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**ASSESSING
TOWN VALUATION UPDATE**

Properties located along Route 1, not inspected since 2005, will be visited for the 10-year data verification cycle. Other properties being visited this year have received a letter notifying the owners that they will be visited for this purpose. Properties scheduled to be visited this summer are primarily on tax maps 4, 5 and 6 (the west end of town). Although some of the letters mailed said that the properties would be visited before August 1, the inspections are now scheduled to be completed by October 1.

This project, which started in 2007, will be completed this year. Thanks to all who have cheerfully cooperated in this task. The cyclical data verification is required by the State of NH and necessary for accurate and equitable assessments for all.

RUBBISH/RECYCLING

Northside Carting rubbish/recycling pick-up day in Hampton Falls is Friday. Please place your rubbish and recyclables at the curb on Thursday evening or by 6:00 a.m. Friday for collection. Whenever a major holiday falls on a weekday, the scheduled pick-up will change to Saturday as follows:

Holiday (2010)	Collection Date (2010)
Labor Day	Saturday, September 11
Thanksgiving Day	Saturday, November 27

RECREATION COMMISSION

2010 SUMMER BANDSTAND CONCERT SCHEDULE

(All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m..)

- June 24th Joppi
- July 1st Merrimack Valley Concert Band
- July 8th Then Again
- July 15th Countrygrass
- July 22nd DJ Smash
- July 26th Hampton Community Band
- July 29th The Shadows
- Aug 2nd Hampton Community Band
- Aug 5th Lynne Lynch & the Classics
- Aug 12th Sounds of the Seacoast
- Aug 19th Big Handsome Daddy
- Aug 26th New Legacy Swing Band



Dogs are prohibited from Governor Weare Park and dog waste has become a problem on the Town Common and at the Depot; please clean up after your pet.

HOLLY KNOWLES, TOWN CLERK

CLOSED FRIDAYS

Reminder: The Town Clerk's office is closed on Fridays during the months of June – August.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Please bring 2 checks if you want to obtain state plates and/or stickers at our office.
- An extra \$3.00 per registration for state stickers will be added to the town amount due.
- State fees require exact cash or check (the state doesn't provide change).
- Town fees paid by cash should be as close to the amount due as possible – no large bills please (we keep limited cash).
- Please allow time for processing your transactions by arriving as far in advance of our closing times of noon and 4 p.m. as possible.
- Renewals and transfers require the original, current registration(s) RSA 261:168 (copies are to be kept in your vehicle(s)).
- A notarized Power of Attorney is required when signing a title application for another person (even your spouse).

INTERNET VEHICLE RENEWALS

We recommend completing your vehicle renewal(s) over the internet (E-Reg). Click on the plate link on the Town Clerk's web page (www.hamptonfalls.org) for instructions, and you will receive your registration(s) through the mail. Renewals over 3 months late and residents wanting to complete transfers or obtain new plates will still need to come in to the office.

DOG FORFEITURES AS OF JUNE 1

The list of unlicensed dogs in town has been passed to the Police Department for collection. All dogs should have been licensed by April 30 as required by state RSA 466:1. Each dog not licensed by May 31 will automatically receive an additional \$25.00 civil forfeiture (RSA 466:13). If licensing in person, please remember to bring in the NECESSARY rabies vaccination certificate(s) (required EVERY year) (regardless of expiration date(s)). If you no longer own a dog(s), call 926-4618; Ext. 1, or E-mail us at townclerk@hamptonfalls.org and we will remove your name from the list.

NEW -- RENEW 2010 DOG LICENSES ON -- LINE

You may now renew existing dog licenses with up-to-date rabies shots on-line by clicking on the dog icon on the Town Clerk's web page. New residents or current residents with new dogs or licenses needing rabies shot updates will still need to come in to the office to license for the first time.

ELECTIONS

Absentee Ballots will be available a few weeks prior to both the September 14th Primary and the November 2nd General

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Elections from the Town Clerk’s office for registered voters who qualify. Ballots must be requested and returned by the voter either in person or through the mail.

Voter Registration: Residents who would like to register to vote may do so with the Town Clerk or the Supervisors of the Checklist up to approximately a week prior to an election or on an actual election day. If you haven’t already done so, it’s too late to change party affiliation prior to the September primary. Proof of identity, age, and domicile are required for voter registration.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Hampton Falls Police Department is inviting any resident that is interested to participate in an email list where they will receive periodic news from the Police Department. Included in the email will be neighborhood watch style alerts, the weekly police blotter, and updates on the general “goings on” within the Department. The email address is pdnews@hamptonfallspd.com. You may send your email address to Lieutenant Thomas Boynton at tboynton@hampfallspd.com requesting he add you to the email list. We hope that by using this technology we can keep Hampton Falls residents in the loop and allow them the ability to ask questions on an informal basis.

**JAY M. LORD - FIRE CHIEF
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

A quick reminder now that the nice weather has come, all outdoor fires **require** a burn permit. Seasonal permits (good until Dec 31st) are available for small (less than 4’ diameter) campfire rings, and include chimenea fireplaces, fire pits, fire bowls, etc.

Many emergencies happen during the night or during bad weather. **PLEASE** identify your house with a 2” or larger number on both sides of your mailbox or a number on the front of your house. The easier it is for us to find you, the quicker we can help in an emergency.

**KEVIN KELLEY - BUILDING INSPECTION
CODE ENFORCEMENT, HEALTH OFFICER**

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The mosquito control program began in April after receiving a Special Permit from the State. Areas treated include salt marshes, swamps, woodland pools, ditches, and catch basins.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) had a record breaking year in 2009. This year’s spring was nowhere near as wet as last year, but everything this year is early including more mosquitoes. Emergency adulticiding using sumithrin or permethrin may be done at the school and athletics fields if necessary. A total of 27 species of mosquitoes have been identified in Hampton Falls. None of the mosquito’s collected

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in Hampton falls have tested positive for EEE or West Nile Virus (WNV) to date.

Residents who do not want their property treated must contact Dragon Mosquito Control in writing at P. O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Otherwise, control measures may be done on your property if needed. Residents may call 964-8400 for more information.

This office welcomes calls from residents and business owners alike **before starting any project**. Please call my office at 926-4618, extension 5. More than one resident has spent considerable time and money on engineered plans before they realized their proposed project would fall where a structure, or other consideration, as defined by Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinances is prohibited.

Issues to consider during the planning stage that may require approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for relief to build in the Wetland buffer, or in the front, rear and side (s) setbacks

WETLANDS: Ordinances prohibit structures within wetland as well as the 100’ buffer to wetland. **Tree removal has special guidelines-Call 926-5269**

TOWN RIGHT OF WAY: ***This area of the roadway is deeded to the Town and is not owned by the property owner. The right of way for most roads is fifty (50) feet, but this does not apply to all roads.*** The paved travel portion is twenty-four (24) feet wide (12 feet in each lane) and shoulders are 13’ from the edge of pavement of which (4) feet each side is to remain gravel. It allows for, but is not limited to, drainage and snow storage and **should remain clear** of any temporary or permanent fixtures. Items such as driveway pavers/ entrance walls, landscaping, large stones, irrigation sprinklers, lamp posts, fencing, steel rods, stone walls etc. are **not** to be placed in the Town right of way. Guidelines are in place for the proper location of mailbox posts and a copy can be obtained from the Building Inspector’s office.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES: Approval of a special exception by the ZBA is required in order to store commercial or industrial vehicles in the residential zone.

SIGNS: Regulations apply to signs in both the residential and commercial zones. Permits are required.

BUSINESS IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE: Non-agricultural commercial businesses are **prohibited** from the residential zone. Regulations are in place for certain home occupation(s)

Residents are encouraged to become familiar with Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinances available for review at the Town Hall or on the web site hamptonfalls.org. This is where you will find rules and regulations as to whether the project you have in mind is permitted. Projects may require inspection, permit or approval by the Building Inspector, other town official or Board. The Highway Agent and Building Inspector will notify owners of concerns immediately once identified. The Town is not liable for damage to items placed in the Town right of way.

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MARY ANN HILL, TAX COLLECTOR

Property owners should have received their first property tax bill for 2010. **The due date is Thursday, July 1.**

If you are among the people who like to pay bills on line, please be advised that we do not receive your payment the day that you “point and click.” It usually takes a few days for the bank to process and mail your payment. Those who wait until the last minute to pay on line should be aware that we will probably receive your payment on Tuesday, July 6th, instead of Thursday July 1. The payment will then be four days late and interest fees will become due. Many residents realized this at last December’s billing.

Also, if you are considering applying for tax abatement, please wait until after receiving the October bill.

If you have any questions about your assessment or your tax bill, please feel free to come into the office, or call us at 926-4618, Ext. 4, or send an e-mail to taxcollector@hamptonfalls.org.



CEMETERY TRUSTEES

If you think LAS students don't consider helping their community through a worthwhile project, look at this picture, think again, and give a huge round of applause to 6th Graders Lauren Fisher, Anika Nelson, Anna Farinola, Sophia Thomas and 7th Grader Ricky Merrill, for helping rake and bag well over 20 bags full of fall leaves and winter debris from the grounds of Old Brookside Cemetery over two Friday afternoons. Accompanied by teacher Melissa Robinson, the students walked to the cemetery with their rakes, bags, gloves, and lots of refreshments provided by Ms. Robinson, and went right to work doing a superb job in just a few short hours.

Old Brookside Cemetery was chosen because it was within walking distance, accessible and needed a lot of work to make it look presentable before Memorial Day. Although the Town budget for mowing does include our cemeteries, there is little if any monies left to hire the kinds of help necessary to mitigate the assault of time and weather conditions on our cemeteries, so you can imagine how pleased we were to accept this offer of help by Ms. Robinson and her students as a community project. We have, in the past, been able to hire professional help specifically for cleaning, repairing broken gravestones and/or replacing broken and

dilapidated fencing through specific warrant articles but we made no requests this year.

There is still a tremendous amount of work to be done at the other cemeteries, New Brookside cemetery in particular, next door to Old Brookside, both located on Rt. 88. Years of accumulating leaves, debris and fallen trees are covering grave sites that current lot owners need access to and we are looking for volunteers to help cut up and remove the trees, brush and debris. Here's an opportunity to help our town burial grounds receive some much needed attention. If you have the knowledge, expertise and equipment to do this work and are willing to help out for a few hours on a rain-free weekend to help us get the job done, please contact our Sexton Georgianna Swain 926-2204 or Chair Lillian Walker 772-3987. Many thanks again to Ms. Robinson and her students.

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission’s website has been on-line now for about two months, and continues to grow in content. Visit www.hamptonfallsheritage.com and have a look. We have prepared four maps showing homes that were built during four 50 year segments, indicating where the early homes were first built, and where the building growth developed during the subsequent 50 year segments. Is your historic home indicated on any of the maps? If not, it may make the next update.

In the interest of increasing the data, we shall be **raffling off 5 free Applecrest Creamery ice cream gift certificates**, one for each dwelling built before 1901 that qualifies to be added to the maps up through July 31st this year. All residents need to do to qualify is submit their name and address, with basic details about its construction date, some information about its original owner, and any other information that your research yields that will help us to identify the house. If you like, you can download from the website a survey form and complete as much of this form that you can. It need not be complete, but submissions must be received by the Heritage Commission (by mail c/o the Town Hall, or by email to frenchmannh@yahoo.com) by July 31st to win a valid chance at the raffle. Only one certificate per address may be a winner, but each household resident may make a submission of information about the house to qualify. Winning gift certificates are transferable by the winners to relatives and friends.

We have recently learned about the possibility that there was a flourishing native Indian culture in Hampton Falls, possibly even 8,000 years ago, through a lecture held by the Historical Society, given by noted Philips Exeter Academy Professor of Archaeology Donald Foster. As more information is learned we shall add it to the website. Meanwhile, we are eager to increase participation in this effort to capture our heritage, and ask for interested parties to contact a Heritage Commission commissioner. Our emails are located on the website. Finally, if you would like to order an attractive historic home sign to place on your house, order forms may be obtained from the website as well.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Gardening for the Future *By: Bobbi Burns and Julie Hall Williams*

This spring when selecting your plantings, or when wandering through your gardens and fields, we ask that you keep a look out for some of our area’s greatest threats. They may be lurking in your garden. These authors know first-hand that anyone can have mistakenly planted an invasive plant. Invasive plants are important to recognize and control because they quickly work to claim the environment around them. Invasive plants are non-native plant material that choke out some of our most natural and beautiful plant life, and thus the habitat for other plants and animals. Some invasive plants are so common that they are even sold at some plant stores as shrubs and perennials. Contractors have been known to plant invasive shrubs for filler. No need to panic! There are no invasive police! It is just good measure to take a look at what you have, and to create a plan for one day having an invasive-free space. Make a pledge to buy non-invasive plants this year, and plant only locally cultivated, native plant materials. By doing so, Hampton Falls will have a lot less invasive species to deal with years down the line. Consult the chart [below](#) for common invasive plants. What should you avoid this spring? Do you have any invasive plants you want to eradicate now? What are good alternatives?

	Description	Reason	Removal	Alternatives	Available for Sale?
Burning Bush (Euonymus Alatus)	Shrub with elliptical, pointed, and finely toothed leaves that turn bright red in the fall.	Spreads readily into old fields, open woods and floodplain forests through birds carrying seeds.	Dig it up.	No similar native species, though from a distance can be mistaken for blueberry.	Yes
Dwarf Honeysuckle (Lonicera xylosteum)	Shrub, oval to egg-shaped leaves. Tan to gray bark, white yellow, or pink five-lobed flowers. Fruit July – Sept.	Grows in poor, well drained soil. Spreads through birds carrying seeds.	Dig it up.	Native Honeysuckle, Bush Honeysuckle or Snowberry.	Yes
Multiflora Rose (Rosa multiflora)	Shrubby plant with masses of white five-petal flowers. Fringed stipule at base of leaf stem (this is not on native roses).	Will grow in a variety of soils, moisture and light conditions and spreads quickly. Host for a virus which affects cultivated roses.	Pull up by roots. Requires multiple attempts.	Native Rose species. Natives do not have the fringed stipule at leaf base, nor do they produce masses of white flowers.	No
Yellow Flag Iris (Iris pseudacorus)	The only yellow-flowering iris growing in New England.	Wetland plant which colonizes into large numbers, forming very dense monotypic stands, out competing other plants. Spreads underground via rhizomes.	Remove rhizomes completely. Partial rhizomes re-grow. Do not burn. Burnt seeds can grow.	Blue flag iris (Iris versicolor, Iris prismatica, Iris virginica)	Yes
Purple Loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria)	Hardy perennial, 20-60” tall with showy magenta flowers from July through September.	Very hardy perennial which rapidly degrades wetlands and diminishes their value for wildlife habitat. Now encroaching on pastureland too.	Pulling, cutting, or digging is useful for small infestations. June, July, or Aug. while flowering, but not to seed is best time. Do not compost. Dispose all parts in plastic bags and seal. Will re-grow from partial roots.	Tall fireweed.	No
Japanese Barberry (barberis thunbergi)	Dense, deciduous, spiny shrub. Grows 2 to 8 ft. high. Small (1/2 to 1 1/2 in long) oval to spatula shaped, green, bluish green or dark reddish purple leaves.	Forms dense stands displacing native plants and reducing wildlife habitat and forage.	Root system is shallow. Remove all roots. Plants can re-sprout from root fragments. Early spring is best for removal. Plant can be mowed or cut repeatedly to prevent seed production.	Weigela, Slender deutzia	Not in NH
Oriental Bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus Thumb)	Fruit has a yellow exterior and a red/orange center.	Grows in a vine that smothers plants and uproots trees due to its weight.	Remove entire plant if possible. Otherwise, cut as close to the ground as possible. Repeat cuttings will be required. Bag in plastic and dispose. Do not compost. Any portion of root system can re-sprout.		As a dried ornamental in the fall

The Conservation Commission has left additional materials and photos of invasive plants at the Library for your reference. The [above](#) chart and article references invasive plants commonly used in gardening. Additional invasive- tree species, weeds and even bugs also pose a threat to our scenic town. Keep your eyes peeled for further information about these other invasive species! Thank you for helping to keep our town beautiful! Want to help? Please call Julie at (603) 580-2183. The Conservation Commission offers two new opportunities to get involved. The Land Management Committee will work on management objectives and uses on conservation parcels. The Trailblazers will create and maintain trails as needed. For more information, call David Gandt (773-5676).

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