

TOWN NEWS SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2018

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Larry M. Smith, Chairman;; Edward B. Beattie, Vice Chairman; Louis Gargiulo, Selectman

Please welcome two new part-time employees at the Town Hall;
Town Secretary Karen Anderson and Meeting Minutes Recorder Jessica Griffin.

Also, as a result of the March vote, the Board of Selectmen has planned a household waste collection day for this fall. Please watch for additional information as well as the date and timeframe.

Arrangements are being made to have a compactor truck and driver available at the Brush Dump for a four-hour period of time for the purpose of disposing items directly into the compactor; no other disposal containers will be made available. The \$10 per trip fee applies. PLEASE NOTE that this fall collection day provides for disposal of limited items as compared to the spring collection day.

The fall collection will **not** provide for the disposal of all items regularly collected at the spring collection day. For example, those items that are separated from bulky household items for proper disposal include electronics, propane tanks, tires, appliances containing Freon, treated or painted wood and metals. Any of these items brought for disposal at the fall collection that are not permitted to be disposed in the compactor truck will be sent away with you.

Please contact Town Administrator Lori Ruest at 926-4618, extension 3, with questions.

HOLLY E. KNOWLES, TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mon-Tues-Thurs 8:30 A.M. -12:00 P.M.; 1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Fridays, January Through May 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

LATE 2019 DOG LICENSES

ALL DOGS IN TOWN SHOULD HAVE BEEN LICENSED BY APRIL 30 as required by state RSA 466:1.

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.

Otherwise, **please license your dog(s) ASAP** either in person or on-line to avoid the required call/visit from our dog officer (written notifications of the additional \$25 per dog civil forfeiture (RSA 466:13) have already been sent). Rabies vaccination certificate(s) are only required if rabies expiration date has expired.

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)).

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-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.

-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/Debit Cards are accepted for payment. An additional credit/debit 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.Ds 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-cling, 3-year brush dump stickers (required for brush disposal only; no longer required for household waste collection days) are available on-line or from the Town Clerk’s office at a cost of \$30 each.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

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

TAX COLLECTOR -- STEPHANIE GRANT

Phone: 603-926-4618, ext. 4

Fax: 603-926-1848

taxcollector@hamptonfalls.org

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-3 p.m.

Please note that the July tax due date is past and interest is now accruing. Please make sure you call or check online for the most current balance before sending a check in.

Credit/Debit card payments and electronic checks are accepted online for property taxes. Please be aware there is a 2.95% charge for all credit/debit transactions and a \$1.95 charge for checks. This is a **bank processing fee** and it is **not** charged or retained by the Town of Hampton Falls. You can pay/view your tax bill by visiting the home page at www.hamptonfalls.org and clicking on Property Taxes Review/Pay online button. You can also view your property taxes online and access detailed payment and balance information, 24 hours a day.

Just a reminder that if you send in your payment after the due date of July 1, the payment is considered late and interest will begin to accrue daily. Please call, email or visit the new tax kiosk on our website for an updated payoff amount.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ HEALTH OFFICER – MARK SIKORSKI

926-4618 ext. 5

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 AM – Noon

YARD SALE PERMIT REMINDER: Please allow at least one week of advance time for approval of a yard sale application. Should you have questions with regard to yard sale permit processing, contact Building Inspector Mark Sikorski. Applications can be obtained at the Town Hall or from the Town's website.

The Town of Hampton Falls ordinance with regard to yard sales (garage sales, barn sales, tent sales, moving sales) includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements that are verified by the Building Inspector at the time of application:

- ☐ A yard sale permit, at no charge, shall be issued for up to two yard sales in a calendar year and must be held on the property owned by the applicant.
- ☐ The duration of the permit is for no more than two successive days, with the time of start to be specified on the application, including rain date(s).
- ☐ Yard Sale signs must meet the Town's sign ordinance and shall be removed at the close of the yard sale.
- ☐ The yard sale shall not approach to less than 25 feet from any road or street.

Cooler days are appearing. Have you scheduled your furnace cleaning and system check? Service companies have time for you now. Keep the environment inside your home free of dangerous fumes. Get your system running at peak performance now and save fuel all winter!

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FIRE DEPARTMENT-- CHIEF JAY LORD

Just a few quick thoughts:

- ☐ We do teach the new “hands only” CPR if you are interested.
- ☐ While we are not into the heating season yet, now is a good time to have your heating appliances (wood stoves, furnaces, etc.) checked so you don’t have a problem during the winter.
- ☐ Don’t forget to get your burning permits for fall clean-ups – no leaf burning.
- ☐ We are on Facebook at Hampton Falls Fire Department.
- ☐ Call 926-5752 if you have a question or **9-1-1** for emergencies (no you’re NOT bothering us...it’s what we are trained to do).

HISTORICAL SOCIETY -- ANNE COOMBS, SECRETARY

Summer may be winding down but not the Hampton Falls Historical Society. We are as busy as ever with our major energy going into the restoration of the building known as our Museum formerly known as the Old Library. We have contracted the architectural services of Greg Colling, AIA, of Merrimack Design to guide us through this process. The Museum Restoration Committee includes Tracy Beattie, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Rebecca Dean, Mark Thompson, Ward Dilmore and Wayne Barker. They had their first meeting on July 3rd and the project is in motion. The second meeting included Justin Williams from Merrimack Design who explained the existing conditions drawings and exterior deficiencies check list drawn up thus far.

The Old Schoolhouse will be open for visitors during the Free Library’s Book Sale on Saturday September 21st. Hunter Stetz, Trustee, is working on a display of our Indian artifacts found at Edgerly Farm to be set up in a lovely cabinet. Some artifacts date back 10,000 years to the Paleo-Indian Era. Please stop in and visit the one room schoolhouse.

The Museum is open on Saturday’s from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM until October 5th. Visitors continue to enjoy the Salt Marsh Farming Exhibit as well as our collection of Hampton Falls’ related items. We continue to accept items related to Hampton Falls to enhance our history of this fine town. Please think of us when you come across a family piece that relates to our town.

Our annual Donation Appeal mailing will go out in October. It will be another of our fun/amusing requests on our traditional Halloween orange paper. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit entity and receive no tax based dollars to support our endeavors to **“.....investigate, collect, preserve and illuminate whatever may relate to the history of Hampton Falls and its people”**. Your membership dues and donations will help defray the cost of the restoration project as well.

Our Annual Meeting will be Tuesday evening October 8th. Please save the date. Reminders will be sent which will also inform you of what our program will be for the evening. Remember, refreshments are always served.

Please visit us at www.hamptonfallshs.org and like us on Facebook.

Library News for September-October, 2019

The Library is very excited to present a myriad of adult programming and activities to please a variety of interests.

Adult Summer Reading

The Adult Summer Reading Program ended on Friday, August 16, 2019. Over 100 adults and teens have participated in the program and filled out raffle tickets for every book read. Our wonderful local merchants The Herb Farmacy, Krystal Ballroom Dance Studio, Emmelyn's Family Farm Market, KB Centre of Dance and Movement, Native Coffee & Kitchen, Sweet Snips, Oils for Health-Yoga for Life, Hampton Falls Village Market, The Old Salt Tavern, Dodge's Agway, Coastal Living Paint and Hardware, Quicksilver Fine Jewelry, Drinkwater Flowers and Design, Carolyn Fusco LMT, the Friends of the Library, and Karen Gulla have donated prizes for the Adult Summer Reading Program. We are always overwhelmed by the continuing generosity and support of our local businesses who do so much for the community.

Labor Day Weekend

The Library will be closed on Saturday, August 31. Regular Saturday hours (10-2) will resume on Saturday, September 7.

Fall Programs

Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Great New England Hurricane of 1938

Join Michael Maler from Historic New England and learn about the impact and aftermath of one of the most devastating hurricanes in recorded history. The Library gratefully acknowledges the Friends of the Library who sponsored this program.

Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Annual Library Book Sale

The Annual Library Book Sale will take place on **Saturday, September 21 from 10-2 p.m.** We are currently accepting donations of gently used children's and adult books and DVDs. If you would like to help sort and set up books for the sale, please visit or call the Library at 926-3682. Books will be generally priced at \$1 for hardcover and \$.50 for paperback books. "Coffee table books" will be priced higher. In keeping with tradition, the Hampton Falls Boy Scouts will be holding a bake sale to benefit the children's Summer Reading Program. The Hampton Falls Historical Society will be staffing the Old Schoolhouse. Additionally, there will be a yard sale with treasures from the Library's attic.

Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Here's to Beer: The History and Production of the World's Favorite Drink

Bruce Heilshorn, formerly of Earth Eagle Brewery, and Emerson Baker, professor and author from Salem State University, will talk about botanical and historic brews, how sour beers are produced and the myriad of ways yeast can create flavors. The Library gratefully acknowledges the Friends of the Library who sponsored this program.

Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Black Bear Happenings in New Hampshire

Representatives from NH Fish and Game will talk about black bears and their habits.

Adult Book Discussion Group

On **September 26**, the group will be discussing Desert Queen: the extraordinary life of Gertrude Bell, adventurer, advisor to kings, and ally of Lawrence of Arabia by Jane Wallach. In Victorian England, Gertrude Bell achieved what few women have achieved. Gertrude Bell was a diplomat, a spy, a mountaineer, an archeologist, and a spokesperson for Arab countries. After the First World War, she played a major role in creating the modern Middle East and was, at the time, considered the most powerful woman in the British Empire.

The October selection is the classic Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier. Published in 1938, Rebecca is hailed as the first psychological thriller. The October meeting will be a week early, on **October 24**. Copies of the books are available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

Cookbook Club**Saturday, October 5 at 12 Noon**

The Cookbook Club will be preparing and tasting recipes from a visually stunning cookbook, The Forest Feast by Erin Gleeson. Copies will be available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

Parting thought:

“Libraries are fun, educational, and the biggest bargain on the face of the earth.” Madeline Albright

Best wishes always,

Barbara Tosiano, Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES

The “Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program was a great success! Congratulations to all who participated and thank you for a fun-filled summer!

I would like to give special thanks to:

Our Sponsors:

The Hampton Rotary Club
The Hampton Falls Boy Scouts
The Friends of the Library

To Those Who Gave Donations:

Bead Creative
The Book Outlet
The Boston Museum of Science
Canobie Lake Park
Captain’s Cove Adventure Golf
Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Co
The Davidson Family
DBC Pri-Med, LLC – the Gagalis Family
George and Phillips Sporting Goods
Hampton Falls Fire Department
Hannaford Supermarket
Las Olas Taqueria
Luv2Play
Market Basket
MetroRock Newburyport
NH1 MotorPlex
Pizza Hut
Robin Nicholas: ARTastic PlayPlace and Sweet Snips
O’Neil Cinemas
John W. Parker
Story Land
Traci Thompson
Twin Lanterns Dairy Bar
Vision Max Cinema
Wal-Mart of Seabrook
Water Country
The Williams Family

Thanks to those who donated their time as well!

STORY TIMES!

Sign up for Baby-Toddler begins Tuesday, September 3rd. All other Story Time signups begin Tuesday, September 10th at 10 AM. You can sign up in person at the Library, over the phone at 926-3682, or via email at hamptonfalls.librarykids@gmail.com.

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is for newborns through age 2. It is held on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11 AM. It will begin on September 10th and run through December 17th. Siblings are welcome!

The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders will be held on **Tuesdays**. The program will run from 3 – 3:45 PM. It will begin on September 24th and run through December 10th. It will consist of snack, stories and a craft. **Space is limited.**

Story Times will be held on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2 PM and on Thursdays from 10:30 – 11 AM. They begin on Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th and will run until December 11th and 12th. **There will be no Story Times on November 27th and November 28th.**

Kindergarten Club! This is a Story Time JUST for those in Kindergarten. It will be held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM. **This program will begin on Wednesday, October 9th and run through December 11th.** It will consist of snack, stories and a craft. **Space is limited. There will be no Kindergarten Club on November 20th and 27th.**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS!

LEGO Club! Thursday, September 19th and October 17th from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten on up. The Legos will be provided (but they stay in the Library so we'll have them for the next program!). Come ready to use your imagination! Please sign up for each program individually in advance. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

“The Novel Ideas” 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group welcomes new members! The dates for the upcoming meetings are Wednesday, September 25th (a week later than usual) and Wednesday, October 16th. This group generally meets on the third Wednesday of the month. The discussion runs from 6:30 – 7:15 PM.

Yoga! The schedule is as follows:

K – 4th Grade: Thursdays, September 5th and October 3rd from 4 – 4:45 PM

Grades 5 – 8: Thursdays, September 5th and October 3rd from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or caregiver: Fridays, September 6th and October 4th from 10:30 – 11 AM.

Please sign up for each class individually in advance as space is limited.

Donations! We always welcome donations for the many crafts we do at the library and/or snacks for our programs. Craft ideas include construction paper, glue sticks, water colors, finger paints, colored tissue paper, tube socks (new), pipe cleaners, playdough etc. If there is something you don't see on the list that you would like to donate, please ask!

Also, if you have an idea for a program, please stop in and talk with me about your thoughts!

Thank you!

Leah Knowlton, Youth Services Librarian

Hampton Falls School District News
2019-2020 School Year
September/October 2019

School Board News

LAS Addition / Renovation Project

This Summer has been a whirlwind at the school. With the Addition / Renovation nearing its end it has been an 'all hands on deck' to get the project completed before the beginning of the new school year.

Late last year and earlier this year the school board recognized that we were going to have some tremendous cost savings in the project. This was due in part to Eckman Construction's aggressive bidding process along with our owner's Project Manager Trident's management of the project and our very mild winter.

With these cost savings the School Board decided to complete some additional much needed projects from the LAS Capital Improvement Plan. These projects included the renovation of the gym with a new gym floor, the creation of the cafeteria / flex space which included new windows for that part of the building, a new STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) room across from our science lab (The old band room) and a new parking lot with 86 new parking spaces.

Kudos to the Playground Committee for their endless work to fundraise, relocate, and build an outside learning and playing area.

As we entered the month of June there was a tremendous list of projects to be completed by the end of August. The Eckman Construction project managers have done a fantastic job getting this project completed on time.

During this same time Alan Lajoie - LAS Facilities Manager and his team have done a superb job working around the construction crews to complete their annual summer work. Because even with the construction work our Facilities team still needs to prepare the school for the new school year. They have done a fantastic job this summer.

As of this writing, we are on schedule to have the project completed and the school ready for the first day of school. The school administration, staff and school board are very excited about this upcoming school year. These are some exciting times at LAS and we are looking forward to the coming year.

We are planning a **ribbon cutting ceremony** which is open for our community to attend. The tentative scheduled date for this ceremony is **September 22, 2019**. Please keep your eyes and ears open for further details. We hope to see you there!

Back to School

The School Board would like to wish our returning teachers, staff, students, and their families a wonderful new school year!

We'd also like to welcome new families and staff to Lincoln Akerman School; Caroline Arakelian-SAU Executive Director of Student Services, David Hobbs-Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Melissa McKeon-Director of Special Education, Heather Boyd-Nurse, Judy Drake-Reading Specialist, Shannon Lundin-Music, Laura Wheeler-Guidance Counselor.

In addition to new staff, a new STEM course (science, technology, engineering, art and math) will be offered for students in grades 5-8 to complement the Maker Space Program for the younger students. This class will become part of the Unified Arts rotation of classes.

You can find more information on the LAS website along with announcements and news. Even those community members without students are welcome and encouraged to attend a school or community event.

Current Hampton Falls School Board Members

Greg Parish, Chair	gparish@sau21.org
Mark Lane, Vice Chair	mlane@sau21.org
John Bailly	jbailly@sau21.org
Greg Marrow	gmarrow@sau21.org
Pamela Miller	pmiller@sau21.org

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.

Current Hampton Falls Representative to the Winnacunnet School Board

David Gandt	dgandt@sau21.org
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Winnacunnet is off to a busy year, as usual. Sports have already begun as well as events to welcome students and families. Check the website for up to date information. The calendar will include happenings such as: Parent nights, Comic Book Fundraiser, and Trimester One Parent Conferences-Thursday, October 10, 2019.

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.