

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Nottingham School District Election Notice

*Submitted by Lorraine Ferland
Nottingham School District Clerk*

The following offices are open for election on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Nottingham Town Hall:

School District Moderator.....	1 year
School District Clerk.....	1 year
School District Treasurer.....	1 year
School Board Member.....	3 years
School Board Member.....	3 years

Any Nottingham resident who is a registered voter may file to be a candidate for any of the above offices beginning Wednesday, January 25, 2012 and ending Friday, February 3, 2012.

Declarations of candidacy will be taken by the Nottingham School District Clerk on Monday, January 30 and Wednesday, February 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the teachers' room at Nottingham School located at 245 Stage Road. On Friday, February 3, the last day of the filing period, declarations of candidacy will be accepted between 3 and 5 p.m. only in the teachers' room at Nottingham School located at 245 Stage Road.

Declarations of candidacy will also be taken by appointment. Call Lorraine Ferland, Nottingham School District Clerk, at 603-734-2774 for an appointment.

News from the Town Clerk

Submitted by Sandra Weston

Update: The Town Clerk will not be instituting the new one-check payment method for vehicle registrations announced in the last newsletter. Upon investigation, it was determined that the bank fees are prohibitive. Therefore, we will still require one check for the Town and a second check for the State.

Public Notice

The following Town of Nottingham positions are open for the March 13, 2012 town elections:

Selectmen	1 for 3 years
Town Clerk	1 for 3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	1 for 6 years
Cemetery Trustee	1 for 3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1 for 3 years, 1 for 1 year
Library Trustee	1 for 3 years
Planning Board Member	2 for 3 years, 1 for 1 year
Zoning Board Member	2 for 3 years
Budget Committee Member	3 for 3 years
	2 for 2 years, 2 for 1 year
Board of Assessors Member	1 for 3 years

RSA 669:19 and 652:2 establish the sign-up period as the open hours of the Town Clerk between January 25 and February 3, 2012. There will be extended sign-up hours on February 3, 2012 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office. To sign up for office, you must be a Nottingham resident and registered voter.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra W. Weston, Town Clerk



Brownie Troop 11321 helped out the Nottingham Food Pantry this holiday season. They wrapped and filled boxes with stocking stuffers for 17 families in need.

Supervisor of the Checklist

Submitted by Ruth Anne Fuller

I feel honored and privileged to serve out Peg Case's term as a Supervisor of the Checklist in Nottingham. When Peg resigned, I was asked to fill in. I am very aware of the responsibilities this position carries, and will take this very seriously.

When my husband Ron and I moved from Amesbury, Mass., to Nottingham in 2004, I began looking for opportunities to get involved in the community, meet residents, and form new relationships. After retiring from teaching in 2006, I was asked to be a Ballot Clerk, and accepted that position with pleasure. I loved being active in the voting process and serving Nottingham in that capacity. Our right and responsibility to vote is important to me, and I so enjoy the behind the scenes preparations that go along with that. I also started attending the Nottingham Women's Club meetings, and now serve as President of that organization. I have met many wonderful people and feel blessed to be an involved citizen of Nottingham, New Hampshire.

I graduated Plymouth State College with a BS in Elementary Education and received a Master of Education from Lesley University. My husband and I have been married for 41 years. We have three adult children and two grandchildren, ages 3 and 5. Spending time with family is our favorite thing to do!



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I taught at the elementary level for 35 years in Groveland, Mass., and have been retired for five years. In fact, I know of two former students from Groveland who are now residents of Nottingham! Recently I have begun to substitute at the Nottingham School, and love it!

It is an honor and privilege for me to serve in this position, and I intend to file papers to have my name on the ballot in March for the next term.

Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild

Submitted by Pat Vachon

The Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild is open to all with a cap of 35 members. The guild meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Blaisdell Memorial Library in Nottingham. New members are always welcome. You need not be an experienced quilter or a resident of Nottingham to join.

Great fun is had by doing the activities and projects the guild takes on. We offer classes, go to quilt shows, do an annual raffle quilt and have gone to a wonderful weekend retreat.

The guild provides three scholarships a year to school or other youth groups interested in quilting or other fiber art projects. If you have any questions about the guild or the scholarship program contact Pat Vachon at 679-8484.

Nottingham Community Church

As the Nottingham Community Church settles in for the winter months, our Rev. Ben Fowler is taking a couple of weeks off for a well deserved vacation. While he is gone, seminary student Betsy Tabor will be with us on January 5, and on January 15, Barbara Patton will lead a lay service. Then on January 22, Rev. Ben will be back with us for all our services through February. All Sunday services begin at 10 a.m.

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Nottingham Fire Rescue News: Press release from State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan

Are There Hidden Dangers In Your Home? Protect Your Family And Property And To Enjoy The Warmth Of New Hampshire's Renewable Energy Source Follow These Important Wood Heating Safety Tips:

The recent tragedy in Connecticut with the loss of three children and two adults to fire on Christmas day reminds us of how vulnerable we are in a fire. State Fire Marshal Bill Degnan and New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs President Corey Landry recommend taking the time to be alert to fire hazards in your home.

Chief Landry encourages home owners to make sure that combustible materials are kept at least 36 inches away from all heating devices and when cleaning out ashes from a fireplace or woodstove, place the ashes in a covered metal container that is set outside on dirt or concrete at least 36 inches away from buildings or combustible materials. Never set a bucket of ashes on a deck!

Fire Marshal Degnan stated heating fires are often the result of the improper use or maintenance of supplemental home heating appliances, such as wood stoves, coal stoves, and kerosene space heaters and are the leading cause of fire in New Hampshire. The use of these supplemental heating devices also increases the risk of dangerous accumulation of carbon monoxide in the home if not properly installed or maintained.

Both Degnan and Landry advise that it is critical that every home has at least one smoke detector on each floor level and a carbon monoxide alarm. The best protection for your family is smoke detectors in combination with automatic residential fire sprinklers. You also need to know what to do when the alarm sounds; every family should develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

For more information concerning home fire safety, contact the Nottingham Fire Rescue Department at 603-679-5666 or the State Fire Marshal's Office at 603-223-4289.

Chocolate Lovers Gift Basket Raffle

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

The Lindt Factory generously donated a basket of chocolate goodies for the Nottingham Reads program to raffle off just in time for Valentine's Day. The basket will be in the



library and tickets can be purchased there or at Nottingham School. There will also be a separate raffle for a Beanie Baby basket. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Nottingham Reads! was formed by a group of individuals looking to promote literacy in children not yet in school.

Our group consists of regular and special education teachers, as well as the town and school librarian and community members. We provide free books to children under the age of five in an effort to promote literacy and provide children with some reading building blocks upon entering kindergarten. Our proceeds will go to purchasing new books for the program. Thank you to Fred and Pam Schaaf for their recent donation to Nottingham Reads! All donation are gratefully accepted.



Nottingham Community Newsletter

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The Nottingham Community Newsletter is a community service and is published bimonthly and mailed to every Nottingham resident.

The deadline for the March/April newsletter is February 3, 2012. E-mail news to: blaisdellml@comcast.net. Be sure to include a name and contact number. Advertising size is 3.5-inches by 2-inches. Ads are \$20 for Nottingham residents and \$35 for non residents. E-mail ads to Carrie Bounds at carriegillis@comcast.net.

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~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

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Recreation Department News

Submitted by Janet Horvath

Recreation office hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The Recreation Department welcomes **Kate Sanderson**. If you haven't met Kate yet, stop in and say hello. Kate has a degree in Recreation Management and Policy from the University of New Hampshire and has experience in a few different recreation departments in the area as well as in North Carolina. She maintains several certifications in aquatics as well as CPR, AED and First Aid.



The first **Nottingham Day 2012 Committee** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7**, at 7 p.m. at the town offices. We cannot continue this huge event without more help.... NOT KIDDING. The committee has dwindled over the past few years and new ideas are needed. There is only one planning meeting a month, with some additional help needed just before, and during the event. Please get involved and help us continue this event.

The Valentine's Square Dance and Dessert Potluck is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, starting at 6:30 p.m. with dancing starting at 7 p.m. Dudley and Jacqueline Laufman will be here to call the dances and provide the fiddle music, making this a really unique event for families. Children, parents and grandparents can dance together and have a great time. Plan on joining us and dance the night away! Admission is a plate of dessert or fruit to share.

Nottingham resident **Margi Varnum** will be teaching **sewing classes** for beginners and beyond, right here in town! Learn how to sew (garment fitting and sewing) or get help finishing a project you've already started. This hands-on class covers sewing basics including pattern and fabric selection, pattern layout and pinning, cutting, fitting, interfacing, construction techniques, seam finishes and more. Four classes Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting February 21 at the community center. Class fee is \$50 and you must sign up as soon as possible. Class size is limited. You will need to bring your own sewing machine if possible, although a few will be available for use.

Let's get moving Nottingham! Sign up for exercise classes through the recreation department! Classes in **Zumba**, **Line Dancing** and **Tai Chi** are currently available for adults at the Old Town Hall. **Martial Arts** are available for ages four through adults and classes are held at the

Community Center. We also have pickup **Men's Basketball** and **Co-ed Volleyball** at the school.

Toddler Gym is on Thursdays at the Community Center. Children up to age 3 ½ are welcome at 10 a.m. for an hour of running, jumping, crawling and swinging. Preschool children ages 3 ½ to 6 can come play games and activities at 1 p.m. Admission is a \$2 donation per class.

Seniors, are you on our mailing list? We have two celebrations during the year as well as monthly potluck lunches and occasional van trips. If you would like information on upcoming events, we can add you to our mailing list or to our email list. Please let us know.

Are you on our email newsletter list yet? If you want to know about upcoming events and deadlines for the Recreation Department programs, please contact us at recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov. The e-mail list will be used for our purposes only, and will not be sold or distributed to anyone.

Library Teen Advisory Group Forming

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

High school students, who enjoy using the library for reading and more, are invited to join our new Teen Advisory Group at the library. The group will become a part of the library's planning process by organizing activities for teens, suggesting titles and movies and sharing ideas and opinions. The group will hold its first meeting on Sunday, February 19 at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Volunteer time will be eligible for community service hours. If you are interested in the group but can't attend the meeting, call the library at 679-8484.

Writers Group

Anyone interested in joining a writers group for children please contact B. Patton at babspatton@myfairpoint.net.

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Are You Talking to Me? The Language of Cats and Dogs

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Have you ever wondered what your pet was trying to say to you? Dog and cats are talking to us all the time, but unfortunately their message often is lost in translation. Miscommunication leads to poor training, behavior problems like aggressive behavior, and fatal blows to the human-animal bond. On Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m., Dr. Michelle Posage from UNH will be at the Blaisdell Memorial Library to give this review of canine and feline communication. She will discuss how dogs and cats use scent, vocalization, and body language to relate to each other and to us.

Dr. Michelle Posage enjoys talking about dogs and cats almost as much as she loves being around them. She holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State University, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology with concentrations in neurobiology and animal behavior, also from MSU. She teaches small animal behavior in the Applied Animal Science Department at Thompson School and is a practicing veterinary behaviorist at the Animal Medical Center of New England where she accepts referrals from other veterinarians and animal professionals to treat serious behavior issues in dogs and cats. Dr. Posage has published her research on animal shelter adoptions in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical

Association and is a contributing author for the books, Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff and Mental Health and Well-being in Animals. Subscribers enjoy her monthly Pet Column in the Nashua Telegraph.

Daisy Troop 13041 Collecting for NHSPCA

Submitted by Caryn Anderson

Daisy Troop 13041 will be collecting items to donate to the NHSPCA. Donation drop off boxes are available at the Blaisdell Memorial Library, Nottingham Town Office Building and Nottingham School through February 10.

The NHSPCA has communicated that they are in desperate need of canned pet food, cat litter, gently used towels and blankets. Other items in need can be found on the following web page: www.nhspca.org. Please help support the girls efforts and the animals with a small donation.

House on the Bay

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

The Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library have received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to present "House on the Bay: Life on 17th Century New Hampshire's Coastal Frontier". The program will be presented on Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m. at the Blaisdell Memorial Library.

One of Great Bay's most prominent families during the latter part of the 17th century was the Wiggin family. Recently a team of archaeologists discovered the home of Thomas Wiggin, Jr. This illustrated talk by Neill DePaoli will show what has been learned about life on the New Hampshire seacoast at this time.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 679-8484.



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Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Congratulations Nottingham! Since the fall of 2010, the Commission, as agents for the town and the Board of Selectmen, has been in discussions with property owners to purchase two properties along the North River. While these parcels are already protected by Wetland Reserve Program conservation easements, fee ownership additionally benefits the town by allowing for public access and direct stewardship rights. A public hearing was held on December 21 per RSA 36-A: 5 to allow the public to speak to the purchase. All but one who spoke were in support. At the January 3 Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board voted two to one in favor to purchase these two properties.

The Commission had previously approved that money from the Town's Conservation Fund (non property tax revenue) would be spent for this purpose. For \$50,636, the Town will buy 93.42 acres including approximately 1.25 miles of river frontage. (A portion of the purchase price will be returned to the Conservation Fund by the LUCT levy on the subdivision of one of the parcels.)

With the addition of these properties there will be an almost unbroken corridor of town owned and conservation easement properties from the Freeman Hall crossroads to the Town Center District with the potential for a trail system for passive recreation.

The WRP pays 100% of restoration costs including initial control of invasive species. There is no further obligation of the town to continue any invasive species management beyond that of any private landowner. The Commission intends to be an active participant in the restoration phase and envisions that these properties will provide additional public enjoyment.

With autumn leaf fall and the return of colder weather to keep ticks at bay, the Commission recently conducted easement monitoring walks on properties for which the town holds the primary conservation interest. Nineteen

properties in the Highlands development on Route 4 have deed restrictions on part of their parcels in order to promote resource protection for nearby wetlands and the Little River watershed. Members of the Commission were pleased to note that all property owners but two were in compliance with the restrictions. Follow up letters were sent to all nineteen owners and their tenants. Four other privately owned properties were monitored as well: Mendum's Landing Association, two parcels along Route 4, the Friend property off Route 156, the Terninko parcel along Case Road and the Kimball Family Forest property on Freeman Hall Road, now owned in fee by Bear-Paw Regional Greenways.

Please continue to support conservation on your properties by reducing your footprint for the benefit of wildlife and our natural resources.

Nottingham Theatre Project Announces Auditions

Submitted by Sue Sigglelakis

Auditions for Nottingham Theatre Project's spring musical will be held on Tuesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Nottingham School in the music room. Choose either date. Young people ages 10 -18 are eligible to audition.

Show dates are April 20, 21 and 22 , 2012. If you are interested in a major role, please bring a song to sing as well as the sheet music. If you do not bring a song, one will be provided for you. Participants should be prepared to sing and read a short script passage.


A good online source for downloadable sheet music on the Web is musicnotes.com You can enter the song you want into a search engine, choose the best key for yourself, and download a copy for \$5. For more information or questions, contact Sue Sigglelakis: sjs2@cisunix.unh.edu or jeffpcaron@comcast.net.

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Planning Board News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Several cases have been considered by the Board in the past few months. An application for a propane tank depot has been referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a zoning consideration, per advice of town counsel. A site plan review for a mud bog racetrack adjacent to Route 4 was denied without prejudice when the applicant failed to appear. A site plan for an educational farm on Deerfield Road was approved as were three subdivision applications for Ledge Farm Road (20 new lots), Merry Hill Road (5 new lots) and Priest Road (1 new lot). An additional subdivision application of a 154 acre parcel between Friar Tuck Lane and Oakridge Road is still in progress.

The Master Plan Committee continues to work with Mr. Jack Mettee of Mettee Planning Consultants to update the Town's Master Plan as directed by RSA 674:1. At the time of this report, two chapters have been completed and approved by the Board, four additional chapters will be reviewed by the Board at the first January meeting, two other chapters require minor edits before submitting to the Board leaving only one topic chapter and the final "summary" chapter to be completed by the committee. Additionally, the Board continues to review the Zoning Ordinance with assistance from Mr. Mettee. As a result of the work this year several warrant articles will appear in the March 2012 Warrant with the remaining revisions to be completed and ready for the residents' votes in March 2013.

There will be positions open for Board membership in the 2012 elections, two three-year positions and one one-year position. And, at present, there are alternate positions available by appointment by the Board.

Antique Valentines Display

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Come to the library from February 1 -14 to see a collection of antique valentines and make an old fashioned valentine of your own to give to someone special. The display and craft will be available during regular library hours. No need to register.



Nottingham Science Fair coming soon!

Submitted by Ellen Lapiejko

This year, all Nottingham students in grades K-8 will again be invited to participate in a Science Fair on March 9. Students can choose one of two types of projects: Experimental or Research. At the fair, students will display their findings and older students will also talk with judges about what they learned.

We are looking for volunteers to help make the Science Fair a success. If you, or someone you know, has a science background and might be interested in being a mentor to students working on projects, or would like to be a judge for the younger or older student projects, assist with general set up, or even organize an afterschool science fair preparation session, please contact Ellen Lapiejko at elapiejko@nottingham.k12.nh.us or at Nottingham School 679-5632x86.

Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation to help support the Science Fair, please contact the school. Any help is appreciated.

Family, friends and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the public Science Fair exhibit at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9, at Nottingham School, 245 Stage Rd. Come learn some interesting science facts and support the students!

For additional information on the science fair please visit our new web site at: <https://sites.google.com/a/nottingham.k12.nh.us/nottingham-school-science-fair/home> or go to the home page of Nottingham School to find the link to the web site.

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