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SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL OPPORTUNITIES

Household Bulky Waste Disposal Days

Household bulky waste disposal can be done on the first Saturday of each month, beginning May 4, 2024, through October 5, 2024 (for a total of six-6-Saturdays). Residents will need a valid Brush Dump Sticker (\$30.00 for 3-years) and pre-pay for the disposal at the Town Clerk's Office (open Mon-Wed 8am-3:30pm, and Thurs 8am-6pm, closed Fridays).

The fees remain the same as last year, with a per trip fee of \$20.00 and/or a cost-per-item fee for items for which the Town incurs additional costs. These fees must be **prepaid** at the Town Clerk's Office where a receipt will be provided to show the Brush Dump Attendant. If only bringing an item with a specific fee (such as electronics, tires, mattresses, wood, propane tanks or items containing freon) no trip fee (\$20.00) is charged, only the cost-per-item fee. Mixed loads require both the trip fee and the cost-per-item fee. The price list is available on the Town's website at: www.hamptonfalls.org/recycling-solid-waste

HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION DAYS, (first Saturdays: May through October)

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR PRE-PAID DISPOSAL: 8 am to 12 pm NOON

| <u>CATEGORY</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION- DETAILS</u> | <u>FEE CHARGED</u> |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Each Trip | Per vehicle load | \$20.00/vehicle |
| White Goods | Appliances, such as 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 acceptedTires on <u>rims</u> are <u>not</u> accepted19" rim size or less are accepted8 tires per household, maximumResidential 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 |

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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Scheduled 2024 Bulky Waste Saturdays, from 8:00 am – NOON:

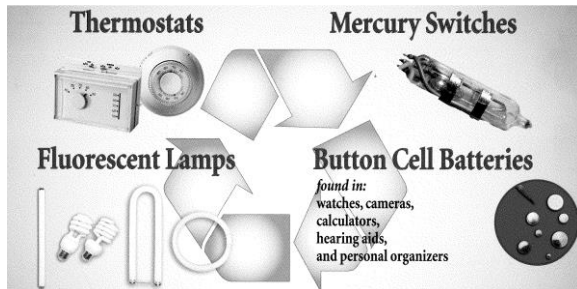
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| May 4 | July 6 | September 7 |
| June 1 | August 3 | October 5 |

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

The Town has a “swap” area available on the first Saturday of the month, and are looking for Volunteers to help with that.



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, and button cell batteries.



Residents can also dispose these items by participating in the Town of Hampton’s annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 18, 2024. 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 18, 2024 and Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 8 am to Noon** at the Hampton Transfer Station, 1 Hardardt’s Way, Hampton, NH.

Requirements include, but are not limited to, a **\$31.50 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.

SHREDDING EVENT: At the Brush Dump **Saturday June 8, 2024 from 9:00am to 12 noon** at \$7.00 per box.

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

2024 DOG LICENSES:

The 2024 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 at townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org; to have your name removed from the list.



VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION: The Town Clerk’s Office is open to the public for walk-in service.

Documents needed if you have bought a new vehicle/trailer/motorcycle:

- Your driver’s license
- Title or Title Application (Town Clerk copy at the bottom)

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Documents needed if you wish to transfer your old plates to a new vehicle:

- Your driver's license
- Old registration -Transfers require the original, current registration(s) RSA 261:168
- Title or Title Application (Town Clerk Copy)

Please continue to renew your registrations online, as well as licensing dogs. Please visit the Town Clerk's page: www.hamptonfalls.org to renew online. You may also renew your vehicle by dropping off a copy of the previous registration, copy of your license and a payment (please see above) and deliver to the outside drop-box. Please call the 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 30 minutes. Any New Hampshire Town or City Clerk can do the filing for a marriage license. The cost is \$50 and requires both persons' driver's license and birth certificate. A final divorce or death certificates will be needed, 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-ling, 3-year brush dump stickers are available on-line or from the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$30 each.



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:

The first tax bill for 2024 will be mailed in May and will be due in July. As an alternate to mailing your payment, you can deliver a check to the outside drop box, located to the left of the Town Hall front entrance. To receive a receipt, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Payments can also be made 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, or bank, not by the Town of Hampton Falls).



IMPORTANT! Many property owners who use 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 the Tax Collector cannot hold your check in the office until the posted check date. The check will be returned if the check is postdated and could result in the payment being late and incurring interest.

Tax liens were executed for 2023 delinquent real estate taxes on April 11, 2024. Tax Deeding will be executed on May 9, 2024. 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, 2024. 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.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT- Chief Jay Lord – 603-926-5752

Spring 2024 is here and the Hampton Falls Fire Department (HFFD) reminds residents of a few items and services offered in addition to emergency, ambulance, and fire calls.



- Time to renew annual/seasonal fire permits for fire pits (no bigger than 4' inside diameter), Chimineas, or other purchased portable campfire devices...brush piles still need a separate one-day permit.
- Check the 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', units are good for about 10-years....Classes are offered on the use of fire extinguishers, if interested.
- CPR and First-Aid classes are available; there are 4 instructors who teach classes.
- Blood pressure checks are offered – stop by the station any time.
- Home fire safety inspection and help with developing a fire safety plan – get the kids involved so everybody stays informed.
- Information on 'emergency preparedness kits' for that time when there is no time to pack after a disaster.
- Station tours / Q&A for kids of all ages are available anytime –SWAG available.
- The HFFD is on Facebook – but is not monitored 24/7
- Reminder to get fireworks permits 3-days prior to launching – giving the permit holder enough time to notify the neighbors (especially the ones with animals).

The Fire Department has information about proper disposal of medications, boat flares, and other hazardous items.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, Chief Ryan Veno

hfallspd@hamptonfallspd.com Non-emergency #:1-603-926-4619



Hopefully Spring will arrive soon! Everyone has been dying to get outside and enjoy beautiful New England. With that will come more traffic so please be careful.

Text-to-911 allows residents in dangerous situations who are unable to risk the noise of a call to send a text for help. This will help save lives and must be used responsibly. Texting should only be used when a voice call is not possible, as voice calls provide an advantage by allowing the 911 dispatcher to assess the type and location of the emergency more quickly.

How to Text 911:

- Enter the numbers '911' in the 'To' field.
- In the message field, type your exact location and a brief description of the help you need – use simple words, do not use abbreviations or shorthand.
- Push the 'Send' button.
- Be prepared to answer the 911 telecommunicators questions.

A text or data plan is required to place a Text-to-911. Text messages will not go through if a cellular signal is not available. If a text message does not go through, the sender will receive the following message: 'There is no text service to 911 available at this time.'

Text-to-911 messages cannot be received if there are multiple message recipients or if pictures, videos, or emoticons are used. **Enjoy Spring from the Hampton Falls Police Dept!** And as always...See Something? Say Something!

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BUILDING INSPECTION, Mark Sikorski Mon, Tues 8am to Noon, Thurs. 2 to 6 PM
buildinginspector@hamptonfalls.org 1-603-926-4618, 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, larvicides 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 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 the doorstep, the projects envisioned during the Winter are now on the shortlist. Before spending money, remember that permits are required for most, if not all building projects in or around your home. Tell contractors you want to see permits. It's a good check and balance. Inspections demand complete work by your crews. There are many items 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 your 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. If you are planning a swimming pool for warmer days remember that it is a structure inclusive of any surrounding patio areas. Any required fencing around the pool is not affected by the setbacks. *You are responsible for the accuracy of site plans and diagrams.* We can help get everything in place. Please review work contracts carefully and avoid making large payments for work prior to start. Call the building office if you are unsure and verify that appropriate paperwork has been filed. Ask for proof of insurance before work commences.

There has been a recent uptick in door-to-door solicitors in town. Salespeople and solicitors are required to obtain permission from the Town before plying the streets and neighborhoods. If you are visited at home by a solicitor, please tacitly get contact information and call the office, and/or the Police Department. Validity will be verified and, if necessary, take action. Enjoy the warm weather!



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ENERGY COMMITTEE – Carol Schutte, Chair HamptonFallsEnergy@gmail.com.

Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

<https://www.hamptonfalls.org/energy-committee>

Hampton Falls Energy Committee is partnering with the Hampton Falls Free Library with a NH Saves Button Up Workshop May 22, 2024 at 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

This workshop is a 1-1/2-hour presentation plus Q & A about improving the energy efficiency of your home. It covers energy saving tips and NHSaves energy efficiency programs. Learn about saving electricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audit and weatherization programs, rebates on electric and gas appliances, and other incentives from NH's energy utilities. New Hampshire residents that want to use energy wisely and save money will find the information very useful.

Improve the energy efficiency of your home.

FREE Home Energy Workshop

Join us for a **NHSaves** Button Up Workshop at Hampton Falls Free Library or on **zoom**.

Wednesday, May 22 • 6:30–8:00 P.M. plus Q&A

WHEN NEW HAMPSHIRE SAVES, we all win.



Presented by Ted Stiles, BPI Building Analyst

For more information, contact: shawn.hanson@comcast.net

To register and for zoom link, go to www.hamptonfallslibrary.org

Hampton Falls Free Library
7 Drinkwater Road, Hampton Falls, NH

Light refreshments will be served.

The workshops are FREE thanks to funding provided by

 **NHSaves**
Your Source for Energy Efficiency

 **EVERSOURCE**

 **Liberty**

 **New Hampshire Electric Coop**

 **Unitil**

ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION COMMITTEE – Carol Schutte & William P. Perkins, Co-Chairs

HFElectricityAggCommittee@gmail.com

Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am at Town Hall for the months of May and June, then quarterly.

<https://www.hamptonfalls.org/electricity-aggregation-committee>

Hampton Falls voters overwhelming approved the Community Power warrant article March 12, 2024.

The NH Public Utilities Commission approved the Hampton Falls Electricity Aggregation Plan, the Select Board approved joining CPCNH and Hampton Falls Community Power will become the Town's default electricity supplier. Unitil will continue to be responsible for electricity delivery, including line maintenance and billing but Hampton Falls Community Power will become the supplier as of June 30, 2024.

A Hampton Falls Community Power website will go live on April 26, 2024 which will answer many questions about Community Power. Please note that until certain regulatory hurdles are met, net metered Unitil customers will not be automatically enrolled in Community Power unless they opt-in.

A special public meeting will be held in Town Hall at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 to answer all questions about Community Power such as, who will be automatically enrolled and the ability to retain Unitil or select other suppliers among other things. A representative of CPCNH will be the principal presenter. A mailing will be sent to Hampton Falls Unitil customers further explaining the Community Power launch process.

It is hoped that property owners will attend the special public meeting and know that property owners will like the less expensive electric rates.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Mary Ann Hill, Chair;

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

Spring is here! The birds are nesting on the porch; the woodpeckers are pecking at the house announcing their presence; the ants are awake, hungry, and on the move, as are the turtles; and the daffodils and crocus are blooming!

To deter the woodpeckers, a strip of fluttery iridescent tape, sold wherever birdseed is sold, works well. As for the ants, please consider non-toxic home remedies before reaching for the poison. A mixture of vinegar, dish soap, baking soda and water works well as a spray to kill the ants. You can also trap ants by mixing confectioner's sugar, boric acid, water (optional), and a sprinkle of baking soda in a small plastic container with a lid. Poke small holes in the lower edge of the container so the ants can get in. Any ants that get the boric acid/confectioner's sugar mix on their bodies will take it back to the nest where it can transfer to other ants adding to the effectiveness. Boric acid is a very effective and relatively non-toxic ant killer. Isopropyl alcohol sprayed on the ants will kill them, and for you gardeners, alcohol will also kill tent caterpillars without hurting your trees. Lemon peels placed at entry points will repel ants but be aware that the ants may just move to another location.

April is a busy month for conservation. **April 22nd is Earth Day.** The Conservation Commission will host the annual **Roadside Cleanup for Saturday, April 20.** Rain/snow date will be Saturday April 27. Bags and gloves will be available at the Brush Dump from **8 AM to 1 PM.**

The Conservation Commission is co-hosting a program at the Library on **Wednesday, April 24 on Vernal Pools.** See the Library Newsletter for details. As a follow-up to the Vernal Pool program, the Conservation Commission will be conducting a tour of a few select vernal pools in Hampton Falls on Saturday, April 27th, for nature lovers to see some vernal pools in person, where many interesting creatures are already stirring.



The native tree and shrub seedlings the Conservation Commission ordered from the State Forest Nursery will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, April 17. This is the Commission's first time doing a large planting, (70 seedlings), to fill in where invasive plants were removed at the Raspberry Farm. The plan is to use a Jim-Gem Speedy Dibble tree planting tool on loan from Nature Groupie. When a firm date for the planting has been decided the Conservation Commission will seek assistance to help with the planting.

Turtle Crossing signs were installed on roads known to be turtle crossings as they travel to their nesting spots. The Conservation Commission has contacted the turtle specialist at NH Fish and Game to provide information regarding safe nesting spots attractive to the turtles so that they don't have to cross any roads.

The NH Association of Conservation Commissions offered a series of "Lunch and Learn" zoom seminars for the winter months. The first program was about the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The second program was on land use planning for wildlife. The last two webinars were on Wetlands for Wildlife and Town Lands for Wildlife. Both of those webinars stressed the importance of clean water for wildlife. Polluted water is one of the biggest threats, along with loss of habitat and safe food sources, to those species that are already in trouble. Lawn

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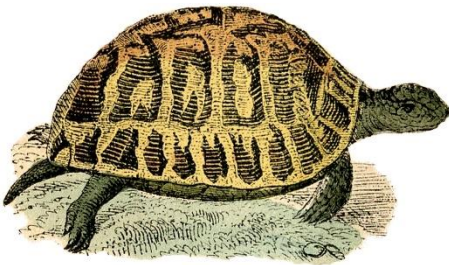
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chemicals like fertilizer and weed killers are among the worst pollutants. Recently more than 750,000 river fish were killed in Iowa after a fertilizer storage tank leaked.

In April 2024 the Conservation Commission sent out an RFP request for a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for Hampton Falls. The prior inventory was done in early 2000. The Natural Resources Chapter of the 2019 Master Plan is a great starting point, but is only half of what the Conservation Commission needs to account for. NH Fish and Game has maps showing in which towns various turtles are found. According to these maps there are no turtles in Hampton Falls because no one has reported seeing turtles to Fish and Game. It is the intent of the Conservation Commission to fix that as part of the NRI. There is a similar situation with the Natural Heritage Bureau's list of little-recognized, rare, or endangered plants, animals, and fish because nothing has been reported to the state in the last 20 years. The NRI will help bring the Town up to date.

The Conservation Commission has two members who are octogenarians. While their hearts and minds are still active in conservation, they would appreciate some young folks to help with the feet-on-the-ground activities. Please feel free to attend a Conservation Commission meeting and join to share your concerns and/or requests. And/or contact the Hampton Falls Conservation Commission at conservationchair@hamptonfalls.org.

CAUTION – TURTLE CROSSING



Every Spring, Turtles, Salamanders, Frogs, and Toads migrate to Vernal Breeding Pools on “*Big Nights*” — evenings when temperatures are around 40-degrees or higher and it is raining. This usually happens between mid-April through early May in Hampton Falls. Turtles are on the move when the weather gets warm and are often seen slowly crossing a road. They have well established home ranges and do not wander too far. The best thing to do is to leave the turtle alone. If it is a dangerous situation with lots of vehicles, and you can do so safely, carefully put it across the road in the same direction it was heading.

Drivers can help these creatures cross safely by paying attention and trying to avoid these small creatures that may crossing the road. If you know of a particular area that sees this activity frequently, please let the Hampton Falls Conservation Commission know so that the area can be highlighted for drivers.

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HERITAGE COMMISSION - Beverly Mutrie, Chair

Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am at Town Hall

The Heritage Commission meets to discuss issues regarding the historic properties of Hampton Falls. The Commissioners are Beverly Mutrie, Chair, Mary Ann Hill, Phil Chura and Lou Gargiulo, Selectman. There is flexibility with the date and meeting time if a new member would like to join the Heritage Commission. Please consider contributing your expertise to help keep the heritage of Hampton Falls a priority.

The purpose of establishing a Heritage Commission (as detailed in state law NHRSA 674:44-a.) is for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts. The Heritage Commission has advisory and review authority over the following nine specific areas listed in the NH RSAs: 1) Survey and inventory all cultural resources; 2) Conduct research and publish findings regarding historic resources; 3) Assist the Planning Board in the development and review of the sections of a Master Plan which address cultural and historic resources; 4) Advise, upon request, local agencies and other local boards in their review of requests on matters affecting cultural and historic resources; 5) Coordinate activities with appropriate service organizations and nonprofit groups; 6) Publicize its activities; 7) Hire consultants and contractors as needed; 8) Receive gifts of money and property, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen; 9) Hold meetings and hearing as necessary to carry out its duties. Another purpose of the Heritage Commission (as enabled by the Building Code, section 4) is to adjudicate applications for Demolition Permits on structures (houses and outbuildings) more than seventy-five (75) years old.

The Heritage Commission completed a *Historical Resources Guidebook* in 2022 that will be updated in the future to keep current. One of the members of the Heritage Commission is a professional photographer, who utilizes drone photography to take pictures (when authorized by the property owner) of Hampton Falls' historic buildings from all sides. These pictures provide documentation for future Heritage Commissions and for property owners' use for potential application to the State Historic Register. The Heritage Commission plans to load the Historic Resources Booklet online with an interactive map. Another plan of the Heritage Commission is to conduct a Barn Tour either in person or virtually.



Many properties on Lafayette Road in Hampton Falls began as residences with barns and were later converted to commercial uses, such as the Lamp Maker store, currently for sale.

To document the current Lafayette Road streetscape, the Heritage Commission plans to obtain photography by drone north of the Town Common. That photography potentially may assist other Town boards and committees as references to consult regarding building styles, sizes, uses and signage along the roadside.

Another historic property recently listed for sale is the former Ferreira property at 75 Exeter Road with seven acres. The Ferreira's lived at that property since 1964 and raised three children in a 1400+ square foot house. The house and barn were built in 1870 by Hugh McAllister, an Irishman eventually employed by Walter Farmer at Applecrest Farm. Unfortunately, the barn's roof is in bad shape which might necessitate demolition. Many old house and barn experts' mantra is "no roof: no barn". A

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typical problem of historic properties is that trees and shrubs were planted too close to the structure and the roots cause foundation damage. Additionally, tree or shrub's shade allows moisture to rot the siding. These situations can be easily remedied by cutting back or not planting shrubbery that will grow within four-feet (4') of the structure. See the NH Preservation's website at www.nhpreservation.org for additional helpful resources.

The Heritage Commission will continue to monitor historic properties in Hampton Falls and advise property owners of the best practices for modernization and/or making properties energy efficient without destroying the building's historic character. All you have to do is ask at hfnhheritage@gmail.com or through the town's website.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES - Tracy Healey-Beattie, Chairperson

The Hampton Falls Historical Society is not always focused on the distant past, as evidenced during a recent program held at the Museum. Seven important individuals were part of a significant program and shared their thoughts on a timely and never to be forgotten period in their lives. Under the leadership of a Lincoln Akerman fourth grade teacher, Barbara Cutting, seven of her students presented "*A Child's Perspective of Covid-19.*" These Oral History readings by the following students: Daniel Kriner, Julia Kouloheras, Harper Jackson, Maddox Tanika, Will Vander Els, James Morris Williams and Riley Gagalis were shown on screen as they read their individual interpretations while in fourth grade. Three years later they viewed this past school project as seventh graders. These smart articulate young adults were a credit to their parents and the teacher who was so insightful and creative as to develop such a timely study. Under the auspices of their Principal, Mrs. Raucci, the students remained in safe defined areas throughout the school. As a result, the Lincoln Akerman students did not lose a school day throughout the Covid period.



Facing a large audience, each spoke with maturity and confidence while fielding pertinent questions from the onlookers. Trustees and members of the community were well engaged with this Historical Society program. Refreshments and socializing were enjoyed and current history was created through this young generation!

Soon the doors will be open for all to enjoy the transformed Museum. There will be an opportunity to reflect on the historic readings and artifacts that the Museum's Curator, Linda Hladik, and her team

continue to document. Consider stopping by to visit or even becoming a member. Should you find something in your attic or on a shelf in your family room that you might consider loaning or giving to the Museum, the Historical Society would welcome this possibility. Enjoy these warmer days of Spring!

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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HAMPTON FALLS FREE LIBRARY; Joanna Meighan; Tu/Th/Fri 10-5, Wed 1-8, Sat 10-2
7 Drinkwater Road, www.hamptonfallslibrary.org 1-603-926-3682 hamptonfalls.library@comcast.net



Crafting for Adults: Gift Bag Junk Journaling: Sat., May 11th 2 Sessions: 10-12pm & 12-2pm: Create a junk journal by repurposing a gift bag into a unique notebook. Design the cover, create personalized pages and add embellishments. Class size is limited to 10 participants per session. Sign up on Library website.



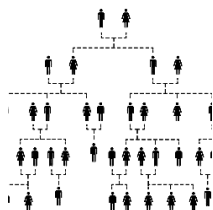
NH Saves Button Up Workshop: Wed., May 22nd at 6:30 pm; In person & live stream on Zoom; The NH Saves Button Up Workshop is a 1.5-hour presentation plus Q&A about how to improve energy efficiency in residential homes. A certified energy auditor will cover basic building science principles and examples of whole house weatherization measures to button up houses for the heating and cooling seasons. Details about the energy efficiency programs offered by NH utilities (for existing homes and new construction) that provide energy audits, weatherization measures such as air sealing and insulating, and rebates on new technologies and products such as electric and gas appliances and high efficiency electric heating/cooling equipment will also be covered. Free and open to the public. Sign up on Library website. This program is co-hosted with the Hampton Falls Energy Commission.



Adult Crafting: Pressed Flower Sun Catcher : Sat., June 8th , 2 Sessions 10:30-12pm & 12:30-2pm Learn how to harvest and press flowers while creating a beautiful sun catcher. Each participant will be given a choice of a glass frame and a variety of already pressed flowers to create a beautiful keepsake that will send a kaleidoscope of colors and rainbows through your space. Hang in the window to enjoy this magical and ethereal, timeless tradition. Erin Sniderman, Library staff member, master gardener, and craft lover will lead each workshop. Class size is limited. Sign up on Library website.

Home Organizing: Wed., June 12th at 6:30pm: Clutter is more than just a nuisance: Living in a cluttered space makes cleaning more difficult, affecting your family's health. Statistics show that clutter can also reduce sleep quality, make people more irritable, and even negatively impact diet and productivity. Unfortunately, because living in a cluttered home feels so overwhelming, many people find themselves stuck in a cycle of disorganization. Skills to tackle clutter and organize space will be covered. Sign up on Library website.

French Together! : Tues., at 11-noon: Learn or improve conversational French? French Together! meets every Tuesday from 11 am to noon in the Library. Attend for an informal social hour where participants will be listening and speaking "en français". Practice is essential in learning a language so meetings will be every Tuesday for one hour of stress-free French! All levels welcome. Free and open to the public. No sign up needed.



Genealogy Club: 3rd Fri of the month 1-3 pm; Working together on a genealogy journey, discussing how to help each other with resources and documenting. Working alongside other researchers is a rare opportunity to collaborate. All levels of researchers welcome. Bring your researching tools - notebooks, paper, charts, tablet, laptop.

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TechConnect with Wendy Harrington: 4th Sat of the month at 10 am; Want to be more comfortable in today's digital world? These workshops aim to provide confidence in using technology in a stress-free learning atmosphere. Wendy Harrington, Library staff member and an educational technologist of 25+ years, will lead each workshop. Mutual sharing and learning in a small group setting. All levels are welcome. Workshops last approximately 1 hour. Class size is limited. See Library website for the monthly topic and sign up on Library website.

Book Clubs For Adults: Open to the public. Join for one or all dates. Discussions last one hour. Copies of the books will be available to checkout 3 weeks prior to each date.

Sat., May 11th at 10:30 am: *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir

Wed., May 29th at 6:30 pm: *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder

Wed., June 26th at 6:30pm: *The Attack* by Yasmina Khadra (sponsored by NH Humanities)

YOUTH PROGRAMMING: Visit the Library's [website](#) to sign up for the following ongoing programs:

Home School Meet-up: Stop in to: talk and collaborate on art; play chess; work on a project; or work on a puzzle. This is an undefined program meant to encourage collaboration and socialization.

Drop in Story Times: **Birth to Pre-K Story Time:** Story times for birth to pre-k will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. No sign up necessary.



Evening Story Time: Evening story times for all ages held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. No sign up necessary.

For School-Aged Kids:

Art Club: Watercolors with Let's Make Art, held once monthly on a Wednesday from 4:15 - 5:00 Grades 1-5. Sign up on Library website.



LEGO Club: Build and design with LEGO, Keva Blocks, Plus Plus Blocks, and Snap Circuits! Held once monthly on a Wednesday from 4:00 - 5:00. Grades K-5; Sign up on Library website.



Activities for the Littlest Library Friends:

Messy Play: Designed for children in pre-K and younger, messy play sessions are held on the third Friday of every month. Some of the activities we get up to include: sensory bins, blocks, water play, paint, and more. Please dress your child in clothes that can get wet or dirty. Drop-in; sign up not required.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a national program that encourages early literacy and fosters a love for reading. This program is always open for enrollment for children from birth to age 5.

[Sign up here](#) for the Library's monthly newsletter and announcements.

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HAMPTON FALLS FARMERS MARKET

June 12, 2024 thru October 16, 2024, 2:30-6:30pm; Every Wednesday Rain or Shine

Managed by the Hampton Falls Farmers Market Committee

HFFarmersmarket@gmail.com located at the Hampton Falls Town Common

Welcome to the 2024 Season!

Greetings, Hampton Falls residents and visitors! It's that time of year again – the Hampton Falls Farmers Market is back, and thrilled to announce that the Farmers' Market will be open from June 12th to October 16th, 2024. The Farmers Market Committee has been hard at work planning the best season yet! Get ready to embark on a delightful journey through the flavors and experiences that the Market's local vendors have to offer.

Exciting Updates This season, the Farmers Market is delighted to showcase an impressive lineup of vendors, with 33 confirmed participants! Among them, there are many returning favorites and a myriad of new offerings to explore. Local Hampton Falls, Hurd Farm, will be joining the Farmers Market and will be offering their premium selection of beef, pork, and poultry. Prepare to tantalize your taste buds with an array of items including local seafood and poultry, as well as an array of vegetables from four produce vendors! There will also be: quail eggs, farm-fresh eggs, dairy products, milk, pasta, baked goods, hot sauces, honey, maple syrup, sourdough products, vegan and gluten free friendly baked goods, microgreens, charcuterie boards, body care products, jewelry, and artisan leather goods and so much more!



Entertainment and Special Events The Farmers Market is not just about shopping – it is about creating an experience. Enjoy musical entertainment while perusing the offerings, and don't miss the Farmers Market's exciting demonstrations! (to be announced)

Special events this year are: a Pie Eating Contest, a Hotdog Eating Contest, and a Chili Bake Off in the Fall, in addition to Tai Chi sessions, for mind and body-strengthening.

Supporting the Hampton Falls Community At the heart of the Hampton Falls Farmers Market is its commitment to community support. This season, the Farmers Market is proud to announce a partnership with a non-profit farming group dedicated to teaching immigrants' sustainability in New Hampshire. Your support of the Farmers Market helps contribute to this worthy cause.

Stay Connected For real-time updates, vendor and sponsor spotlights, and exciting announcements, be sure to visit the Farmers Market website at www.hamptonfallsfarmersmarket.com and/or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hamptonfallsfarmersmarket and Instagram www.instagram.com/hamptonfallsfarmersmarket.

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| HAMPTON FALLS SCHOOL BOARD: Anthony Lang (Chair), Jason Farias (Vice-Chair), Barbara Goodman, Gisela Manna, and Renee Palm. |
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2024 Town Elections: The School Board extends our gratitude to residents for their continued support of LAS. The Budget, SESPA contract, and Expendable Trust warrant articles presented on the school district ballot passed. The School Resource Officer warrant article did not pass by a slight margin. The School Board welcomes new board members, Gisela Manna, and Anthony Lang, as new Board Chair, and Jason Farias, as Board Vice-Chair.

Student Leadership Team: Superintendent Nadeau is working with two 7th and 8th grade students from LAS, along with students from the other SAU 21 schools, in a Student Leadership Team. Students meet monthly to learn about school operations and student-selected topics and offer their input. Their upcoming meeting will discuss transitioning to high school and forging connections with students from other schools.

Enhanced Communication: The School Board is excited to work with the HF Winnacunnet SB member to share Winnacunnet updates in our upcoming School Newsletters. This will help streamline school communication and important safety, school and community updates.

SAU21 Strategic Planning: The SAU 21 administration will be working this spring to integrate Portrait of a Learner into individual building School Improvement (SIP) Plans, metrics, and communication. Visit the www.SAU21.org website for more information.

LAS School Events: A cherished tradition continued as the 4th grade students held a successful Sugaring Off party in March, partnering with the community, giving tours and educating others on the maple sugaring process. Additionally, our 5th-8th grade students performed a theater presentation of Twice Upon a Time in March. The K-2 performance of Seussical is scheduled for Friday afternoon, April 5th. K-4 students will also be performing a theater performance of Seussical Kids for the community on Friday evening, April 5th at 6:00PM in the LAS gym.

Sports: Spring sports are in full swing with Softball, Baseball, and Track and Field. Our K-5 Jump Rope Club is set to start on April 16th, with 50 students already signed up!

Class Trips: Our 7th and 8th grade classes will be diving into US history and government in future school trips to Washington DC. The 7th grade class recently held fundraising events for their trip to DC next year. Thank you to the parents, staff and community for supporting these important opportunities for our students!

Upcoming Dates: HFSB meeting, May 14th 2024 at 6:30pm; Joint SB meeting, May 21st, 2024, at 6pm; HFSB meeting, June 11th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Please Note: The last day of school is tentatively scheduled for early release on June 12th, 2024.