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SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL OPPORTUNITIES

Household Bulky Waste Disposal Days

Household bulky waste disposal is coming back! The Town received the required permit from the State and has made some changes to the Household Bulky Waste Disposal Days. Rather than twice-per-year, disposal of bulky items can be done **on the first Saturday of each month, beginning May 6, 2023, through October 7, 2023** (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

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 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 2023 Bulky Waste Saturdays, from 8:00 am – NOON:

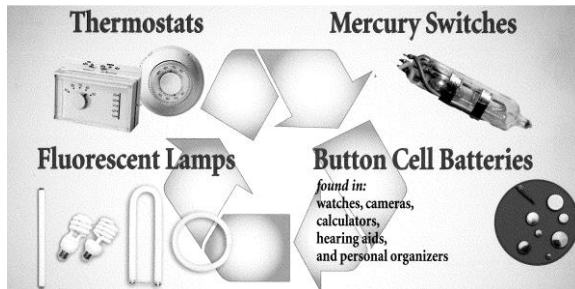
May 6	July 1	September 2
June 3	August 5	October 7

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

The Town is planning to have 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, button cell batteries and alkaline batteries.



Residents can also dispose of these items by participating in the Town of Hampton’s annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 20, 2023. 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 20, 2023 and Saturday, September 16, 2023 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 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.

IT’S REVALUATION TIME IN HAMPTON FALLS

Market value, assessed value, revaluation, statistical update.... these terms will all be heard frequently over the next few months in Hampton Falls. That is because Hampton Falls has recently started the first phase of the property revaluation as required by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). The goal is to have the Town’s assessed values at 100% of the market value. Currently, Hampton Falls property values are at 64% of fair market value, based on the State’s equalization study. The revaluation is not as simple as adding 36% to all the property values. The values of different types of properties and neighborhoods (land, residential, multi-family, commercial, etc.) have all changed by different percentages. Smaller homes have increased in value more than the larger homes over the past five years. The last statistical revaluation was done five years ago. This revaluation is considered a full revaluation, meaning that the Town’s assessing vendor, Avitar Associates, as well as the DRA, will be in the neighborhoods looking at properties, taking pictures and carefully reviewing the sales of properties over the past year.

When people hear that their property value is increasing, it does not mean that a higher tax bill will occur. The Town knows that Hampton Falls’ average assessed values are lower than they should be. When the value of property increases, the tax rate decreases, and the amount of taxes one pays remains approximately the same. Some may see a higher bill, others a lower bill, while the majority will see only a very slight change. As the revaluation work progresses, residents will receive a letter with their proposed new value in July and an opportunity to discuss the new value with the contractor in August. The DRA will do a random selection of properties to verify the town’s accuracy of data. Residents receiving Elderly Exemptions or Veteran’s Credits have already been contacted to verify their qualifications. Properties in “Current Use” are currently being reviewed for accuracy as well. When the DRA is satisfied that Hampton Falls’ revaluation data is correct,

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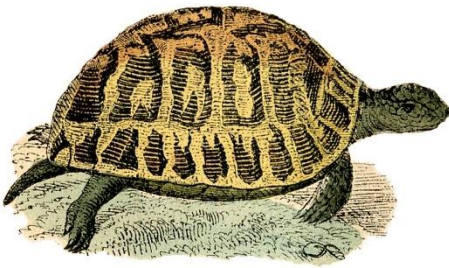
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the DRA will certify the property values. The certified property values will be used to determine the 2023 Hampton Falls' tax rate, based on the budgets that were approved at the Town and School District Meetings in March 2023.

In New Hampshire, the assessed value of individual properties does not change each year; assessed property values are only adjusted during periodic revaluations or when physical changes are made to the property. To determine the "market value," recent sales in the community and the factors that effected the value of the property are analyzed, such as the location, type of construction, and size. The Assessor then evaluates supplemental data, such as commercial reports on the cost of construction for the region, circumstances regarding particular sales and any other information that may impact property values. It is not a scientific, exact process. It is a logical process that uses the best information available at the time to determine fair market value. It is important to recognize that "market value" is *as of a certain point in time*, April 1st, 2023 for this current process.

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.

STEPHANIE GRANT, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org – 603-926-4618, Ext. 101 or 106

2023 DOG LICENSES:

The 2023 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.

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)

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 on www.hamptonfalls.org to renew online. You may also renew your vehicle by dropping off a copy of your previous

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registration, copy of your license and a payment (please see above) and drop into the outside drop-box. You can also call the office to process a renewal by phone or schedule an appointment to renew. 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 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 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: 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 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.

The first tax bill for 2023 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 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 2022 delinquent real estate taxes on April 12, 2023. 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, 2023. 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, Chief Ryan Veno

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



With the nicer weather and more people out and about, please remember to slow down and share the road with walkers, runners, bicyclists, and equestrians.

The Police Department has been receiving lots of calls regarding loose dogs. Please make sure your dog registrations are up to date and that your dogs are leashed, if not under your direct control, including at the Raspberry Farm and the Depot.

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As a reminder to residents; the Police Department offers:

- house checks while you are away,
- issue pistol permits,
- do fingerprinting for background checks, and
- VIN checks.

Happy Spring from the Hampton Falls Police Department! And as always...See Something? Say Something!

FIRE DEPARTMENT- Jay Lord – 603-926-5752

Spring 2023 is here and the Hampton Falls Fire Department (HFFD) reminds you of a few items and services offered in addition to emergency, ambulance, and fire calls.



- There are single use OTC COVID tests kits for free – pick-up at the Fire Station.
- Time to renew your 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 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', units are good for about 10-years....Classes are offered on the use of fire extinguishers, if interested.
- CPR and First-aid classes are taught, if interested.
- Blood pressure checks are offered, if interested.
- Home fire safety inspection and help to develop a fire safety plan is offered, if interested.
- Information on 'emergency preparedness kits' is offered, if interested.
- 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 your fireworks permits 3-days prior to launching – giving you enough time to notify your neighbors (especially the ones with animals).

Information about proper disposal of medications, boat flares, and other hazardous items.

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.

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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. Tell your contractors you want to see permits. They will pay more attention to work details. 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 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 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 Winter relaxes its hold on Hampton Falls, the Conservation Commission has begun preparing for Summer field work. The first event is Roadside Clean-up throughout April this year. Residents may sign-up to cover different roads, but all residents are encouraged to pick-up the roadside trash in front of their own property. Roadside Clean-Up trash bags can be placed with residents' household trash for pick-up, or, brought to the Town Brush Dump and added to the White Goods Day dumpsters.

Spring also awakens plants. Among the shrubs and trees, the invasive plants green-up early with the Spring bulbs. Honeysuckles, for example, leaf out when the Daffodils are blooming. It should be noted that while many weeds are “invasive” like Poison Ivy and Quack grass, those are native to the area and are a nuisance to gardeners, but they do not have the same impact on the environment as the non-native invasive plants. The plants that the Department of Agriculture classifies as “Invasive”, are plants that were imported from Asia and Europe, and that are overwhelming Hampton Falls' native plants, creating monocultures that outcompete and smother the native plants (Oriental Bittersweet), can be poisonous to wildlife (Black Swallow-wort), and can be destructive to our homes (Oriental Bittersweet, again). The Conservation Commission, with assistance from Summer Interns, will (again) be working to control Invasive plants at the Raspberry Farm and Depot Landing, as in Summer of 2022.

The Conservation Commission is hiring two (2) Interns for Summer 2023 to help with the following various projects. In addition to removing Invasive plants, mapping trails on Town properties will be revisited, Invasive plants' hot spots will be identified, and various maps will be added to the Town's website. The Conservation Commission will be exploring ways to correct some of the degradation occurring in the saltmarsh, while also removing Phragmites. If there is time, the Conservation Commission may try building Turtle nests near the pond at the Raspberry Farm.



The Conservation Commission is looking for new members to share the fun. Sadly, James Kibler is moving to California. James was responsible for obtaining the Conservation Easement on the Claybrook Forest, that is located on the Taylor River. Claybrook Forest is rich in wildlife and James is thanked for having the foresight and determination to preserve it. Thank you, James, for all that you did for the Conservation Commission and for the land conservation you accomplished with Claybrook Forest in Hampton Falls.

Please feel free to attend a Conservation Commission meeting and join to share your concerns and/or requests.

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RECREATION COMMISSION – Gisela Manna, Chairwoman

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

The Hampton Falls Recreation Commission recently held elections and welcome the following new officers: Gisela Manna – Chair, Colleen Farias – Vice Chair, Linda Savoy – Treasurer, Colleen Farias – Communications, Secretary (currently vacant but responsibility to be shared until position filled). Thank you to Lyn Stan, Karen Sabatini and Beth Forgione for their leadership. Lyn, Karen, Pam Fitzgerald and Kathy Dittami will continue as members of the Commission. Mark Lane will continue advising as the Selectman Representative. Larry Smith will continue as Governor Weare Park Liaison. The Recreation Commission looks forward to welcoming new members in the coming months. Meetings are monthly on the 3rd Mondays.

Hampton Falls Recreation Commission is co-hosting, with Hampton Falls Free Library, a *Making Mandala Stones* workshop with Lisa St. Clair, owner of The Pickled Pug Jewelry, on Wednesday, May 24th, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Library. The Recreation Commission will supply the rocks, the paint and the materials. Bring your own dotting tool to make dots with paint. This program is for adults and limited to 15 participants. Free and open to the public, optional donations will benefit the Hampton Falls Recreation Commission.

Stacey Bellen will be running the Hampton Falls Summer Camp at the Lincoln Akerman School starting July 10 through August 4, 2023, from 9am to 3pm from Monday through Friday, for children entering grades 1 through 6. Registration and calendar of events to be posted soon.

The Recreation Commission has been planning some new events for the coming months, so stay tuned for more details. The Recreation Commission is always looking for people to Volunteer. Do you have a passion to build community spirit or have creative ideas and want to help encourage social bonds? If you can answer YES, please consider joining the Hampton Falls Recreation Commission.

HERITAGE COMMISSION - Beverly Mutrie, Chair

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

The preservation and historically focused members of the Commission, namely Phil Chura, Mary Ann Hill, Beverly Mutrie and Lou Gargiulo, Selectman, will be continuing their efforts to correct and update our historic resources booklet and placing the information on the Town's website. Interested attendees are encouraged and welcomed. Discussion of the barn survey, begun by the Historical Society a decade or two ago, will be on the agenda.



The primary mission of the Heritage Commission is to impart information, protect historic structures whenever possible and adjudicate the Demolition Delay Ordinance which creates a pause in the removal of a structure over 75-years-old until it is documented. The Heritage Commission educates owners about methods other than removal to maintain their historic building including your historic and possibly energy efficient windows. The NH Preservation Alliance at <https://www.nhpreservation.org/> has a directory of qualified craftsmen who can repair historic, wooden windows, old post and beam or balloon-framed structures, as well as various contractors specializing in historic structures. Currently, there is a proposed change to the exterior of the barn at

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the former Merrill property, at 5 Kensington Road, that may be of concern. The Heritage Commission always hopes an alternative solution can be found to the reason for a proposed tear down.

If you are contemplating a repair or restoration for your old outbuilding, be sure to look up the parameters of RSA 79-D. <https://www.nhpreservation.org/blog/preservation-easements-a-resource-to-preserve-your-historic-property>. Applicants need to apply to the Board of Selectmen by April 17, 2023 for this easement. This program is supported by the Hampton Falls Board of Selectmen and is a good incentive for old structure/barn owners to keep abreast of their building's repairs. In this way, their historic structure can remain useful, historically appropriate, and ultimately a credit to them and the town. Contact the Heritage Commission at: hfnhheritage@gmail.com.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES - Tracy Healey-Beattie, Chairperson

Soon the Historic Society Museum will boast a brilliant yellow backdrop when Forsythia announces its Spring arrival. The birds will be heard chirping while the rooster in the Colliander's barn demands that his authority be recognized! The Historical Society Trustees welcomes this particular Spring of 2023, as its Winter plans for the Museum have reached fruition.

What was once the library kitchen has been recreated to a much-needed Archival Room. The Trustees spent hours designing the space for historic resources and for historic items. Custom cabinets and shelving are in place, and aged linoleum was removed to reveal the original birch floor. Plaster cracks were repaired, fresh paint was applied and the result is a state of the art Archival Room! Windows throughout the Museum were removed, repaired, and restored for the purpose of preservation and to improve insulation. The former "furnace room" currently holds file cabinets and metal shelving. All of these projects are a result of fund-raising efforts. The Historical Society Trustees are most grateful to the Selectmen for awarding the monies from the Frying Pan Lane Fund for some of these projects.

On April 19th, the Historical Society co-sponsored a program, with the Library, on New England Quilts. Pamela Weeks, author of "*Civil War Quilts*" was the Presenter. **On Mother's Day**, a double-full handmade quilt (made by former resident Rebecca Dean), will be raffled to benefit the Historical Society. Raffle tickets available on line and at the Library.

On May 4th at 10:00 AM the Historical Society will be hosting *The New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association*. Programs aside, you are encouraged to stop by and experience a refreshing approach to Hampton Falls' Town history.

Historical Society Trustee Spotlight: Carolyn Vatcher Petit

The history of Hampton Falls can be conveyed through books, photos, and historical artifacts, but more interesting are oral interviews, as with Carolyn Vatcher Petit. What can people learn from this lovely, articulate octogenarian and lifelong resident of Hampton Falls? Simply listening to Carolyn recall her childhood years with vivid reflection is time well-spent!

Born on August 25, 1942, it was a time of unrest. She spoke of the military planes flying overhead, as told by her parents during this time of fear and vigilance. Carolyn presented a war ration book, with many remaining stamps, once used by her parents, Effie Irene Moulton and George Irving Vatcher. One of six children, the family lived on the corner of Sanborn and Exeter Road. Initially, her father bought a shed from Charlie Green, one that housed tractors and farming equipment. It was renovated for their home and then enlarged as the family grew. Unfortunately, two days after the nine eleven attacks of 2001, their house burned down. It was community members who volunteered their time, materials, and efforts to rebuild a house. An



example of this close knit and caring townspeople, Dick Merrill, former Road Agent, donated the lumber from his sawmill.

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Speaking of fires, Carolyn recalled spending her first two years of school in Seabrook, because the school near the Town Common burned down. Lincoln Akerman School was built to replace the original school that burned. Students returned to LAS for lower school and then to Hampton for upper grades. Carolyn graduated from Winnacunnet High School.

Her childhood was spent roaming local fields with friends, among them, Anne Sanborn Coombs and Forest Brown. Some had bikes or road horseback to swim in local ponds and visit friends. Hampton Falls was an agricultural and safe town. It was smaller in population and neighbors watched out for each other. Most roads were a natural surface. It was not until years later when Wesley Powell became Governor that Exeter Road was paved to accommodate his travel to Concord



Carolyn remembers her father planting a great variety of fruit trees that were sold at Edgerly's farm stand, across from the Town Common. Food came from their family gardens. Eggs were sold locally but most farms had chickens and other animals. Carolyn recalls going to Batchelder's in Hampton where ice covered with sawdust was stored in the barn.

Her father would bring a selected piece of ice for their refrigerator. Families were active in 4H programs and Grange Fairs. Carolyn remembers the stage in Town Hall where plays and various programs were held by community members

Carolyn married and had four children. She worked many years as a dispatcher for the Hampton Police Department. Carolyn was also known for her culinary skills and caterer in many New Hampshire towns. As a salesperson for AVON products, she enjoyed meeting many folks beyond Hampton Falls.

Carolyn has served as a Trustee for the Hampton Falls Historical Society for many years. In this capacity, she has contributed so much historical background for the membership. Her favorite project was working on the replica dollhouse of the Warren Brown homestead. Recently, Carolyn Vatcher Petit was given the recognition of Honorary Member of the Historical Society. Health issues have prevented Carolyn from being actively involved, but this woman, endeared by all, will be at the Museum in the near future, ready to answer your questions about the Town she fondly calls home. The Historical Society Trustees honor this kind, gracious and knowledgeable woman of Hampton Falls.

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.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES – Jonathan Bohm, Trustee Chair

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



The Daffodils and Tulips that bring the first of Spring to Hampton Falls' historic cemeteries have just begun to emerge and pop up. In a few weeks, the flowering trees will be blooming, as examples of continued volunteer efforts and generous donations that beautify the burial grounds in Hampton Falls.

The Cemetery Trustees want to remind everyone that there is a self-guided **Audio Tour for the cemeteries**, accessible on your mobile device via the titanium QR codes on the cemetery entry signs.

In order to preserve the fragile, historically appropriate roadways within some of the cemeteries, traffic cones temporarily closed off vehicular traffic to Oak Lawn and Westview cemeteries during the late Winter and early Spring frost heave and

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mud seasons. Those temporary traffic cones will have been removed by mid-April, re-opening vehicular access to the cemeteries.

Another reminder is that in preparation for Memorial Day, please remove any remaining holiday decorations left over from this past Winter, placed at the Hampton Falls' cemeteries.

The CEMETERY TRUSTEES NEED YOU! Interested in helping clean the historic Hampton Falls' gravestones? As Summer approaches, there is always the need for Volunteers to help maintain the Hampton Falls' cemeteries and their historic gravestones. Cleaning techniques used include D2 Biological Cleaner, soft brushes, and powered water spray to safely clean away mold, discoloring and growth. It's rewarding and fun! Anyone interested to Volunteer with these ongoing maintenance and cleaning efforts is invited to contact Cemetery Trustee Wendy Harrington at wendyh156@gmail.com to volunteer at upcoming gravestone cleaning sessions!



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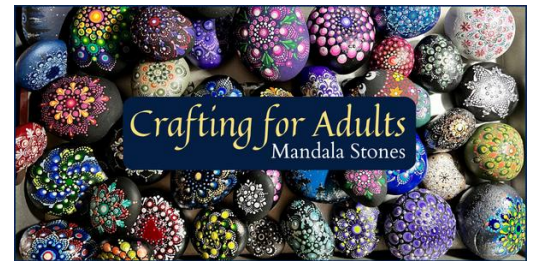
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Greetings from Your Library!: Visit the Hampton Falls Library for great books, conversations, and programs.

The Not SO Young Adult Book Club: Saturday, May 13th at 11:30am: Readers are invited who have outgrown the label "Young Adult" but will never outgrow YA books to join the Young (at Heart) Book Club (Not-So-Young-Adult Book Club? This book club meets quarterly. In May will be discussing Neil Gaiman's book *Challenger Deep*. New members are welcome. Contact the library to be added to the book club email reminder list.

Making Mandala Stones with Lisa St. Clair: Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 pm: Join us at the Library to make a mandala stone with local fine artist and owner of [The Pickled Pug Jewelry](http://ThePickledPugJewelry.com), Lisa St. Clair. Make a little piece of artwork to decorate your desk, your windowsill or your garden! The Library will supply the rocks, the paint, and the materials. Please bring 3-4 items you might use to make dots: bobby pins, toothpicks, Q-tips, tips of paintbrush handles, pencil erasers, the end of crochet hooks, look for something with a smooth surface and bottom. Co-hosted with the Hampton Falls Recreation Commission, this program is for adults and limited to 15 participants. Free and open to the public, optional donations will benefit the Hampton Falls Recreation Commission. Please register at our [website](http://www.hamptonfallslibrary.org) to attend.



Cookbook Club: Saturday, June 17th at Noon: Held quarterly, the June meeting will focus on rhubarb. Cookbooks for inspiration will be available to check out in May. Check out a cookbook, then Saturday, June 17th prepare a recipe, and bring the completed product along with a copy of the recipe to share with other club members. The club will discuss things learned and enjoyed tasting everyone's recipes. Contact the library to be added to the email reminder list.

All Together Now - Summer Reading 2023: Summer 2023: The whole family can register to win prizes just for reading. Our programming lineup will include: animal programs, magic, crafting, story times, and more. Check our [website](http://www.hamptonfallslibrary.org) starting in June for our complete calendar.

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HAMPTON FALLS FARMERS MARKET: June 7, 2023 thru October 4, 2023, Wednesdays 2-6
Karen Sabatini, Market Coordinator; Sue Veilleux, Market Manager
HFFarmersmarket@gmail.com located at the Hampton Falls Town Common

The Hampton Falls Farmers Market Coordinator and Market Manager are both excited to share with the community and surrounding towns the exciting events coming to the **Hampton Falls Farmers Market** this June 2023. The 2023 Summer Market season returns each Wednesday, starting June 7th, through Wednesday, October 4th. Market shopping hours are 2-6pm on the Town Common.

There are 40+ vendors signed-up and more are being added. Offerings this year will include: lobsters, seafood, mac & cheese, stuffed clams, dairy, produce, meats, flowers, honey, baked goods, spices, ice cream and more. Truly a myriad of variety! Farmers with scheduling conflicts, can utilize a Community Table that will be available to sell products without the vendor being present.

Shoppers will enjoy music from *Soundbridge Union*, a female duo performing Southern Comfort and popular song favorites, *Lee Biddle* bringing in Country, and *TJ Wheeler* with Bluegrass, throughout the 2023 season.



Live demonstrations will be offered, in addition to prepared meals by some vendors and a local restaurateur. A Hampton Falls' resident is designing and sewing an "official" Hampton Falls Farmers Market shopping bag, to help carry home your market finds.

On Wednesday June 22, 2023, *The Seacoast Kids Maker's Fair*, led by Melissa Bender, will join the Farmers Market. Initial reports are that the response has been positive and children are excited to share the day with the Farmer's Market vendors. Be on the lookout for cows and goats on the Town Common for this event! (The rain date will be the following Wednesday, June 28th.)

This is an exciting year for the market, the community, and visitors. Looking forward to your support of The Hampton Falls Farmers Market, and local farmers. **We'll meet you at the Farmers Market! In the heart of**

Hampton Falls! There may be a few additional surprises to the Farmers Market, that will be shared shortly. Please *Like/Follow the Farmers Market on Facebook*. Comments and input are welcomed by email at: HFFarmersmarket@gmail.com



HAMPTON FALLS SCHOOL BOARD: Jason Farias (Chair), Barbara Goodman (Vice-Chair), Anthony Lang, Renee Palm, and Jill Swasey.

2023 Town Elections: The School Board extends our gratitude to residents for their continued support of LAS. All three warrant articles presented on the school district ballot passed! Thank you to all towns in the School Administrative District for supporting the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the teachers!

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Weather-related repairs: The older wing of LAS experienced damage due to a burst pipe Winter 22/23, and this has required closing access to that building wing. Liability insurance along with expendable trust will cover the cost of all repairs. All repairs have been completed and the space is taking shape nicely, undergoing final steps in preparation for classes to move back in soon.

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 offer their input.

Enhanced communication: The School Board is excited to see the long-term public communications sign come to reality. This sign will help the school communicate important safety, school and community updates.

Cost Efficiencies: The HF School District will receive approximately \$7,000 in annual revenue as a result of a Net-Metering group of Unutil customers with Briar Hydro, based on past kWh usage and rates. This facilitates the sharing and allocation of Net-Metering Credits generated by a Net-Metering facility. The group receives credits, (payment received from Unutil) for any surplus generation. Additionally, the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) issued Hampton Falls a refund of \$34,983.09 this fiscal year. This was a result of HB1221, a bill that was passed in 2022 to provide a one-time NHRS employer contribution reimbursement.

SAU21 wide Strategy: The SAU 21 administration is building their *Portrait of a Learner Strategy* to guide curriculum and extracurricular offerings moving forward. All community members are invited to public meetings to contribute to the process. Visit the www.SAU21.org website for more information.

Class trips again: We are excited to share that our 7th and 8th grade classes will be diving into US history and government in an upcoming school trip to Washington DC. It is great to bring these important opportunities back to our kids!

Upcoming dates: HFSB meeting, May 9, 2023, at 6:30pm; Joint SB meeting, May 24, 2023, at 6pm;

HFSB meeting, June 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm.



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

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



The Energy Committee for Hampton Falls is now active and seeking new members.

If you are concerned about saving energy and cost, your help is welcomed to support the mission of the Energy Committee. Recent federal legislation provides for several tax credits, rebates, and savings for energy updates to municipal buildings and your homes. The Energy Committee aims to get the word out on these benefits, especially where these upgrades can help the residents of Hampton Falls. See the Energy Committee web page for the updated mission and information on how to save with rebates and tax credits for energy updates to your home.

Potential Savings of Thousands of Dollars for Hampton Falls Residents: The Inflation Act of 2022 provides tax credits and Rebates for purchase of an electric vehicle and several home efficiency upgrades that can save residents thousands of dollars. There is a summary table provided by the Department of Energy,

(https://www.hamptonfalls.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf5671/f/uploads/the_inflation_reduction_act_of_2022.pdf) and found on the Energy Committee's webpage on the Town's website: <https://www.hamptonfalls.org/energy-committee>.

Hope to see you on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at Town Hall. Any questions, please reach out to HamptonFallsEnergy@gmail.com.

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