News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

First of all, thanks to the Old Home Day Committee and the many people and organizations who made Old Home Day possible. The weather was cooperative for a change, lots of activity, the parade was full of surprises, the Synchro Sistahs amazing, and plenty of food. Our new firetruck made its debut. The Norway Pond Paddle on Sunday morning was a nice relaxing end.

The Highway Department will soon be fully staffed with the hiring of two new equipment operators. The roads and drainage systems are being prepared for the Winter and the next Spring. The gravel and grading program is proceeding well. Even though it is a bit short-staffed, the department is getting the necessary tasks done. We have received many compliments for the work that they have been doing.

The older firetruck and backhoe have been sold with a total of $25,200 coming back to the Town. The police cruiser is still for sale. It can be viewed at the Highway Garage. We will consider any reasonable offer.

There is a very extensive Eagle Scout project underway at the site of Elmwood Junction. The railroad rights-of-way have been cleared and many of the remnants of the former structures have been exposed. The next phase will be the installation of permanent signage which will be coordinated with information kiosks displaying the layout and features of the junction. These will include photographs of the facility in its heyday. If you have never been out to Elmwood Junction, it makes for a pleasant and interesting walk.

We have a new Town Treasurer. After looking carefully at what the position requires, Bill Flatley agree to accept the appointment. His initial appointment will extend to the elections in March of next year. His appointment is coming at a very good time as we are about to begin the implementation of our new municipal accounting software. We would like to offer our thanks to Nancy Luby for the excellent work she has done in the years she has served as our Town Treasurer.

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.
Hancock Fire & Rescue  
Tom Bates, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported your Hancock Fire Department Association and Hancock Fire Association Auxiliary during Old Home Day. Your support is greatly appreciated. And a big thanks to the behind the scenes helpers who made the HFD Chicken Bar-B-Que a success. That Saturday is always a long day for the fire department members. We get to the fire station early to clean the trucks and get ready for the parade. After the parade we put the trucks away, get everything set up to cook the chicken, serve, and then we clean up. Inevitably sometime during the day we also find time to respond to a 9-1-1 emergency call. Our reward is seeing so many of the towns people enjoying a nice meal and great company. On Sunday, after taking down the big grill and the tent, we were treated to a pool party and cookout by the nice folks at Seven Maples Campground. Our thanks to Scott and his crew for giving the fire and police departments a break. At that event we were informed that Seven Maples is making a generous donation to both departments.

This year was extra special for us because we just took delivery of our new Engine 1. The parade was its first official function as a town vehicle. Throughout the day many people stopped by to check out the big red fire truck. It was great seeing everyone, young and old, having so much fun climbing in, on and around the truck. In the words of Kurt Vonnegut "I can think of no more stirring symbol of man's humanity to man than a fire engine". If you missed your chance, then please stop by the fire station and see this amazing piece of equipment for yourself. Every Old Home Day, we also take our antique hand tub from the front window of the fire station and bring it into town for the parade. With steel wheels, it rolls bumpy and noisily, so we don't go too fast. It takes 6 firefighters to pull it safely and would need about 6 more if you want to pump it. The hand tub was found in the basement of a barn on King's Highway years ago, and carefully rebuilt by HFD members. As near as we can tell, it was built circa 1808 in Boston by a family named Thayer. That's about all the history that we know however; it was never actually used in Hancock. We didn't get around to establishing a fire department until 1907. In any case, it is a pretty piece of firefighting history, and we proudly use it as our logo! This was the year of the old and the new!

Once again, the Hancock Fire Department Auxiliary held its annual Paddle Raffle. This year they had three great prizes. The kayak was won by Laurie Bryan, the Yeti cooler was won by Scott MacFarlane, and Margaret Dean won the rolling duffle bag. All of the profits from this raffle are used to purchase emergency and safety equipment for the Fire Department. Just another way we give back to the community. If you are looking for your own way to give back to the community, the Auxiliary is always looking for new members.

Believe it or not but it will soon be getting cold. Beat the rush!! Now is the time to schedule an annual furnace inspection before winter to ensure that your system is operating correctly and not emitting carbon monoxide. Have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional to ensure that your fireplace or woodstove is safe and operational for winter. Get a carbon monoxide detector for your home to alert you if there is carbon monoxide gas in your home.

Our monthly Fire Department winners:
$40.00 - Sandra Jackson
$20.00 - Bob Kennedy
$10.00 - William Ruoff, Ann McManus, John Hill

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From the Dump Committee

Recycling in the Town of Hancock is mandatory

A dump sticker is required on your vehicle in order to use the recycling center and visit the Swap Shop.

Recycling continues to become more challenging and more costly.

Our Hancock recycling center’s ultimate goal is to have the recycling center pay for itself.

PAPER recycling:
There are three separate bins for paper recycling:

Magazine/Catalogue paper, Newsprint, and Mixed Paper

The price offered by recycling companies for magazine paper alone and for newsprint alone is higher than the price for mixed paper!

GLASS recycling:
Food Grade bottles and jars only can be recycled

CLEAN & without tops/caps/corks go into the glass container.

When glass is contaminated by caps and unclean glass, recycling cost is much higher and/or the whole container load is refused which then costs the town a lot more per ton to dispose of.

Reminders:
Pizza boxes, wax coated freezer/refrigerator food containers are considered garbage and should be disposed of into the compactor. If these are found mixed into the cardboard or mixed paper the whole load will be considered contaminated and refused by recycling companies also resulting in high disposal cost to the taxpayer.

Traffic Flow
Please, keep the road passable for other cars at all times.
Please, close the doors of your vehicle.
When visiting the swap-shop, please, DO NOT park in front of the metal- and bulky containers to allow cars who need to pull up for disposing.

Please, see attendants for questions

A Message from Carolyn and Alisha in the Town Clerk’s Office:
We will be closed on Monday September 2nd for Labor Day, and open as usual on Wednesday, September 4th. When you come in to register a vehicle, please bring the proper paperwork and your photo ID as well as 2 checks or cash. We are not able to accept credit cards.

The following elections will be coming up:
New Hampshire Primary on Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Town Election on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, and Town Meeting will be on Saturday, March 14th. Your vote makes a difference, so please be sure you’re registered to vote!
News from the Hancock Congregational Church
Submitted by Judy Copeland

The fall rush to schedule things at the Vestry and in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary (upstairs) appears to be on. This week alone, we’ve added 58 hours of rehearsal and concert time for Music on Norway Pond, a stop on the Black History Tour, watercolor classes, a family reunion and a birthday party. And that doesn’t count the Hancock High School Reunion, September 21st Yard and Pie Sale, Craft Fair, Village Ringers rehearsals, Community Suppers, Clothing Sale, Tempting Taste Auction, Woman’s Club and Women’s Guild meetings (yes, they do spell it two different ways!) that were already on the books. Part of our congregation’s mission is to “make space” for events like these, but we can only do it with the help of the wider community. If you haven’t had a chance to mail in your Community Appeal contribution for 2019, please consider doing so. And if you would like to reserve space for your own event, there are sanctuary and vestry request forms available at our website, www.hancocknhchurch.com. FYI, the downstairs meeting room in the Meetinghouse (the one where town meeting is held) belongs to the town, not the church, so please contact folks at the town offices to make your request for that space.

After the 9:45am worship service on Sunday, September 15th, Judy Copeland will be giving a brief presentation on the first part of her sabbatical (the remainder to be taken in 2020). She’ll talk about her travels and will share more about the book completed during her sabbatical. Coming on Christmas: Spiritual and Real-Life Inspiration for Those with Too Much to Do During the Month of December is scheduled to be out in October.

We continue to collect boxes of cereal in the Meetinghouse Vestibule for End 68 Hours of Hunger. We welcome contributions of 10-13 ounce sized boxes (so they will fit in children’s backpacks). Also, please steer away from kinds that are especially high in sugar. As of this writing, Hancock has donated 551 boxes this year. If you would like to join our packing team (third Wednesday of the month, 10am at the Conval SAU), please contact Judy Copeland at HancockCongregationalChurch@gmail.com.

REMEMBER TO COME BY THE VESTRY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st
STARTING AT 8:00AM TO BUY HOMEMADE PIES
AND WONDERFUL YARD SALE ITEMS!

Hancock Historical Society
Upcoming Events

Please join us on Sunday, September 22nd at 2pm for New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell with Pamela Weeks, curator of the New England Quilt Museum. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. This program is offered through New Hampshire Humanities.

This event will be in the Eaton Room at the Historical Society. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

The Historical Society museum is open every Sunday from 2 to 4pm through the end of the month. Please stop in to see this year’s 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.

There are a variety of quilts on display, including the one made by the women of Hancock in 1979 to commemorate the Bicentennial of Hancock’s founding and quilt work done by Beth Maxwell Adams in the 1930s and 1940s.

We hope to see you at the Historical Society this month!
Pie and Yard Sale

Saturday, September 21, 2019
8:00 am to Noon

Bag Sale 11:00am-Noon
and everything is free while cleaning up at noon!!

DONATION DROP-OFF TIMES:
Thursday, September 19, 5:30-7:30 pm
Friday, September 20, 2-7 pm
Contact: Jane Richards-Jones 525-4485

Sponsored by First Congregational Church, Hancock
Community Supper

The next Community Supper will be Thursday, September 27th hosted by Hancock Republicans.

Another "Tale From Home"

Having read about the Maasai tribe of Kenya and their dependence on cattle, I was intrigued by hearing the mention of “Maasai and deer” on the radio. Could they have domesticated another group of animals? Then I realized that it was just the name of a Boston hospital.

Jaffrey Friendly Meals BBQ Special

The Jaffrey Friendly Meals for seniors will hold a special BBQ dinner on Thursday, September 19 at the VFW Post on Hathorn Road in Jaffrey. The Friendly Meal will be served at noon. The menu will be BBQ marinated chicken quarters, pepper jack sliders, potato and egg salad, coleslaw with carrots, and a Butterfinger-craisin cookie for dessert.

Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential, as seating is limited. Call Gia at 352-2253 by 11:00am on Tuesday, September 17th.

Arrive early at 11:00 a.m. for a special musical performance by Al Brogdon, playing popular music from the 1930s and 1950s with his marching trombone and cornet with karaoke-style accompaniment.

A Nurse Is In clinic, with a wellness nurse from Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS), will be available from 11:00am-1:00pm to take blood pressures and answer questions about home care and any health concerns you might have.

Friendly Meals and Nurse Is In clinics are programs of HCS, a Monadnock United Way agency.

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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

Thanks to the many people who volunteered for the Friends’ Annual Book Sale this year, particularly Donna Geer and Jane Richards-Jones, who lead this effort with such aplomb and humor. What a lot of work (how many times did we touch those books? Sorting, packing, taking downstairs, bringing upstairs, unpacking, packing up the leftovers – oy!) but it was, yet again, a fabulously successful sale. Who says that reading is dead? Not in Hancock! Give us a few weeks to clean up and settle down and we’ll be ready to take your donations for next year’s sale! Thanks too, to all who helped create the library’s giant spider (Charlotte), webs, and posters for our entry in the Old Home Day Parade this year. What a fun day. It truly takes a village!

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

Tuesdays at 1:00pm – 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 – 3 in the Daniels Room. For those of you who prefer or need evening hours, we will start a beginning Mah Jongg class on Tuesday October 1st at 7:00pm. Please sign up with a librarian! Call us at 525-4411.

Thursday September 5th at 7:00pm
Traces of the Trade – Documentary Film
What would you do if you had just discovered your family played the largest role in the US slave trade? This is what happened to the descendants of the DeWolf family of Bristol, RI. Follow their struggle as they seek to reconcile their abolitionist ideals with the historical reality. They retrace their family's involvement from Bristol, RI to Elmina Castle in Ghana to the sugar plantations of Cuba and back to Bristol and then have to deal with the privileged status that the wealth and status derived of the slave trade has brought them. Many of them are pastors in the Episcopal church which also played a role in the slave trade and they involve the church in their search for justice. Nor was Bristol, RI an isolated case. This went on up and down the east coast of the North of the United States. Come and gain insights into the role of New England in the slave trade and what people of good intention are doing about it. Short voluntary discussion to follow the 1 hr. 26 minute film. Free Admission.

Wednesday September 11th at 7:00pm
Game Night for Grownups!
Celebrate the launch of our third year of playing around! Whether word games, board games, story games, games of wit, mind-benders or just plain out-and-out entertainment — everything is on the table. Relax, have fun, 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 with the talented Mer Wyzga facilitating.

Saturdays beginning September 14th 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 and certified by the Tai Chi Health Institute to offer both Yang and Sun styles. To register or more info, please call: (603) 933-1463.

Tuesday September 17th 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 is 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 rouil-lé”), will help to keep the conversations going. “Venez tous!”

To place an ad, email is the best way
happenings@hancocknh.org or
call 603.903.0190
Thursday September 19th at 7:00pm
**eBay Selling for Beginners**
This class covers the basics of selling on eBay. Learn how to create a professional listing and everything else from research to shipping. A fantastic way to earn extra income. For the selling hobbyist or the serious entrepreneur. Robbin Levin, eBay Community Influencer, trained and certified by eBay University as an eBay Education Specialist, brings current and continued education for online selling on eBay and beyond. Robin is the leader of The New England eBay & eCommerce Sellers Group in Portsmouth, NH. Free and open to all.

Tuesday October 1st at 7:00pm
**Mah Jongg for Beginners**
Join us as we learn and play Mah Jongg on a Tuesday evening. Susan Geer of Hancock will teach the basics to get you started in this fun and challenging game. Free and open to all! Please register at the library (or call the library: 525-4411) by September 27th so we know how many to expect.

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

A Message from Miss Jenn
As we kick off the new school year I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are here to help with your homework and research projects. We are able to request items from other libraries to meet these needs, but need about a week’s notice to get the items in. Feel free to call, email or stop in to let us know about your research projects.

Lego Club will be back starting October 1st. The Library is closed on September 2nd for Labor Day.

**Thursdays at 10:30am Family Story time**
Every Thursday morning, we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement! All ages are welcome.

Monday September 9th and 23rd 3:30pm-4:30pm
**Paws to 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.

Wednesday September 18th 3:30-4:30pm
**Lego Make and Take**
We are having one last special Lego day before our regular Lego Club comes back in October. This special Lego day will let kids come and make a special creation and take it home. Space is limited for this event so please sign up at the front desk.

Tuesday October 1st 3:30-4:30 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.
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Old Home Day
Thank you Beloved Community for a wonderful weekend!!

Yet again, the human critters of Hancock have pulled off our annual summer celebration of our great habitat. It is always amazing to me how all the different constellations of individuals and groups organize the various mainstays of the weekend, and it all comes together like clockwork, seemingly effortlessly. But we know better, so THANK YOU ALL!!

Me oh my was that a great parade! Visions of your floats and images of all those dear critters continue in our minds. And I would say we have a very fit collection of human critters here—with record numbers of 5K-ers! Thanks to Melody Russell for doing Kid’s Alley which transformed the horse stalls into busy places of colors and textures with the young-ins making beautiful things, all with the sweet critters from Clear Brook Stables just there under the care of Liz and Frank Debem. Need I mention the ever-splendid chicken feast—those firemen know how to do it! And thanks to our wonderful contra-dance musicians as well as to David Young who opened up his Depot Anniversary Celebration to Old Home Day. Happy 4th Anniversary to the Depot Association! Thank you to Susi Spikol for the new, hopefully on-going, event of the Norway Pond Parade Party.

Tradesmen’s Alley was amazing. And here, a big shout out and much appreciation go to Amy Sulborski and Angie Ramsden who have organized the event for so many years! After all these years, they have decided to step back from that labor of love. Please consider being the person to take this on next year!

While it is all fresh in your mind, think if you’d like to do something for next year’s Old Home Day, and if so, please contact Alison Corrigan now—she will head it up next year. Her email is: alisonbcorrigan@gmail.com Join the Old Home Day Committee, or if you have kids, organize the Kid’s Craft Fair, or start a new tradition altogether!

Indeed, the human riches of our community abound, and for that we are so grateful.

And we give thanks to the more-than-human creatures, large and small, visible and invisible, that play so many roles to make this habitat a beautiful venue for our celebrations. To our curiosity about them; and to the mystery of all that is beyond us!

Hancock Hospital Auxiliary – Monadnock Community Hospital
A huge Thank You to our community for your very generous donations of baked goods and financial support for the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary Bake Sale on August 17, 2019. We had a spectacular turn out of eager buyers and the baked goods sold out!!!! We could not have done this without your support.

As in the past, the proceeds from this year’s successful and only fund raiser will be used to purchase patient related equipment for the Monadnock Community Hospital and their associated medical practices.

The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary members: Doreen Ames, Jan Johnson, Mimi Mason, Karen McCormack, Peg McLeod, Lorelei Murphy, Marcia Schwartz, Joyce Stevens.
Submitted by Karen McCormack
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Creating Nature Artwork with ‘Nature’

Julie Gargan, a lifelong New Englander, will exhibit her artwork at the Hancock Town Library September 7th through October 16th. An opening reception will be held in the Daniels Room, Friday, Sept. 6th, 5:30-7 p.m.

Throughout her early life, Julie was interested in drawing and art. However, after school, all she wanted was to be at the barn. She decided to pursue horses and went on to study Equine Science, taking every possible art class along the way. While in college, Julie started selling her artwork.

After settling in Harrisville with her family, Julie became inspired to pick up her paintbrush again by daily forest walks with her children and dogs. Her father-in-law suggested using Birch bark as a medium.

Birch bark is a unique organic material, both inspiring and challenging. Bark is harvested from already-downed trees, cleaned, soaked, and then pressed. The whole process takes around two weeks before work can begin. The shapes and contours of the bark determine the layout, while the bark’s tones affect the mood and color palette.

Julie works out of Birch Tree Studio, 155 Seaver Road, Harrisville, where she resides with her husband, their three children, and the newest addition to the family—a pony.

The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Mon. and Wed., 2-6pm; Tues. and Thur. 10 am-7 pm; and Sat. 10 am-4 pm. Call the library (525-4411) before your visit to ensure no special events are scheduled at that time.
Pruning Trees and Dealing with Dusty Roads
Submitted jointly by Hancock’s Road Committee and DPW

This, our first article, is a collaborative effort by Hancock’s Road Committee and Department of Public Works. Jointly, we look to provide you with information and updates on projects and various maintenance items that the DPW has on its calendar for the upcoming year.

We should first mention and welcome the arrival of Tyler Howe, as Director of Public Works for Hancock. We encourage you to add your email address to Tyler’s website, which he uses to alert you about work pending on the DPW’s schedule. His email messages include date that work scheduled to be done, time required for the project, and when necessary equipment might hamper travel in the area of the project. If you’re not receiving these alerts, go to hwydept@hancocknh.org and provide the contact information needed to add you to the distribution list. Tyler also encourages you to use this email address to send your questions, suggestions and, once in a while, maybe a note of appreciation for work well done.

Re: overhanging tree limbs and out-of-proportion shrubs The past years have seen significant growth in trees and shrubs, especially those hanging over and/or spreading along Hancock and state roadsides. Recently, Tyler Howe and his crew have started the task of trimming roadside shrubs and cutting tree branches that encroach on traffic pathways. It is recommended that tree branches be at least 14.6 feet above the roadbed and lower shrubs be kept away from the road edges. Tyler and his crew will be working on various areas to remove or cut back limbs/branches that may cause damage to the trees and shrubs and to avoid scratches on cars.

Dealing with dusty roads Another of Tyler’s projects is to reduce dust on gravel roads by treating the roads after grading and as needed. Tyler has found a new product that provides stabilization of the gravel roadbed and dust control. The product also reports to make roads last longer. If not treated, the road surface may deteriorate at a rate of 1 inch per year per 100 cars per day. The cost of upkeep and repair comes from the town budget and is reflected in your tax bill. The hope is that this product will reduce need for repeated treatment of the gravel roads. For more information about the product, send a message to Tyler and he’ll provide a website address for the product.

Watch for monthly articles and don’t hesitate to contact Tyler via hwydept@hancocknh.org.

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HARRIS CENTER FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Sept 7 (Sat) Dark Pond Hike
Join Tom Warren for a moderately strenuous, 3-mile roundtrip hike around Dark Pond in Dublin. Bring a snack and meet at 1pm at the Dublin Lake Golf Club parking lot on Old Marlborough Road in Dublin. Back by 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Tom Warren at (603) 563-7190 or ttwassociates@myfairpoint.net.

Sept 14 (Sat) Monadnock Region Birding Cup
Modeled on New Jersey’s famed World Series of Birding, the inaugural Monadnock Region Birding Cup will see teams fan out across Cheshire and western Hillsborough Counties to tally as many bird species as possible from 5am to 5pm. The event, which is sponsored by the Antioch Bird Club, is intended to foster appreciation for the region’s rich bird life and to raise funds for ornithological research grants. For more information or to register a team, go to monadnockregionbirdingcup.com. If you’d like to join the Harris Center’s team, contact Eric Masterson at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.

Sept 16 (Mon) Raptor Migration in NH: What the Numbers Tell Us
Join Harris Center Hawk Watch Coordinator Phil Brown for a talk about hawkwatching in New Hampshire and the natural history of commonly-seen hawk species. He’ll share what we’ve learned from observing the spectacle of the fall migration at the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory for the past 14 years, along with anecdotes from the observatory, identification techniques, and tips on timing for enjoying this annual event. You’ll also learn more about the Harris Center–NH Audubon hawkwatching partnership. 7 to 8:30pm at the Harris Center. Co-sponsored with NH Audubon. For more info, contact Phil at 525.3499 or brown@harriscenter.org.

ESI Course: Beyond Bird Feeders-Creating Winter Wildlife Habitat
Tuesdays, September 17 and 24 • 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harris Center
$30 for Harris Center donors / $50 for all others
Take the bite out of the bitter winter season by planning ahead for wildlife, healthy soils, and thriving plants with landscape designer, author, and educator Marilyn Wyzga. Whether you’re caring for lawn or garden beds, this short course will guide you through how to enhance your site as winter wildlife habitat. We’ll apply the principles of integrated landscaping, taking our cues from nature. Come prepared for some time outdoors. Registration is required. For more info and to register, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Sept 22 (Sun) Pack Monadnock Raptor Release Day
Join us for the special send-off of a rehabilitated migratory bird of prey! This annual event is timed to coincide with the peak of the Broad-winged Hawk migration, so bring your binoculars and hope to witness a spectacle. International Hawk Migration Week festivities will occur all day, but the raptor release takes place at 3pm at the Raptor Observatory atop Pack Monadnock in Miller State Park in Peterborough. Be sure to arrive early to get a parking spot. The event is free, though there’s a fee to enter Miller State Park ($4 per adult and $2 for children age 6 to 11. Children age 5 and under, and NH residents 65 and older, are free). Co-sponsored with NH Audubon. For more info, contact Phil Brown 525-3499 or brown@harriscenter.org.

Sept 27 & 28 (Fri & Sat) Source to Sea Cleanup
Make a difference for our local rivers during the Connecticut River Conservancy’s annual Source to Sea Cleanup! In the Monadnock Region, we’ll focus on Beaver Brook at Water Street in Keene (both Friday and Saturday), Ashuelot River Park in Keene (Friday only), and the Ashuelot River in Keene and Swanzey (Saturday only). 9 to 11am in Keene (both days), and 9am to 1pm in Swanzey (Saturday only). Some of the cleanup can be done on foot, but volunteers are encouraged to bring canoes and PFDs or waders, if possible. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Co-sponsored with the Cheshire County Conservation District, the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee, the City of Keene, Keene State College, and Moosewood Ecological. For more information or to register, contact Amanda Littleton at (603) 756-2988, x.116 or amanda@cheshireconservation.org.
SINGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE
FROM 6 to 106

September stands for singing and nothing is better for the soul.

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 an especially good year for singing!

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**Ongoing Programming**

**Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren**
If you are parenting your grandchildren or a family member, you are not alone. “Grandparents (Kinparents) Parenting Grandchildren” meets monthly and is free. Call 588-2620 and ask for Carol for more information, and to let us know you’re coming and if you will need childcare.

**Strong Living Wellness and Exercise Group**
Join seniors from your community in this twice weekly light weight exercise program held at the Grapevine. Meet and become part of a supportive, lively group who together strengthen mind and body! Held on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Grapevine from 1:30 – 2:30. Call the Grapevine for more information.

**Want to get involved? We are always looking for help! We need help with the following:**
- Become a Community Tool Lending Shed volunteer! Help us loan and organize tools and equipment; become involved and home maintenance and teaching projects. Email toolshed@grapevinenh.org to learn more.
- Maintain our veggie and flower gardens over the summer
- Clean and reorganize our wood bank area and restack what’s left to get ready for next season.
- We welcome summer donations of firewood – preferably split and ready to be stacked! Please contact us prior to dropping wood donations.

**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
- Community Wood Bank
- Child and family counseling through RiverBend Community Mental Health
- Tax preparation and financial planning
CEMETERY NOTICE

DURING OCTOBER 2019 THE HANCOCK CEMETERY TRUSTEES WILL SURVEY THE THREE HANCOCK CEMETERIES, PINE RIDGE, NORWAY PLAIN, AND HILLSIDE, TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CURRENT CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS *

THE TRUSTEES REQUEST THAT, BY OCTOBER 1, 2019, ALL THOSE HOLDING INTERMET RIGHTS REMOVE, FROM THEIR PLOT(S), ANY UNAUTHORIZED OBJECTS, ORNAMENTS OR MATERIALS. AS PER RULES & REGULATIONS (C.Deed holder, H.5, J.5, J. 11), UNAUTHORIZED MATERIAL FOUND DURING THE SURVEY WILL BE REMOVED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE (Above ground urns are not permitted.)

*hancocknh.org boards/committees/cemetery trustees/rules and regulations
Questions may be referred to:
Rita Klug, Cemetery Trustees, PO Box 6 Hancock NH 03449
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Hancock Hours and Meetings

Please review your listings and correct as needed by emailing
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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 – Thursday, September 5, 2019 & Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:00am-noon, 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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