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2016 Election Information for Nottingham

Submitted by Bonnie Winona MacKinnon, Nottingham Town Moderator

Part I, Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution, states, in part: "[a] all elections are to be free, and every inhabitant of the State of 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in any election."

New Hampshire prides itself in its national reputation for clean and fair elections. Usually, an attorney from the Department of Justice appears sometime during the day, with a clipboard and checklist, to inspect our polls and ensure that we are following the laws. The Nottingham election crew strives for a perfect score on these inspections.

If you are a citizen, **voting is a right.**

While the N.H. Department of Justice enforces the election laws in New Hampshire, the Secretary of State administers them. You may access the voter information publicized by the Election Division of the Secretary of State at: <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>.

If you have a complaint about your voting experience, or see others violating the law on Election Day, bring any concerns or violations you witness to the attention of the Moderator at the polls. You may also file a complaint with the Attorney General's election office. They want to hear from you if your rights, or election laws, were violated! <http://doj.nh.gov/site-map/voters.htm>

Register! In order to vote, you must be registered. You may register at the polls on any election day. You will have a faster voting experience if you register beforehand. You may register with the Town of Nottingham Supervisors of the Checklist when they are sitting. By law, the supervisors are required to meet on the Saturday 10 days prior to each election. Check the local newspaper(s) or call your clerk's office for the date and time of such meeting. Or, go to the Town Website (Elections & Voting): <http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/>

[Pages/NottinghamNH_BComm/checklist](http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_Clerk/index)

You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk, during regular office hours. You can find her hours on the Town Clerk page under Town Departments. http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_Clerk/index

Upon finding you qualified, the Supervisors of the Checklist will add your name to the Voter Checklist. Please register before Election Day if possible; this will help keep the lines and backlog to a minimum on Election Day.

If you cannot attend the polls on election day, for one of five reasons, you are entitled to vote via absentee ballot. You must be registered to vote to obtain an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are furnished by the Town Clerk in accordance with election law. You can find out how on her page at the town website: http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_Clerk/index

Election Officers

The Selectmen, the Town Clerk, the Supervisors of the Checklist, and the Moderator, are election officers by law. They each have specific responsibilities and duties on Election Day and other days. The Moderator is the chief election officer, and is in charge of the polls. The officers work a long day on Election Day, from early morning until, sometimes, after midnight.

Other officials working at the polls include Inspectors of the Elections, who are appointed for a two year term. Inspectors staff most of the positions like ballot clerk, check out clerk, traffic control. The Moderator may appoint citizens to fill other slots inside or outside the rails, and the Supervisors of the Checklist may appoint additional supervisors to help with registrations. The Clerk may also appoint

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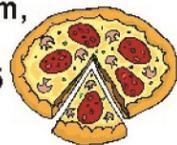


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Liar's Loot

Nottingham School Board

Submitted by Susan Levenson, Lorraine Petrini Ferland, Peter Perron, Roslyn Chavda, Ph.D. and Jackie Snow

The School Board and administration have been busy working on the budget for the last few months. There have been three presentations to the Budget Committee and a Public Hearing along with budget discussions at several School Board meetings.

Test results for the Smarter Balanced Assessment, NWEA MAP and NECAP Science standardized tests were recently shared with the School Board. For the new Smarter Balanced testing, which focuses on Math and English Language Arts (ELA), Nottingham students exceeded state averages for students who have an adequate or greater understanding of subject matter. For the NWEA MAP testing, Nottingham students outpaced national averages and improved from last year's results. Nottingham students also scored higher on the NECAP Science test than state averages.

Smarter Balanced test results for Dover High School and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the two schools that serve the majority of Nottingham students were also presented. Dover High School scored just above the state averages in Math and ELA. Coe-Brown's results scored second highest in the state for Math and fourth highest in the state for ELA.

This success is due to the hard work of our teachers, school administration, staff and students; as well as Nottingham families who spend time on schoolwork at home. Please go to the Nottingham School website curriculum page to see details of the results.

Nottingham School District enrollment numbers as of December 2015 are as follows:

Nottingham Elementary School: 518 In-District
19 Home school

Total Elementary: 537

- High School:
- 10 Home school
- 87 Dover High School
- 116 Coe-Brown Northwood Academy
- 2 CATA
- 3 Pinkerton Academy
- 1 Exeter High School

219 Total High School

The School Board has negotiated a contract with Coe-Brown Northwood Academy that will be on the ballot in March. The contract is for a period of seven years and it is non-exclusive, which means that Nottingham is not required to send students, which maintains choice for Nottingham. For the 2016-2017 school year, Nottingham will receive a 3% discount on the tuition rate or pay the 2015-2016 rate, whichever offers the greatest financial benefit to Nottingham. For the 2017-2018 school year, Nottingham will receive a 2.5% discount on the tuition rate.

The School Board has also negotiated a contract with the Nottingham Paraprofessional Association that will be on the ballot in March. It is a one-year contract; there are changes in insurance offerings and the salary schedule.

We will be providing additional details on both contracts at the Public Budget Hearing, Deliberative Session and at School Board meetings.

The School Board also meets monthly at the SAU for Joint Board meetings with Strafford and Northwood. These are important meetings where we discuss changes in Education law such as the recent change from No Child Left Behind to new legislation entitled The Every Student Succeeds Act. We also discuss and implement studies and goals that are implemented in all the SAU schools. These meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend.

Upcoming School Board meetings in February and March are as follows:

- February 3: 7 p.m., Deliberative Session
Nottingham School Gymnasium
- February 17: 6:30 p.m., School Board Meeting
Nottingham School Library
- March 2: 6:30 p.m., School Board Meeting
Nottingham School Library
- March 16: 6:30 p.m., School Board Meeting
Nottingham School Library

The Nottingham School Board Meetings are televised on Channel 13. The School Board email is: nottinghambsb@nhsau44.org.

The Nottingham School's website address is: www.nottingham.k12.nh.us and the SAU website is: www.sau44.org.

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persons to help. All poll workers are voters, registered in the Town of Nottingham (Exception: The moderator may appoint, as poll workers, residents who have reached the age of 17, but are too young to vote). All of them are sworn in for their term, or for the day.

Campaigns, and anyone visibly supporting a candidate (holding a sign for example) are conducting electioneering. If you intend to be a candidate for any office, or visibly support any candidate for office, please review the Moderator's rules for electioneering, a link to which can be found on the Elections & Voting page of the town website. The law requires the Moderator to provide a clear path from parking to the polling place, so that voters may pass without having to interact with campaigners, unless they so choose. Signs are allowed **only** in the area designated by the Moderator. The law also requires candidates, and anyone working or volunteering for candidates, to follow certain statutes. The Moderator is required to enforce these laws, which are on the Attorney General's checklist: http://www.nottinghamnh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_BComm/checklistdocs/ModeratorRulesElectioneering08-27-2014.pdf.

Hours Polls are Open: While minimum polling hours are set by state statute, towns may opt to offer extended hours for voting. We do that in Nottingham. The hours were set by a vote of the Town Meeting, and may be changed only by a new vote of the Town Meeting. In Nottingham, the polls open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Other towns may have different polling hours. Everyone present at closing time is allowed to vote, even if there is a long line. The police watch the parking lot at 7 p.m. and they turn away voters who show up after 7 p.m. but if you are in the parking lot by 7 p.m., you will be allowed to vote.



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2016 Election Dates and Poll Locations

February 9: Presidential Primary at the Town Hall; Polls open at 8 a.m. **

March 8: Town Elections at the Town Hall; Polls open at 8 a.m.

March 12: Town Meeting at the Nottingham School Gymnasium, 8:30 a.m.

September 13: State Primary Election Day at the Town Hall; Polls open at 8 a.m.

November 8: General Election Day at the Nottingham School Gymnasium; Polls open at 8 a.m.*

*Please note that the general election on November 8, 2016 will be held at the Nottingham School gymnasium.

**Please note that the Presidential Primary Election on February 9, 2016, will be held at the Town Hall, but with a different entrance/exit pattern than normal. There will be signage on site to inform you.



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The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the March/April newsletter is February 5. E-mail news to nottinghamnewsletter@gmail.com. Be sure to include a name and contact number. Advertising size is 3.5-inches by 2-inches. Ads are \$20 for Nottingham residents and \$35 for non residents. E-mail ads to Carrie Bounds at carriegillis@comcast.net.

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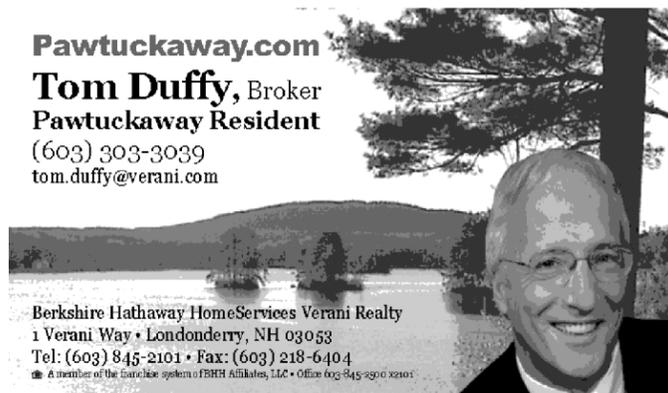
Submitted by Kathy Cinfo

The Recycling Center attendants bid farewell to Cliff Bullock with a pizza party and cupcakes recently. Cliff has decided to “retire” from the workforce to pursue his own personal projects. Of course, if you know Cliff, you know he will be busier than when he was working. He has been a resident of Nottingham since 1999 and started working at the Recycling Center in 2005. Previously he had worked in Security at Seabrook Station and was the Union President of the Security workers. You’ll remember him as the tall man who monitored the outside dumpsters, as the sticker compliance guy, and as the guy who gave the kids lollipops. Cliff will be missed. We offer him a huge “thank you” for his service to the Town and a sincere wish for good luck and good health in his retirement.

Winter hours are currently in effect. The Recycling Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. These hours will be in effect until May. Remember, you must be at the center 15 minutes before closing time in order to have enough time to dispose of your recyclables and trash and to give the attendants time to shut down the machinery.

Volunteers are still needed for the swap shop if the residents want to keep it open. Volunteer sheets are available at the Town Hall.

Nottingham recycles cardboard, metal, tin cans, aluminum, paper, and number 1 and number 2 plastics (identifiable using the recycling triangle surrounding the number on the bottom of plastic items). Recycling is good for the environment and good for your tax rate with the sale of recyclable products. We win two ways when we recycle: We minimize our “carbon footprint” on the earth and we take an active step to curb our tax rate.



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Planning Board News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on January 13, 2016. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to gather public comment for proposed amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance. In order to align the zoning document with State terminologies and other municipal documents, such as the town’s Subdivision regulations that were amended this past September, the Planning Board recommends a few clarifying amendments in the Article VI Definitions. The proposed changes were as follows: omitting definitions for “Animal Feed Lot” and “Campground”; changing definitions for “Building Inspector”, “Soil Scientist”, and “Surveying”; and adding definitions for “Abutter”, “Certified Soil Scientist”, “Completeness Review”, “Public Hearing”, “Town”, “4K Area”, and “Stream”.

Documents pertaining to the hearing are available at the Municipal Town Office during business hours and on the Town Website. For questions, contact the Building Inspector 679-9597, ext. 2, or send mail to the Planning Board, PO Box 114, Nottingham, NH 03290.

Nottingham voted in March 2011 to accept an Impact Fee Ordinance, which requires the Board to reassess the fee schedule and the assessment every five years. Currently the fees are portioned out to Nottingham School and the Fire Department. Other considerations for impact fee apportionments are Public Works, the Police Department, and the Recreation Department. The Board is collaborating with the Nottingham School Board, the Marston Committee and the Recreation Department before moving ahead with an agreement for consultant services for the reassessment.

The Planning Board is seeking Alternates. Contact JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk, at 697-9597, ext. 1. The Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex. Meetings are televised on the local access channel and the public is always welcome to attend.



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Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

The Commission welcomes Liz Kotowski and Krystal Costa as alternate members. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) approved their appointments at their December 28 meeting. Both women bring talent to the table and field in addition to much needed representation from Pawtuckaway Lake.

The Commission met with the BOS at the December 28 meeting to update and discuss recent conservation activities. Dialogue between the two agencies has resulted in increased collaboration and support for both groups. Discussion topics were as follows:

The Town’s Conservation Fund account and proposed conservation easement contributions from the Fund (90+ acres on Deerfield Road with frontage on the Park and Pawtuckaway Lake; 30 acres of farmland on Ledge Farm Road; and 200+/- acres of the proposed Harvey easement that extends into Nottingham from Epping).

The Strategic Plan Update noting ten (10) benchmark achievements for 2015 and six (6) focus areas for 2016, including increased communication and collaboration with the Planning Board.

End-of-year reports for river water testing, road side cleanup, conservation easement (CE) monitoring and well water testing for residents. Plans for 2016 include a winter natural history walk on a CE property (TBA), outreach programs, and another well water testing program for residents in March.

The Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room #2. The meetings are taped for broadcast on the local access channel for later in the week. Members of the public are welcome and are encouraged to attend. The Commission seeks alternate members to assist with our responsibilities to protect natural resources for the health and benefit of wildlife habitats, water quality, and residents of and visitors to this special area.



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New Hope Church

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We welcome you to join us! Sunday morning service is at 10 a.m. We are located at 34 Raymond Road (Rte. 156) in Nottingham.

Opportunities to get connected:

- Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Grammie’s praying for our Grandchildren (Moms In Prayer International)
- Wednesday Nursing Home Ministry (for more information call Joe at 942-5833)
- Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: Women’s Bible study by Beth Moore on the book of Daniel (for more information call Donna at 734-4646)
- Thursday nights Men’s bible study (for more information call Pastor Ted at 285-3533)
- Fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m.: Praying for our wayward children
- Fourth Saturdays of the month: Prison Ministry (for more information call Pastor Ted)

Events Coming up

Movie Night on Saturday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. featuring Woodlawn, “A moving and inspirational film based on the true story of how love and unity overcame hate and division in early 1970s Birmingham, Alabama. A gifted high school football player must learn to boldly embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field.”

Valentine’s Banquet on Saturday, February 13 at 6 p.m. Call 285-3533 for reservations and meal choice.

Passover Seder Meal on Friday, March 18 at 6 p.m. come learn about the Jewish holiday and the traditional food served. Call 734-4646 for more information and reservations.



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Nottingham Women's Club News 2016

Submitted by Diana Robinson

Your local Nottingham Women's Club is looking for members and volunteers in 2016! You may be asking yourself who are these women and what does the Women's Club do? Current members are your friends and neighbors from all different generations with varied interests and talents: some are working women, some are stay-at-home moms, some have young families, some have furry children, and others are retired. Having such a diverse group of women is what makes our club great and makes our gatherings fun! Visit our website: www.nottinghamwomensclub.com.

The Nottingham Women's Club has been around since 1948 and has had many great accomplishments. One was raising funds over the years to establish an ongoing scholarship fund for Nottingham students pursuing higher education. The scholarship fund is managed by New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Every year we are able to award one or two students with approximately \$1000 in scholarships. The Nottingham Women's Club Scholarship is awarded each spring. We are currently looking for members new and old to serve on the Scholarship committee which meets several times February through May. We are also looking for non-member volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Other 2015 activities included:

- Mother/Daughter Spring Tea at the Community Center
- Candidate's Night: A bi-partisan forum for the community to hear from all candidates running in Nottingham.
- Crafters Group: Knitting of baby hats & Sewing of Hearts to Hold for donation to hospitals
Cookie donations to May Baskets
Nottingham Day Booth
Christmas Brunch & Cookie Swap at Dante's restaurant in Barrington.
Paint Night at Refined Art at the Christmas Dove.

Our focus in 2016 will be having fun monthly gatherings while we discuss our signature fundraising event. Come join us in deciding what we do in 2016! Our meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Location may vary as we are looking for a permanent meeting spot. Follow us on Facebook: *Nottingham Women's Club* for the most up to date meeting location information or contact Diana Robinson at dianalyn29@hotmail.com.

Pawtuckaway Piecers

Submitted by Karen Delisle

Pawtuckaway Piecers is a small quilting guild with a cap of 35 members. We have room for new members with all levels of ability welcome. Membership is not limited to Nottingham residents. Stop in and check us out; there is no fee or limit on visits for visitors.

The guild recently held its annual Retreat at the Franciscan Guest House in Kennebunk. The turnout was wonderful with most members attending. Many sewing and quilting projects were started or finished.

We have moved. The guild is now meeting at the Community Center. We still meet the second Monday of the month, from 7 to 9 p.m., but now meetings are held in the 'kitchen' room at the Community Center. We had a yearly Potluck and Holiday party there with outstanding results as the room is a bit roomier. Check us out in our "new digs"!

Starting in January the guild has formed a new Committee we are calling the Program Team. This group will set up the Monthly Sews, have "Meet the Quilter" spotlights, plan weekend "Sew Ins" and other additional special program treats. Join in and join us!

If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Loupee at 603-397-5511 or Karen Delisle at 603-679-1720.

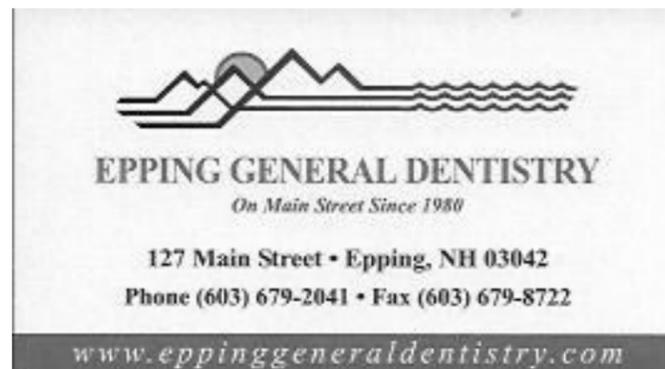


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Library News & Events

Submitted by Eric Stern

2015 once again proved to be a year of change for the Blaisdell Memorial Library, and I want to start off with another thank you to our former Assistant Director, Pat Vachon. Pat worked at the Blaisdell Memorial Library for over 25 years, and both she and her husband Al did many wonderful things for our library. Because they are frequent visitors to the library, I know that Pat and Al are fully enjoying retirement, but we once again want to wish them the very best in 2016 and beyond.

Now that we have turned the calendar to read 2016, the library hours have changed. Hopefully by now folks are settling in to the new hours, but here they are again for your convenience: Sunday, 1-4 p.m.; Monday, closed; Tuesday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Recurring Adult Program: Computer Skills for Beginners

Are you afraid to use computers or the internet? Does the thought of composing and sending an email put you into a cold sweat? When you use a mouse, does it feel like you're getting a full body workout? Would you like to learn how to compose a letter in Microsoft Word, or create a simple spreadsheet in Microsoft Excel?

If you nodded in agreement to any of the above questions, you could be a prime candidate for a computer skills session at the library! I (Eric) will be conducting computer assistance training sessions on a one-on-one basis most Wednesdays in 2016. These hour-long sessions are an opportunity for beginners to familiarize themselves with computers, and to learn the skills necessary to cope with the digital age. This is a great chance to get up to speed on computers (or at least, up to enough speed!) and to empower yourself to use current technology in an enjoyable way. Please call the library (679-8484) to sign-up for a session, or to learn more.



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Story Hour & Children's Programs

While most Story Hour sessions are now filled, if you have not signed up but would like to, please contact the library to inquire. Pre-registration is required to participate in story hour. The story hour schedule for the remainder of 2016 is: Toddler Story Hour (2-3 year olds), Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Preschool and Kindergarten Story Hour (4-6 year olds), Thursday, 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.; and Baby Story Hour (Birth - 2 years), Thursday, 11:15 a.m.

New in February, Miss Amy has launched the Bedtime Math Crazy 8s Club. This is a chance to build stuff, run, jump make a mess—a totally new kind of math club! Some fun activities planned include Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry, Bouncy Dice and Toilet Paper Olympics! The first session begins Tuesday, February 2, from 3-4 p.m. The club runs for eight weeks and is open to children in grades K-2. Please call if you have questions or would like to register. Space for this club is limited to 10 children.

Other recurring children's programs that continue throughout 2016 include Lego Sundays, movies, Book Munchers Book Club (for grades 4 and 5), craft days, and special events during vacation weeks. For up-to-date children's programming, follow the library on Facebook or visit the library website.

Book Donations

The Friends of the Library group has traditionally held two book sales annually to benefit the Library—one in May and one in November – and the library collects gently used books in advance of these sales. Due to limited storage space, our preference is for sale donations to arrive no earlier than two weeks prior.

Similarly, donations that are made for the intent of being put in the library collection (rather than sold by the Friends at their bi-annual sales) should be in good condition, show little wear and tear, and have no mold or mildew issues. Prior to inclusion in the collection, we evaluate all donations to determine whether they fit a need for the collection.

For details on any library events, new materials added to the collection, museum passes, or just about anything related to the library, feel free to call us at 679-8484, visit us on Facebook, check out our website at nottinghamlibrary.org, or simply stop by for a visit.

Historical Society

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Slaves in Nottingham

Slaves were owned by some of the more affluent landowners in Nottingham. E.O. Foss estimates that the number of slaves in town ranged from nine to sixteen. It is thought that Peter Hanson was a slave owned by the Leathers family who was granted his freedom. Below is his eloquent request for a divorce from his enslaved wife so he will not father slaves.

[Petition of Peter Hanson for a Divorce: addressed to the General Assembly, Feb. 12, 1778.]

Most humbly sheweth, Peter Hanson of Nottingham in said State, that your Petitioner was born in that unhappy Quarter of the World called Africa, whose Inhabitants have been usuually Stole, transported and Sold in the Markets of America like Cattle, notwithstanding they have but two legs, and are formed in the Same Image as White men. In like manner your Petitioner was bro't to this State and Sold, where by his faithfull and diligent behaviour in his Masters Service he has Obtained his freedom; and humbly presumes that by his Industry he is in a likely way not to be Unuseful to the Community. He begs leave further to shew that in the time of his Servitude he was Married to one Venus his Countrywoman and Slave to M' Nathaniel Cooper of Dover, that by agreement with, and Consent of said Venus he has for more than one year past refrained to Cohabit with her as his wife, for the following reasons viz Because he Verily believes the making Slaves of any of the human Race is Unrighteous in the Sight of God, and a Cruel Despotick power used by one part of Mankind over another, and that his begetting Children to be and remain Slaves during their lives would be very Wicked, and for which he might deserve the Curses of such a Posterity groaning under Bondage—Also for that in his present happy State of Freedom he cannot

have any Comfort in the Conjugal State with a person who is a Slave and cannot reside with him or Even so much as Speak to him without leave from her Master or Mistress, which he has been formerly denied and he not Suffered to tarry in the house with her.

Wherefore your Petitioner most humbly prays that your Honours (who have so nobled Strugled in the Cause of Natural Liberty) will take his case into your wise Consideration, and relieve him from being tied to a Slave, under the Temptation of begetting Slaves, and liberate him by dissolving the Bonds of Matrimony between him and the said Venus. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray most fervently his Peter P Hanson mark [In H. of Rep., Aug. 20, 1778, a hearing was ordered for the next session of the legislature; but the matter did not come before the next or probably any subsequent legislature. —E0.]

Source: *Town Papers. Documents Relating to Towns in New Hampshire, Volume 13 pgs 108-109*

Nottingham Food Pantry

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We want to say thank you to everyone who helped in making Christmas a wonderful time for both the families and elderly that come through our doors. Through our Wish Upon A Star program we met the needs of 33 children and 14 elderly. Through the Teen Baskets program 18 baskets were given out. We were also able to bless 31 families with a complete Christmas dinner.

The Nottingham Food Pantry is located in the Town Municipal Building. Our pantry services Nottingham residents only. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 209, Nottingham. We distribute on the third Thursday's of each month. New clients by appointment, please. Call 679-5209. All calls are confidential.



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Recreation Department

Submitted by Janet Horvath

Recreation Office Hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2016 is bringing big changes to the Recreation Department. Online registration is in the works and we hope to have it ready to use within the next few months. We are excited about this addition and expect the registration process for all of our programs to be streamlined in the coming year.

Line Dancing classes are on Monday nights at the Old Town Hall. The 6 p.m. class is for beginners. The 7 p.m. class is for intermediate level. Or you can go to both!

Martial Arts classes are on Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center for ages 5-plus. Classes for newcomers are 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Toddler Gym has started for children birth to 6 years old on Mondays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The younger children can come to the first session and older children for the later session. Give your child a chance to run around, walk on a balance beam, jump on a trampoline and crawl through a tunnel. More importantly, your child can socialize with other children in a gym setting. The cost is \$2 per session or buy a \$20 pass for 10 sessions.

The Annual Valentine's Square Dance will be held on Friday, February 12 starting at 6:30 p.m. for desserts and 6:45 p.m. for dancing. This is a GREAT family event and there is no admission charge. Please bring fruit, snacks or a dessert to share at the Community Center.

Plans are being made for February Vacation Camp: February 22-26 during school vacation.

Please call the Recreation Department for more details at 679-3435.

The regular monthly senior potluck luncheons are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month from September through June with the Holiday party in December and the picnic in June. The upcoming luncheons will be February 17 and March 16. Please mark your calendars and join us!

The Nottingham Theatre Project is sponsoring a mug fundraiser. These mugs are available for \$7 from the Recreation office and will be available for sale until they are gone. All proceeds will help defer the high cost of the plays that we produce.

Ready Rides needs your support. Ready Rides provides rides for seniors and the disabled so they can get to their medical appointments and this service is available to Nottingham residents. Seven other towns are under the Ready Rides umbrella including Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood and Strafford. If you are 55 or older or are disabled and are in need of rides to your medical appointments, call 244-8719 for more information. Please call to volunteer as a driver, board member, or to sign up as a rider.

If you want to know what is going on in the Recreation Department, sign up for the Recreation newsletter. Send us an email at recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov and ask to be added to the list. The list will be used for our purposes only and will not be distributed or sold.

Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

Submitted by Karyl Martin

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. We offer weekly services on Sundays at 10 a.m. at our historic church building located at 106 Church Street. Sunday school for children of all ages will be offered on February 7. We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members. Please see our website at www.nottinghamuu.com or join our Facebook group for more information.



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