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Nottingham School Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be five years old by September 2008 and you would like him or her to attend Nottingham School Kindergarten, call the school office at 679-5632.

Nottingham children born between October 1, 2001 and September 30, 2002 are required by law to enter school in September 2008. If your child did not attend Nottingham Kindergarten, please notify the office. We will send a registration packet for entry to first grade for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Nottingham School District Election Notice

*Submitted by Arthur Stockus
Nottingham District School Clerk*

The following have declared their candidacy for election on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2008, at the Nottingham Town Hall:

School District Moderator	1 for 1 year Bob Davidson
School District Clerk	1 for 1 year Arthur Stockus
School District Treasurer	1 for 1 year Cheryl Travis
School Board Member	2 for 3 years Dave O'Brien Amy S. Plante

These candidates have been certified by the Nottingham School District Clerk.

Candidates Night

The Nottingham PTA is sponsoring a Candidates Night on Thursday, March 6 at Nottingham School at 7 p.m. All candidates are invited to attend. Come find out about the people running for office.

Your Vote is Needed at Town Meeting March 15!

Town of Nottingham Election Notice

Submitted by Sandra Weston

The following persons have signed up for the following positions:

Selectman	1 for 3 years Peter Bock
Tax Collector	1 for 3 years William Garnett
Town Moderator	1 for 2 years Terry Bonser
Town Treasurer	1 for 3 years Cheryl Travis
Supervisor of the Checklist	1 for 6 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1 for 3 years Gail Powell
Cemetery Trustee	1 for 3 years
Planning Board Member	2 for 3 years 1 for 1 year Grant "Skip" Seaverns
Library Trustee	1 for 3 years Colleen Prieto
Zoning Board Member	2 for 3 years James Morin John Morin
Budget Committee Member	3 for 3 years Michael Koester Kyle Barry 1 for 1 year Gail Mills

The Nottingham Newsletter is available on-line at the town website: www.nottingham-nh.gov.

Fire and Rescue News

Submitted by Heidi Carlson

The Fire and Rescue Department will hold a Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross on Monday, May 5 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Nottingham Community Center. Please join us in giving the gift of life.

While the ground remains fully covered with snow, you can burn outdoors without a written permit. We do ask that you call the station and leave us a message with your name and address. As soon as the snow melts, a written permit is required and we will man the station on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. You can always get a permit, weather permitting, during regular business hours Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., when crews are not out on calls.

When you turn your clocks back in March do not forget to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. It is proven repeatedly that smoke detectors save lives, so please make sure that yours are working properly. If you have any questions, call the station at 679-5666.

Help the Daisies Make the World a Better Place

Submitted by Caryn Anderson

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 11069 is collecting used eyeglasses/sunglasses to donate to the Lions Recycle for Sight Program. There will be collection boxes located at the school, Blaisdell Memorial Library and the Post Office. Please drop off your donation anytime after Feb. 23 and throughout the month of March. If you would like to learn more about the program you can visit their website at http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_eyeglass_recycling.shtml.

Cub Scout Pack 167

Submitted by Cathy DeButts

Cub Scout Pack 167 held its Blue and Gold Banquet on January 27. This annual dinner commemorates the birth of cub scouting.

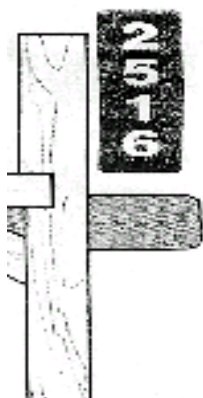


We reminisced while watching a slide show of the past year's scout camps, enjoyed hot dogs cooked on an open fire while we camped out on our sleeping bags, played games and sang camp songs. Scouts earned numerous awards.

We are looking forward to several fun events this winter, the first being a Winter Fun Day on February 16. We'll bundle up and gather at Neal's Cove on Pawtuckaway Lake, where we'll do some ice fishing, enjoy ice skating, ice hockey, sledding, and relax with friends over an open fire with warm refreshments. Awards will be given for the biggest fish of each species.

On March 29 we'll be revving our engines at our annual Pinewood Derby. There will be prizes for every age group, including a classics division for children over 11 and adults young at heart. This year's event will be held at the community center. For more information on the Derby or joining cub scouts, contact Ken Chaput at 679-8618 or Corrie Cantwell at 734-2219.

Nottingham Fire Rescue ~ Address Marker Sign



When seconds count... Can the Fire, Police, and Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance? Can your driveway be located at night? Having your driveway clearly marked can make locating you easier...

To order one of the green and white signs with post, showing your street number, clip and fill out this coupon and drop off or mail to the Fire Station with your payment of \$25. Cost includes the sign with number and mounting post, installed in your driveway. Call 679-5666 for more information.

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Learn How to Organize Your Space, Your Time, and Your Life

Submitted by Deb Merrick

Take control of your surroundings, time, and clutter through better organization. SPACE Logic is offering to aid those vowing to get organized. Come attend an organizing seminar that will provide valuable organizing advice, give answers to questions on organizing any space and supply tips on how to embark on the path of life-long organization at home and in the workplace. The average person loses a year of life looking for misplaced items. Eighty percent of the clutter in most homes is a result of disorganization, not lack of space. Learn from professional organizing experts how to increase your productivity, improve your quality of life, lower stress and create more time to enjoy what matters most.

The seminar will be held at the Blaisdell Memorial Library on Monday, March 3, from 7 to 8 p.m. The seminar is free and refreshments will be served.

Cynthia Cary and Deb Merrick are members of NAPO - New England, the local chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers. NAPO-NE is the gateway for New Englanders to reach their organizing goals and is the second largest chapter in the U.S. Their services include the organization of closets, kitchens, garages, attics, basements, bedrooms, bathrooms, and home offices. They work to re-design these spaces for optimum efficiency. Corporate and small business organizing services include electronic and paper information management, time management, and inventory/assets control. Some organizers specialize in working with attention-deficit disorder (ADD) and chronically disorganized clients as well as with people experiencing a major life transition where organizational skills add calm and ease stress.

For more information or to arrange an interview or organizational session with SPACE Logic, contact Cynthia Cary and Deb Merrick at 603-463-0551 or at spacelogic@earthlink.net.



Understanding Hormones and Minimizing (Peri) Menopausal Symptoms

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

There will be a talk by Joy Bicknell giving an explanation of the positive and negative effects of hormones on women's health and well-being at the Blaisdell Memorial Library, Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hear why the results of the Prempro study do not apply to all hormone replacement therapy. Learn the influence of diet and stress on hormones, the ins and outs of hormone testing, and how herbs, "natural" hormones, synthetic hormones and other hormone modifying compounds can be used to balance hormone levels.

Joy Bicknell, MS, CNS, LDN

Joy has been working in clinical nutrition and natural healing for more than twenty years. In response to her clients' unmet needs, Joy began an in-depth study of hormones and hormone imbalances. Her research is ongoing and includes both conventional and alternative approaches to hormone imbalances and treatments. Joy uses her expertise in this area to educate her clients thus allowing them to make educated decisions regarding treatment choices.



Members of Nottingham's four Junior FIRST Lego League teams display their awards following the competition in Hollis on December 15.

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Nottingham Congregational Christian Church 34 Raymond Road, Nottingham

Submitted by Kristine Scholtz

Please note: Pastor Rev. Edward Whitman is at the church every Wednesday and Thursday if you would like to speak with him directly, 679-8519.

Visit our new web site at www.nottinghamchurch.org. The site is full of information, contacts and photographs.

Come worship with us every Sunday at 11 a.m. The church has a warm, inviting atmosphere with plenty of programs for people of all ages, including:

- Children's Church every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday evening Prayer and Praise starting at 7 p.m. – a truly inspirational time!
- Men's Group every Thursday at 7 p.m.
- LAUNCH program for youths 4th to 7th grade – one Saturday evening per month.
- OASIS program for teens – one Friday evening per month.
- Girls' Club for grades 1st through 6th meets every other Friday at the Community Center.

More details are provided on our web site. You may also call the church and someone can answer your questions: 679-8519.

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Goings On At Nottingham Community Church

Submitted by Jill Sunde

The Nottingham Community Church is proud to announce that the Reverend Ben Fowler has been officially installed as our settled Minister. For us this means a long-term commitment to ministry that we have not had in a long time. Reverend Fowler is a thoughtful and challenging preacher and is offering pastoral services for Nottingham and surrounding communities.

We voted in favor of rewritten by-laws and elected a new board of officers, both of which reflect the nature of the congregation. We hope this will result in stronger operating procedures and more shared responsibility for all of our goings on.

We are proud to announce that we have performed our first Civil Union. It is, we believe, a wonderful thing that New Hampshire has chosen to be one of the few states in our nation to offer this possibility to the gay and lesbian community.

Our mission as a church has also been rewritten. The new mission statement reflects not only our mission as a self-governing community oriented church, but also the core values of the Unitarian-Universalist faith that is the parent organization under which we fall. The mission reads: "We are committed as a community of imperfect seekers to love one another, to bring love into the world to serve human need, and to send a message of inclusiveness and acceptance."

The Nottingham Community Church holds services on Sundays at 10:00 with coffee and conversation afterward. Please join us. We will hold special Sunday services for:

Palm Sunday on March 16
Easter Sunday on March 23

In April, on a date yet to be determined, there will be a second Local Musicians' Benefit Concert for Nottingham Food Pantry.



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Nottingham Water Rights

Submitted by the Nottingham Tea Party

The Nottingham Water Rights & Local Self-Government Ordinance will be voted on at the Nottingham Town Meeting on March 15, 2008. The ordinance is an assertion of the governing authority by the citizens of Nottingham and re-affirms our rights as citizens and our power as townspeople to decide what happens in our community. A similar ordinance has been approved by voters and has taken effect in over 100 towns throughout Pennsylvania. Barnstead and Atkinson, New Hampshire, have also adopted the ordinance and ten other towns in New Hampshire are considering adopting the ordinance.

The potentially adverse impact of a large groundwater withdrawal on the 250 homes near the water bottling plant could, in turn, affect every homeowner and taxpayer in Nottingham through a reduction in Nottingham's tax base. Please come to town meeting and cast your vote on this critically important issue. If the ordinance is approved at town meeting and then subsequently challenged in court, the court will take note of how many Nottingham residents attended town meeting and supported the ordinance. A large turn-out of voters is a persuasive statement to the court. Please attend town meeting on March 15; voter check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

If you'd like more information or a copy of the ordinance, have questions or concerns, or would like to be added to our e-mail list please contact Chris or Gail Mills, 942-8969 or nottinghams.water@gmail.com.

The preceding article was submitted by the Nottingham Tea Party, an independent entity. This is in no way an opinion of the Town of Nottingham or its administration.



Passport Day

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

The Post Office staff will be at the Blaisdell Memorial Library to help you with your passport application on Sunday, March 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. Check out the requirements at www.travel.state.gov. Bring all necessary documents, passport photos (photos can be taken that day) and application fees so you can submit your application.

While at the library, check out their travel books and enjoy some international goodies provided by the Friends of the Library.

The Future Happened Last Thursday

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Award winning science fiction writer and Nottingham resident Jim Kelly will give a short reading and then a talk about how science fiction writers get ideas about what the future is going to be like by looking at what is happening today at the Blaisdell Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

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Nottingham Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Nottingham Conservation Commission

The Planning Board, with assistance from the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, and input from the Conservation Commission, interested citizens, potential developers and their agents, has been designing an alternative zoning proposal which would acknowledge Nottingham's rural character, conserve our considerable natural resources and provide for wildlife corridors as our population continues to grow.

Currently, zoning regulations require that house lots be at least two acres in size. The proposed ordinance would not replace the existing regulations but would provide an alternate design for Major Subdivisions (3 or more lots) that is conservation focused. With the proposed ordinance, called a Conservation Overlay District, the same number of houses would be allowed but lot size would be reduced to one acre in order to group the houses closer together. Less new roadway would be needed, and there would be fewer wetland impacts/crossings, including those applications the Commission also reviews for individual driveways. Less new roadway could mean that more affordable homes would be built.

Several area towns have conservation development ordinances, and the yield plan formula is an equitable design for all parties and conservation protection. It works like this: if there was a parcel of 60 acres, of which 10 acres were river corridor, wetland and/or steep slopes, 50 acres would be buildable. Homes could be built on 25 acres, one acre each, and the remaining 25 acres would be contiguous open space conservation land. The open space could be owned by individual owners within the development, or be owned as land in common, or be retained by the seller to keep for forestry, agriculture, recreation, or any use that was not incompatible with conservation.

Passage of this ordinance would enable the Planning Board, with input from the health and safety departments, road agent, other municipal boards and the public, to determine specific zoning proposals that would be appropriate for conservation protection.

Without public endorsement of the Conservation Overlay District Zoning Proposal, developers will only be able to use the single design plan of two acre zoning that we currently use, and thus detrimentally impact highly valued land areas with key natural resources more than need be.

Please refer to the Town Web Page for the latest Conservation Overlay District Document, and contact your representatives on the town boards for any questions and concerns you may have. The Conservation Commission will continue to assist the Planning Board in order to have an acceptable ordinance for all of Nottingham ready for the voters in March 2009.

Mulligan Forest Update


Submitted by Chris Wells

We did it! On November 16, 2007, final documents were signed on the Mulligan Forest conservation easement, bringing the project to a successful conclusion. This remarkable 2,028 acre property in the heart of Nottingham is now permanently conserved. On behalf of the Forest Society, we want to once again express our gratitude to the citizens of Nottingham for making this project possible — by voting overwhelmingly for the town bond in March 2006, for being a big part of the private fundraising campaign that followed, and finally, for your patience as we did all the detail work required to bring the project to closing. We truly could not have done it without you, and we are deeply honored by the support and trust you have shown us over the past two years. Thank you! We also want to recognize again the commitment and hard work of the Nottingham Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, and Conservation Commission to making the project happen. Finally, we want to give special thanks to the Fernald family for their generosity, their exceptional stewardship of the land, and for joining with the Forest Society and the Town of Nottingham in this groundbreaking partnership.

We both view Mulligan Forest as one of the best, and most inspiring, conservation projects we have ever had the opportunity to work on. We hope you do too. Again, many, many thanks.

P.S. There is still more work to come on public recreation improvements, so stay tuned for more on this in future newsletters!

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Dog Licenses

Submitted by Sandra Weston, Town Clerk

Dog licenses must be renewed by April 30. The license fees are \$10 for a male or female dog. The fee for spayed or neutered dogs, or puppies 3 to 7 months old, is \$7.50. For dog owners 65 or older the fee is \$3 for the first dog.

Dogs may be licensed by mail. Just send your check made payable to the Town of Nottingham to the Town Clerk, PO Box 114, Nottingham, NH 03290. Please add \$.97 to cover the cost of postage to your check.

Cat and dog rabies/heartworm clinic

Submitted by Log Home Hardware

The annual cat and dog rabies/heartworm clinic will be held at Log Home Hardware located at 111 Stage Rd., Nottingham, on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Rabies shots are \$8; heartworm tests are \$20; and heartworm/lyme tests are \$25. Heartworm preventive can also be purchased.

The clinic is being administered by Dr. Craig B. Williams of Arbor Veterinary.



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~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Rules for Teachers

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

The following was provided by one of our members following a trip to Florida and came from an old wooden schoolhouse in St. Augustine.

1872 Rules for Teachers

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps and clean lamp chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each day's pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

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