pm in the Vestry hosted and organized by Renew. If you are interested in sponsoring a supper please contact Renew’s director Maggie at maggie21@tds.net

Friends of Willard Pond
Do you enjoy going to Willard Pond for a peaceful interaction with nature?
If so, you are not alone. However, over the past few years, there are increasing numbers of visitors and with them comes related problems of overuse. Trash is not always disposed of properly. The parking lot is filled to capacity and people park in areas off limits to parking. Some folks fail to follow Audubon guidelines for hiking, dogs, night use, campfires, and camping.
Along with the Audubon Society (owners of the land surrounding Willard Pond), a group of people is seeking to establish a group called “Friends of Willard Pond” to help address some of these problems and keep Willard Pond a place for all to enjoy.
The first meeting of this group will be held on Wednesday, March 27th at 7 pm at the Hancock Town Library. Please feel free to come to this meeting for a discussion of how this group might function. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate or know more, please contact Anitra Sorensen at (603) 731-9764 or anitrasorensen@gmail.com.
Submitted by Anitra Sorenson

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Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com
At the Aqueduct Race Track the 2 story escalator was packed with people when the sound system played the Star Spangled Banner.
Each person, as he reached the top snapped to attention with his hand over his heart and was really offended when the escalator caused the next person to bump into him.
And the next and the next... “Hey, it’s the National Anthem, buddy!”
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

Literary Peep Dioramas! As springtime approaches it’s once again time to start thinking about your Literary Peep Diorama for 2019. Collect your shoe boxes. Grab the glue gun. Clip those magazines. It’s a super-fun activity for all ages! Some of our favorites from the past were Le Petit Peep, Huckleberry Peep, A Tale of Two Peeps...you get the idea. Make your Literary Peep Diorama by the end of March then deliver it to the Hancock Town Library for display in early April. Intrigued but need more information? Call us at 525-4411.

Yoga ~ Now two days a week here at the library!
Mondays 9-10:15 with Chris Justice
Fridays 9-10:15 with Betsy DiPrima

Sunday March 3rd at 4:00pm Candidate Forum
This is your chance to meet the candidates for town offices and school board. Bring your questions! The following candidates are running: Kurt Grassett and Eric Spitzbarth for Select Board; Sean Kerwin for Water Commissioner; Jane Eklund for Library Trustee; Paul Faber for Trustee of the Trust Funds; Tim Theberge for School Board. There will be snacks.

Monday March 4th at 6:00pm
Hancock Cooks Cookbook Club
This month’s cookbook is The Smitten Kitchen. Interested? Give us a call at 525-4411.

Thursday March 7th at 7:00pm
The Performance Translation of Beowulf with Francelia Clark & Sebastian Lockwood
Beowulf: A Performance Translation is now available as a book and audiobook on Amazon, and is coming to the Hancock Town Library in live storytelling. Sebastian Lockwood will give a live performance from the latter part of this single remaining Old English epic poem, well over a thousand years old. Francelia Clark will add some Old English language comparison and informal text analysis, and they both will encourage audience discussion. The concept of story performance aloud as teaching, which was the epic’s original use, drew Francelia and Sebastian to a year of making this direct yet faithful translation which resonates with sound. Come to enjoy hearing the drama in Beowulf, along with discoveries for all of us from samples of original text and audience contribution.

Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00pm
Game Night for Grownups!
Got a touch of cabin fever? Keep those blues at bay with your word wisdom, trivia wit or scoring strategy. Relax and have fun as you meet up with friends and neighbors over a trusty favorite or challenging new-in-the-box game (board not required!). Bring a game if you’ve got one, and a snack or drink to share if you like. Every second Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm at the Hancock Town Library.

Thursday March 14th at 7:00pm
“My Life as a Turkey” – Film & Talk
Based on a true story, My Life as a Turkey chronicles naturalist Joe Hutto’s remarkable experience of raising a group of sixteen Wild Turkey hatchlings to adulthood. This charming, award-winning film explores the unique connection between Hutto and his brood with humor and thoughtfulness, providing a rare glimpse into how these curious, intelligent birds see the world. Following the film, Hancock resident and NHFG biologist Mark Ellingwood will be on hand to “talk turkey.” This program has all the fixings for a great evening. Come gobble it up!
Cosponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education and the Hancock Town Library.
Saturdays Beginning March 16th from 9:00-10:00am
Seated Tai Chi for Arthritis and Health with Howard Eng
A safe and gentle exercise program for adults with arthritis and others interested in a beginning level of Tai Chi movements and general principles. Learn an easy arrangement of moves from the latest Tai Chi style promoting health and wellness. This program is supported by the Arthritis Foundation of USA, UK, and Australia. There is a $50 fee for 6 weeks of classes. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and shoes with flat soles (ie, sneakers). Howard Eng is the instructor. Howard has been studying Tai Chi Chuan since 2006 with inspiration from one of our Hancock residents, Andrew Shier. He has been teaching since 2012 with classes held at both the Hancock and Greenfield libraries. Currently, Howard teaches at the Bond Wellness Center in Peterborough. He is a member of the Tai Chi Health Community [https://www.tchc.info/] and certified by the Tai Chi Health Institute [https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/] to offer both Yang and Sun styles. To register or more info, please call: (603) 933-1463

Tuesday March 19th 5:30-7:00pm Free-Form-Français “Parlez vous Français?” Are you learning French and would like a chance to get better at speaking it? Were you fluent once and wish you had the opportunity to converse once again? Or would you just like to brush up on this romance language? The Hancock Town Library hosts a French language conversation group and you’re invited! The setting is very informal and is open from 5:30 to 7:00 on the third Tuesday of the month. Arrive and leave at your leisure. All levels welcome. Modeled on the Manchester Franco-American Centre’s “Prêt-à-Parler,” the sessions are 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!”

Saturday March 30th 5:00-7:00pm Artist Reception
Amber Martin of Antrim will show her large format abstract paintings at the library’s first show of the spring season. The show will open Saturday, March 30th, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

A Note from Miss Jenn
The peeps are coming! It is that time of year again. I hereby extend the official invitation to one and all to build a literary peep diorama. Finished dioramas can be dropped off for display starting on April 1st. I look forward to seeing what everyone comes up with again this year. This is an all ages event so feel free to work as a family or with your local club to build a diorama.

Tuesday March 5th 3:30-4:30pm Lego Club
Free build with Legos. Each participant gets one base to build on. At the end of the one-hour build time we put all our creations up on display! This program is open to all Lego fans and builders, all ages welcome.

Monday March 11th & March 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!

Wednesday March 20th 3-5pm Peep Building Session
This is an open build session. We will have supplies laid out for you to use for your dioramas. Feel free to come in and build on site or stop in for a few embellishments to finish off your diorama. This is open to all ages.

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

Friends of the Hancock Town Library
Book Sale! We are collecting for August’s book sale. Please feel free to drop off your GENTLY used books, DVDs and CDs anytime the library is open. Please cast a critical eye toward the items you are donating. We’ve had to take an awful lot to the recycling center in the past and are hoping to avoid that this year. Is your book musty or very yellowed? Take that directly to the recycling center. Is it an out-of-date medical/legal/computer/travel book? Don’t bring it here! Ditto for encyclopedias. (Those Windows95 For Dummies and 1975 World Books just aren’t selling!) If you have any questions call Amy at 525-4411. Thank you so much!
CVTC Volunteer Driver Program

The Community Volunteer Transportation Company, or CVTC, is looking for more people to become part of our volunteer driver team.

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 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.

For more info call 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5.

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.

Here is an opportunity for all who have been considering solar installations!

Solarize is a campaign that has proven to greatly increase the number of solar installations in a community. It does so by partnering skilled volunteers with a high quality, vetted installer to provide residents and small businesses with discounted rates and a simplified process. All installations will be finished by the end of 2019, the last year for the 30% federal tax credit.

You are invited to our free Kickoff events! For Hancock, Peterborough, and Sharon: Wed, March 13, 6:30-8pm at the Peterborough Town House. Refreshments will be served.

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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Currently showing
The ‘Friends, Fruits & Flowers’ exhibit continues through March 27th in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Town Library. Artist Amy Stodola of Harrisville works mainly in oil on small canvases, painting subjects including cats, dogs, and still life. She has painted more than 100 pet portraits to help with fundraising for a no-kill kitty shelter. Amy also enjoys painting dogs, pigs, and chickens, and does pet portraits on commission.

Coming March 30th-May 9th
Amber Marie Martin of Antrim will show her large format abstract paintings at the library’s first show of the spring season. The show will open Saturday, March 30th, with a reception from 5 to 7pm. Entirely self-taught, Amber paints with colorful, emotion-driven, intuitive, and inventive techniques. Her style has been described as serene, evocative, idyllic, imaginative, and transportive. With layers of acrylics built up and blended on the canvas, not the palette, her art takes you to places you haven't been to yet – just imagine. Amber was the first-place winner of the “People's Choice Award” in the 2018 Jaffrey Civic Center's Annual Fall Exhibit. In addition to painting, Amber writes, gardens, is a Jane of all trades, obsesses over her three cats, stares at the moon, loves traveling, and loves old things – especially old typewriters. Visit www.ambermariemartin.com to learn more about Amber and what she is up to.

Exhibits can be viewed during regular library hours: Mon. and Wed., 2-6 pm; Tues. and Thur., 10 am-7 pm; and Sat. 10 am-4 pm. Please call the library (525-4411) before your visit to ensure no special events are scheduled at that time.
March 2019 Cabaret: Americana Night!
On Saturday, March 2, we are honored to be featuring TWO fabulous Americana groups:

- **Sweet Wednesday**. First, we're super excited that Sweet Wednesday will be back for their second feature performance. Dave Falk and Lisa Housman formed Sweet Wednesday in 2006, and since then the duo has released four albums to critical acclaim, toured extensively as an acoustic duo and with their full band, and been featured on radio and television programs throughout the U.S. and abroad. In addition to inspiring fans near and far, Sweet Wednesday has received several songwriting awards, including First Place in the Great American Song Contest, First Place in the Dallas Songwriting Competition, and Runner-Up in the John Lennon Song Contest. An accomplished multi-instrumentalist, Dave brings his unique style to the guitar, mandolin, harmonica, banjo, and fiddle, while Lisa sings of long-distance friendships, having a hard day working as a clerk in a bakery in New York City, lost love, and those crazy mermaids you might encounter after being out on the ocean for several days. Check out Sweet Wednesday’s web site: http://www.sweetwednesday.com/ to learn more, listen to some of their music, and see some cool videos!

- **The Clavis Brudon Band**. Second, we are truly jazzed to welcome The Clavis Brudon Band (CBB)! Focusing on tight harmonies and "B side" songs, The Clavis Brudon Band (CBB) has been rockin' New England audiences for more than three years. Comprised of Stephen Clarke (vocals, guitar, and percussion), Otis Doncaster (vocals and harp), Kevin Visnaskas (guitar and vocals), and John Bruner (bass and vocals), CBB plays a healthy mix of Americana tunes as well as country, blues, and rock. All seasoned musicians, Stephen, Kevin, and John formerly played together in the Installers, and Kevin and John have been part of Eastwood Peak for more than 45 years. Otis has performed for over 25 years with his band, Otis and the Elevators, and also has been the harp player and singer with Luther Guitar Jr. Johnson for the past 10 years. Check out their Facebook page here: https://www.facebook.com/The-Clavis-Brudon-Band-1490941281215549/. And … needless to say, you don't want to miss these guys! We'll only have a handful of open mic spots at this event, so if you want to sign up you’ll want to come early!

**About the Venue**
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 at the Depot, 27 Depot Road.

All shows begin 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!

If you are interested in performing as a feature performer, renting the Depot for an event, or simply want more info: 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**
April 6: Crabgrass – foot-stompin’ bluegrass-based hootenanny tunes!
May 4: Tom Smith – the quintessential folk artist …

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.
Mar 1 (Fri) Easygoing Hike through the Hiroshi Land
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a moderately strenuous, 2-mile roundtrip hike (or snowshoe, depending on conditions) through the Hiroshi Land, following Nubanusit Brook to Dinsmore Pond. Bring lunch (and snowshoes, if necessary), and meet at 10am at the gas station at the intersection of Rte 101 and 137 in Dublin. Back by 2:30pm. For more info, contact Rich (603) 827-4105, kayaks100@msn.com or Lee at 525.5262, snowman3137@gmail.com.

Mar 2 (Sat) 2nd Annual Norway Pond Symposium
Join us for a day of talks highlighting recent research on the ecology of Norway Pond in Hancock. Topics will include the historical record of human activity and environmental change revealed by pond sediments, the role of cyanobacteria in the pond’s ecosystem, and water quality. 8:30am to 3pm at the Harris Center. Snow date: March 9. Please bring a bag lunch. Cosponsored by the Harris Center and the Norway Pond Commission. For more information and to RSVP, contact Tom Shevenell at tshevenell@gmail.com.

Mar 4 (Mon) First Session of ESI Course: Owls of NH
Mondays, 3/4 and 3/11, 10 to 11am at Harris Center. Please bring binoculars. First two sessions will be held indoors. The course will conclude with an outdoor, nighttime walk to listen and look for owls. The first two sessions will be held indoors. The course will conclude with an outdoor, nighttime walk to listen and look for these charismatic nocturnal birds of prey. Hillary Siener is a naturalist and conservation biologist. Over the years, she has conducted research on all manner of New England wildlife, including ants, deer, fishers, loons, and Saw-Whet Owls. Space is limited, and registration is required. For more info or to register, contact Sara LeFevbre at 525-3394 or lefevbre@harriscenter.org.

Mar 14 (Thu) My Life as a Turkey Film and Talk
Based on a true story, My Life as a Turkey chronicles naturalist Joe Hutto’s remarkable experience of raising a group of sixteen Wild Turkey hatchlings to adulthood. This charming, award-winning film explores the unique connection between Hutto and his brood with humor and thoughtfulness, providing a rare glimpse into how these curious, intelligent birds see the world. Following the film, Hancock resident and NHFG biologist Mark Ellingwood will be on hand to "talk turkey." This program has all the fixings for a great evening. Come gobble it up! 7 to 8:30pm at the Hancock Town Library. Copresented by the Harris Center and the Hancock Library. For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Mar 21 (Thu) Tasting the Grade: A Guide to Maple Syrup
Join UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialist and maple syrup expert Steve Roberge for a syrup tasting in celebration of sugaring season. Steve will serve as our "sommelier" for the evening, guiding us through the various grades from very dark to amber. All are welcome, especially those with a discriminating palate. 7 to 8:30pm at the Harris Center. Copresented by the Harris Center and UNH Coop Ext. For more info, contact Steve (603) 352-4550 or steven.roberge@unh.edu.

Mar 21 (Thu) Forest Bathing by Moonlight
It's a marvelous night for a moon bath, with the stars up above in your eyes! Join Susie Spikol and Marilyn Wyzga for a moonlit ramble across fields, along edges, and into the woods. Taking our cue from the Japanese Shinrin-yoku ("Forest Bathing") practice, we’ll open our senses through gentle yoga poses, deep breathing, “coyote walking,” and quiet reflection. Come experience the moonlight. Bring snowshoes, and dress for winter weather. 7 to 8pm at the Harris Center. For more info or to reserve a pair of snowshoes, Susie at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Mar 22 (Fri) Salamander Crossing Brigades Work shop in Keene
As the earth thaws and spring rains drench NH, thousands of amphibians migrate to vernal pools to breed. Many are killed when their journeys take them across roads. Every year, we train citizen scientists to serve on Salamander Crossing Brigades at amphibian road crossings throughout the Monadnock Region. These heroic volunteers move migrating amphibians across roads by hand during one or more "Big Nights" each spring, keeping count as they go. To join the ranks – or simply to learn more about the remarkable spring amphibian migration – join us for this fun, informative, indoor volunteer training. 7 to 9pm in the Putnam Science Center at Keene State College (Room 101). Copresented by the Harris Center and Keene State College. For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Mar 30 (Sat) Salamander Crossing Brigade Workshop
For a full description, see the March 22 event. 10am to noon at the Harris Center. For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Mar 31 (Sun) 35th Annual “Waterfowl Safari” Along the Connecticut River
The spring bird migration begins in March as waterfowl move north through the state, with 36 species of ducks, geese, and swans recorded on the Connecticut River from Hinsdale to Charlestown. We’ll carpool to the best birding spots, with a little easy walking as needed, in hopes of seeing the spectacle. Wear mud boots, bring lunch, and meet at 8am in the Home Depot parking lot off Route 9 in Keene. Carpools return by 1pm. For more info and to sign up, contact Eric Masterson at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.
BOREAS HONORS WIND QUINTET POISED TO PERFORM IN HANCOCK
on
Sunday March 4pm at the Hancock Meeting House

The Boreas Wind Quintet is based at Boston’s New England Conservatory where it was selected as one of the Conservatory’s Honors Chamber Ensembles.

- Jensen Bocco, Bassoon
- Theo Robinson, Clarinet
- Hunter O’Brien, Flute
- Reese Williams, Horn
- Ryoei Leo Kawai, oboe

Our Music on Norway audiences are regularly treated to the best of the best at the New England Conservatory and should not be disappointed when these five passionate young artists share their artistry with us.

Tickets are available at the door or on-line at musiconnorwaypond.org
March Programs

For more information on programs and events, contact us at 588-2620 or email: info@grapevinenh.org

Eat Out for The Grapevine in March! We will receive twenty percent of the day’s proceeds from two wonderful restaurants!

Rick and Diane’s in Antrim—All day **Friday, March 8th**
Fiddlehead’s Café and Catering in Hancock—All day **Wednesday, March 20th**

Get your garden on! Garden Talk with Dick Carlson at The Grapevine, Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30 to 8:00.
Come learn a great way to germinate sees, about organic fertilizers, dealing with insects, caring for house plants, and greenhouses. Dick has many years of experience in gardening beginning with Woodman's Florist and has worked with children and schools to share his knowledge. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn from Dick. Registration required. Program is free and limited to 20 participants.

**WEEKLY through April 15th: Free Tax Preparation** with Larry Schwartz of PCH Financial
IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz is providing free tax preparation at The Grapevine on Monday afternoons by appointment from January 21st - April 15th. All returns will be filed electronically. Call The Grapevine now to schedule your appointment - slots fill quickly!

The Grapevine and Avenue A Teen Center: A Brief Year in Review

The Grapevine has continued to respond to the needs of our community, serving 1,635 individuals during the 2017/18 program year. Hancock residents have benefited from our Better Beginnings Parent Child Programs, Community Wood Bank, Tax Preparation Services, Information & Referral Services, Home Visiting, Parent Education workshops, Avenue A Teen & Community Center and more. The Community Suppers in Hancock continue, thanks to the Church Vestry and dedication of local volunteers.

Between 2017 and 2018 Avenue A Teen Center served over 300 teens - a 20 percent increase over the previous year! This growth was possible because of the 70+ volunteers who helped with our programs since last summer. Together, we’ve reached some exciting milestones: 132 teens participated in our 2018 summer programs—a 238 percent increase over the previous year! Continuing our focus on creative expression, healthy living, social development, and STEM skills, we launched 9 new programs in the last year. We now offer afterschool programs on Thursdays and Fridays, giving us a full roster of programs Monday-Friday.

Thank you to the people of Hancock for continuing to support The Grapevine’s many child, youth, family and community programs and resources. It would not be possible without local town support.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Franconia, Hillsborough, Deering and nearby towns. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by our center at 4 Aiken Street. Visit us online at www.grapevinenh.org, LIKE us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/ and on Instagram: @thegrapevinefrc.

Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director
Update from Hancock Elementary School  
Amy Janoch, Principal

Over the last couple of months students have not only been improving their math and literacy skills, but also working on Social Emotional Learning. Social Emotional Learning consists of students learning skills to be a good friend to themselves and others. On Valentine’s Day we had a day of celebrating our emotional health. Throughout the day, children enjoyed time with mixed grade groups practicing team building, how to be a good friend to others and ourselves, calming strategies through yoga, and problem solving strategies. The day culminated with cookie decorating and dancing!

Spring is right around the corner and we have some fun activities planned for our Hancock Huskies...

Upcoming events:

All incoming kindergarteners who have not already registered, should attend the Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 8am-3pm at Peterborough Elementary School. This will be for children residing in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple. Pre-registration is required. Please call Kate Wasserloos at 603-924-7503 ext. 2032 to schedule an appointment time.

The tooth fairy from Monadnock Health Teeth to Toes will be visiting the week of April 8th. She will teach the HES children how to brush and care for their teeth and gums. With parent permission, the tooth fairy will also provide a dental exam as well as a cleaning.

There will be an all school field trip to the Capitol Center for the Arts to see the performance of Rosie Revere Engineer on April 17, 2019. This musical is based on a book series that focuses on the STEM curriculum (science, technology, engineering and math). Leading up to this field trip, students will be delving into the book series and learning more about the characters and STEM curriculum.

Our residency with New Hampshire Dance Institute begins on May 6th. Throughout the residency, Jeanine Edmund skillfully guides our students in learning a developmentally appropriate dance. Every year, I marvel at the impact NHDI has on our students. The children build self-esteem, teamwork, and commitment. Please join us for the performance on Friday, May 10th at 5:30pm.

In addition to these fantastic learning opportunities, Jeannie Connolly, the Harris Center and Cornucopia will be working in classrooms throughout the spring to provide science and art integration opportunities for all students.

We are so appreciative of the support from the district, community, nonprofits, and businesses in the Monadnock region for these wonderful opportunities.

Recycling Center
from
the Dump Committee

Recycling in Hancock is Mandatory

Did you know that:
• the Salvation Army picks up periodically
• that anything for the Salvation Army booth needs to be bagged

If the box is full, please, do not leave contributions outside, but try another time.

The Swap Shop library welcomes books for all ages. Please, no used textbooks or outdated “self-help” books.

Questions? please ask attendants

Submitted by Evelein Bachrach
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 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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Nameplate by Eleanor Amidon
SCHOLARSHIP

A Scholarship for Adult Women

The Hancock Woman’s Club’s Annual Scholarship is once again being offered.

To qualify, an applicant must be:

- An adult woman in mid-career. OR
- An adult woman who plans to either begin, change or return to a career after years of family rearing or other responsibilities.
- A current Hancock resident who’s lived here for 2+ years.
- Applicant must provide official confirmation of acceptance or enrollment at an accredited school, such as a college, university, technical or other training school.

To Obtain an Application:

- Write to the:
  Hancock Woman’s Club
  PO Box 366, Hancock, NH 03449

- Call Vici Robinson 525-3044

Deadlines

- Applications must be received no later than March 11, 2019

- Awards will be announced in May.