

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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News from the Nottingham Police Department

Submitted by Chief English

Chief English met with residents of Dunbarton Estates on Tuesday, April 3, to discuss the possible implementation of a Neighborhood Watch Program. This program encourages residents to form an organization within their respective neighborhoods to assist the police with crime prevention and reporting.

For any questions about the Neighborhood Watch Program, contact the Nottingham Police Department at 679-1506 or via e-mail at nottpd@comcast.net.

From the Selectmen's Office

Submitted by Charles Brown

This is just a friendly reminder that Nottingham does have a leash law for dogs. The RSA for dog control (RSA 466:30-a) was adopted at Town Meeting on March 11, 1986. It basically states that it is unlawful for a dog to run at large off your property.

Public Notice

Submitted by the Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be holding work sessions on the first Tuesday of the following months from noon to 3 p.m.: May 1 and June 5

New registrations, deletions and changes can be accepted at these sessions. As always, the public can do the same during the town clerk's hours.

Community Supper Fundraiser a Great Success

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

The food was delicious, the decorations beautiful and the turnout and support of the Community to the Soup Supper was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who baked a dessert, loaned us a crock pot, helped serve, clean up and/or made a donation. Two hundred people came and enjoyed 19 different soups, a variety of breads and rolls and numerous homemade desserts. Between the raffle and donations at the door we raised over \$2,300 for the Cameron Parish, LA Library System to help with their ongoing efforts to recover from Hurricane Rita.

Thanks to the following restaurants and individuals who donated soups, stews and chowders: Big Bean in Newmarket, Famous Legends in Raymond, Green Bean on the Water in Exeter, Lazy Lion Café in Deerfield, Liars' Paradise in Nottingham, Pasta Loft in Raymond, The Pines in Raymond, The Portable Pantry in Northwood, Riverworks in Newmarket, Susty's in Northwood, Telly's in Epping, Vincent's Café in Exeter, Yankee Market in Raymond, Zampa in Epping, Terri Gauthier, Brin Joyce, Ray Plante and Wendy Roberts. Bread came from Stonehouse Baking Co. in Barrington and rolls from Panera in Portsmouth.

Thanks also to Sam's Club, Demmon's, Fernald Lumber and Log Home Hardware for donations to help with paper goods and assorted sundries.

Finally, thanks to New England Center, Zampa, Nottingham Flower Farm, Lindt Chocolates and Priscilla LaPointe for the raffle prizes.

Save the Date!

Thursday, July 12, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Musical Variety Show

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Recreation Department News

Submitted by Janet Horvath, 679-3435

The Recreation Department presents the annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to noon. The derby is open to Nottingham residents only, up to age 15. Prizes will be awarded for different age levels and all participants will receive goodie bags. Please pre-register your child so we know how many children to expect. Call the recreation department or go online at www.nottingham-nh.gov for the registration form.

The Recreation Department and Challenger Sports team up this summer to present British Soccer Camp in Nottingham on July 16-20 at the Community Center fields. Any area child ages 3-16 can attend. A clinic was held on April 27 to give the kids a chance to see what camp will be like. If you missed the clinic or would like more information, contact the Recreation Department or visit www.challengersports.com.

Final plans for the summer program, which will run from July 9-August 24, are in the works now. Based on last year's enrollment, we anticipate three different age groups for our day camp. We are hiring college students and adults for several summer positions still open as of this writing. We are also hiring for a part-time, year-round position for Recreation Assistant in the office. Please call as soon as possible for any of these positions.

The Summer Concert Series will run from mid-July through mid-August with the final concert held on August 22 as Randy Armstrong returns from a world tour to perform world music and African drumming on the Nottingham bandstand. Mr. Armstrong was an artist in residence at the school several years ago and many Nottingham students performed a concert for the public at the end of the program. In the years since that program the school music teacher has continued to teach the drumming rhythms to groups of students each year who perform at the school music concerts. Mr. Armstrong has agreed to accommodate as many children as possible to participate in drumming with him at the

end of his concert on August 22. Please plan to attend this event and all the other concerts in this series to support the arts in our town. The complete schedule will be listed in the next issue of this newsletter as all the bands are not booked at this time.

The Senior Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 20, at the Community Center. We are planning to have a speaker or entertainment so feel free to check with us as our plans progress. Seniors in town are welcome to attend this event and other potluck luncheons that are held monthly from September through May in the kitchen at the community center as well. Meet other seniors in town and learn about services that are available to you, including the weekly bus run by Lamprey River Healthcare.

Join us for Nottingham Recreation Night at the Merchants Auto.com stadium for the Fisher Cats game in Manchester on Monday, June 25. The Fisher Cats take on the Portland Pirates for a 7:05 p.m. game followed by a spectacular fireworks show. Grandstand seats or Dinner in the Den tickets are available. Transportation to the game is not included. Contact the Recreation Department at 679-3435 for more information.

Anyone interested in helping plan Nottingham Day 2007 (September 15) please contact the Recreation office as planning takes place throughout the year with monthly meetings. Donations from area businesses are now being accepted for the silent auction and can be dropped off at the Recreation office. Get involved now and help make this day an even greater success!

Women's Club Scholarship Applications Available

Submitted by Bev Caldon

Nottingham students who are graduating this June, as well as those currently enrolled in college, are welcome to apply for the Nottingham Women's Club annual Scholarship. Applications are available online at www.nhcf.org (call 1-800-464-6641 if you have problems with the download) or from the guidance departments at Coe-Brown and Dover High Schools. The deadline for submission is May 19. The scholarship committee will announce the winner in June, and invite the winner and his or her family to the meeting on June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church.

The club's May meeting is an eat-out, fish-fry event. Members will gather at the Lazy Lion Restaurant in Deerfield on Friday, May 18 at noon. The most serious business of the day will be the serious business of gorging on the excellent food. President Terry Delp welcomes inquiries from prospective members.

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Kindergarten and First Grade Registration

Submitted by Bev Bell

If your child will be five years old by September 2007, and you would like him or her to attend Nottingham School Kindergarten, call the school office at 679-5632 or e-mail the office at bbell@nottingahm.k12.nh.us.

Nottingham children born between October 1, 2000, and September 30, 2001, are required by law to enter school in September 2007. 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 2007-2008 school year.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a book sale on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be accepting donations of books for the sale during the week of May 7. Please: no textbooks or damaged books.

New Museum Passes

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, the Blaisdell Memorial Library is now able to offer passes to the following places:

Christa McAuliffe Planetarium: This pass is good for up to \$26.00 off the cost of regular planetarium shows. Show times can be found at www.starhop.com.

SEE Science Museum: This pass is good for a free family admission to the Museum. The museum is located in Manchester and has two floors of hands-on science fun. Check it out at www.see-science.org

Canterbury Shaker Museum: This pass entitles adults to \$5 general admission fee and children to \$2.50 general admission. To find out more about the museum visit www.shakers.org

We still offer passes to the Portsmouth Children's Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Please contact the library if you wish to reserve a pass.



Nottingham Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Terry P. Shanahan

34 Raymond Road, Nottingham, NH 03290

Submitted by Kristine Scholtz

Come join us for our regular Sunday services, beginning with Children's Church at 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Worship at 11 a.m. Summer Hours start June 10 with Worship at 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School or Adult Class until September.

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Church the week of June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a great opportunity for the children to participate in activities, games and crafts while learning more of God's word. It provides great fun and stimulation in a loving and safe environment. The Church also hosts other programs on a regular basis:

- Tuesday evening Prayer Group starting at 7 p.m.
- Ladies' Bible Study every Tuesday at 9 a.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.

Come experience all of the wonderful things happening at and through the Church. Please Contact Pastor Terry P. Shanahan at 603-679-8519 if you have questions regarding any of the events listed above.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

There are currently several pairs of jeans traveling the state and spending a week at local libraries. While at the library, groups are doing special activities as well as signing and embellishing the jeans. There is a pair of pants heading towards Nottingham for June. This program is for girls in grades 6-8. Look for notices of how you can participate or call the library at 679-8484.



Cemetery Work Day

Submitted by Teresa Bascom

Looking for a Community Service Project? Do you like to be outdoors, and document history? Well, the Cemetery Trustees could use your help on Sunday, April 29th from 2 pm-6 pm. We have been entrusted with a major project and could use some help. Please call Mike or Teresa at 679-2065 or Peter at 942-8051.

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The Cinderella Project of New Hampshire

Submitted by Mary Crockett

Prom season is coming soon. Help teenage girls feel like a princess by donating your gently worn special occasion dresses to the Cinderella Project of New Hampshire. The Cinderella Project provides prom gowns and accessories free of charge to girls who have financial need and would otherwise be prevented from attending their prom or other special school events.

If you have a dress to donate contact Mary Crockett at 942-7540. Confidential referrals of girls who would benefit from this program can be made by phone to 210-1415. More information is available at the following web site: www.thecinderellaprojectofnh.org.


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Nottingham Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Seven property owners were recognized for their conservation easements at the March Town Meeting. The easements total 480 acres and are located to the north on the other side of Route 4, to the west abutting Deerfield and Pawtuckaway State Park, and to the south almost at the Raymond line with two others in between. These easements represent connections to other conserved properties in neighboring towns or are touchstones for the Four Generals' Greenway wildlife corridor through Nottingham.

Two of these were executed in the early 1990's, and thank yous from the community were overdue. Ann Friend, who passed away last fall, was a long-time resident of Nottingham and past member of the Conservation Commission. She put her property into easement in 1991. John Terninko did the same in 1993. Five others are more recent easements: Avis Rosenfield and Tim Mallette of Deerfield, and Nottingham residents Susan and Dan Comte, Deborah Fernald Stevens, Dina and Peter Bock, and April Bacon. Property owners received Certificates of Appreciation and Four Generals' Greenway medallions.

The Conservation Commission wishes to thank all of you who supported Warrant Article #12. Directing 100% of the Land Use Change Tax into the Conservation Fund

will help to ensure that monies for future conservation easements will be available for landowners. Your vote at Town Meeting is an acknowledgement of these good reasons for permanently protecting open spaces.

With spring's arrival, please remember to protect those vernal pools. These are seasonal puddles and wetlands that dry up in summer but support the aquatic life phase of our native amphibians and other important members of the food web. Do not fill these in with lawn refuse; keep lawn and garden chemicals far enough away so the runoff will not compromise these sensitive areas.

Nottingham volunteers will be participating in the New Hampshire Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) for the third year, sponsored by the Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA). If you would be interested in participating in the water quality testing this season please access the VRAP Volunteer Training Workshop schedule at www.des.nh.gov/wmb/vrap. There will be a training session in Epping on Tuesday, May 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., at 37 Pleasant Street. You may also contact Dawn Genes, LRWA Executive Director, at dawn.genes@lrwa-nh.org.

The Conservation Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office Building. The Natural Resources Committee meets every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. if there is business to conduct.

Nottingham Cub Scouts Pack 167

Pack 167 recently held the annual pinewood derby. Our first place winners in each den were Tigers: Derek Elwell; Wolves: Russell Coddling; Bears: Ryan Chaput; Webelo I: Luke Scates; and Webelo II: James MacKinnon. Congratulations to all! Our gratitude goes out to the many helpers. Ryan Chaput won the pack trophy for having the fastest car of all the racers. The first-place winners of each den competed in the district race at Epping High School.

Cub Scouts is open to boys in kindergarten through grade four. Contact Ken Chaput, 679-8618, or Cathy DeButts, 895-9712, for more information.



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Fire and Rescue News

Submitted by Heidi Carlson

Nottingham Fire Rescue will host a CPR class on Saturday, May 5, at the Fire Station. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$25 to cover the cost of supplies and the booklet. Checks should be made payable to NFRA and submitted to the Fire Station with a registration form, which is available at the Fire Station. Forms can be mailed in (Michael Kennard, Nottingham Fire Rescue, PO Box 114, Nottingham NH 03290) or dropped off at the Fire Station (128 Stage Road) during business hours.

We are deeply pleased by the support we received at the Town Meeting on March 24 with the approval of the new Fire Station. The Building Committee and Board of Selectmen are finalizing a contract and we hope to be able to announce a tentative schedule of events soon. We know that we have a very busy year ahead of us, and are looking forward to these challenges! Thank you to all of the voters who came out to our open house or took the time another day to see the station, talk with us, and learn about the proposal. We appreciate the incredible show of support for the Department.

Now that the snow has melted, a written permit is required to burn outdoors. You can get a permit at the station during business hours and on Sunday someone is available at the station from 4 to 5 p.m. for permits. NO burning is allowed until AFTER 5 p.m. unless it is raining, and even then, we ask you to call the station to confirm it is okay to burn. The mountain towers are up and report any smoke that they see. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions, or come by the station to get the pamphlet of all the state regulations regarding outdoor burning.

The next Blood Drive will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, at the Nottingham Community Center. The Red Cross is always in need of donors, and we would like you to consider this your invitation to come and give the gift of life!

In support of Mike Kennard, our Assistant Chief, who bike rides faithfully every year for MDA and Diabetes Research, the Department will sponsor an MDA boot drive on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Route 152 in front of the fire house. The money collected (in a boot) goes toward MDA research in full. This event is a fun time to visit with our neighbors as they travel to the dump or wherever that Saturday, and supports a tremendous cause that has always been associated with the fire service.

Always call 911 for any fire or medical emergency, and call the station during business hours for any general questions or to get information, at 679-5666. Except for service and emergency calls, the station is manned Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nottingham Fire Rescue Address Marker Signs

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Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild

The Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild meets on the second Monday of every month at the Blaisdell Library from 7-9 p.m. We are a group of quilters and we get together to share our ideas and knowledge with each other. You do not have to be a seasoned quilter. All skill levels are welcome to join us. Drop by the library and you can see some of the quilts we have donated. Call Mary Markham at 895-6482 for more information.

Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association

The Annual Meeting of the PLIA will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Nottingham School. The meeting features tabletop displays concerning wildlife, fishing, water quality and other lake concerns. Guest speakers will discuss issues facing the lake. Representatives from state agencies such as DES and Marine Patrol will be available, as well as Nottingham town officials. Refreshments will be served. The Lake Host program, where volunteers attend the boat ramps to prevent exotic weed infestation, will also be presented. Call Tom Duffy at 303-3039.

Submitted by the Evans Family

We would like to thank everyone in town and beyond who were with us in honoring Cliff Evans' life. We are honored to know that someone so close to us impacted so many of you. Your generosity of time, food, cards, thoughts and prayers were tremendous. Knowing you are all here is a great comfort.

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~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

A Tale of Two Towns

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

The year is 1766 and a petition has been approved to allow the southwestern part of Nottingham to separate and become the town of Deerfield. Two brothers, allegedly of the Simpson clan, are involved; one lives in Deerfield and the other in Nottingham. They are both agents, chosen to represent their towns at a meeting set in Exeter to ratify the new boundary. The Deerfield brother rises early, travels to Exeter, and registers the new boundary, which includes a rather odd and large rectangle that provides Deerfield with a goodly amount of farmland and leaves Nottingham with more of the Pawtuckaway mountain area. On his way home, the Deerfield brother meets his Nottingham kin who is just starting out. The Deerfield brother says that the Exeter committee will be unable to meet with them on that day and that they (the committee) will notify the two towns when the boundary meeting can be held. That never happens and Nottingham doesn't realize until much later that the boundary has been finalized. Appeals are made but to no avail. Believe it? ...or not!

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