

# TOWN NEWS

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### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

*Happy Holiday wishes are extended to all as well as sincere thanks to the employees, board members, committee members, and volunteers, and those residents who make a unique and positive difference, for their dedication throughout the year(s).*



### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Two Boy Scouts from Hampton Falls Troop 377 have appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present plans for Eagle Scout projects.

Joey Brouillard has presented his plans to construct a number of voting booths, to include repair of existing booths, and Chip Dawe will present details of the plans for his project at future meeting.



### BRUSH DUMP / CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The Town brush dump will close for the winter months effective December 1 and will remain closed until April 1. The last day the Brush Dump is open this year is November 26. However, for the convenience of those in need of disposing of Christmas trees, the dump will be open on Saturday, January 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



### RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES November 4 and 18/December 2, 16, and 30

Please visit the Town web site at hamptonfalls.org and click on “Meetings and Activities.” Here you will find a monthly calendar with recycling collection dates filled in.

Northside Carting offers **Single Stream Recycling**. This means that there is no requirement to separate paper from other recyclables. You can continue to use the red bins, or any bin clearly marked as “recycling” at curbside for collection, with no limit to the number of bins.

*A dumpster has been placed at the Brush Dump (corner Parsonage Road and Drinkwater Road) for disposal of recyclables should residents miss a recycling collection day. The dumpster is available on Saturdays when the Brush Dump attendant is present (first Saturday in April through last Saturday of November, 8 am - 2 pm).*

Plastic bags are not recyclable materials and are not acceptable in your recycling bin(s) or at the Brush Dump. Supermarkets usually collect plastic bags for recycling.

Make sure all containers are rinsed and free of food, grease and liquids. Items that can be placed in the recycling bin include:

- plastics #1 through #7, glass bottles and jars
- newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper
- cardboard (clean and bundled no larger than 2’x2’x2’)
- frozen food paper packaging, paper egg cartons, milk and juice cartons and
- aluminum, tin and steel cans and foil.

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Hampton Falls has a mandatory recycling program. Residents are encouraged to keep up the good work with the recycling effort! Please separate your trash and recycling bins by placing them on opposite sides of the driveway by 6:00 a.m. on Friday collection days.

**Please note**, uncollectable solid waste from curbside includes white goods, stumps and demolition debris, yard waste, bulky items and hazardous waste.

Whenever a major holiday falls on a weekday, the scheduled pick-up will change to Saturday.

Holiday (2011)	Collection Date (2011)
Thanksgiving Day	Saturday, November 26

## JAY M. LORD, FIRE CHIEF



### FIRE DEPT. CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The Fire Department will conduct its annual fundraiser of selling Christmas trees on the Common beginning November 25 through December 11 (or until the trees are gone). Remember to water all live trees daily during the holidays.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

There will be an audible test of the Seabrook Power Plant emergency sirens on November 16th at 12:30 p.m. The audible siren test will last from 3 to 5 minutes. You will hear more about this by television and newspapers as the date draws closer...THIS IS ONLY A TEST.

#### *Some winter safety tips as the weather gets cooler:*

- Give all heating appliances (stoves, space heaters, etc.) a three-foot clearance to combustibles.
- Keep decorative candles away from drapes and blow them out if you leave the room.
- Generators need to be run outside, however, CO can get inside so install a CO detector if you don't have one already.



### PARKING BAN & SNOW REMOVAL

Townpeople are reminded that effective December 15, no overnight parking (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) is allowed on any town roadway. This ban will be in effect until April 1.

A Selectmen's ordinance prohibits the plowing of snow onto public roads. It includes a fine for any person causing snow or ice to be placed upon the surface of the traveled portion of the road.

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### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### Volunteers Needed! Marsh Lane Trail Clean-up Saturday, November 12

Do you enjoy hiking, dog walking, and other outdoor activities? Did you know there is a great set of trails at the Marsh Lane Conservation Preserve off Route 1/Lafayette Road? I didn't until a few months ago - it's really a hidden gem in Hampton Falls!

The trails are a little overgrown, so the Trailblazers volunteers are organizing a clean-up day to clear out the branches and brush, then mark them so everyone can enjoy the Marsh Lane Preserve. Please join us!

We'll meet at the Town Hall at 10:00am and carpool over to Marsh Lane. Bring tools to trim brush and small branches. Remember that it will be hunting season, so blaze orange is a nice fashion statement while we're in the woods :)

Please contact Erin Cosgrove with any questions - [erin.cosgrove@gmail.com](mailto:erin.cosgrove@gmail.com), 603-929-1645.



### PRIMARY ELECTION

At the time this news letter was due, the date for the Primary Election had not yet been determined. However, absentee ballots will be available for that election to registered voters who qualify.

### HOLLY E. KNOWLES, TOWN CLERK

#### VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

-Renewals and transfers require the original registration(s) (RSA 261:168) (copies are to be kept in your vehicle(s).

-Please allow time for processing your transactions by arriving an hour or so before our closing times of noon and 4 p.m.

-We will make arrangements for you to register your vehicle(s) if you can't get in during our office hours (call or e-mail us at [townclerk@hamptonfalls.org](mailto:townclerk@hamptonfalls.org)).

A notarized Power of Attorney is required when signing a title application for another person (even your spouse).

#### NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Only ONE CHECK required payable to "Town of Hampton Falls" which now includes town and state fees. NOW ACCEPTING MAJOR CREDIT CARDS (not debit cards) with the exception of VISA which may be used for on-line renewals through EB2GOV but NOT for registrations at the window (a 2.75% fee applies to credit card transactions).

Cash payments should be as close to the amount due as possible – no large bills please (we keep limited cash).



#### INTERNET VEHICLE RENEWALS

Your vehicle(s) can be renewed over the internet (EB2GOV). Click on the plate link on the Town Clerk's web page ([www.hamptonfalls.org](http://www.hamptonfalls.org)) for instructions. You'll then receive your registration(s) with attached decals through the mail. Renewals over 3 months late and residents

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wanting to complete transfers or obtain new plates will still need to come in to the office.

### **NEW – VITAL RECORDS ON-LINE**

You can now request “Certified” copies of; Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce certificates on-line by choosing Vital Records on the town web page which will take you to EB2Gov for processing.

### **MARY ANN HILL, TAX COLLECTOR**

The property tax bills will be mailed as soon as we receive the tax rate from the State’s Department of Revenue Administration. Taxes will be due December 1st, or thirty days from the date on which the bills are mailed. **Please look for the due date on the bill.**

**Read** your tax bill thoroughly as it contains important information such as the hours that the tax office is open, the tax bill due date, the interest rate on late payments, your assessment, and exemption and/or tax credit information.

**When paying on line** select a ‘pay date’ that is earlier than the due date. Some institutions do not cut the check until the ‘pay date’, so if you use the due date as the ‘pay date’ we won’t receive the payment on time and you will be charged interest.

**If you pay your taxes by mail or leave it in the drop box to the left of our door and would like a receipt, please put a stamp on your self-addressed envelope. Thank you.**

### **KEVIN C. KELLEY.**

### **BUILDING INSPECTION/CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH OFFICER/PLANNING ASSISTANT**

With winter upon us, it is time to get ready for the cold, snow and ice. Last winter, we had a lot of snow and some of us had issues with ice dams. Now is the time to address that issue before it gets too cold to attach heating cables to the roof possibly causing more damage. An electrical outlet needs to be installed close to the element as extension cords are only for limited temporary use.

Time to get your heating appliances serviced to avoid the middle of the night, or worse being away, and it fails causing pipes to burst and thousands of dollars in damage to your home.

One thing about wood and pellet stoves is keeping them clean. Good dry hard wood along with keeping creosote to a minimum is essential to a safe warm wood stove fire. Pellet stoves are easy to keep clean, but the one part that is critical to safe operation is the auger. At the beginning of last season, I was putting my pellet stove through its operation and noticed very few pellets were getting to the burn pot. I had to empty the 40 pounds out and clean out the stuck pellets and dust. If you have questions or concerns, Hampton Falls has at least three stove dealers that can help answer questions or make repairs.

Gutters need to be cleaned and remember none of us are getting any younger and ladders can be dangerous so keep your limitations in mind. Another item before the ground freezes is to have your septic tank pumped and checked.

Hampton Falls has adopted a new Historic Demolition Delay ordinance that effects any structure 75 years and older. The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety on line at [townofhamptonfalls.org](http://townofhamptonfalls.org). It is in the Building Code, page 2, Section 4.