

# NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Nottingham Day 2009

*Submitted by Janet Horvath*

Nottingham Day 2009 was a fabulous day filled with fun and laughter. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so long and hard to help make the day such a success. Thank you to Michelle Carvalho and Terry Leatherman who were an integral part of putting this day together. A very special thank you to Joe Welch who was there every step of the way throughout the year. Kudos to Lori Wiberg and Pamela Grotenhuis for doing such a fabulous job with the 5K, 2K and the fun run races. Thank you to Lisa Kennard who coordinated the cupcake contest again this year.

As always, the games were a big hit with the younger crowd and the climbing wall, bungee jump and amusements were busy all day. The bike parade brought some of the cutest participants and the fire truck parade was a showstopper. The silent auction was also extremely successful thanks to the numerous businesses and individuals who donated items. The day ended with the scrumptious chicken barbeque and the incredible music of Truffle. The vacation getaway to the York Harbor Inn was won by Cheryl Smith.

### Race Results are as follows:

5K over 18, 1<sup>st</sup> place, - Rich Hartford, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Dain Laroche, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Jen Johnson. 5K under 18, 1<sup>st</sup> place - Evan Horvath, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Erik Rolser.

2K over 18, 1<sup>st</sup> place - Keri Bassingthwaite, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Amanda Dellario.

2K under 18, 1<sup>st</sup> place - Ben Healey, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Olivia Beauchesne.

5K Relay, over 18, 1<sup>st</sup> place - Derek and Amanda Deroches, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - The Speed Readers (Rhoda Capron, Robin Proulx, Carrie Bounds & Mary Irons)

### Cupcake Contest Winners

#### Judges Winners:

Age 4 to 7: Brianna J. - Pet Parade in Heaven

Age 8 to 12: Henry, Olivia, Sophie - Nottingham's Marching Band

Age 19 to 59: Diana McGowen - Pumpkin Patch Float w/ Jeep (Grand Prize Winner with the most votes)

Age 60 and over: June Knox - Babies First Parade

#### People's Choice Awards:

#1 Age 8-12 Nina K. - Chinese Parade

#2 Age 60+ June Knox - Baby's First Parade

#3 Age 4-7 Layna & Kayla - Big and Little Pigs

#4 Age 8-12 Henry, Olivia, Sophie - Nottingham's Marching Band

#5 Age 4-7 Freddy S. - Beginner Baker's Honest Attempt

#6 Age 8-12 Rebecca C. - Kids with Hair-do's on Parade

We would also like to thank our sponsors who without their support the day would not be possible.

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The kids bike parade at Nottingham Day

### News from the Fire Rescue Department

*Submitted by Heidi Carlson*

The Nottingham Fire Rescue Department conducted a successful mutual aid exercise at the Nottingham School on the morning of Saturday, August 22, 2009.

In addition to Nottingham Fire Rescue units, apparatus and personnel from Northwood Fire Rescue, Deerfield Fire, Raymond Fire and Durham Fire participated.

During September and October, the Nottingham Fire Rescue Auxiliary is hosting snacks and beverages during the soccer games for Nottingham children being held at the Community Center. The games run from 8 a.m. to 12 noon consecutively starting with toddler games and going up from there. As a fundraiser for Fire Rescue Department, the auxiliary will be selling water, Gatorade, coffee, hot chocolate and baked goods donated by our auxiliary and members.

Auxiliary functions support food and water to members and workers at major incidents and extended operations such as building fires, searches, floods and other weather emergencies. With these funds and the help of Auxiliary members, we have sandwiches, snacks, and coffee or cold drinks available for members and other emergency service workers at these scenes. Your help and support of this organization is greatly appreciated.

Any additional proceeds from this fund raiser will go toward the Department's future purchases of needed items, including additional hand-held carbon monoxide detectors, and hooks on the new fire truck for securing helmets.

Our annual Fall Blood Drive will be held on Monday, November 23, 2009, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Nottingham Community Center. Community support for these drives has been tremendous, and we have continually increased our donated pints. Please help, at this important time of year, by giving the gift of life by giving blood!

The Department's annual tree sale will be held on Saturday December 5, 2009, at fire rescue headquarters, 235 Stage Road. The Annual Santa ride-around town will take place on Saturday December 12, 2009, weather-permitting, at 4 p.m. There will not be a published schedule. Watch for the lights and listen for the sirens to know Santa is approaching your home! As always, emergency calls are our primary focus and at times have interrupted the ride.

Until the ground is fully covered with snow, a written permit is required for all outdoor burning. When conditions prohibit outdoor fires, the sign will be placed out at the station. (This sign reads NO BURNING PERMITS TODAY). Please call us if you have any questions. In general, business hours are Monday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday through Saturday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday and holidays 4 to 5 p.m. only.

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## Recreation Department News

Submitted by Janet Horvath, 679-3435 x7

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Recreation office hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 - 1 p.m.

As the fall sports season comes to a close, we would like to thank all of the coaches and volunteers who gave so much of themselves this year to make the season run. It is not always easy to put yourself out there, and we thank you for it!

The Recreation's Annual Christmas Craft Fair to benefit the community playground will be Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Nottingham Elementary School from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is a fun, convenient way to shop locally for unique gifts that your loved ones will surely treasure and support the maintenance of the playground at the same time. If you are a crafter and interested in renting a booth please act now as space is quickly filling up.

Mark your calendars now...The Christmas Parade and Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 5. If you plan on marching in the parade please call the Recreation office and let us know so we may plan accordingly.

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.

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## Concert to Benefit Nottingham Theatre Project

Submitted by Sue Siggelakis

Before the craziness of the holidays is upon us, join us for a special concert to benefit The Nottingham Theatre Project. Featured will be The University of New Hampshire's premier male a cappella group, "Not Too Sharp," and Nottingham's own David Lapham on acoustic guitar.

WHEN: Saturday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Nottingham Community Church, corner of Stage Road (Rte. 156) and Church Street

COST: \$10 at the door

FREE REFRESHMENTS: YES!

QUESTIONS: Call Sue at 679-1945

Come on out and enjoy a unique experience in a great venue with some talented musicians, all for a great cause!

## Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild

Submitted by Pat Vachon

Congratulations to Lauren Rowell for winning the Bento Box quilt which was drawn on Nottingham Day, September 19! We thank everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle.

The guild meets the second Monday of every month at the Blaisdell Memorial Library at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. You need not be an expert quilter to join.



The Bento Box quilt raffle was won by Lauren Rowell.

### Nottingham Food Pantry

*Submitted by Chelli Tennis*

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner and our Food Pantry gets extra busy. Along with the food and hygiene items we provide during November and December, we also provide complete dinner baskets for the holidays and presents through our Wish Upon a Star program for children and the elderly.

The Christmas gift trees will be up by the end of November and will be located in the two post offices and the teachers' room at the school. If you would like to donate, pick a gift idea off the tree, fill out the form and leave it in the envelope. Purchase the gift and return it in a brown paper bag with the gift's number on the outside of the bag to anyone at the post offices.

We will also be in need of donations of turkeys for both Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. They will be distributed the week before the holiday. If you'd like to donate a turkey, please call Rhoda at 679-8484. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation, our mailing address is P.O. Box 209.

If you are in need of food, call Chelli Tennis at 679-5209. All calls are confidential.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

*Submitted by Rhoda Capron*

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a book sale on Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Once again there will be a special preview sale for Nottingham residents only, on Friday, November, 13 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. We will be accepting books for the sale from October 26 - November 12. Please do not bring old textbooks or damaged books. If you have any questions, call the library at 679-8484.

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Come join us for worship held every Sunday at 10 a.m. Children will be dismissed approximately half way through the service for Children's Church. Come enjoy some home-cooked food and scripture lessons at the Family Small Group held every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the church. The Church also hosts many other programs, including a Men's Group, Women's Group, the LAUNCH program for grades 5 - 8 and the OASIS program for teens.

The church will be hosting its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair will include various crafts, handmade gifts, candy, pies, cookies and the ever-popular yard sale. This year, the Church will also be hosting additional crafters, so there will be even more of a selection. Lunch will also be available for purchase - homemade soups, sandwiches, coffee and much more. Come early for best selections.

Details on more holiday events will be available as the Christmas season gets closer. You may call the Church for additional details on any of the programs listed above or if you have any other questions at 679-8519 or visit our newly designed website at <http://www.nottinghamchurch.org>.



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**Michaela Horvath appointed to DARE board**

*Submitted by Margaret Joyce*



Nottingham resident and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy sophomore **Michaela Horvath** has been appointed to D.A.R.E. America's Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The board provides youth perspective and insight to D.A.R.E. and gives D.A.R.E. graduates an opportunity to speak to issues impacting the national and worldwide D.A.R.E. programs. The board is composed of 50 members, one student from each state. Michaela was nominated by the Nottingham Police Department. Members of the YAB are eligible for the \$20,000 D.A.R.E. Scholarship at high school graduation.

**High School Guidance Information**

*Submitted by Nottingham School*

A reminder to parents of eighth grade students to notify SAU 44 Superintendent Dr. Michael Ludwell in writing by December 1, 2009, if your child plans on applying to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy or another public school besides Dover High School. The 'intent to apply' letter will be utilized for budget purposes along with estimating the number of students who will be applying to Coe-Brown or Dover High School.

Please send intent letters to: Dr. Michael Ludwell, SAU #44, 23A Mountain Avenue, Northwood, NH 03261, Fax: 603-942 1295, mludwell@nhsau44.org.

**Coe-Brown earns top scores in NECAP test**

*Submitted by Margaret Joyce*

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy is proud to announce that its scores in the statewide 2009 NECAP science assessment tests earned the Academy a tie (with Bedford High School) for the second highest in the state. The 11<sup>th</sup> graders (this year's seniors) earned a mean score of 1138, just behind Hanover High at 1141. Congratulations to the Coe-Brown students, the science department faculty and the entire school as a whole.

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Bear-Paw Regional Greenways now holds easements protecting 30 properties and 2,482 acres and it has assisted on other projects protecting more than 3,265 additional acres in the region. Bear-Paw is a non-profit land trust with a mission to permanently conserve a network of lands that protects our region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland.

Established by resident volunteers, Bear-Paw works to conserve open space in Candia, Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood, Nottingham, Raymond, and Strafford through outreach, education, and land protection project assistance. Bear-Paw's goal is to safeguard the region's irreplaceable water resources, important wildlife habitat and travel routes, and productive forests and farms. Its members envision a region of scenic beauty and rural character where diversity and quality of life are sustained. 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, PO Box 19, Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037, 603 463-9400, or [info@bear-paw.org](mailto:info@bear-paw.org). You can also visit their website at [www.bear-paw.org](http://www.bear-paw.org).

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## Nottingham Historical Society

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

Many old time stories have been passed down by word of mouth and although they may change a bit in the telling, the basics are there and can be enjoyed by many generations to come. Have you a story you'd like to tell? Let us know at the museum (Thursdays 9-11) or drop it off at the library. We'd like to collect as many as we can. Here is one story we recently received.

### The Dragon at Drown's Dam

Submitted by George Robinson

Many years ago, the dam-keeper was returning home one late fall evening. The dew was heavy and it was quite cool - cool enough so that one could "see one's breath". The keeper was known to imbibe to excess, as he had done this night. The moon was full and bright and lit up the lane as he headed home. However, the liquor got the best of him and he passed out on the trail. When he awoke a while later he saw a dragon snorting fire before him. Once again he passed out, but he did remember what he saw and related it to his buddies. In reality what he most likely saw was a large moose towering over him and the animal's breath was probably mistaken for fire. This story was told me by Ed Foss many years ago.



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~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Conservation Commission News**

*Submitted by Susan P. Mooney*

The 2005 Guide to Invasive Upland Species in New Hampshire is available at [www.extension.unh.edu/forestry/docs/invasive.pdf](http://www.extension.unh.edu/forestry/docs/invasive.pdf), or you can send an email to [asmagula@des.state.nh.us](mailto:asmagula@des.state.nh.us) for further information. The Conservation Commission handed out several hard copies of this excellent resource pamphlet to visitors who stopped by our booth on Nottingham Day.

In addition to “show-n-tell” plant specimens we had information on the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) which is threatening hardwoods in several nearby states and the woolly adelgid bug that will kill hemlock trees. An infestation of woolly adelgid was eliminated in Nottingham earlier this year. It is very important that everyone be vigilant and contact the county forester if they suspect evidence of either of these two extremely destructive insects.

Other common invasive plants growing in Nottingham are:

- Bittersweet vines which will smother and kill trees, especially pines and spruces. A good pair of pruning shears or lopping shears will do the trick;
- Japanese knotweed which is often spread by road improvement work. This one is tricky because each piece will root and grow into a new plant. If it is growing near a wetland, chemicals are not allowed to be used. It can only be dug up, roots and all, and then disposed of in a way so it will not spread;
- Purple loose strife will invade a wetland and turn it into a sea of purple in just a few years. These can be dug up and disposed of like knotweed;

- Autumn olive trees that are easily spread by birds eating the fruits. These trees are often seen growing up in old “neglected” fields. The solution is a bushhog or a chainsaw.

The Commission has been active with several Conservation Easement projects. Owners who wish to protect their properties from development and to keep Nottingham open and rural make each easement possible. Each newly protected parcel extends the Town’s vision of the Four Generals’ Greenway in Nottingham, a vision to preserve what we have by connecting the large undeveloped blocks that harbor substantial natural resources with smaller but adequate upland corridors for wildlife as well as protection for our surface and ground waters.

Replacement river signs will soon be posted around town now that bridgework has been completed. The Boy Scouts have offered to put them up for the town. It will be good to see the river signs again. Thank you, Scouts!

The Conservation Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office Building. The Natural Resource Committee (NNRC) meets on the third Tuesday of the month if there is additional work to be done. Members of the community are welcome to be active in the NNRC and all meetings are open to the public.

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