

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Zoning Board of Adjustments

Submitted by Lisa Sears

Do you want to get involved? The ZBA has openings for alternate members. It's a great way to "get your feet wet" and support our town. The ZBA meets on Tuesday nights (as needed) at the municipal building. Come and sit in on a meeting and see how you can get involved. Contact our office 679-9597 or the town website for the next meeting date and time.

Nottingham Women's Club News

Submitted by Dottie White and Phyllis I. Rehill

Kathleen Cinfo of Little River Road in Nottingham was the lucky winner of our raffle for the wooden chest, hand-painted by Joyce Dale. We want to thank all of the folks who gave us their generous support again this year. A special thanks to Cynthia Smerden for selling raffle tickets at her establishment "Curves" on Route 125.

The scholarship fund is doing well. We presented a check to a Nottingham student at our potluck supper on June 16. Congratulations to Caitlin Bush for winning the 2008 Women's Club Scholarship. Caitlin will be a junior at UNH. Her field of study is psychology/justice studies.

Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild

Submitted by Pat Vachon

The Pawtuckaway Piecer's Junior Guild visited us in June to share what they accomplished with their scholarship money. They made a beautiful quilt with Girl Scout Troop #11068. The quilt was raffled off raising \$745 in donations shared by the Nottingham Food Pantry, Cocheco Valley Humane Society and the Salvation Army. If anyone is interested in our scholarships, please contact the guild.

Work continues on our raffle quilts, which will be showing up around town and at various quilt shows.

The guild meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Blaisdell Memorial Library. New members are always welcome.

Planning Board

Submitted by Lisa Sears

The Planning Board has openings for alternate members. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month, with workshops as needed. It's a great way to see how our town is growing and contribute to the planning of your town! Contact our office 679-9597 or the town website for the next meeting date and time.

Public Notice

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet for work sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 22, at 1 p.m.
Tuesday, August 12, at 1 p.m.
Thursday, September 11, at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 14, at 1 p.m.
Thursday, November 6, at 9:30 a.m.

New registrations, corrections and removals can be done at these sessions. Supervisors of the Checklist are:

Laura L. Clement
Peg A. Case
Terry A. Delp



Members of the Pawtuckaway Piecers Junior Guild display their quilt.

Musical Variety Show

Submitted by Laurie Legard

All are welcome to enjoy the twelfth annual Nottingham Musical Variety Show on Nottingham Square, Thursday evening, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. Come and hear some of Nottingham's talented musical performers. Ice cream sundaes and cold beverages will be sold to help cover show expenses. In the case of inclement weather this event will be held inside at the Community Center.

Selectmen Establish Assessing Advisory Committee

Submitted by John McSorley

At the January 7, 2008, Selectmen's Meeting, Nottingham Selectmen set in motion the establishment of a volunteer committee whose responsibility it would be to study assessing issues in the Town of Nottingham and to make recommendations for their improvement. After holding interviews at workshops on February 26, 2008, and February 28, 2008, the Selectmen made their five-committee member selections during their regularly scheduled meeting of March 3, 2008. It was a stated goal of the selectmen that "...an advisory assessing committee should be formed with a cross section of members from all areas of Town if possible..." (From January 7, 2008, Selectmen's Meeting). Two alternate committee members were selected at the March 17, 2008 Selectmen's Meeting.

It is the purpose of this article to introduce the members of the committee (all Nottingham residents) and give a brief overview of the committee's mission and its activities to date.

Chairman John McSorley is retired from the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration, Property Appraisal Division. During his 20-year career with the department, he had experience in all phases of assessing and mass appraisal and served as the division's assistant director from 1998 until his retirement in January of 2008.

Secretary Jeff Gurrier has worked in the information technology field for 20 years and is now in quality assurance for the aviation industry.

Member Lisa Stevens has worked in the municipal administration field for many years having worked for the towns of Nottingham and Deerfield. Currently she is the town administrator in Chichester.

Member Andrea Lewy has spent 20 years in the field of assessing and is currently the full time assessor in Stratham and also serves as contract assessor in Newton.

Member June Proko has been a realtor for 32 years.

Alternate member Bonnie Winona Whittemore, a former marketing director of a home building business, also served as president and managing broker of Winona Properties, Inc. After that she became a certified yoga teacher. She now raises organic heirloom tomato plants and devotes energy to citizen action for the environment and human rights.

Alternate member Skip Seaverns has been involved in town government for many years.

We believe that this mix of people brings a high level of experience in different, but often associated, ways to the committee. The committee is also balanced by including two members who reside on Lake Pawtuckaway and three who do not live on the Lake as well as two alternate members who also do not reside on the Lake. This is consistent with the selectmen's desire to have a cross section of members serve on the committee.

The committee had its first meeting on March 13, 2008, where election of a chairman took place and major discussion of what should be the purpose and mission of the committee. Following much discussion, the Mission Statement was finalized April 7, 2008, and reads:

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Nottingham Advisory Assessing Committee Mission Statement

Authority

Pursuant to the passing of WARRANT ARTICLE 6: "To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to adopt uniform assessment methods and criteria to be used for evaluations of all property within the Town's borders." at the December 15, 2007, Special Town Meeting, the Nottingham Board of Selectmen, on March 3, 2008, formed the five-member Advisory Assessing Committee.

Mission

The mission of the committee is to collaborate with, communicate with and educate the taxpayers of Nottingham to promote public confidence in the property tax system.

Goal

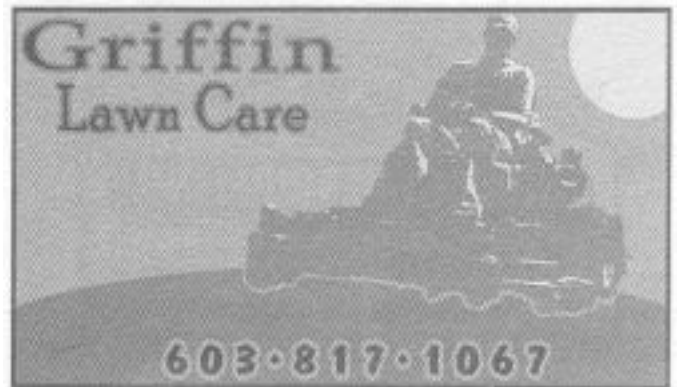
The goal of the committee will be to ensure fair and equitable property assessments through a transparent, logical and explainable assessing process by recommending assessing policies, and establishing assessing and appraising standards.

Since establishing the mission and goal of the committee, we have turned our attention to more specific issues such as setting tax policies regarding better public relations, general taxpayer education programs regarding the assessing process, how individuals may be affected and more comprehensive and effective oversight of those with whom the Town has contracted to perform those assessing functions. Incidentally, Nottingham has recently hired a new contract-assessing firm. They are the firm of Commerford, Nieder and Perkins (CNP for short) located in Chichester.

We are also anticipating the election of a new Board of Assessors as approved by voters on article 3 of this year's town election ballot. The creation and subsequent election of members to this new board at the 2009 town

election will effectively relieve the Board of Selectmen of their duties as assessors and place that responsibility squarely in the hands of the new Board of Assessors. The Assessing Advisory Committee sees much of its responsibility now in providing guidance on sound tax policy and providing assistance, at least initially, to the Board of Assessors in any way it can.

The committee's meeting minutes may be found on the Nottingham town website at: http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_BComm/assessing. It is the committee's intention to keep Nottingham property owners and taxpayers informed of our activities not only by making minutes of our meetings available online but also by holding public meetings on alternating Monday nights from Selectmen's Meetings in Conference Room #2 in the Nottingham Town Office Building at 7:15 p.m. We also intend to publish articles regarding our progress in this Nottingham Newsletter as often as possible. It is the committee's hope that continued efforts in improving lawful property tax policy will not only improve equity in Nottingham's overall assessments but also will improve public awareness of those policies and achieve the goal of "...ensure fair and equitable property assessments through a transparent, logical and explainable assessing process by recommending assessing policies, and establishing assessing and appraising standards." It is our hope that this should result in restoring public confidence and trust in the property tax system in our town.



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Summer 2008 Fire Rescue News

A written permit is required for all outdoor burning. We post no burning restrictions on the door, and if you call during business hours, we will let you know if you are able to burn, and when you can come to the station to apply for a permit. We are also working on a new sign that will be on a post in the yard shortly. On days when conditions are unsafe for outdoor burning, the sign will say, "No burning permits today."

Our hours are Monday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 6 a.m to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 4 to 5 p.m. Feel free to call us with any questions at 679 5666. Please leave a message if we are unavailable, and someone will return your call as soon as we are able.

If you want to maintain your seasonal burn permit, or get an inspection for a seasonal location, contact the fire station and speak with Captain Trumbull or Lieutenant


Elliott. We also require you to call and leave a message each day that you plan to use your seasonal permit, so that you can be placed on the daily burn list which is maintained by our dispatch center.

Be careful with all outside fires as the ground is still very dry and fires can spread quickly and burn deep. Outdoor fires must not be left unattended and need to have a water source capable of reaching the fire. No fire can be located closer than 50 feet to any building. A full set of rules and regulations is available at the fire station.

We continue to work on landscaping at the new station. We would like to thank the members of the Nottingham Police Department, Wynn and Linda Varney, and Dennis Tuttle, Sr., for their gracious donations resulting in placement of the new sign marking our location. We were also pleased to receive a donation of 15 lilacs from the Governors Lilac and Wildflower Commission. These have been planted on the grounds as well.

The Department will sponsor a blood drive on August 19 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Nottingham Community Center. Please help by giving the gift of life and donate blood!

The new ambulance is due to arrive late in June and we look forward to getting it into service.



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A Progress Report from the Nottingham School Board

Submitted by Dr. Jack Caldon, Chairman of Nottingham School Board; Approved by Nottingham School Board on June 4, 2008

The 2007-08 school year has been a very busy and productive time for the Nottingham School Board and Administration. A major effort was initiated for developing the 2008-09 school budget that included items such as: a contract for paraprofessionals, a new special education teaching position, technology upgrades, curriculum and instructional development, and building improvements. The Nottingham School Board and Administration are very thankful to the community for their support in passing the budget.

We are pleased to announce that David O'Brien, a retired UNH associate professor, was elected to the School Board in March. Board member Amy Plante was re-elected to the school board and selected to serve on the New Hampshire School Boards Association Board of Directors. Also, Jack Caldon was chosen as vice-chairman for the SAU#44 Joint School Board.

In September 2007, the Nottingham School Board adopted goals in the following categories to continue to improve the instruction and support of our students: (1) Educational Standards, (2) High School Educational Programs, (3) Student achievement/Curriculum, (4) Financial/Facilities planning, and (5) Communication. Listed below is the current status of each.

First, Educational Standards. We look at how to improve our instructional programs as required by federal and state rules and regulations. The hiring of a new special education teacher will improve and support the compliance to special education regulations, as well as allow for more program options. Revisions to the Nottingham School Emergency Plan and the budget approval for an electric generator setup will improve emergency management procedures. Also, Charles Grossman will be the truant office to monitor attendance, as required by state law.

Second, High School Educational Programs. We have a comprehensive transition process for our students at Dover High School and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. This past year, board member Joan Breault served as liaison to this project for which a sample of students reported their experiences to the board in April. Lorraine Ferland will continue this very important work next year.

Third, Student Achievement/Curriculum. The Nottingham staff has concluded a yearlong study/reflection on reading instruction with the selection of a

core reading program to be implemented this fall. Also, a reading program will be offered this summer targeting instruction for qualifying students.

Fourth, Financial/Facilities. We have received the Assessment of Educational Facility Needs from Dr. Mark Joyce of the NH School Administrators Association. The complete document is available on the school web site. As a follow-up to this assessment, an architectural/engineering study is being conducted. This will provide an analysis of the school structure and systems.

Fifth, Communication. The Board and Administration remain committed to improving consistent, ongoing communication with Nottingham residents. We feel that the revised school website, which includes up-to-date information and ease of access, is a great improvement. The Knightly News, The Forum, and the Nottingham Community Newsletter should continue to be valued sources of information.

Also, please be reminded that School Board meetings are held in the school library on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, and are televised on channel 22. Please contact either the Nottingham Elementary School at 679-5632, SAU#44 office at 942-1290, or Dr. Jack Caldon at 895-6084 if you have a concern or suggestion.



Nottingham Community Newsletter

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~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Cub Scouts Pack 167

Submitted by Cathy DeButts

The beginning of May started out with a camping weekend for our Webelos. Cubmaster Ken Chaput took the Scouts and their parents to Pawtuckaway State Park for a fun filled weekend packed with everything you could imagine, from hiking to the fire tower, using compasses, cooking over an open fire and performing first aid to a broken ankle. Many of these scouts earned their Witling Chip, and finished the Leave No Trace Award while on this camp out. A great big thank you to our Cub Master for taking the time and teaching these Scouts so many skills.

On May 18 Pack 167 participated in their annual Crossover. We had 3 Webelos; Colton Rush, Luke Scates and James Morrill earning their "Arrow of Light". This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. This was long journey with a lot of hard work and was well deserved. Congratulations! After receiving this award all three Scouts crossed over to Nottingham's Boy Scout Troop 167. Two of our Leaders Amy Scates and Lisa Rush crossed over as well and we wish them all the best.

Thanks to Mike and Melissa St. Jean for the wonderful food they cooked for us and to all the parents that brought something to eat. The rest of the Pack crossed over to their next level and also welcomed our new Den 1 Tiger Cubs. Dan DeButts has volunteered to be the Den 1 Tiger Den Leader. This will be his second journey through Cub Scouts as a leader. Many other awards have been earned by Scouts and awarded. Good job this year Cub Scouts!

This summer 13 of our Scouts will be attending Camp Carpenter on June 22-26. We also have a Den Chief Heath Rohr from Boy Scout Troop 167 that will be tagging along to help the leaders- Cubmaster Ken Chaput, Bear Leader Corrie Cantwell and Tiger Leader Dan DeButts-that have volunteered to take our scouts to camp. Camp Carpenter is a great time!

On July 22 a few of the Scouts will be attending the Fisher Cats game followed by a camp out on the field with snacks and movie. In the month of August a "Friends of Scouting" fishing tournament will be hosted by Dan and Cathy DeButts. The Bubba Bassin Federation sponsors this event every year and enjoys working with all the scouts and their families. There will be an official tournament with a weigh in and trophies for all the scouts and siblings who participate. This event is rain or shine!

Pack 167 is looking for parents interested in helping their scout to enjoy a successful, fun year in scouting. If you're interested in joining Scouting or have questions please call Cathy DeButts at 895-9712.

Nottingham Day 2008

Submitted by Lisa Kennard

The Nottingham Day Committee is pleased to invite everyone to celebrate Nottingham Day on Saturday, September 20, 2008, with a rain date of Sunday, September 21. Join us this year at the Nottingham School, on Rt. 152, for a day filled with fun for the whole family!

Nottingham Day kicks off with the annual 5K Fun/Run/Walk beginning at 9 a.m. at the school. The First Annual Cupcake Contest seeks entrants of all ages from Nottingham and surrounding towns, free of charge, and with prizes awarded. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., commune with townfolk and neighbors, visit a petting zoo and challenge yourself on a climbing wall. Many local crafters, businesses and organizations will be selling crafts, food, and handing out information.

A variety of games for all ages will be accompanied by entertainment throughout the day. Scheduled to perform are Nottingham residents Tom Hall at 11 a.m. and Carol Coronis at 4 p.m. Help support the future of Nottingham Day by taking chances on a Nintendo Wii hardware/software system to be raffled near the end of the day. Or place some bids at the silent auction-donations are still being accepted in the Recreation Department office for the auction. Other events and booths are still in the planning stages. If you are interested in helping plan or volunteering for part of the event, please let us know.

Nottingham Congregational Christian Church

34 Raymond Road, Nottingham

603-679-8519, Pastor "Ed" Whitman

A search committee has been established for the purpose of finding a permanent pastor for the church. If you know of any potential candidates for the extremely important role, please contact the church.

Come join us for our regular worship services every Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. through the summer months. The church has a warm, inviting atmosphere for all. The church also hosts many other programs, including LAUNCH program for youths fourth to seventh grade, one Saturday evening per month; and OASIS program for teens, one Friday evening per month. Many other programs are listed on our newly designed website at www.nottinghamchurch.org.

Vacation Bible School will be held August 4 through 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. It is offered for children ages five to those who are exiting sixth grade. The theme this year is "Son World Adventure," an amazing world of adventure where kids learn how making the choices makes all the difference! Details can be found at www.gospellightvbs.com/sonworld.

Nottingham Day 2008 Participation Form

Nottingham Elementary School, September 20, 2008 (rain date Sept. 21, 2008)

Please fill out this form completely and return to the Recreation Department, P.O Box 114, 139 Stage Road, Nottingham, NH 03290. Checks should be made payable to the "Town of Nottingham." Spaces are 10' x 10' and may be on any type of surface depending on where your space is located. All are accessible by car for set-up and take-down, but **no vehicles will be allowed to drive through the vendor/display area between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Recycle bins/trash receptacles will be provided.

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Other _____ (\$15 through 7/1; \$25 after)

Please describe the contents of your booth: _____

Special Requests: _____

I/We will be participating in Nottingham Day on September 20, 2008, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m, an outdoor event with a rain date of September 21, 2008, held at the Nottingham Elementary School. In consideration for the booth space provided, I/we _____ agree to abide by the direction and instructions of the Nottingham Day Committee. I/We will be solely responsible for my/our equipment, supplies, valuables and cash. I/We release the Town of Nottingham, the Nottingham Elementary School, the Nottingham Day Committee and all their employees and volunteers, of responsibility for any damage to or loss/theft of my/our personal belongings. I/We also agree to fully clean up and place all trash in receptacles and remove my/our own equipment from my/our assigned site by 5 p.m. on the day of the event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Business/Organization _____

Bear-Paw Spring Migration Birdwalk


Submitted by Daniel Kern

Almost 30 people who gathered on a recent Saturday morning at the Reservation Road crossing of the interstate electric transmission corridor in Deerfield may have thought it was a strange place for a Bear-Paw Regional Greenways nature walk. It wasn't long, however, before bird calls and the sighting of many species showed the value that the early succession shrubby habitat below the power lines provides.

Tour leader Davis Finch, Bear-Paw member and expert birder, first identified prairie warbler and chestnut-sided warbler calls for the group as they stood quietly in the light early morning rain. Hikers soon spotted both birds flitting from the woods at the clearing edges to the low bushes in the clearing. An Eastern towhee sat on the tip of a small cedar tree and repeated his call as the group passed closely by. A catbird briefly shared his tree, and small birds dived for lower cover as a red tailed hawk swooped between the power line poles and came to rest at the top of a white pine. The hawk posed for minutes giving a clear view of his rusty tail.

The hawk departed and smaller birds again became visible. The watchers pointed out to each other a song sparrow, yellow warbler, and Baltimore oriole. Davis called our attention to the "teacher, teacher" call of the oven bird in the woods, and the call of the evening grosbeak, a bird far less common now than it was in the past, but present along the power line that morning. Even without binoculars it was easy to see grackles, turkey vultures, and red-winged blackbirds using the area below and around the transmission corridor.

Davis Finch pointed out that with the continuing maintenance through these corridors they form a consistent habitat of low early succession growth. That morning there was evidence of recent brush cutting, but many low shrubs remained intact. According to Elizabeth LaRocca of PSNH, herbicides have not been used in the corridors they maintain since the mid 1980s and trimmers work to leave berry-bearing shrubs for wildlife.



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Bear-Paw Regional Greenways

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For information about how to become a member, land protection options for landowners, or volunteering with the land trust, please contact Daniel Kern at Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, Post Office Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037, 603 463-9400, or info@bear-paw.org. You can also visit their website at www.bear-paw.org.

Once Upon A Time In A Pung

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

If you lived in West Nottingham near Seth Dame in the late 1800's and early 1900's, you might take your "pung" out on a snowy day and wear your "wristers". You might be going to Northwood to buy some "ice dogs" or a "Chicago kip" or you might be going to a "pound party" or a "box party" or to a "Whist" party and dance at the Grange Hall or at Freeman Hall. In warmer weather you might be working at home on your "lutheran window" or "fitting the wood" for winter or going for a ride in your "democrat wagon" - it would be a busy and different life you'd be living, but what were all those things you were doing?

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Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan Mooney

Nottingham has applied for an Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) grant through the Housing and Conservation Planning Program (HCPP). Grant funds will enable communities to purchase technical planning assistance to create a balanced local housing supply with protection of key natural and historic areas. Although interested communities submitted their applications in early April and expected a response to their applications by the end of that month there has been a delay at the state level. It is assumed that we will now be notified at the end of this fiscal year, June 30. For information about this program, please visit the OEP web site at www.nh.gov/oep/programs/hcpp/.

Recycle, recycle, recycle! It is good for the environment and generates revenue for Nottingham. The costs for waste disposal are rapidly increasing due in great part by the steep rapid fuel prices for transportation. At Town Meeting it was mentioned that community participation in the Town's recycling program was only slightly above 40 percent. Aluminum beverage cans, newspaper, cardboard, plastic, mixed paper, light iron (metals) and batteries all generate revenue for the Town. In 2007, these materials brought in over \$19,600. Aluminum cans sold for a total of \$5,416, followed by plastics at \$4,667 and cardboard at \$3,478. At the present, aluminum cans bring in \$0.41 a pound!

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) (what is thrown away in clear plastic bags) and Construction and Demolition materials combined, cost Nottingham over \$81,000 in hauling and disposal fees. In the 2007 Town Report, Report of Recycling Activity in 2007, it states that the facility hopes to reduce the (2007) 605 tons of MSW to 500-550 in 2008. This can only be accomplished with the cooperation of residents. In addition, there is information at the Recycling Center about composting that can be done at home. Compostables are a significant percentage of what many throw away as MSW.

The Conservation Commission (NCC) hosted a Land Protection and Estate Planning Workshop at the Blaisdell Public Library in May. This program was conducted by UNH Cooperative Extension and Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, the area Conservation Trust, and is offered a couple times a year in this area of the state for landowners who are interested in this information. Participants learned how land value reductions due to conservation easement/land protection can actually "reward" landowners by qualifying for federal income tax deductions over many years, (16 years at present).

Members of the NCC will again participate in the River Quality Testing program sponsored by the Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA). The state conducts a Volunteer River Assessment Program through DES that collects and compiles data from all of these testing sites throughout the state. Reports for 2005, 2006 and 2007 are available in the Planning Office. There are currently 20 sites in the LRWA area, including three in Nottingham that are regularly tested throughout the summer. If you would like to be a volunteer for this study please contact the NCC.

Meetings are held every second Monday of the month, at 7:00 PM in the Planning Board Office. The Nottingham Natural Resource Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30, if there is additional work to be done. All meetings are open to the public and the NCC welcomes your participation.

Nottingham Farmers' Market

Come visit the Nottingham Farmers' Market in the library parking lot for fresh local produce on Sundays, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. There are plants, flowers, honey, maple syrup and fruits and vegetables in season.



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Summer Reading at the Library

Earn Tickets to a Fisher Cats Game: Through the Fidelity Investments *Hit the Books* summer reading program, children who read five or more books over the summer can complete a form to receive two free tickets to the August 12 Fisher Cats vs. the Harrisburg Senators game. Forms are available at the library.

G'Day for Reading: Blaisdell Memorial Library Summer Reading Program 2008

Ages 4 through students entering grade four: Join us for an Australian adventure traveling down under through books, crafts and games. This program is designed to keep students reading all summer long with incentives, prizes and fun. There are weekly workshops to attend or just come in each week and get some great books to read. Visit www.nottinghamlibrary.org under activities for details. You must pre-register by calling the library at 679-8484.

Next year's 5th and 6th graders: Dive into the Great Barrier Reef, this summer, at the Town Library on Wednesdays, July 9-30, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Read an exciting book, join in fun Group Challenges–scavenger hunts, art activities and more—and learn a few facts about the Earth's largest living thing. Call 679-8484 to sign-up.

Students entering grade 7 and up: This summer come and explore the Australian Dreamtime at the Blaisdell Memorial Library's Summer Theatre Adventure! On Wednesday nights from July 9 to August 14 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., we will discover the use of storytelling and shadow puppets to recreate a traditional Aboriginal story from the Dreamtime! No experience necessary, just bring your imagination. Space is limited; sign up at the library.

The Reading Challenge for Adults (both young and old): Help motivate the children in town to read this summer by competing with them to see which group can read the most minutes. Adults who read library books and complete a quick review form will receive raffle tickets for our raffle prizes. The contest begins July

8 and will end on the last day of summer reading, August 14. For more information, call the library at 679-8484.

Library Museum Passes: Summer is a great time to visit some local museums. The Blaisdell Memorial Library offers passes to the Canterbury Shaker Village, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, The SEE Science Center, Currier Gallery of Art, the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Call the library at 679-8484 to reserve a pass.

Genealogy at the Library: Thanks to a generous donation the library now has a number of reference books for the new genealogy shelf. Some of these books are excellent sources for beginning your search for your ancestors. We also offer access to Ancestry Library Edition and Proquest's Genealogy and Local History Collection. We are hoping to develop an e-mail list of people who would be interested in getting together to work on techniques for genealogical research. Please send your name to the library at blaisdellml@comcast.net if you are interested.

World Book Encyclopedia On Line

The library now has a subscription to World Book Encyclopedia On-line with free remote access for library patrons. To access the subscription go to www.nottinghamlibrary.org and click on the Links tab on the left, then click on World Book Online. Contact the library for your user card number. If you use overdrive, you may use the same library card number.

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Recreation Department News

Submitted by Janet Horvath, 679-3435
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The Recreation Department has worked with Collette Vacations to tentatively put together a trip to Hawaii for January 15-24, 2009. This trip is open to anyone and may be a way for some people (especially single seniors) to be able to travel. There is a minimum of 10 required or the trip will be cancelled. Rates range from \$3849 to \$3899 to \$5499 per person depending on triple, double or single occupancy including airfare, hotel, some tours/events and some meals. Trip insurance, balance of meals and additional excursions would be extra. Please call the Recreation Department if you are interested in receiving more information.

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Another Nottingham Night at the Fisher Cats is planned for Saturday, August 16, at 7:05 p.m. against the Altoona Curve, the affiliate of the Pirates. Grandstand tickets are \$5 and must be ordered before July 11. Transportation to Manchester is **not** included.

The summer recreation program for kids starts July 7 and runs through August 22. Activities include art, nature, sports, swimming, crafts, puppetry, tie-dye, community service and trips. We are set for a summer full of fun – see you at camp!

We will once again be sponsoring the Challenger British Soccer Camp here in Nottingham July 14-18. Check out Challenger’s website for more information and to register online at www.challengersports.com.

We have discount tickets for Water Country on sale again this year. The price this year is \$24, a savings of almost \$11 off the regular price. These tickets are available at the Recreation Office during regular office hours and they have no expiration date.

Lamprey River Senior Transportation service is planning a trip on the MS Mount Washington around Lake Winnepesaukee in July or August. Cost of the trip will be \$5 plus the cost of the boat ride. Call the office for the details as they were still being worked out at press time.

Recreation office summer hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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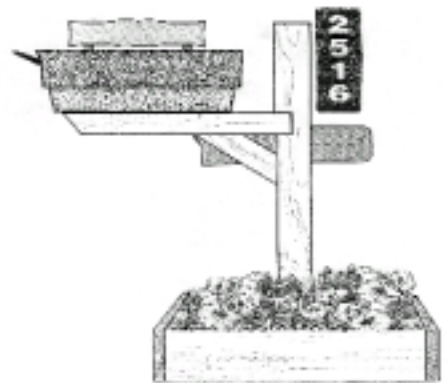


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