

GREENLAND GRAPEVINE

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Do You Qualify for a Property Tax Exemption or Credit?

By Karen Anderson, Greenland Town Administrator

The Greenland voters over the years have recognized the importance of assisting our elderly and disabled residents with property tax exemptions and have honored our veterans with a generous veteran's credit. The

cost of the exemptions and tax credits that are granted to qualified property owners is shared by all of the other property taxpayers, which is why any changes to the state's minimum requirements must be voted on at Town Meeting. Many of our property owners enjoy the benefits of these credits, exemptions, and deferrals, while there may be other residents who are not aware of the options that are available to them. A tax credit is an amount of money that is deducted directly from the taxpayer's tax bill, and a tax exemption is the amount of money that is deducted from the assessed valuation of the real estate before the property tax is billed. The State of New Hampshire



requires municipalities to provide some of these benefits, with the town having the option to set the limits and establish requirements that are more favorable than the state's minimums and offer additional exemptions that are not required.

VETERANS' TAX CREDIT—The State of New Hampshire, through RSA 72:28 requires towns to provide a minimum tax credit to qualifying veterans of \$50 with the option for Town Meeting to increase that up to \$500. Greenland residents voted to increase the veteran's credit to the maximum of \$500 in 2005. The requirements to qualify for a veteran's credit are set by the state and require that the property must be the principle residence of the veteran and the veteran must have lived in New Hampshire for one year preceding the April 1st that the credit begins. The

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Remembrance Park Dedication Being Planned

By Wallace Berg

On November 11, 2014, Veterans Day, the "REMEMBRANCE PARK" project will be officially and publicly dedicated. Since project inception in September 2013, it has undergone several transformations and additions. There are three existing monuments dedicated to the veterans of WWI, WWII, and Korea and Vietnam; three new polished black granite memorials will be added. The first of these is dedicated to Greenland heroes who served in earlier American wars, beginning with our Revolutionary War, Civil War, the War of 1812, and the Spanish-American War. For the first time there will be a public monument dedicated to US Navy seaman Hudson Van Etten who received a Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism during the Spanish-American War. Mr. Van Etten is buried in a family plot in Greenland's Prospect Cemetery.



WATER WORKS! A work crew puts the finishing touches on running water to Remembrance Park.

- Photo by Wallace Berg

The third monument is dedicated to those who have served since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. The Veterans Memorial Committee is attempting to

identify these personnel and have found this to be very frustrating because of the federal "Freedom of Information Act." There are 40 years of Greenland veterans who will remain nameless because the Committee cannot learn the identity of these people. Their names are deserving of inscription! The Memorial Committee continues its search for Greenland residents who served in our Armed Forces, specifically during the 40 years since the end of the Vietnam War. Thus far, approximately

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Capital Improvement Projects Begin at Community Congregational Church

By Heidi Duncanson

Community Congregational Church has been at the heart of the Greenland community since its founding in 1706 and continues to thrive more than 300 years later. The traditional white church at the intersection of Portsmouth Avenue and Post Road will soon be getting much-needed repairs to restore its steeple and clock to their stately beauty at the center of town.

Residents will also see significant work starting at the Greenland Parish House, which is part of Community Congregational Church. This building houses the church's function hall, Sunday School, and weekly food pantry, but also serves as a gathering place for Girl Scout and Boy Scout meetings, public suppers and fairs, library functions, and more. The Parish House renovations will include restoration of its steeple as well as extensive accessibility and safety projects. Once these upgrades are completed, the Parish House will be more accessible to all and the congregation will be able to resume its important mission of housing homeless families on a rotating basis as a founding member of Seacoast Family Promise.



KNOCKING AT HEAVEN'S DOOR? Steeplejacks began the work of making repairs to the Parish House Steeple before the end of August, on some of the hottest days of summer.

— Photo by John Hirtle

Congregational Church, to Community Congregational Church, PO Box 128, Greenland 03840, Attn: Joe Beauchemin for Capital Campaign.

All of these critical improvements are being funded by a capital campaign begun by the congregation earlier this year. Thus far, more than \$200,000 has been raised in donations and pledges, and campaign fundraising is continuing in order to complete all of the planned work. Anyone wishing to donate to the campaign to restore two of Greenland's landmark buildings may mail a check, made payable to Community

24th Annual Jason Hussey 5K

By Sharon Hussey McLaughlin

Same race, new date: Saturday, October 4, 2014

Join us for the 24th Annual Jason Hussey 5K Road Race on the Green, across from Greenland Central School, 70 Post Road, Greenland NH.

Pre-entry fee is \$15 (before September 27); race day fee is \$20; GCS student's fee is \$10.

The race is being sponsored by and benefits the Greenland Recreation Department. Applications are available at the Greenland Town Hall. Or visit our Web site www.summerfunandjasonsrn.org. Please make checks payable to Greenland Rec & Jason Hussey 5K, and mail to Rob Robertson, 310 Great Bay Road, Greenland NH 03840.

There will be a barbecue and entertainment starting at 3:00 p.m. The Kids' Fun Run will start at 3:30 p.m. The 5K will start at 4:00 p.m. sharp!



We need volunteers and sponsors; please contact Rob Robertson or Sharon Hussey.

A pancake breakfast and townwide yard sale are also planned for October 4. For more information, please turn to pages 7 and 8 in this edition of the *Greenland Grapevine*.

For more information, please contact Race Director, Rob Robertson at robertsoniii@comcast.net or Sharon Hussey McLaughlin at sharon-hussey@comcast.net or 603-531-0615.

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50 names have been received and are being researched and verified. It is important to note that names of current members of our Armed Forces are also being collected so that upon discharge their names may then be inscribed.



DIG IT? Work is underway at Remembrance Park. — Photo by Annie Beauchemin

Essential eligibility requires a Greenland “home of record” at enlistment, recall, or commissioning and an honorable, general, or medical discharge at time of service termination. A form for application and monument inscription is available at the Town Office or online at <http://www.greenland-nh.com>. When completed, return the form to Town of Greenland, PO Box 100, Greenland NH 03840; if available, include a copy of the DD-214 (with social security number blacked out), which allows the application to be more easily validated. The DD-214 will be shredded after validation. Any available notes with regards to overseas or campaign service are helpful and should be included. Final monument inscription eligibility rests with the Town Selectmen.

As the nature of war has changed, there may be fewer “nation/state wars,” but at war we are. The world, and America, is presently involved globally with radical terrorist organizations; Jihad and Caliphate are now realities with which we must deal. Our youth, our citizens, and our borders are at risk. We must not forget those who protect us. This third monument is dedicated to those who have served and who will serve and protect our country against this growing domestic and worldwide threat.

As reported in the last issue of the Grapevine, the Remembrance Park Project is fully funded except for dedication ceremony costs. Since the last edition of this paper, the Memorial Committee—in coordination with town officials—has made arrangements to supply water to approximately 15,000 square feet of new lawn. This water supply will originate from a Portsmouth water main on Park Avenue. With an assured water supply, it was then practical to have a lawn sprinkler system installed. The referenced 15,000 square feet of dedicated area containing the current concrete stage, flag pole, and existing monuments will be replaced with a new and larger monolithic material platform (paving stones with a granite perimeter). This six-monument complex will have a new illumination system, and the enlarged stage will provide increased stage seating and enhanced performance usage and safety.

At press time, final water hook-up arrangements had been made with the City of Portsmouth. It is planned that this dedicated and irrigated area will be clearly marked with short granite marker posts.

Actual site work was scheduled to begin in August and project dedication planning has begun for the November dedication. Since the cannons were built to accommodate ceremonial firings, and both cannons had previously been test-fired, a visit to the Commander of the USS Constitution and responsible local officials is being planned to determine what permits and requirements must be met to conduct a ceremonial firing here in Greenland.

This project, with few exceptions, was fully funded by the citizens and businesses of Greenland. The Memorial Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to this project. Special thanks are extended to those organizations and individuals making a significant contribution to this project in either goods, services, or technical advice.

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Our Trip to the State House

Boy Scout Troop 158 • By Joseph Riggie

On June 25, our Boy Scout Troop 158 made a trip to the NH State House. Our visit was hosted by our representative Pam Tucker. Our tour began in the gift shop. On our way up to the governor's office, we found out that there are at least 200 paintings in the building. We all got a turn to sit in the governor's chair. We also got to see the Senate and Representative areas. It was very boring, but at the same time, it was



amazing to find out that all of the people elected have certain jobs to do, and that they are all volunteers! Mrs. Tucker explained that a lot of issues come up over the course of a year, and even though Greenland is a small town, we the

people can make a difference by telling her our concerns, worries, and opinions, because she is our voice. Overall, the State House trip was pretty interesting. Thank you Mrs. Tucker for giving us the tour. ♣

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veteran must have also served in a specific qualifying war or armed conflict for not less than 90 days and have been honorably discharged. There are some periods of service time that currently do not qualify for the credit, and they include between December 31, 1946, and June 25, 1950; between January 31, 1955, and December 22, 1961; and between May 8, 1975, and August 2, 1990. Active duty for training purposes does not count toward the 90-day requirement; however, the 90 days of active service does not have to be concurrent. If you are unsure if you qualify, please feel free to bring your DD-214 to me for review.

ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS—All municipalities in New Hampshire are required to offer a tax exemption for elderly residents who are 65 years of age or older and have lived in New Hampshire for three consecutive years. There are minimum financial requirements that are set by the State of New Hampshire, and the towns then have the ability to adjust those requirements through Town Meeting votes. Greenland voters increased the exemption amounts for elderly residents in 2008. The property must be owned by the resident, jointly with a spouse, or in trust with the qualifying person shown as a trustee to qualify. If the property is owned jointly with someone other than a spouse who does not meet the age requirement, the exemption is prorated based on the percentage of ownership. Currently the financial requirements are that the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married; and own assets not in excess of \$125,000 excluding the value of the taxpayer's residence. The exemption amount for residents who qualify between the ages of 65 and 74 is \$90,000; for residents between 75 and 79, the exemption amount is \$115,000, and for residents age 80 and over, the exemption amount is \$145,000. The net income is defined as all moneys received from any source, including Social Security and pensions, and then proceeds from the sale of assets such as stocks are deducted. If the property is a duplex, the rental income is counted. The town is required to certify that residents receiving the elderly exemption continue to qualify, and that is done periodically. During 2013, all recipi-

ents were required to recertify as part of our state certification process done by the Department of Revenue. During 2015, verifications of income will be done in April.

DISABLED EXEMPTION—Residents who are disabled and receiving Social Security disability payments are eligible for a property tax exemption of \$50,000. The income limits are \$13,400 for a single person, and \$20,400 for a married person. The assets limits for this exemption are \$35,000 for a single person, and \$50,000 for a married person.

TAX DEFERRALS—Another option that is available to our elderly and disabled residents is a tax deferral. This is very different from the tax exemption because the property taxes that are assessed are paid by the town, and a tax deferral lien is placed on file at the Registry of Deeds. At the time the property is sold or deeded to someone else, the taxes are then paid, with a 5% interest rate. This deferral is available to property owners if the tax liability causes an undue hardship or possible loss of the property. If there is a mortgage on the property, permission for this lien must be given by the mortgage company. There are other restrictions on this deferral and I will be happy to explain them to any resident interested.

For further clarification or for more information, I can be reached at the town office 603-431-7111 or via e-mail at kanderson@greenland-nh.com. ♣

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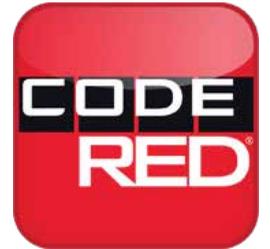
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CODE RED

By Karen Anderson, Town Administrator

The Town of Greenland recently contracted with Code RED to provide an emergency notification system for our residents. This system will provide our police, fire, and administrative personnel a way to send messages to residents quickly. Residents will soon be notified by Code RED to sign up and choose the method they would like to receive these messages. There will be a link created on our town Web site www.greenland-nh.com that will direct you to the Community Notification Enrollment page where you will be able to select how you want the notifications, such as phone call, e-mail, text message TTD, mobile app, or voice mail. Residents will also be able to choose if they want to receive all messages sent or only emergency messages. This service is being funded by the town and being provided to our residents at no cost.



General messages may include notifications if summer concerts are cancelled due to weather conditions or in the event of closures of the transfer station. Emergency notifications will be limited to severe weather conditions, missing persons, police or fire emergencies, or when residents in particular areas may need to evacuate or seek shelter. We will be able to notify residents in the entire town, in small segments of the town, or on particular streets, depending on the type of emergency.

We encourage all residents to sign up for this free important service. The mobile application for phones will provide the ability for you to receive emergency weather or traffic problems in other parts of the country while you are traveling.

The State of New Hampshire is also utilizing a new online public sign-up page for the ENS. We encourage you to sign up for this as well in order to receive emergency notifications. Sign up your home phone or cell phone at www.nhe911.org. ♣



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Notes from the Weeks Public Library

By Denise Grimse, Director

Please note that the library will open at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18. Staff will be attending a morning training session. See you in the afternoon.

Continuing Events for Adults

❑ Cribbage Nights

Come join the group for friendly competition!
Mondays at 5:00 p.m.



❑ Monthly Book Discussion

Copies of the book are available at the library a month before the discussion.
Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



❑ Friday Morning Group

Come play cards, challenge your brain, laugh, and socialize!
Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Special Events for Adults

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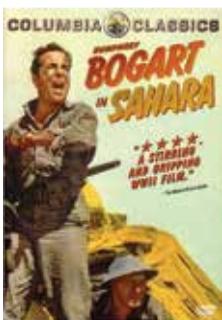
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Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a presentation on translating your vision for retirement into tangible goals. Learn investment strategies to help design the retirement you want.



❑ Classic Movie Night

Sahara starring Humphrey Bogart
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Monday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.
Humphrey Bogart considered this World War II action epic from director Zoltan Korda one of his finest films. Sgt Joe Gunn (Bogart) a WWII tank Commander and his crew (Bennett & Duryea) are surrounded by Germans in



the Sahara desert. Their only escape is south into the desert with only their tank "Lullabelle." The race is against time, as they try to find gas, water, and their allies before the Germans find them. This 1943 film is not rated and runs 97 minutes. Local film buff, Glenn Bergeron will introduce the film. Soft drinks and popcorn served.



❑ Becoming Wolf:

Eastern Coyote in New England
Presented by Chris Schadler
Tuesday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the eastern coyote and the relationship between the eastern coyote and the eastern wolf. Also hear about the rapid evolution of the coyote into our top predator and how to live with coyotes and raise livestock with coyotes.

❑ Tax Free Investing: It's Not What You Make, It's What You Keep

Presented by John St. Pierre,
Edward Jones Financial Advisor
Wednesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Help reduce your tax burden. Learn about tax-advantaged investments and their features, about tax-free investment returns vs. taxable investment returns, three ways to purchase municipal bonds, and how tax-free investing can help you achieve your goals.



❑ Conflict in Ukraine

Presented by Christina Vogel
Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.

Learn specifics about the crisis today, how it started, and historical information which helps explain Ukraine's position between East and West, Russia, and Europe. In many ways history truly is repeating itself.



❑ Classic Movie Night

Casablanca starring
Humphrey Bogart
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Monday, October 27, 6:00 p.m.
One of the most memorable of all film experiences, *Casablanca* is a true Hollywood legend. All the elements of the production—story, cast, photography, direction, and music—are woven expertly together to create a motion picture monument. Wartime refugees gather in Morocco to obtain scarce exit visas to Lisbon. The final airport sequence is an event not to be forgotten. This 1942 film is not rated and runs 102 minutes. Local film buff, Glenn Bergeron will introduce the film. Soft drinks and popcorn served.



❑ Put Your Retirement Plan to Work

Presented by John St. Pierre,
Edward Jones Financial Advisor
Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Retirement can mean different things to different people. Maybe you want to travel, volunteer, start your own business, or go back to school. Be financially prepared for whatever you decide! Join us for this informational session on the importance of saving for retirement, how to save through your employer-sponsored plan, and other tax-advantage options for building your retirement savings.



❑ Classic Movie Night

Captains Courageous
starring Spencer Tracy
© Warner Bros.

Monday, November 17,
6:00 p.m.

In Spencer Tracy's Academy Award winning performance of a fisherman who saves a drowning boy, the boy learns life-changing lessons about the importance of friendship and the dignity of labor in this adventure saga based on a story by Rudyard Kipling. Local film buff, Glenn Bergeron will introduce the film. This 1937 film is rated G and runs 112 minutes. Soft drinks and popcorn served.



Children

❑ Drop-in Craft Week for Children

September 22–26

A variety of fall crafts will be available all week in the Children's Room.

❑ Family Story Time

Thursdays, September 25–
November 13, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. All ages welcome. No registration needed.



❑ NEW! Baby Lapsit

Tuesdays, October 21–November 25, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, finger plays, and open play. Ages 0 to 24 months. No registration needed.

❑ Halloween Party

Thursday, October 23
2:30–4:00 p.m.

Crafts, food, and Halloween fun! Costumes encouraged. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



❑ Drop-in Craft Week for Children

October 27–31

A variety of Halloween crafts will be available all week in the Children's Room.

❑ Drop-in Craft Week

November 17–21

A variety of Thanksgiving crafts will be available all week in the Children's Room.



❑ Holiday Party

Thursday, December 11
2:00–3:30 p.m.

Crafts, food, and holiday fun! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

❑ Drop-in Craft Week for Children

December 15–19

A variety of holiday crafts will be available all week in the Children's Room.



❑ Family Story Time

Thursdays, December 4–February 5, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. All ages welcome. No registration needed. No story times December 25, 2014, and January 1, 2015.

Watch our monthly print newsletter and semi-monthly electronic newsletter for changes and additions to the above list of events for children and adults. Tween and teen events will be added to the schedule so watch for those also. For the latest information on our events and news, check our Web site, Facebook posts, and Twitter tweets. There are several ways to get library news!

Weeks Public Library is located at 36 Post Road, Greenland, NH 03840. Call us at: 603-436-8548, or online at: weekspl@comcast.net, www.weekslibrary.org, <https://www.facebook.com/WeeksPublicLibrary>, <https://twitter.com/WeeksPubLibrary>.

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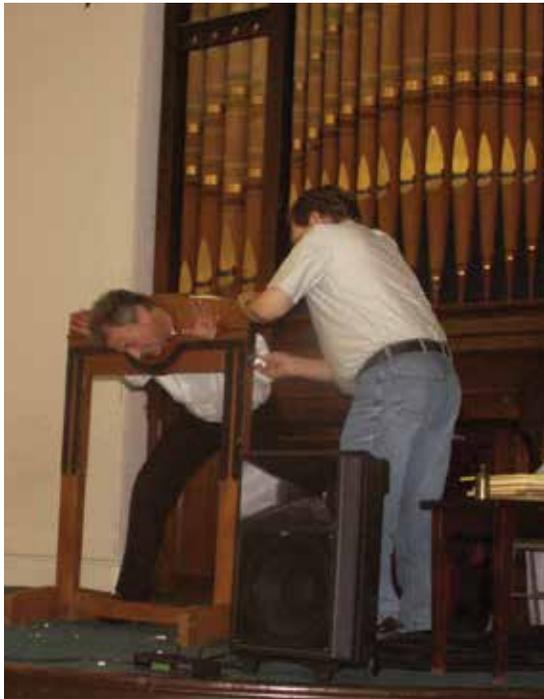
By Joann Duncanson, Secretary

There was magic in the air on the evening of June 9 when the Friends held their Annual Meeting/Potluck Supper. Thanks to Greenland's Community Congregational Church, we were able to use its Parish House for the event, which several members of the Friends attended. The opening act—a fantastic assortment of food—was followed by a brief annual meeting, including the election of the following officers for the next year: Debbie Bauder, President; Phyllis Picha, Treasurer; and Joann Duncanson, Secretary.

Then came the real magic when Rev. Robert Fellows, pastor at Greenland's Community Congregational Church (and also a professional magician), gave a presentation called "Library Magic." He interwove his stories and magic tricks to the delight of all. He also stressed the role that books played in his career as a magician, beginning when as a young boy he borrowed his first magic book from his local library.

There was one more magician in our midst that night—seven-year-old Julia Syphers. With poise and confidence she took the stage and performed a magic trick she'd discovered in a book she'd borrowed from Weeks Public Library. It was a perfect ending for a very special evening.

Now it is on to the fall and a brand new year for the Friends. They'll be looking forward to rolling up



SECURITY IN STOCKS? Mark Willis securing Bob Fellows in pillory stocks during the annual meeting.

their sleeves, sharpening their fund-raising skills, and helping the library in any way they can. Who knows? Perhaps they'll even do a little magic along the way.

Sunset Over Portsmouth Auction Raises Funds for Seacoast Community School

By Catherine Edison

Seacoast Community School raised more than \$9,000 at its Sunset Over Portsmouth Auction recently. As we move forward into a new fiscal year, Seacoast Community School will continue to educate and care for the youngest among us. All proceeds will keep quality early childhood education, PEAK, before- and after-school programs, and summer camps available to every family.

Special thanks to sponsors Wells Fargo Advisors; People's United Bank; Portsmouth Quality Flooring; Coughlin, Rainboth, Murphy & Lown, P.A.; Kennebunk Savings Bank; Wentworth Marina; the MacLeod family; Infinite Imaging; Auctioneer Walter Liff of Action Auctions; volunteers Nancy Devine, Seth McNally, Addie Tarbell, Gale Wendell, Lori Parsons, Hannah MacGregor, Alicia Medros, Tracey Melchior and friends, Jen Bagan, Jenn Madden, and the Break-down Crew! Thank you to all the local businesses who supported this event and to all silent and live auction item donors, especially: A Grape Affair, Portsmouth Harbour Cruises, FifthFlavor.com, DHK Financial, Escape & Rejuvenate Spa, Pease Golf Course, the Medros family, Zorvino

Vineyards, Seaport Fish, the Kaplan family, Sheraton Harborside Hotel, Portsmouth Music Hall, Agave Restaurant, the Melchior family, and Joanne Bauer. Special thanks to Redhook Brewery, Harpoon Beer, Smuttynose Brewery, Pierpont Wines, Perfecta Wines, Southern Wine & Spirits of New England, and Cafe Nostimo for providing beer and wine tastings and dessert!

Our next major benefit is the Memorial Bridge Road Race on Saturday, October 11, at 10 a.m. to benefit Seacoast Community School and Prescott Park Arts Festival. Sign up at millenniumreg.com today!

Founded in 1967, Seacoast Community School (formerly Community Child Care Center), 100 Campus Drive, Ste 20, Portsmouth NH 03801, is a not-for-profit organization that provides quality early learning for all children ages 8 weeks to 12 years, and offers scholarships to those who qualify. Learn more at seacoastcommunityschool.org, e-mail scsinfo@communitycampus.org, or call 603-422-8223.

Rummage Sale Days

By Donna Lee Lewis

It's time again for the semi-annual rummage sale hosted by the Women's Alliance of the Community Congregational Church. Clean out those closets and garages and bring your unwanted "trash" to become someone else's "treasures." EARLY BIRD SHOPPING from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 25. Other hours are Friday, September 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Sandwiches and pie will be available for purchase.

Items for sale include gently used clothing for women, men, and children, as well as household items, books, toys, puzzles, and more. Most clothing is priced per bag; other items are priced individually.

This annual event raises money for a variety of programs at the church and in the community.



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Good Morning, Greenland



Kona Ice of the Seacoast

By Cheryl Strong

Hello! Greenland has a new resident—Kona Ice of the Seacoast. From our fun, island-themed truck we sell delicious shaved ice with our very own do-it-yourself Flavorwave®. We are fun on wheels! The KEV (Kona Entertainment Vehicle) is fun, colorful, clean, and entertaining, and plays Caribbean steel drum music. Adults and children alike light up when the KEV pulls up and we serve them overflowing cups of shaved ice.

Kona Ice also owns a “mini” which looks just like the KEV, but is small enough to be brought inside buildings for any sporting or music event or any other gathering where people want to have fun!

We also provide fundraising activities to assist in helping raise money. We come to your event or location, serve, and give back a percentage of the profits to your fundraiser. No worries, no volunteers—it's that simple. Countrywide Kona Ice has given back over 15 million in fundraising dollars over the last six years. Amazing!

Whether it is a birthday party, wedding, sports event, math or reading challenge, corporate event, or just a treat for employees, kids, or students—let us be your first call. We cover the entire Seacoast area and beyond—contact us at 603-431-7378 or cstrong@kona-ice.com—and check us out. Experience what others have already enjoyed! 🍷



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Going Digital: Archiving Secrets

By John Hirtle

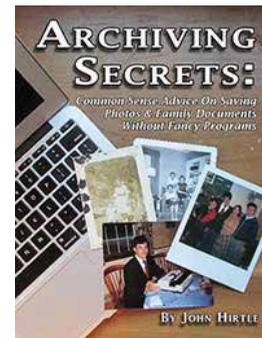
Whether you're an avid digital photographer or attempting to scan in precious family photos, you soon come to a point where you are overwhelmed with the sheer number of files, and worry that some of your hard work may get lost—forever.

Archiving Secrets is a short, no-nonsense self-help e-book that offers valuable advice on how to get your ever-growing collections of digital media under control now and for the future.

The author, John Hirtle, is a resident of Greenland NH who developed these techniques to keep track of valuable photos and digital files at local publications.

While mainly concerned with techniques to organize

your current digital photo collections, it covers other vital strategies for organizing archival scanned photos from old family photo albums, and getting collections of home office and business documents into easier-to-access groupings.



Just like any guide to getting your household cleaned and organized, Archiving Secrets is sure to help you get your computer tidied up in such a way that it will make it easier to locate essential files, and make it easier to move on to your next PC when it finally comes time to upgrade.

Archiving Secrets is available for download online from most major e-book providers including amazon.com and Apple's iBook store. 🍷

Learn About Alzheimer's

By Brinn Chute

Extended Family and Portsmouth's Senior Services are pleased to offer an information session about Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias at the Portsmouth Library on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

J. Bludau, M.D., Elliot Memory & Mobility Center, will give an update on Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias including the latest on diagnosis and treatment. The talk will also touch upon what is currently understood about prevention.

Bring your questions and the doctor will be happy to answer them.

Dr. Juergen H. Bludau was born in Germany and educated in England. He received his medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and completed his postgraduate studies in the USA. He is a board-certified, Harvard fellowship-trained geriatrician, and the Executive Medical Director of Geriatrics and Home Care of the Elliot Health System. Prior to his current position, he was the Clinical Chief and Director of the clinical geriatric

services at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Division of Aging. He is board member of the Massachusetts/NH Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and the current co-chair of the Medical Scientific advisory board. Dr. Bludau is also the chair of the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Care Work Group of the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders State Plan. In the past Dr. Bludau was on the governor's appointed, Florida Statewide Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Council. He is the author of "Aging, But Never Old" and the co-author of "Alzheimer's Disease" in the series Biographies of Disease. 🍷

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Paws to Consider: The Seacoast Pet Crematory

By John Hirtle

After sixteen years of running a successful business in Hampton, Tanya and John Gioldasis decided it was time to start a new venture—a new venture that would make a real difference to those who are in grief. Thus the path was laid for what is unquestionably the most unique new business in the town of Greenland—a service you may never have given much thought to, until you needed it.

At first glance, the Seacoast Pet Crematory is off the beaten track, tucked away at the end of Building 3 in the Autumn Pond Industrial Park, among more conventional businesses. But enter the front door, and it is obvious that this is a professional enterprise of the first order—not much different than visiting a veterinarian or doctor's office.

"It was a service I wanted to provide," Tanya Gioldasis explained, providing a quick tour of their tidy facility. Less than a year into this new family-owned venture, the Seacoast Pet Crematory has a friendly open-door policy, despite the obviously grave aspects of their profession.

In a pristine work area, there is a newly installed cremator that runs on natural gas. This large double-chambered cremator has the capacity to handle a pet as large as a small pony in an environmentally friendly manner. Only harmless vapors are released into the air, and the resulting ashes are carefully gathered up for their final disposition. While they can easily do group cremations of pets, the Seacoast Pet Crematory wishes to provide a more personal touch to the final stop on a beloved pet's journey through life.

To this end, a spacious, comfortable viewing room is provided for the grieving family to bear witness as their deceased pet is placed into the cremator with the care and dignity that is rightly deserved. This peaceful place is like a living room, providing a proper setting for a solemn gathering.

"We will pick up at any vet, free of charge," Tanya said, noting that not all local veterinarians automatically use their services. You should make a note to ask for their services by name, especially since they are presently offering Greenland residents 25% off their already reasonable service fees. This is a significant savings that is a generous gift to their new neighbors in town.

In fact, not only will they pick up a deceased pet at the veterinarian's, or accept a walk-in, but they will deliver the pet back to the vet, or make arrangements for a proper burial at the Rolling Meadows Pet Cemetery in Stratham. With the exception of witnessed cremation, which is by appointment only, most services are completed within three business days. Those who wish to have their pet's cremated remains returned will receive them in a complimentary wooden urn with a certificate and a sympathy card. They offer more elaborate urns for purchase to further



Tanya and John Gioldasis show off the Seacoast Pet Crematory's viewing room; to the left is a display of urns to contain the remains of the decedent; to the right is a window that looks out onto the work area and the cremator.

personalize the final resting home for the departed pet.

As for costs, they are quite competitive with the larger pet crematoriums in the region, even when the good neighbor savings for Greenland residents is not factored in.

Unlike those larger, impersonal places, the Seacoast Pet Crematory is on call 24-7, with a unique personal touch to help grieving pet owners work their way through their loss within a reasonable price range, and provides them with a measure of efficiency, control, and caring that is often absent in other pet cremation services. And as a locally owned and operated company, they do give back to the community, such as making donations to the NHSPCA in Stratham.

While Tanya readily admits this is not a line of work for everyone, it is one of those unique services that you realize you want when a beloved pet passes on. As their motto goes, "To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die." And in that regard, the Seacoast Pet Crematorium is there to help close the final chapter on a pet's life with the care and dignity it deserves.

The Seacoast Pet Crematory is located in Building 3 of the Autumn Pond Industrial Park at 45 Alden Avenue, Greenland NH. You may call them any time at 603-766-4774, or visit them online at www.seacoastpetcrematory.com.

Friends' Marketplace

By Debra Bauder

Mark your calendars! The Weeks Public Library's first ever Friends' Marketplace will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Marketplace will take place at the library. Vendors include jewelry tables, Mische bags, Avon, origami owls, and more.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Grimse at the library at 603-436-8548 or Debra Bauder at 603-373-8833 or debra.bauder@yahoo.com.

Calling all Residents for Townwide Yard Sale!

By Martha Bates

The Ninth Annual Townwide Yard Sale is being held on Saturday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast and Jason's Run Day in Greenland. Proceeds from yard sale registrations will support the mission and ministry of the Community Congregational Church of Greenland.

It's a win-win situation for all of us—your unwanted items can become someone else's treasure vs. being thrown into a dumpster; you gain a little extra cash, and our church is able to use your donation to build our community's spirit and outreach throughout the year.



Your donation of \$20 will pay for extensive advertising of your sale through all local newspapers, community calendars, and postings throughout the area. There will also be a map of all properties holding yard sales printed and available at the town hall during the previous week, as well as at other Summer Fun venues on that day. This has become a very popular (and profitable) event for both sellers and shoppers. Don't forget to tell your neighbors!!—the more yard sales and shoppers, the better!

The cost to participate in the townwide yard sale is \$20. Please make checks payable to Community Congregational Church (write "Yard Sale" on the memo line), and send to PO Box 128, Greenland NH 03840. Please contact the church office at 603-436-8336, or Martha Bates for further information: bayridge@comcast.net; 603-828-8201, 603-430-0110. Registration forms will be e-mailed or sent to you upon request, or they can be picked up at the Community Congregational Church Parish House, 44 Post Road, or the Town Hall.

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Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy

By Beth Sommers

One of golfer Phil Mickelson's passions is making a golf ball do just about anything he wants it to do. Another one is telling people how he does it, specifically, how force, friction, and gravity play into the equation. As an avid fan of math and science, Mickelson and his wife, Amy, partnered with Exxon-Mobil Corporation ten years ago to develop, with the help of the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy. This Academy gives grades three to five elementary school teachers the opportunity to hone their science and math teaching skills, enhance their curricula, and discover innovative new ways to inspire students.

Approximately 100 teachers from every state except Hawaii attended the Academy in Jersey City, July 20–July 25, 2014, including Greenland Central School's Curriculum Integration and Extended Learning Coordinator, Beth Sommers. The Academy provided an intense, five-day curriculum that gave her new ideas, tools, and networking opportunities. Instructors were from the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, an organization dedicated to the professional development of standards-based instruction in mathematics.

"Our goal with the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is to equip teachers with the skills and tools they need to inspire their students in math and science," Phil Mickelson said. "Amy and I are excited to ignite teachers' own passion for these subjects. Finding new ways to engage and encourage students and teachers will help develop future math and science graduates who will fill a skills gap that's diminishing our nation's competitiveness."

Teacher applications were due last October. The National Science Teachers Association and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics convened a panel of math and science experts to evaluate the entries and announced the selections in April 2014.

Mrs. Sommers said, "This was the best professional development opportunity I've ever experienced! I definitely feel I've built my expertise in facilitating student learning through problem solving and inquiry, built a knowledge base of instructional resources to support learning, and developed a network of teachers with similar interests from all over the country! Additional highlights included getting to personally meet Barbara Morgan, the first teacher-astronaut in space, as well as Phil and Amy Mickelson. I can't wait to share all that I've learned with my colleagues at GCS!"



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Notes from Greenland Central School

By Peter Smith, Principal

The 2014–15 school year is underway with all the excitement and anticipation that each September brings. In addition to our kindergarten class, we also welcomed a number of new families and students in other grades.

This summer was a busy one with many staff members participating in summer programs, training, or projects, many of which were grant-funded. Greenland staff members attended workshops this summer pertaining to reading and literacy strategies, assessment, data, and progress monitoring of students, as well as preparation for both staff and students regarding the new state assessments. Also, during the summer our school continued to provide services for students who needed additional support to maintain their academic skills and proficiencies over the vacation period.

Greenland staff members are preparing for a year of significant transition, as we continue to align our curriculum and instruction to the new Common Core Standards, as well as the new "Smarter Balanced" assessment which will be administered for the first time in the spring of 2015. Additionally, SAU 50 is adopting a new student information system, Power School, which will more efficiently manage all school data including directory information, scheduling, grading, attendance, health, discipline, and much more. The transfer of existing data and training associated with this effort has been significant, and will be ongoing through this school year.

We begin this new school year without the services of long time Greenland teacher and resident Lynn Deremer, who retired in June. Lynn was an outstanding teacher who was greatly admired by

students, parents, and colleagues alike. We wish Lynn the very best in her retirement as she will now have the opportunity to spend more time with her family and friends. We have welcomed four new teachers this school year including Mrs. Deremer's replacement Stephanie Downing who is also a resident of Greenland and previously a fourth grade teacher in Concord NH. Ashley Nason replaces Mrs. Roberts in grades 5/6 language arts, Suzanne Cohoon replaces the retiring Mrs. Messer as a special education teacher, and Alyssa Brady is also new to us as a teacher in grade three.

Increased enrollment has led to a third section of grade one this school year, and our new kindergarten class is also quite large with 21 students in each session.

Our new superintendent, Mr. Sal Petralia, joined the SAU on July 1 and has had a very busy, but smooth transition as he becomes familiar with the personnel and initiatives impacting the four towns of SAU 50. Additionally, he was immediately faced with hiring a new assistant superintendent after Mrs. Mary Lyons accepted the interim principal position at Portsmouth High School. At the time of submitting this Grapevine article the process was well underway in selecting the new assistant superintendent, and has likely been shared in the press by the time you are reading this entry.

This is our second year of the SB-2 budget process. Given the accelerated timelines this new process requires, we are already preparing the 2015–16 school budget. I encourage all Greenland citizens to stay abreast of budgetary and all other school-related issues through not only the Greenland Grapevine, but also the school's Web site at www.sau50.org/gcs, and particularly my monthly newsletter, which will be posted there.



Pancake Breakfast at CCC on October 4

By Charlie Mead

Please plan to join in the fun at the Community Congregational Church's ninth annual Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 4, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Community Congregational Church Parish House, 44 Post Road, Greenland. The breakfast menu will include buttermilk and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, bacon, sausage, orange juice, lemonade, and coffee. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4–12, and free for children under age 4. All proceeds benefit the church's mission and ministry.



This event is the traditional kick-off to the Townwide Yard Sale and Jason's Run in Greenland, so please invite your neighbors and plan to enjoy a great breakfast on the new race date of October 4! For more information, please contact the church office at greenlanducc@myfairpoint.net or 603-436-8336.



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Barn Razing at Gentle Currents—Photoblog

By David Phreaner

On July 20, 2013, we had a fire at Gentle Currents Wellness Center. Our Center occupies the old Hussey farmhouse. The Hussey family is one of the oldest families here in Greenland. We purchased the farmhouse from Bob Vaccaro who pioneered an early HMO called Beacon Health Management. We re-developed it into a wellness center, which has been open since the spring of 1998.

In the fire, part of the barn (1850's?) and part of the original farmhouse (1750's?) were destroyed. No one knows for sure, but it may have been caused by an overheated floor fan motor. The fire inspector wrote it off as an accident with no clear cause, so we'll never know. It has taken us over a year to work our way through the insurance and technical aspects of reconstruction and permitting. We are finally underway!

We're keeping a fairly complete record of the rebuild which we'll post online via our Web site:



www.gentlecurrents.com. There you will see a few photos of the demolition process.

By the way, Gentle Currents has been up and running from about a week after the fire! Pretty amazing, if we do say so ourselves! Gentle Currents presently provides a cupuncture, massage therapy, homeopathy, and other wellness services. Office space will be available to additional wellness practitioners once the renovation is complete. —David Phreaner with Lisa Rothermich

Gentle Yoga Offered

By Rev. Robert Fellows

GENTLE YOGA—STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2014: All men and women are welcome to attend a Gentle Yoga and Meditation Class led by Rev. Robert Fellows. Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 5:40 p.m. at the Community Congregational Church Parish House. Benefits of yoga may include increased flexibility, range of motion in joints, toning, balance relaxation, and reduced anxiety. The class will be gentle, and yet students who have practiced before may also benefit. The class is for all adults or teens, and is taught at a beginner level. Please wear light, loose-fitting, or stretchy comfortable clothing and bring a blanket or gym mat. Do not eat for at least an hour before the class. The suggested donation for the six-week session is \$25 (to the general fund of the church), but any donation is welcome. Child care is available for yoga students during the class. If you need child care, your donation includes that service, but please let us know in advance so that we have the right number of caregivers each Thursday. Please feel free to invite your family, friends, or any members of the wider community. For more information, please contact the church office at greenlanducc@myfairpoint.net or 603-436-8336.

Tour a Lighthouse

One of the first nine lighthouses built prior to the Revolution, Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse is located on Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor in New Castle NH.

Open houses are every Sunday through mid-October (Columbus Day weekend) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The admission to climb the lighthouse is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. No reservations are needed. Tours are on a first come, first served basis. Children must be 42 inches tall to climb to the top, and adults are not permitted to carry children up the stairs. Visitors get to climb to the lantern room to enjoy the magnificent view and to see the fourth-order Fresnel lens up close. Volunteers will tell visitors about the history of the light station, and there will be souvenirs for sale.



There are 44 stairs to the watch room and a seven-rung ladder to the lantern room. Flat shoes (not sandals or flip-flops) are strongly recommended to climb the ladder into the lantern room.

For more information about these events, please visit www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org, e-mail info@portsmouthharborlighthouse.org, or call 603-828-9243.

Hand-held Prayer Chains

By Trudie Bergeron

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE is a service-minded group of women that meets on the third Tuesday of most months from September through May at the Community Congregational Church Parish House. All women who are members or friends of the church are always invited. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parish House. The meeting consists of a devotional, a short business meeting, an activity or guest speaker, and then a brown bag lunch. The activity for September will be to make a hand-held prayer chain with beads. The cost per prayer chain will be \$7. Please also bring a brown bag lunch—dessert will be provided. For more information and/or to reserve a place, please contact Donna Lee Lewis at 603-436-8335 or Trudie Bergeron at 603-828-4200 or TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com.



attended in Portland ME last March. One workshop will be at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m., each following a short devotional. The prayer chains are used to "pray," but are not of any specific religious denomination. They also make excellent gifts for the sick, stressed, and the healthy. It is about a 10-12" wire with "key rings" on each end and beads in the middle. Some of the beads that will be available are crystals, pearls, birds, butterflies, dragonflies, fish, owls, hearts, keys, leaves, peace symbols, sea shells, sea horses, starfish, stars, tiger eye, wood, gold, silver, bronze, red, blue, green, purple, pink, orange, yellow, white, black, worry beads/bumpy stones (to relieve stress and anxiety), turquoise, jade, angels, and crosses. All materials will be available. You will write your own prayers (either at the Parish House or your own home afterwards) based on the colors and symbols of beads you choose for your prayer chain.

Trudie will lead two workshops at the Parish House to make prayer chains based on the prayer chain workshop she

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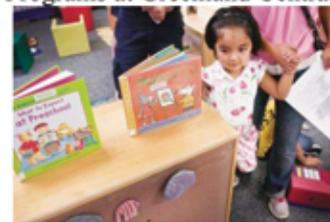
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Open House at Pulpit Rock

Standing guard over Rye NH between Odiorne Point State Park and Wallis Sands on Ocean Boulevard is the 73-foot tall Pulpit Rock Tower. This cylindrical concrete tower was built in response to the commencement of World War II and the perceived threats to the busy war-industries facility at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. At this base-end station (fire-control tower), soldiers waited in watch for enemy ships so that their coordinates could be reported to coastal defense gun batteries at Ft. Dearborn (now Odiorne Point State Park) and other positions between Portland and Boston for proper aiming of the heavy guns.

With the decommissioning of coastal defense forts, Pulpit Rock Tower was put to other uses, from testing the antennas of new nuclear submarines on trials out of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to game wardens keeping tabs on illegal activities off the coast. Of the original fourteen towers built to defend Portsmouth Harbor, only Pulpit Rock Tower remains owned by the public in its near-original condition.

Pulpit Rock Tower is currently owned by the State of New Hampshire, Dept. of Fish & Game and is not presently open, maintained, or operated for continuous public access or programming. The Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower, Inc., is working to secure more public access and presently has been granted limited permission to open the tower for periodic public viewing.



The Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower will open the structure to the public for tours on Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and again on Veteran's Day Weekend, Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Winding stairs and ladders must be climbed to reach the upper level observation areas. Only those in good health and with good mobility should attempt to climb the tower. Minimum height is 42". No children may be carried and no sandals may be worn. (If you are a disabled person and wish to visit the site during an open house event, you are requested to call in advance, 603-373-0646. FOPRT will make all reasonable efforts to provide access or information for you during regular open house hours.) There is no admission charge, although tax-deductible donations of \$5 per person or \$10 per family are encouraged and appreciated. Parking at the tower base is very limited. Please park at the Ocean Boulevard (Route 1A) pull-off just across the street and take a very short walk up Neptune Drive to the tower.

For information, please visit www.friendsofpulpritrocktower.org.

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News from Greenland's State Representative

By Pam Tucker

SUMMER OF 2014—We finished the legislative session in late May this year, which is typical during the second part of the legislative year. Over the summer, there are occasional meetings we need to attend, and this fall we anticipate a veto session. There will not be much legislative activity until after the 2014 elections.

STATE OF ECONOMY—New Hampshire's unemployment rate for June was 5.2%. The country as a whole was 6.1%. Unemployment rates do not take into consideration those who no longer are collecting unemployment and have given up looking for work. The Senate Budget Office reported that in May approximately one in eight, or 10 million American men, ages 25–64 were no longer in the work force. This decline in males working or actively seeking employment helped to decrease the unemployment rate as these individuals are no longer counted as unemployed.

New Hampshire dropped again in a CNBC ranking of best states for business. During 2011 and 2012, New Hampshire's ranking stabilized in the middle of all states, ranking at 19th. In the last two years, the decline continued. New Hampshire dropped to 27th in 2013, and now ranks 30th in the 2014 release.

While these statistics are not optimistic, I believe we can turn New Hampshire back into a competitive state. New Hampshire should not have higher business taxes than Massachusetts. That alone is a disincentive for a business to consider opening or moving to our state. We compete with our neighboring states through lower Business Profits Tax (BPT) and Business Enterprise Tax (BET), and are looking at reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens and licensing that inhibit job creation and economic growth.

GAS TAX—The Highway Fund, or more commonly known as the gas tax, that went into effect on July 1 has been hotly debated. This is the tax we pay every time we fill our gas tanks. I generally leave the more prominent issues to the daily news sources; however, I will touch on this one. Proponents of the gas tax increase of 23% say the increase is necessary to finish I-93. Half of the money from the new tax is earmarked specifically for this project. Others believe there is enough revenue to fix our infrastructure without another tax.

In the current budget, approximately \$154 million

is raised through the gas tax. This money is to go into a dedicated fund used only for our roads and bridges. This biennium, \$78 million of the highway fund will be used by and for things other than our roads and bridges, namely the state police and other special expenses, including the judicial branch. Public safety should be government's priority. If the state is to fund safety correctly, the funding should come from the overall budget, and the amount necessary justified every biennium during the budget process, leaving all gas tax money for its initial purpose.



Funding for our roads via the gas tax is not necessarily the most equitable method for those who use the roads. Think about electric vehicles. As our state and country continues to purchase more fuel-efficient vehicles and zero carbon emission vehicles, the source for collecting the highway fund diminishes. Yet these vehicles inflict the same amount of wear on the roads as their gas-powered counterparts. In essence, the low- and zero-emission vehicles are using the roads at little or no cost, yet the roads still need repair. The answer to the problem has been pondered: Does the government trade out the gas tax for a mileage tax or impose a surcharge on zero vehicles? These are just two ideas to help fund our roads, which we will continue to explore both on the national level and for our state.

ELECTION CYCLE—Every two years, all of the state positions are up for election. This includes the governor, executive council, state senators, and state representatives. Many county positions are also up, such as sheriff, treasurer, and attorney. While the top of the ballot always gains the most attention (U.S. Senate, governor), it is the local positions where your vote counts the most. State representative races have been won by less than ten votes. Your state and county officials also represent you in different capacities such as our county sheriff and county attorney and those who will oversee our county budget, nursing home, and jail.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE—As you may know by now, I am seeking re-election to the State House once again. I have enjoyed learning, helping our town, and representing you these past years. While I may not know every issue intimately, I do look for the answers for you and try to find solutions to issues. Should there be something I can assist you with on the state level, please e-mail or call me at pamzt@comcast.net or 603-531-0085. Thank you.

Get SepticSmart About Your System Protect Water And Save Money

During SepticSmart Week, September 22–26, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reminding homeowners and communities that regular care and maintenance will prevent failure of septic systems.

Failing septic systems can contribute excess nutrients to our water sources—lakes, rivers, and groundwater. This can affect the safety of your drinking water if you get water from a private well or from a lake, as we saw in Lake Erie this summer.

With winter approaching, now is the perfect time to get your system inspected to ensure it is operating as designed. The added use that comes from summertime parties can put stress on your system; better to have it inspected now than wait until the holidays arrive and find that your system is not ready to handle the next family gathering!

Inspecting your system is not a do-it-yourself project, and putting an additive into your system will not do the job either, so go with a pro! The EPA recommends a professional, licensed inspection every three to five years, or annually for advanced systems.

As kids head back to school this fall, you can do

your own homework by taking a look at daily activities that can affect the functioning of your septic system. Here are a few SepticSmart tips that are easy to remember:

Think at the Sink! What goes down your drain can have a major impact on how well your septic system works. If you have a septic system, you should not pour grease down the drain or use a garbage disposal.

Don't Strain Your Drain! Efficient use of water and staggered use of water-based appliances can improve the operation of your septic system and reduce the risk of failure.

Shield Your Field! Trees, cars, livestock, or other heavy things on your septic's drainfield can cause damage.

Don't Overload Your Commode! Your toilet is not a trash can. The only product you should flush is toilet paper. Anything else can clog and damage septic systems, even if it says "flushable."

For a full list of the Dos and Don'ts and other helpful information, go to www.epa.gov/septicSMART and get SepticSmart!!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ONGOING PROGRAMS			
DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:30 AM	Families First - Toddler Playtime	Families First Portsmouth
Monday	5:00 PM	Cribbage	Weeks Public Library
2nd Monday	6:30 - 8 PM	Friends of the Library Meeting	Weeks Public Library
4th Monday	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Alzheimer's Café	Families First, Portsmouth Community Campus
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Families First - Baby Time	Families First, Portsmouth Community Campus
Tuesday	10:30 AM	NEW! Baby Lapsit, Tuesdays, Oct. 21-Nov. 25, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Tuesday	3:00 - 6:00 PM	Farmers' Market	Veteran's Park on the Town Green
Tuesday	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Parenting Classes	Families First, Portsmouth Community Campus
2nd Tuesday	12:00 - 1:30 PM	Senior Luncheon	Portsmouth Community Campus
2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Greenland Fire Department Business Meetings - Volunteers Welcome	Greenland Fire Department
1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Greenland Recreation Department	Greenland Central School
3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Monthly Book Discussion	Weeks Public Library
Thursday	9:30 AM	Exeter Family Morning Out	Exeter Parks & Rec 603-773-6151
Thursday	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Thursday	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, December 4, 2014-February 5, 2015	Weeks Public Library
Thursday	4:30-5:40 PM	Gentle Yoga (Most Thursdays)	CCC Parish House
1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursday	9:30 AM	Families First - Parent Recharge	Families First, Portsmouth Community Campus
1st Thursday	2:00 - 3:30 PM	Caregivers Support Group	Families First, Portsmouth Community Campus
2nd & 4th Thursday	9:30 AM	Parenting Classes	Families First, Portsmouth Community Campus
4th Thursday	12:00 - 1:30 PM	Senior Luncheon	Portsmouth Community Campus
Friday	9:30 AM	Families First - Preschool Playtime	Families First, Portsmouth Community Campus
Friday	11:00 AM	Friday Morning Group	Weeks Public Library
SEPTEMBER			
Monday, September 01, 2014	5:30 - 8:30 PM	Labor Day Holiday: Library and Town Offices closed	
Tuesday, September 09, 2014	6:00 PM	Information Session on Alzheimer's Disease--Dr. Juergen H. Bludau	Portsmouth Library
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014	6:30 PM	Retirement by Design--John St. Pierre, Edward Jones	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, September 18, 2014	1:00 PM	Weeks Public Library opens at 1:00 PM today. Morning training session for WPL staff.	Weeks Public Library Opens
Mon-Fri, Sept. 22-26, 2014		Drop-in Craft Week for children--Fall Crafts	Weeks Public Library
Monday, September 22, 2014	6:00 PM	Classic Movie Night--Sahara, starring Humphrey Bogart	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, September 25, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, September 25, 2014	5:00-8:00 PM	Rummage Sale	CCC Parish House
Friday, September 26, 2014	8:30 AM-7:00 PM	Rummage Sale	CCC Parish House
Saturday, September 27, 2014	8:30 AM-Noon	Rummage Sale	CCC Parish House
Tuesday, September 30, 2014	6:30 PM	Becoming Wolf: Eastern Coyote in New England--Chris Schadler	Weeks Public Library
OCTOBER			
Thursday, October 02, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Saturday, October 04, 2014	8:00-10:00 AM	CCC Pancake Breakfast	CCC Parish House
Saturday, October 04, 2014	8:00 AM-2:00 PM	CCC Townwide Yard Sale	Greenland
Saturday, October 04, 2014	3:00 PM	NEW Jason Hussey Road Race DATE-- Barbecue and Entertainment	On the Green
Saturday, October 04, 2014	3:30 PM	NEW Jason Hussey Road Race DATE--Kids' Fun Run	On the Green
Saturday, October 04, 2014	4:00 PM	NEW Jason Hussey Road Race DATE--5K Race--4:00 SHARP	On the Green
Wednesday, October 08, 2014	6:30 PM	Tax-Free Investing: It's Not What You Make; It's What You Keep-- John St. Pierre, Edward Jones	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, October 09, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Saturday, October 11, 2014	10:00 AM	Memorial Bridge Road Race to benefit Seacoast Community School and Prescott Park Arts Festival	
Thursday, October 16, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Saturday, October 18, 2014	10:00 AM to noon	Friends' Marketplace	Weeks Public Library
Wednesday, October 22, 2014	6:30 PM	Conflict in Ukraine--Presented by Christina Vogel	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, October 23, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, October 23, 2014	2:30-4:00 PM	Halloween Party	Weeks Public Library
Mon-Fri, October 27-31, 2014		Drop-in Craft Week for children--Halloween Crafts	Weeks Public Library
Monday, October 27, 2014	6:00 PM	Classic Movie Night--Casablanca, starring Humphrey Bogart	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, October 30, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, October 30, 2014	5:00-7:00 PM	Halloween Trick or Treat	
NOVEMBER			
Thursday, November 06, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Tuesday, November 11, 2014		Veteran's Day - Offices Closed - Remembrance Park Dedication	Remembrance Park
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014	6:30 PM	Put Your Retirement Plan to Work--John St. Pierre, Edward Jones Financial Advisor	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, November 13, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, September 25-November 13, 2014	Weeks Public Library
Mon-Fri, Nov. 17-21, 2014		Drop-in Craft Week for children--Thanksgiving Crafts	Weeks Public Library
Monday, November 17, 2014	6:00 PM	Classic Movie Night--Captain Courageous, starring Spencer Tracy	Weeks Public Library
Sunday, November 23, 2014		Greenland Women's Club Pie Festival and Craft Fair	Greenland Central School
Thursday, November 27, 2014		Thanksgiving	
DECEMBER			
Thursday, December 04, 2014	10:00 AM	Family Story Time, December 4, 2014-February 5, 2015	Weeks Public Library
Thursday, December 11, 2014	2:00-3:30 PM	Holiday Party	Weeks Public Library
Mon-Fri, Dec. 15-19, 2014		Drop-in Craft Week for children--Holiday Crafts	Weeks Public Library

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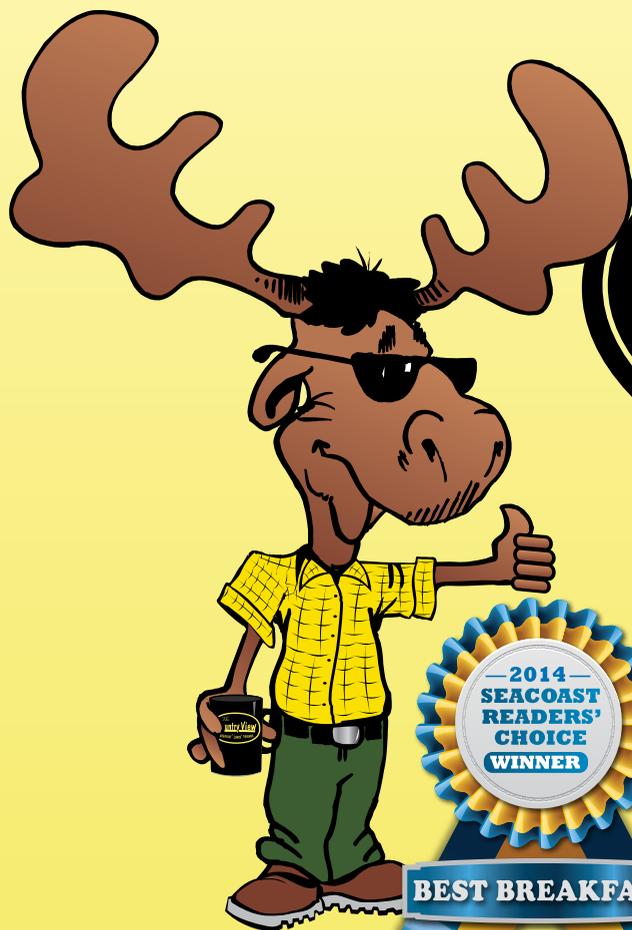
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