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RE-OPENING OF TOWN HALL (COVID)

At its meeting of April 7, the Board of Selectmen decided to reopen Government Buildings on April 19, 2021 in accordance with the Hampton Falls Town Hall Plan to Re-Open to The Public. Members of the public are respectfully requested to wear a mask and adhere to other CDC guidelines, such as maintaining a six-foot separation and using hand sanitizer. We look forward to seeing you.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Town's **Household Waste Collection Day** is scheduled for Saturday **May 15**, 8 am to 2 pm at the Hampton Falls Brush Dump at the corner of Drinkwater and Parsonage Roads.

Dump stickers are not required for this Household Waste Disposal Day; instead, a **\$20 per trip fee** will be charged.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR DISPOSAL ON MAY 15

White Goods	Appliances, such as refrigerators, washing machines, hot water heaters, and dryers
Bulky Items	Large items, such as sofas, chairs, rugs.
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• \$3.00 for each un-mounted tire• Tires mounted on rims prohibited
Electronics Recycling	A container is available for the recycling of electronics. <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 (ie. refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, etc)
Mattresses and Box springs	\$40.00 fee per Mattress \$40.00 fee per Box Spring
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	\$20

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

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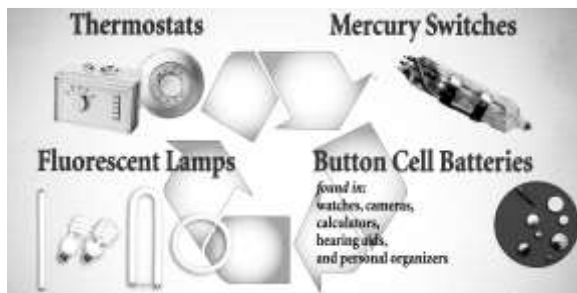
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REMINDER: Curbside Collection of **TRASH** is collected on **THURSDAYS**, and Curbside Collection of **RECYCLING** is on **FRIDAYS**.

Please visit the Trash and Recycling web page for detailed information.

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, button cell batteries and alkaline batteries.



Residents can also dispose these items during the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 22. 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 day(s). The dates of the 2021 collections are **Saturday, May 22, and Saturday, September 18 from 8 am to Noon** at the Hampton Transfer Station, 11 Hardardt's Way, Hampton, NH.

Requirements include, but are not limited to, a **\$29 fee per vehicle**, *prepaid* to the Hampton Falls Town Clerk/Tax Collector, with a limit of up to five (5) gallons or twenty (20) pounds of waste or the combination of the two; this being the maximum amount allowed. Please see the listing of acceptable or prohibited items on the Trash and Recycling web page at www.hamptonfalls.org.

STEPHANIE GRANT, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

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

2021 DOG LICENSES

The 2021 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**

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466:13). If you no longer own a dog(s), call 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

You may use the following procedures and utilize the exterior drop box.

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

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

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

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

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

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

We ask you that you continue to renew your registrations online as well as licensing dogs.

Please visit the Town Clerk's page on www.hamptonfalls.org to renew online. You may also renew your vehicle by dropping off a copy of your previous registration, copy of your license and a payment (please see above) and deliver to the outside drop box. You can also call into the office to process a renewal over the phone, or come in and renew.

Please call our office at 603-926-4618 ext. 101 or 106 (we are returning voicemails as soon as possible) or email townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org (email is being monitored all week) 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.

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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 . Limited staff prevents us from being able to produce certified copies “on the spot.” Requests for self-cling, 3-year brush dump stickers (required for brush disposal only; no longer required for household waste collection days) are available on-line or from the Town Clerk’s office at a cost of \$30 each.

TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAYS

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

The first tax bill for 2021 will be mailed in May and will be due in July. As an alternate to mailing your payment, you can deposit a check in the exterior drop box, located to the left of the Town Hall front entrance. If you would like a receipt, please provide us with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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

Tax liens were executed for 2020 delinquent taxes on April 13, 2020. Interest on delinquent taxes is calculated daily. 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 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, 2021. 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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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION – Lyn Stan, Chairwoman

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

We welcome new member Kathy Dittami. At our last meeting, we re-elected, Lyn Stan as Chair and Karen Sabatini, Treasurer, and Beth Forgione as Secretary. Our other Commission members are: Pam Fitzgerald, Tuesday Orluk, and Phil Chura. The Commission's Selectmen's representative is Mark Lane.

Hampton Falls Parks and Recreation traditionally brings fun to our community. We make every effort to offer quality programming and events for our residents and greater community. Now that spring is here, plans are being put together at Governor Weare Park. Mark Lane and Mike Montville (North East Baseball) are working together to schedule the teams and leagues. Larry Smith, GWP liaison, continues to oversee all activities at the Governor Weare Park. The warrant article to replace the rotted GWP sign failed and we are looking for volunteers who are able to repair and paint to come forward to give us a hand.

Castleberry Fair craft show continues to be a big draw for our town and will return on the Town Common May 8th and May 9th, July 3rd and July 4th, September 18th and September 19th and another date in October to be determined.

Art on the Common is planning to return in 2022.

The Summer Camp program run by Lincoln Akerman's art teacher, Stacey Bellen, will return this summer. The dates for 2021 to be determined in the near future.

The 2021 Summer Concerts and Cool Wheels series will kick off on Thursday, June 17th with the Aerosmith Tribute Band, Draw the Line.

Wayne from Maine will be performing once again on the Town Common; his children's program continues to be well attended by families within our community. The performance date is yet to be determined for 2021.

The Seniors organizing for Seniors plans to resume this summer with hopes of kicking off with an inaugural music program. Their goal is to complement existing services within the community.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is always looking for people to complement our team. 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 our team.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT- Jay Lord – 603-926-5752

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

- Time to renew your annual fire permits for fire pits, Chimineas, or portable fire rings (brush piles still need a separate 1-day permit).
- Check your batteries in smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors.
- Fire extinguishers should be turned upside down and shaken if they have been motionless for a long period of time and gauges should be in the 'green.'
- We teach CPR and First-aid classes.
- We offer blood pressure checks and baby seat vehicle installations.
- 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.

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

MOSQUITO CONTROL - The mosquito control program begins in April. Crews check swamps, woodland pools, ditches, salt marshes, storm drains and other shallow, stagnant water for mosquito larvae. When mosquitoes are found, 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, 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 our doorstep, the projects we envisioned during the winter are now on the shortlist. Before you spend your hard-earned money, remember that permits are required for most, if not all building projects in or around your home. There are many things to factor in such as setbacks from property lines and wetlands. Adding a bedroom or accessory dwelling to your home may require a new septic design. Time must be allocated for design and approval. Do you know where your underground utilities and septic system are located before any digging is done? Call the building office as part of the planning process. PLEASE... To help with reviewing your application for new projects that are in the yard or increase the size of any structure, provide an accurate plot plan with your application

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showing distances to property lines or wetland areas. You are responsible for the accuracy of the diagrams. We can help get everything in place.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Mary Ann Hill, Chair

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Town Hall

Welcome spring by taking a stroll through the Marsh Lane Preserve. Watch for the emerging Jack-in-the-Pulpit and Indian Pipe along the trail. Look for the new sign on Route 1 indicating the location of the Marsh Lane area. We will be asking for volunteers to help control the Oriental Bittersweet which is overtaking the parking area.

We held our first work day of the season on the Raspberry Farm/Town Forest trail extending the trail deeper into the forest. We will have more work days coming up to work on the invasive plants along the margin of the field. Join us and learn about Oriental Bittersweet, Multifloral Rose, Buckthorn and more.

We are pleased to announce that the conservation easement on the Clay Brook Forest (Toppan Lane Ox Pasture) is fully funded thanks to Grants from ARM, LCHIP, VF Corp, and various fundraising activities. On February 12th Senator Tom Sherman presented the Kiblers, the Town and the Forest Society with a Senate Resolution in recognition of their successful effort to preserve this choice ecological location.

SHEA, the Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance, continues to work on an estuary management plan and presented three on-line workshops on the Salt Marsh studying the functions of the marsh, the effects of sea level rise, the after effects of the old practice of ditching, threats to the birds which rely on the marsh and marsh migration. They are hosting a “Birds of the Estuary” webinar on April 21st. Look for the details on their website www.shea4nh.org and also on our Town’s website at www.hamptonfalls.org/conservation-commission/files/birds-estuary-april-212021.

We are trying something new this year. We have posted a Summer Internship on the Town website and also with UNH’s Handshake. We are looking for college students interested in Ecology to assist us in those projects we talk about but never seem to get to like controlling the Bittersweet or creating a pollinator garden at the Raspberry Farm. See our Town website for more information.

We encourage residents to find our trails and enjoy a leisurely walk with nature. Bobolinks will be nesting at the Raspberry Farm, and interesting plants like Jack in the Pulpits and Indian Pipes (yes, they are a plant and not a mushroom!) can be found at Marsh Lane. Do remember to leave only your footprints behind.

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HERITAGE COMMISSION - Beverly Mutrie, Chair

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am at Town Hall

We are continuing to meet more regularly now that the pandemic threat has lessened. We are a five-member board, and would be glad to have another interested resident join us. Commissioners are Mary Ann Hill, Phil Chura, Lou Gargiulo, Selectman and Beverly Mutrie, Chair.

Several items that have been on our agenda include historic home house plaques which are for sale for \$125. These are hand painted black lettering on a white arched board, approximately 12x16. Research will be done to confirm the authenticity of the naming of your proposed house or farm. If you have an interest, please get in touch with Mary Ann Hill at mash1835@comcast.com.

Thirty (30) more photo shoots of historic properties, monuments, and historic places are planned. The photographer will be calling or knocking on doors for permission to photograph all four sides of an historic home, so please let him do so. These photos will be used in the Heritage Commission's Historic Resources pamphlet, hopefully published in 2022, for the town's 300th anniversary. The pamphlet has been a work in process and has undergone many revisions, as houses change hands and more research is done and information discovered. We will be including old pictures of some of these houses, with a map reference, so people can imagine what the town was like in the early twentieth century.

If you have strong feelings about the historic architectural nature of Hampton Falls, and some ideas on how to maintain it, we encourage you to join the Heritage Commission. Please complete a Volunteer form and submit it to the Town Clerk to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a three-year term. History is being made every day and how we preserve it matters.

TRICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Judy Haskell, Secretary

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

After a lengthy delay, the Tricentennial Committee is ready to rock and roll! Our 300-year celebration is about a year away, and thanks to the funds we have on hand, the event planning is ready to start.

We are happy to welcome Ward Dilmore from the Historical Society to the Tricentennial Committee, and are looking for additional people to contribute their ideas, skills, and willingness to party! Please email (judyhaskell@comcast.net) or Weezie Vance (weezievance@gmail.com) if you're interested in coming to the next meeting on **Monday, May 3rd at 1:00 pm at Town Hall.**

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES - Tracy Healey-Beattie

Throughout these challenging Pandemic months, the Historical Society Trustees have continued to work on projects that enhance the museum as well develop and enrich the collections. Some of the current efforts include:

1. Marketing and Membership Drive: Ward Dilmore and Karen Sabatini

Please check the Historical Society website: www.hfhistoricalsociety.org

The website is a go-to resource for current, ever-changing and interesting Hampton Falls information.

2. Collections Committee: Linda Hladik and Anne Coombs

Processing fragile family histories such as: Janvrin, Browns, Batchelder and others that will be given archival protection.

3. Museum Restoration Committee

Plaster repair and painting of interior. Consultants; Deb Baier and Patti Bax

Refinishing museum floor.

Purchased storage shed to be located behind Library.

4. Continuation of oral histories: Wendy Harrington and Tracy Beattie

We look forward to new ideas, thoughts and participation. The 300th Town Anniversary is in 2022 ! The Historical Society is represented by Ward Dilmore and we encourage townspeople to get involved and embrace this momentous occasion!

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