

TOWN NEWS – MAY/JUNE 2018

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BRUSH DUMP

The Town's **Household Waste Collection Day** is set for Saturday **May 19**, 8 am to 2 pm at the Hampton Falls Brush Dump at the corner of Drinkwater and Parsonage Roads.

Effective 2018, there is only one day scheduled each year
for bulky household waste collection.

Dump stickers are not required for this Household Waste Disposal Day; instead, a **\$10 per trip** fee will be charged. Unexpired stickers will be honored until expiration.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR DISPOSAL ON MAY 19

White Goods	Appliances, such as refrigerators, washing machines, hot water heaters, and dryers
Bulky Items	Large items, such as sofas, chairs, rugs, mattresses
Tires	The Town policy regarding the disposal of tires at the brush dump is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only tires of 19" rim size or less• No more than 8 tires per household• No commercial tires• \$2.00 for each un-mounted tire• Tires mounted on rims prohibited
Electronics Recycling	A container is available for the recycling of electronics.
HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION DAY ONLY	<u>Acceptable items \$20 per item:</u> computers, computer monitors, printers/copiers/scanners/fax machines, televisions Projection televisions \$35 each
*Freon Removal	\$25.00 fee for appliances containing Freon
Propane Tank Disposal	\$5.00 fee for 5, 10, 20-lb. tanks \$20.00 fee for 30, 40 100-lb. tanks
Wood Disposal – Only clean, untreated wood, that is able to be burned	Auto/SUV/6' bed Pickup/6' Trailer: \$10 8' bed Pickup: \$15 (w/sideboards, add \$5) Large Truck/12'trailer: \$20

**NO BRUSH, STUMPS, OR HAZARDOUS WASTE (EXCEPT MERCURY-Hg)
ARE ACCEPTED ON HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION DAY**

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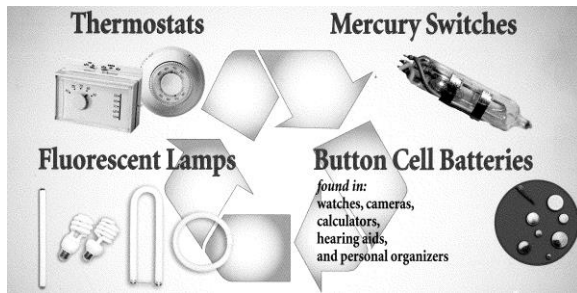
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Disposal of Certain Products Containing Mercury (Hg)

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 and alkaline batteries.



Residents can also dispose these items during the annual Household Waste Collection day on May 19. Thank you for your help in disposing of these items in a safe manner and protecting the environment!

HOLLY E. KNOWLES - townclerk@hamptonfalls.org - 926-4618, Ext. 1

2018 DOG LICENSES

The 2018 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 (RSA 466:13).** If you no longer own a dog(s), call 926-4618; Ext. 1, or e-mail us at townclerk@hamptonfalls.org; and we will remove your name from the list.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Please show photo I.D. for all motor vehicle transactions (for your insurance fraud protection).
- Renewals and transfers require the original, current registration(s) RSA 261:168 (copies are to be kept in your vehicle(s)).
- A notarized Power of Attorney is required when signing a title application for another person (even your spouse).
- Please allow time for processing your transactions by arriving as far in advance of our closing times of noon and 3:30 p.m. as possible (by 11:45 a.m. or 3:15 p.m. at the very latest).
- A limit of 2 "regular" (renewals) vehicle transactions per person after 3:15 p.m. please. Financial closeouts are required daily at 3:30 p.m. Credit/debit card transactions are closed at 3:15 p.m.

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-All transactions may be done through the mail if you can't get in to our office (call 926-4618, Ext. 1 or E-mail us (townclerk@hamptonfalls.org) for instructions.

-Only ONE check required payable to "Town of Hampton Falls" which now includes town and state fees for your vehicle registration(s).

-All Major Credit Cards are accepted for payment. An additional credit card fee (percentage of your total amount) applies to all card transactions.

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

INTERNET VEHICLE RENEWALS

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

FILING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Please call ahead to schedule an early afternoon appointment when coming in to apply for a new marriage license. Limited staff prevents us from being able to process a license "on the spot." The cost is \$50 and requires both persons' I.D.s 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 which will take you to EB2Gov for processing. Limited staff prevents us from being able to produce certified copies "on the spot." Requests for self-clip, 3-year dump stickers are available on-line or from the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$30 each.

TOWN CLERK OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

A reminder that the Town Clerk's office will be closed on Fridays from June through December.

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TAX COLLECTOR – Stephanie Grant – 926-1848, Ext. 4

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 2018 will be mailed in May and will be due in July. In addition to mailing your payment you can deposit a check in the lock box by the Town Hall front entrance or in the hallway outside of the Tax Collector's office. 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, on the right hand side of the home page. Please be aware that there is a \$0.95 bank fee for using an online check or 2.95% to use credit cards.

Tax liens were executed for 2017 delinquent taxes on April 12, 2018. Interest on delinquent taxes is calculated on a daily basis. Please go online or call this office to obtain an accurate balance due. If you have any questions regarding your taxes, interest, setting up a payment schedule or need copies of your paid receipts for the IRS, please call the tax office at 926-4618 ext. 4.

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, 2018. 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT- Jay Lord – 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.

- 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 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.

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BUILDING INSPECTOR - Mark Sikorski – 926-1848, Ext. 5

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, insecticides are used. We all need to do our part to protect our families from this potentially life altering illness. 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, P. O. 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 **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 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. We can help get everything in place.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Anne Coombs, Secretary

Winter is history and a long one it was. Who would have thought we would ever have 4 nor'easters in the month of March; however, this is New England and anything is to be expected. Plants are pushing up and about to burst into bloom as some already have. The gardens at the Museum survived and have flourished since being disrupted and then replanted last spring. With the tender loving care of Becky Dean, our Treasurer and Bev Mutrie, our Vice President, our gardens have been well tended. There is plenty of cleanup and trimming that will need to be done due to winter damage, and we would really appreciate any help that volunteers could offer. Even just an hour would be such a help.

We are on schedule with Greg Patterson, Contractor to do the repairs on the front portico and columns toward the end of April or definitely in May. This work, as reported previously, was to be done last year, but due to weather and personnel problems, it had to be delayed. Rich Hordon, Contractor will be doing repairs to the Old Schoolhouse as he can fit them into his busy schedule throughout the summer. We are getting a second estimate for repairing the 3 stained glass panels around the front door. The estimate that we did get was for \$4,100. The lead is collapsing and separating from the stained glass and it would be most unfortunate to lose this special aspect of the Museum. We continue to research avenues for "climate

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control” (air-conditioning) within the Museum which will help preserve our Hampton Falls collection as well as thwart the ongoing mold problem.

The Museum will again be open for the summer beginning Saturday June 2nd through September from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The Salt Marsh Exhibition is still on display for those who have not perused it as well as anyone that would enjoy another visit. We have a supply of books available on Salt Marsh Farming written by John D. Fogg, resident of Seabrook and a salt marsh farmer, edited by Eric N. Small, resident and President of the Seabrook Historical Society.

It is once again time to renew your membership or become a new member with the Hampton Falls Historical Society which is from May 1st to April 30th of next year. A Membership Renewal/Join letter will soon be in your mailbox. Please take time to consider the aforementioned repairs needed to the Museum and the Old Schoolhouse. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit entity and receive no tax based revenue to support our operational costs. Membership dues and donations aid in our quest to “.....illuminate the history of Hampton Falls and its people”. Whatever you can do to help us achieve that goal, is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to having you visit our, which really is your, Hampton Falls Museum to learn and enjoy the rich history of this wonderful town. Please like us on Facebook and visit us at hamptonfallsnh@.org.

HERITAGE COMMISSION - Beverly Mutrie, Chair

The Hampton Falls Heritage Commission will be continuing the update of our Historic Resources Survey through this spring. Phil Chura, our local professional photographer will be asking permission to fly his drone over certain properties in order to take pictures for use in the Survey and provide data for a possible application for the State Historic Register. There also are monuments to find and more old houses and outbuildings to add to it. The current Historic Resources Survey was given to the Master Plan Committee so it can be a resource in their finished document.

We also want to record historic places such as Munt Hill, Ordination Hill, Brimstone Hill and the location of the Indian encampment at Edgerly Farm, to name a few. Identification of people, places and things from the past provides the context for present day building sites and activities. Please help if you are asked.

We will be electing new officers at the next regular meeting and discussing our involvement with the Tricentennial Committee and the celebration in the summer of 2022. As always, we have a need for volunteers who have an interest in old buildings and the history of the town. Join us on the 2nd Monday, usually, at 2 pm at the Town Hall.

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Library News for May-June, 2018

“Spring is the time of plans and projects.” Leo Tolstoy

To help you with your plans and projects, the Library has a bounty of programs and activities. Learn how to improve your health and wellness on May 9. Get inspired to clean out and organize your home on May 22. Learn about the birds in our salt marsh on June 12. Visit a new museum. Learn to cook healthier meals. Read some books outside your usual comfort zone. Help the Friends raise money by eating pizza! We hope to see you!

Programs:

While preventive health and wellness are priorities for everyone, staying informed about the latest practices is often difficult. On **Wednesday, May 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, the Hampton Falls Free Library will host a **Wellness Fair**. The fair will be an opportunity for the entire community to learn about both traditional and alternative health practices in order to keep the mind and body healthy. Twenty practitioners will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. There will be demonstrations of yoga, karate, and dance. Several local businesses including Hampton Health Food Store, Flote, and Laney & Lu have donated raffle prizes to the event.

It is spring and it is time to clean out those attics, basements, garages, barns, sheds, offices, and kids' rooms! To help with these projects, the Library has scheduled a program on **Organizing and Downsizing** with Certified Professional Organizer Helene Parenteau on **Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m.** Ms. Parenteau has organized homes, offices and retirement estates up and down the East Coast. Her presentation will take the anxiety out of decluttering, downsizing, or relocating. Hampton Falls resident Steve Carlson will present his photos in **Birds of the Salt Marsh** on **Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.** Come learn about our local feathered friends.

On **Saturday, June 16 at 12 Noon**, the **Cookbook Club** will be meeting to share prepared dishes with recipes from Mark Bittman's How to Cook Everything Vegetarian. Copies of the cookbook will be available in the Library starting in mid-May. New members are always welcome.

Museum Passes:

The Library offers passes for free or discounted admission to a number of area museums: Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, The American Independence Museum in Exeter, The Currier Museum in Manchester, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the Peabody-Essex Museum in Salem, MA. The Friends of the Library have generously sponsored a new pass to the **Wright Museum of World War II** in Wolfeboro. The Wright Museum pass offers free admission for two adults and four children under the age of 18 during the museum's season from May 1 through October 31. Call or visit the Library to sign out a museum pass.

Book Group for Grownups:

On **Tuesday, May 29**, the adult book group will be discussing William Kamkwamba's autobiography The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. This heart-warming book is the inspiring story of a young man in Malawi who used the only resources available to him to build a windmill and elevate the lives of those in his community by providing electricity and running water.

The group will embark on a literary road trip choice on **June 26** with Roland Merullo's Breakfast with Buddha. Otto Ringling will be driving from New York to his childhood home in North Dakota to settle his late parent's estate. His sister persuades him to take her guru Rinpoche along for the trip. On the way, Ringling shows America to Rinpoche and Rinpoche shows enlightenment to Ringling.

The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the books are available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

Fabulous Friends:

The Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library are feeding foodies with a **Community Oven Fundraiser** on **Monday, June 11 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.** at Community Oven Restaurant on Lafayette Rd in Hampton. Dine in or take out, a good meal will be had by those who come out and support the Friends.

Holiday Closing:

The Library will be closed from **Saturday, May 26 through Monday, May 28** to observe the Memorial Day weekend. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 29 at 10 a.m. Please remember that we will be open shorter Saturday hours starting June 2. During the summer months, we will be open from 10-1 on Saturdays.

Summer Reading for Adults:

We are finalizing plans for the program, but we will begin the same day as the Youth Summer Reading Program and kick off the season on **Tuesday, June 19**. The adult program will once again feature a chance to win prizes donated by local merchants and the Friends of the Library. Last year, a record-setting 102 adults read 521 books. Can we exceed that number this summer?

In Closing:

Best wishes from your local Library! You are always welcome to check out the new books and movies, attend a program, try a new craft, do a puzzle, use the computers, borrow a museum pass, join a book discussion, or have a cup of coffee and visit with your neighbors. In fact, come on a Friday afternoon and we will set out cookies and board games!

Barbara Tosiano

Library Director

**LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES
CHECK IT OUT!**

Story Times:

Baby-Toddler Story Times held on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM will run through May 22nd. We will take a short break and start again on June 19th.

The current Tuesday 1st – 4th Grade After-School Story Time, the Wednesday (1:30 and Kindergarten Club) and Thursday Story Time (10:30 AM) Sessions will end on **May 22nd, 23rd and 24th** respectively. There is still space in the Wednesday, 1:30 PM and Thursday 10:30 AM Story Time. Please call to sign up.

The Novel ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, May 16th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM and Wednesday, June 13th (one week earlier than usual). New members are always welcome. Books are available at the Library.

Special Programs!

Lego Club! Thursday, May 24th from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade The June date is TBA. The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library so we'll have them for the next program!). Come ready to use your imagination! Please sign up as space is limited. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

Yoga! The schedule is as follows: **5th – 8th Grade:** Wednesdays, May 2nd and June 6th from 6:30 -7:30 PM. **K – 4th Grade:** Thursdays, May 3rd and June 7th from 4 – 4:45 PM **Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or**

caregiver: Fridays, May 4th, May 18th, June 8th and June 22nd from 10:30 – 11 AM. Please sign up for each class individually in advance as space is limited. Each class will have its own sign up.

Summer Reading!

Planning has already begun for the Summer Reading Program, “Libraries Rock!” **Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 19th from 5:30 – 7 PM for the Summer Reading Kick-off Party!** Some of the events already scheduled include Magic by George (sponsored by the Pimentel family), the SPCA, the Boston Museum of Science “Super-Cold Science”, Trashcan Lid Productions “Junk 2 Funk”, Hampstead Stage Company, the Annual Talent Show, drop-in craft programs, Wildlife Encounters (sponsored in part by the Hampton Falls Boy Scouts), Project Nature’s “Wild About Turtles” and Explore the Ocean World.. There is more to come! A full schedule will be available in early June.

Like to help sponsor a summer reading program? Please see Carol if you are interested in fully or partially sponsoring a Summer Reading Program. Everything helps!

Wish List! I am getting the “Treasure Chest” ready for the summer reading program. Donations of new items such as left-over party prizes, crafts, small toys, etc. are welcome! Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions. Thank you in advance!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Library!

Carol Sanborn
Head of Youth Services

Hampton Falls School District News
May/June 2018
school year 2017-2018

School Board News

The School Board would like to thank supporters of the LAS facility improvement plan. It is a big undertaking but one that will give the students of LAS space for collaborative education, flexible space for group projects, presentations, and more. Next steps include meeting with the project management company and build team to review and finalize details to begin the project.

“Our public schools are among New Hampshire’s greatest assets.” -Reaching Higher NH

Happenings at Lincoln Akerman School

The students and staff are busy completing projects and assessments as the school year winds down.

A few school events of interest:

May 4th Grandparents’ Luncheon

May 8th Recycled Percussion All-School Assembly

May 16th PTO Meeting

May 17th Gr. 5 DARE Graduation

June 5th Field Day and School BBQ

June 13th Last day of school

For more information go to the school website or stop in and visit. If you would like a tour, please call the office to see what a typical day is like at LAS.

A Fond Farewell

The School Board would like to thank Dr. Robert Sullivan for his many years of service to SAU21 and particularly, LAS. He has shared his knowledge and understanding of policies at the school district level as well as at the SAU level. Dr. Sullivan has supported Hampton Falls in its quest to bring students into a 21st Century Learning environment that will be realized in the next few years. The School Board wishes Dr. Sullivan well in his next journey.

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The Hampton Falls School Board usually meets once a month for regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Hampton Falls residents are encouraged to attend meetings. Or, you can watch us on the internet, as we are streaming our monthly meetings live (you can also watch them later in the archive form as well). The online meeting video library can be accessed on the LAS home page (www.sau21.org/las). Information about meeting dates and times, agendas and minutes are available on line at www.sau21.org.

Hampton Falls Representative to the Winnacunnet School Board

David Gandt

dgandt@sau21.org

As Spring warms up so do the numerous activities at Winnacunnet. Just go to the school website and check the calendar. Some things you will find:

Comic Book Show class of 2019 Fundraiser

Car Show class of 2020

Coffeehouse Open Mic Night

WHS Spring Concert

Winnacunnet School Board meetings are usually scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas, minutes and videos are available on line at www.sau21.org.