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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark Lane, Chairman; Edward B. Beattie, Vice Chairman; Lou Gargiulo, Selectman

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Town's **Household Waste Collection Day** is scheduled for Saturday **May 14, 2022, 8 am to 12 pm, noon** at the Hampton Falls Brush Dump located at the corner of Drinkwater and Parsonage Roads. Dump stickers are not required for this Household Waste Disposal Day; instead, a **\$20 per trip fee** will be charged.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION DAY, MAY 14, 2022, 8am to 12pm NOON ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR DISPOSAL

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION- DETAILS	FEE CHARGED
Each Trip	Per vehicle load	\$20.00/vehicle
White Goods	Appliances, such as refrigerators, washing machines, hot water heaters, and dryers	No additional fee
Bulky Items	Large items, such as sofas, chairs, rugs.	No additional fee
Tires	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Un-mounted, rimless tires are accepted• Tires on <u>rims</u> are <u>not</u> accepted• 19" rim size or less are accepted• 8 tires per household, maximum• Residential tires only (No commercial tires)	\$3.00 per tire
Electronics Recycling	<u>Acceptable electronic items:</u> computers, computer monitors, printers/copiers/scanners/fax machines, televisions Projection televisions \$35 each	\$20.00 per item \$35.00 per TV
Freon Removal	Appliances containing Freon (i.e. refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, etc)	\$25.00
Mattresses and Box springs	Fee is charged for each item, mattress and boxspring separately	\$40.00/mattress \$40.00/boxspring
Propane Tank Disposal	5-lb, 10-lb, and 20-lb. smaller LP tanks 30-lb, 40-lb, and 100-lb larger LP tanks	\$5.00/tank \$20.00/tank
Wood Disposal	Clean, untreated wood, that is able to be burned is accepted	\$20.00

BRUSH, STUMPS, OR HAZARDOUS WASTE (EXCEPT MERCURY-Hg) ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

DAY OF WEEK REMINDERS:

- Curbside Collection of **TRASH** is collected on **THURSDAYS**, and
- Curbside Collection of **RECYCLING** is on **FRIDAYS**.

Please visit the Trash and Recycling web page at www.hamptonfalls.org for more detailed information.

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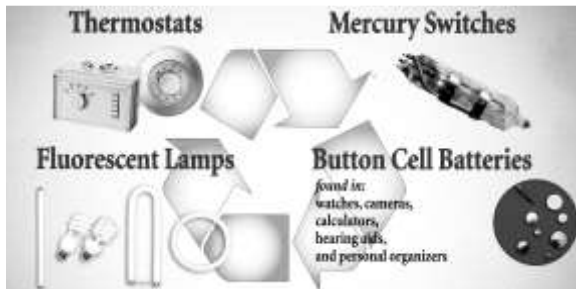
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The Town of Hampton Falls has benefited from a grant sponsored by the Town's disposal contractor, Covanta Energy. A Universal Waste Shed is located at the Town's Brush Dump for the purpose of collecting certain products containing mercury; specifically, thermostats, mercury switches, florescent lamps, button cell batteries and alkaline batteries.



Residents can also dispose these items by participating in the Town of Hampton's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 21, 2022. Thank you for your help in disposing of these items in a safe manner and protecting the environment!

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Hampton Falls' residents have the opportunity to properly dispose of certain Hazardous Waste items by participating in the **Town of Hampton, NH** collection days: **Saturday, May 21, 2022 and Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 8 am to Noon** at the Hampton Transfer Station, 1 Hardardt's Way, Hampton, NH.

Requirements include, but are not limited to, a **\$30 fee per vehicle**, *prepaid* to the Hampton Falls Town Clerk/Tax Collector, with a limit of up to five (5) gallons or twenty (20) pounds of waste or the combination of the two; this being the maximum amount allowed. Please see the listing of acceptable or prohibited items on the Trash and Recycling web page at www.hamptonfalls.org.

STEPHANIE GRANT, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org – 603-926-4618, Ext. 101 or 106

2022 DOG LICENSES

The 2022 dog tags are available from the Town Clerk's office (in person or on-line). **ALL DOGS IN TOWN SHOULD BE LICENSED BY APRIL 30** each year as required by state RSA 466:1. Rabies vaccination certificate(s) are only required if rabies expiration date has expired. **Each dog not licensed by May 31 will automatically receive an additional \$25 civil forfeiture fine(RSA 466:13).** If you no longer own a dog(s), call 1-603-926-4618; Ext. 101 or 106, or E-mail us at townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org; and we will remove your name from the list.

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VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We are open for walk-in services. OR if you would prefer to not come into the building, you may use the following procedures and utilize the drop box to the left of the Town Hall doors.

If you have bought a new vehicle/trailer/motorcycle. Please provide the following:

- Copy of your driver's license
- Title or Title Application (Town Clerk copy at the bottom)
- Contact information (name, phone number and email)
- Payment (check made out to *Town of Hampton Falls* and we will fill-in amount, or credit card over the phone once processed)

Please put this information in an envelope and utilize our drop box outside to the left of the Town Hall doors. We will process and call you to arrange a time to pick-up the plates.

Any residents who wish to transfer their old plates to a new vehicle, please provide the following:

- Copy of your driver's license
- Old registration (the plates you wish to transfer must be original, not a copy)
- Title or Title Application (Town Clerk Copy)
- Blank check (once filled-in, we will copy and send back to you)
- Contact information (email, phone # and address)

Please put this information in an envelope and utilize our drop box outside, to the left of the Town Hall door. We will process and mail back to you.

We ask that you continue to renew your registrations online, as well as licensing dogs. Please visit the Town Clerk's page on www.hamptonfalls.org to renew online. You may also renew your vehicle by dropping off a copy of your previous registration, copy of your license and a payment (please see above) and drop into the outside dropbox. You can also call into the office to process a renewal over the phone or schedule an appointment to come in and renew.

Please call our office at 1-603-926-4618 ext. 101 or email townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org with any questions or concerns.

FILING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Please call ahead to schedule an appointment to apply for a new marriage license. Please note the appointment will take about 45 minutes. Any New Hampshire Town or City Clerk can do the filing for a marriage license. The cost is \$50 and requires both persons' I.D. and final divorce or death certificates, if filing for a subsequent marriage other than your first.

VITAL RECORDS AND 3-YEAR - DUMP STICKERS ON-LINE

You can request "certified" copies of NH Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce certificates on-line by choosing Vital Records on the town web page, please also email a picture of your driver's license when requesting any certified copy to townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org. Requests for self-cling, 3-year brush dump stickers (required for brush disposal only; no longer required for household waste collection days) are available on-line or from the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$30 each.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAYS

A reminder that the Town Clerk's office is closed to the public on Fridays.

TAX INFORMATION

IMPORTANT! Many of you are using online banking, please schedule your payment to arrive on or before the due date. Most systems require 5 – 6 days to deliver a payment. **Please do not postdate your check;** by law we cannot hold your check in the office until the posted check date. The check will be returned to you if the check is postdated and could result in the payment being late and incurring interest.

The first tax bill for 2022 will be mailed in May and will be due in July. As an alternate to mailing your payment, you can deposit a check in the exterior drop box, located to the left of the Town Hall front entrance. If you would like a receipt, please provide us with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

You can also make payments online at www.hamptonfalls.org. Please be aware that there is a \$0.95 bank fee for using an online check or 2.95% to use credit cards (this fee is charged by the credit card company not by the Town of Hampton Falls).

Tax liens were executed for 2021 delinquent real estate taxes on April 12, 2022. Interest on delinquent taxes is calculated daily. Please go online or call the Town Clerk/Tax office to obtain an accurate balance due. If you have any questions regarding your real estate taxes, interest, setting up a payment schedule or need copies of your paid receipts for the IRS, please call the Town of Hampton Falls Tax Collector's office at 603-926-4618 ext. 101 or 106.

Many of you have inquired about the State claim forms for Low- and Moderate-Income Homeowners' Property Tax Relief. If you have qualified for the program in prior years, the claim form will be **sent to you** after May 1, 2022. If you would like to apply for the program and have not done so before, the (DP-8) Forms will be available in Town Hall after May 1st. Call 603 271-2192 or go to www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low_mod_program.htm for more information.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION – Lyn Stan, Chairwoman

Meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.

The *Hampton Falls Parks and Recreation Commission (P&RC)* current members are: Lyn Stan, Chair; Karen Sabatini, Treasurer; Beth Forgione, Secretary; Pam Fitzgerald, Phil Chura and Kathy Dittami. Selectmen's Representative is Mark Lane and Governor Weare Park (GWP) Liaison is Larry Smith. The mission of the P&RC is to provide programs and facilities that develop physical condition and wellness for a quality of life that benefits the young and adult residents of Hampton Falls; volunteerism is encouraged to promote unity within the community of Hampton Falls.

The *Depot Road Subcommittee of Parks and Recreation (DRSPR)* meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and is seeking an individual who can attend monthly meetings to chronicle activities of the group. The DRSPR seeks volunteers to join the subcommittee of energetic and conservation-minded residents who want to be part of this growing and vital group. Please look at the Town website www.hamptonfalls.org, under Boards and Committees for the DRSPR and/or contact Alex Dittami at: adittami@hotmail.com for more information.

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The P&RC continues the management of Governor Weare Park. The scheduling of all teams and leagues using the fields including: Cal Ripken Baseball, Hampton Attack Spring and Fall Soccer and Lacrosse, are overseen by Mike Montville, Mark Lane and Ad hoc member Larry Smith. If interested in working with the leagues, please contact Mike or Mark. Governor Weare Park will continue to be used by our community residents to have fun pick-up games with families and friends.

The P&RC is excited to sponsor a Home Run Derby on Sunday, July 31st for all Hampton Falls residents young and old to participate in the celebration of the Town of Hampton Falls' Tricentennial, 300th birthday. If you are interested in being a part of this event, please reach out to Karen Sabatini at boxermomnh@gmail.com.

Many donations, for which the P&RC is grateful, were contributed to the Hampton Falls Ice Rink. Once again, Grant Winnes and his team of volunteers are thanked for maintaining the Ice Rink for all to enjoy this past Winter season.

The Hampton Falls Summer Camp program, run by Lincoln Akerman School Art teacher, Stacey Bellen, has been finalized and the dates are from July 11th to August 5th. The summer camp program provides kids with many fun-filled activities and recreation. It continues to be a big hit for Hampton Falls children.

The Castleberry Fair returns to the Town Common on Mother's Day weekend, May 7th & 8th with many great gift ideas.

Carol Whalen reported that due to a shortage of volunteers and artists, Art on the Common will not be held in 2022.

A Children's Craft Fair has been organized by Melissa Bender and the children of Hampton Falls. The date for the craft fair will be Saturday, June 11th with a rain date of June 18th, hours are 1pm – 4pm.

The Farmer's Market is welcomed back to Hampton Falls. Thanks to Sue Veilleux and the many wonderful farmers who will contribute items to the market. The Farmer's Market will run on Wednesdays from June 1st until October 5th hours weekly are 2pm-6pm. For more details, please see the Hampton Falls Farmer's Market website at: <https://hamptonfallsmarketinfo.weebly.com>.

Friends of the Hampton Falls Bandstand/Cool Wheels will kick off the 2022 season on June 23th thru August 26th with diverse and cultural performances. The Cool Wheels is seeking volunteers, if interested please contact Steve Sabatini. Please go to Friends of the Hampton Falls Bandstand/Hampton Falls Cool Wheels social media pages for the full lineup and updates.

Wayne from Maine will return on Tuesday, July 19th at 6pm. The 50-minute show is a musical adventure thru various musical styles designed for the young and young at heart. The rain date is Tuesday, July 26th.

The Seniors Partnering with Seniors is planning to host an evening of music with the Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra. This 17-member-orchestra will be performing favorites by musical contributions of composers such as Burt Bacharach and lyricist Hal David along with Bernstein, Lennon, McCartney and others. They will be performing on Tuesday, August 9th from 6pm – 8pm on the Hampton Falls Town Common.

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Do you have a passion to build community spirit? The P&RC encourages residents with creative ideas for recreational activities, or interests in organizing recreational activities, to attend the monthly meetings and consider joining the P&RC. If you can answer YES, please complete a Volunteer Application form found on the Town website at www.hamptonfalls.org, and submit it to the Town Administrator at townadministrator@hamptonfalls.org or mail to: Town Hall, 1 Drinkwater Rd., Hampton Falls, NH 03844, or place in the secure Drop Box at Town Hall, located to the Left of the main door.

FIRE DEPARTMENT- Jay Lord – 603-926-5752

Spring is here and we remind you of a few items and other services that HFFD offers besides emergency ambulance and fires calls.

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- Time to renew your annual fire permits for fire pits, Chimineas, or portable fire rings (brush piles still need a separate 1-day permit).
- Check your batteries in smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors.
- Fire extinguishers should be turned upside down and shaken if they have been motionless for a long period of time and gauges should be in the 'green.'
- We teach CPR and First-aid classes.
- We offer blood pressure checks.
- We will do a home fire safety inspection and help you develop a fire safety plan.
- Provide information on 'emergency preparedness kits.'
- We offer fire extinguisher classes.
- Station tours / Q&A for kids of all ages are available anytime.
- We are on Facebook – but we do not monitor it 24/7
- Reminder to get your fireworks permits 3-days prior to launching – giving you enough time to notify your neighbors
- Call us at the station to set up an appointment to dump your used motor oil at the brush dump.

BUILDING INSPECTOR - Mark Sikorski – 1-603-926-1848, Ext. 105

MOSQUITO CONTROL - The mosquito control program begins in April. Crews check swamps, woodland pools, ditches, salt marshes, storm drains and other shallow, stagnant water for mosquito larvae. When mosquitoes are found, larvacides are used. We all need to do our part to protect our families from potentially life altering illnesses. The steps are simple and only require a little diligence by making sure standing water is not allowed to pool in little, or unused items like old tires, playground equipment, sandboxes, or anything that can hold water for the larvae to breed.

Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use Dragon Mosquito's No-Spray Registry online at www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, PO Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Residents who would like to have their stagnant water checked for mosquitoes may call the office at **603-734-4144** or email Info@DragonMosquito.com. There is no charge for

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this service. Contact them for more information on spray dates, location, materials used, precautions or other concerns.

CONSIDERING A SUMMER PROJECT? - With warm weather on our doorstep, the projects we envisioned during the winter are now on the shortlist. Before you spend your hard-earned money, remember that permits are required for most, if not all building projects in or around your home. There are many things to factor in such as setbacks from property lines and wetlands. Adding a bedroom or accessory dwelling to your home may require a new septic design. Time must be allocated for design and approval. Do you know where your underground utilities and septic system are located before any digging is done? Call the building office as part of the planning process. PLEASE... To help with reviewing your application for new projects that are in the yard or increase the size of any structure, provide an accurate plot plan with your application showing distances to property lines or wetland areas. You are responsible for the accuracy of the diagrams. We can help get everything in place.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Mary Ann Hill, Chair;

ConservationChair@hamptonfalls.org. Meets monthly, the second Tuesday at 6:30 at Town Hall

As reported in our last newsletter, the Conservation Commission had hired a part-time Conservation Coordinator, Brianna O' Brien, to help the Commission with outreach and efficiency. Unfortunately for Hampton Falls, Brianna got appointed to a full-time position in Hampton; however, before she left, she compiled a database of Hampton Falls properties that are either Town-owned or protected by a Conservation Easement. The database includes the location, number of acres, allowed uses, how protected, and the jurisdiction of each. This database, and its accompanying map, will be an extremely useful tool for the Conservation Commission and the Town going forward. Thank you, Brianna.

The Conservation Commission is making progress on the intention to build a trail further into the Town Forest. Construction of boardwalks will span the wet areas so the trail can be used year-round and not just when frozen. This trail extension and boardwalk construction will enable access to Phragmites plants that have invaded the area, so that Conservation Commission members and Summer Interns can work to control those invasive plants. The Conservation Commission Intern from Summer 2021, Taylor Foley, will be graduating from college Spring 2022 and he is looking forward to working for RCCD full-time; congratulations Taylor. The Conservation Commission enjoyed having a Summer Intern so much that we decided to double the fun and hire two (2) Interns for Summer 2022. Two interviews have been held with local college students majoring in Environmental Science and the Conservation Commission looks forward to another productive summer.

Road-side clean-up will be DIY this year due to Easter, School vacation, and other travel. There will be bags available at the Town Dump for those who need bags. The Conservation Commission asks that residents clean-up the road-side in front of their property and also consider cleaning-up their neighbor's property frontage to "pay it forward". The following roads have already been cleaned-up: Crank and Goodwin, Kensington Rd. from Crank to Nason, and Nason from Kensington Rd. to Drinkwater. There are still plenty of roads for anyone who likes outdoor exercise with a purpose. Thank you.

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HERITAGE COMMISSION - Beverly Mutrie, Chair
Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am at Town Hall

The Heritage Commission members: Beverly Mutrie (Chair and Secretary), Mary Ann Hill and Phil Chura are appointed by the Selectmen for three-year terms. The fourth voting member is Lou Gargiulo, who is also a seated Selectman, as required by the RSAs. The Heritage Commission would welcome another member and alternates who want to learn about Hampton Fall's history, its buildings, monuments, and farms. The Heritage Commission meets once a month, at a day and time convenient to all. Please visit the Town website at www.hamptonfalls.org and look under *Boards and Committees* to locate the *Heritage Commission* for more information, and to complete a *Volunteer Application* form.

The focus of the Heritage Commission in Hampton Falls (according to the RSAs), is a Historic Resources Survey which is almost finished and is planned to be uploaded to the Town's website. Based on that research, the Heritage Commission can propose state recognition for buildings or historic areas deemed noteworthy either due to their architecture, their neighborhood or an association with notable Hampton Falls' people.



How many residents remember the building in the photo? It was (sadly) disassembled and moved to Connecticut almost thirty-years ago. It was the Abbie Gove house on Lafayette Road, where Currier's Leather is currently located. The building was well known as the house where the poet John Greenleaf Whittier died in 1892. It would have been a great candidate for the State Historic Register.

Previously, the Heritage Commission has completed architectural surveys of the 1877 Town Hall and the 1835 Museum and were successful in having both buildings placed on the NH State Historic Register. The Heritage Commission is also contemplating adding to that list two additional properties, after obtaining both owners' permission.

The designation of a property on the NH State Historic Register is honorary and has benefits such as:

- 1) Protection of identified historic resources during activities such as governmental land sales and transportation projects.
- 2) Qualification for state financial assistance for preservation projects when funds are available, as well as historic preservation grants and funding from state and private sources.
- 3) Special consideration or relief in the application of access, building and safety codes such as ADA, building, energy, and fire codes, the state lead poisoning prevention law and administrative rules, and the state floodplain ordinance.

The Heritage Commission applauds the Selectmen as they recently approved residents the Klein-McNeils' of 298 Exeter Road's, application for a Historic Barn Easement for their 1890's Historic Barn (according to RSA 79-D) which encourages barn owners to maintain and repair their buildings.

It is the hope of the Heritage Commission that residents know that in the 300 years since Hampton Falls' incorporation in 1722, there are at least 160 surviving historic (75+ yrs) buildings/homes which all serve to

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increase Hampton Falls' desirability and uniqueness in the Seacoast region. Gratitude continues to go to those past and present historic home stewards and owners.

Finally, the Heritage Commission gratefully thanks all those who replied to the Commission's postcard mailing with valuable information about their historic home, which will be added to the Heritage Commission's database. The Commission will help owners find information about their house and restoration advice through the NH Preservation Alliance or other sources. Contact the Heritage Commission at: hfnhheritage@gmail.com.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES - Tracy Healey-Beattie

"It was her rivers which drew the first English settlers to Hampton Falls three-hundred-years ago. People settled near moving water, the only source of power. The Falls River begins at Muddy Pond and Beaver Dam Brook in Kensington, then winds through Whittier Pond, between Route 84 and Lafayette Road and finally into the marsh. The river and Hampton Falls were named after a falls, or steep stretch of rapids, which tumbled from the approximate area of the middle dam at Dodge's Mills. The mills offered certain basic services, in addition to the grist mill and sawmill. The tannery and fulling mill, that was a process for cleaning the raw homespun clothes in preparation for use, were in full operation in Hampton Falls.

In 1765 the mills came into the Dodge family. Nathaniel Hubbard Dodge was 24 when he acquired the mills, and for the next sixty-years he continually built and improved upon his purchase. It was he who almost singlehandedly constructed the dams as they are today of carefully selected naturally formed stones gathered from fields and walls. He would dig alone through 20-feet of ledge with but a pick and shovel".

This bit of Hampton Falls history is only a fraction of what the Historical Society Museum contains for the curious mind to explore. The Historical Society Trustees continue with the renovation efforts of the Museum building and they welcome community participation. Recently, new residents, Dan Finnegan and Carolyn Collins, professional painters, donated their time and expertise to improve the former furnace room to the new archival area. The Historical Society thanks them both!

The Historical Society Trustees eagerly await completion of the following three (3) major exhibits: Warren Brown, John Starvish Sr., and Salt Marsh Haying. Much energy is directed to the upcoming Tricentennial Celebration, scheduled for July 31, 2022 through August 6, 2022 (mark your calendars to save the dates) to celebrate the founding of the Town of Hampton Falls 300-years ago in 1722. The Historical Society Trustees are hard at work developing exciting historic events for the Tricentennial Celebration, such as 'If This House Could Talk', the Czar's Brewery 300th Uncasking, and several other significant happenings.

The Historical Society Trustees welcome new membership and encourages awareness through their website at: www.hamptonfallshistoricalsociety.com. Stop by the Museum at 45 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, and share the love of history, that is the history of Hampton Falls.

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CEMETERY TRUSTEES – Jonathan Bohm, Trustee Chair

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm at Town Hall.

Hampton Falls's beautiful historic cemeteries will be showcased in three upcoming events during the Tricentennial Celebration Sunday July 31st through Saturday August 6, 2022.



“Welcome to the Graveyard!” will feature a special guest speaker from Gravestone Girls who will present a fascinating illustrated overview of the history and art associated with our cemeteries.

“If This Gravestone Could Talk” will open our graveyards to visitors, who can learn about some of Hampton Falls' most interesting historical residents at

their gravestones, as shared by local student volunteers.

The Cemetery Trustees will also offer **“Hampton Falls Cemeteries: Self -Guided Audio Tour”** so that participants can independently visit cemeteries and gravestones by following a driving and walking tour using their smartphones and QR-Codes. More details for dates and times to follow!



The CEMETERY TRUSTEES NEED YOU! Interested in helping clean the historic Hampton Falls' gravestones for the upcoming Tricentennial? Please contact Cemetery Trustee Wendy Harrington to volunteer at one of the upcoming gravestone cleaning sessions! We use D2 Biological Cleaner, soft brushes and powered water spray to safely clean away the years of mold, discoloring and growth. It's rewarding and fun! Email wendyh156@gmail.com

TRICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Judy Haskell, Secretary

Meets the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at Town Hall

The Tricentennial Committee, along with our Town Partners, has been working diligently to create a fun and informative Tricentennial Celebration Week from Sunday July 31st through Saturday August 6th. Now the Tricentennial Committee needs you – our Hampton Falls residents – to step up to the plate! Literally!! Sluggers needed to sign-up for the **Home Run Derby** on Sunday July 31st as part of the Opening Day Ceremonies. Kids and adults are welcome to show their swing and participate in this friendly competition to win commemorative T-Shirts and Trophies. Baseball park favorites of Hot Dogs, Cracker Jacks, and peanuts will be available for spectators attending the Home Run Derby. Check out the Town website at www.hamptonfalls.org, Tricentennial Committee, for registration details.

Calling all Kids! Have your school-aged children get creative and sign-up for the **Student Art and Essay Contest**. The forms are on the Town website. Subjects included Hampton Falls events, traditions, school and home life, and advice to future generations. Winners will be announced May 20th and their work will be placed in the **Tricentennial Time Capsule** during the Closing Ceremony. Kids can also participate in creating beautiful Hampton Falls inspired tiles for the memorial **Tile Mural Showcase**. A highlight of the week is the

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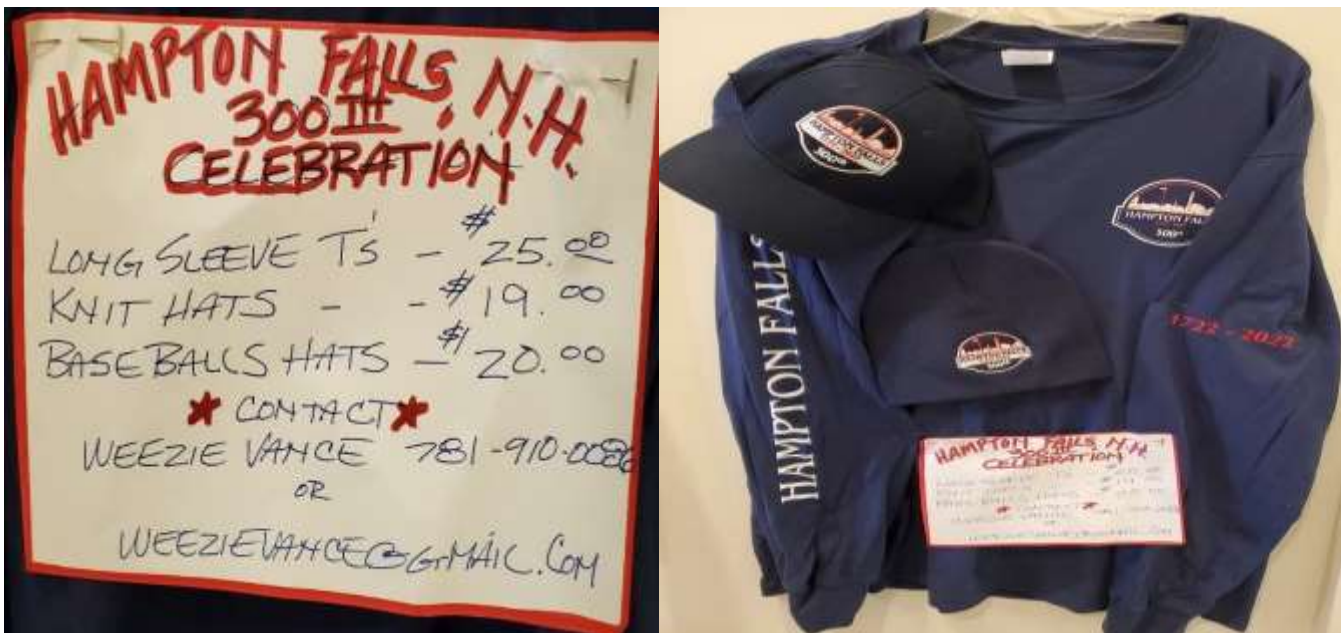
Friday August 5th **Kids Day on the Common** including activities such as creating long-ago crafts, playing traditional field games, learning about the Abenaki-Pennacook Tribe and hearing colonial stories during Storytime.

The Hampton Falls Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a **Family Style BBQ** on Tuesday August 2nd starting at 5:30 pm and encourage Hampton Falls families and friends to attend. Special treats include **Firehouse Trivia** and a display of relics from the past. A special **Open House for Kids** will begin at 4:00 pm showing how firefighting has evolved over the years.

Several **self-guided events** will be enjoyed all week long. **Audio tours of historic homes** (approximately 12) will be featured, in addition to a **historic perspective of Hampton Falls' Cemeteries**. A **family scavenger hunt** will test residents' knowledge about Hampton Falls past and present. The **Hampton Falls Museum** will be a hub of activities such as viewing videos about **Salt Marsh Haying**, listening to **oral histories** from longtime residents, and **meeting Collin Garcia, author of the latest Hampton Falls History!**

Be on the lookout for the Tricentennial Week **"Save the Date"** cards, posters, banners and flyers! Tell your friends and family to get ready to Celebrate.

Tricentennial merchandise has been refreshed and replenished! Holiday medallions, ball caps, knit caps and long-sleeve tee shirts are available in a variety of sizes. Please contact committee member Weezie Vance at weezievance@gmail.com to purchase items and make arrangements for delivery.



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