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Summer Events at the Library: *On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!*

Submitted by Eric Stern

Children's Summer Reading Program

As you may have guessed from the title of this article, this year's theme is fitness, health and sports. The Summer Reading Program is free, and it is open to all Nottingham children. Come to the library each week starting June 28 to earn stickers and a weekly prize!

Come to one of our drop-in story times that run through August 4. Children can attend either a Tuesday morning story time from 10-11 a.m. or a Thursday afternoon story time from 1-2 p.m. Activities are geared toward children K-2, but all are welcome. Those entering grades 2-5 can come for "Full Steam Ahead" on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. "Full Steam Ahead," will feature a series of hands-on activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

Attend one of the many free family programs scheduled throughout the summer. We have a number of events planned including visits by the Children's Museum of NH and the Boston Bruins' Ice Girls and their mascot, Blades. For every program you attend, you will be given a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes from Storyland, Canobie Lake Park, Santa's Village, Water Country, and more. See the library website or visit us on Facebook for program times and updated information.

Teen Summer Reading Program

Teens! This summer we challenge you to "Get in the Game! Read!" Join us at the library on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m., for lively book discussions. Throughout the summer we will continue to share the books we are reading and the ones we want to read. We will also have some rather rewarding reading challenges. Perhaps you will read an unfamiliar genre, design signs for the YA area and beyond, create a video, or help plan for a guest author. This summer will be full of surprises and great reads! Summer book club meetings run from Thursday, June 16 through Thursday, August 18. Game on!

Adult Summer Reading Program

Following the 2016 Summer Reading "sports" theme, the Blaisdell Memorial Library presents the Adult Summer Reading "Sweet 16" Tournament of Books! This game, which will follow the format of the NCAA March Madness basketball tournament brackets, will start with 16 books, and end with one... one book to rule them all! Any adult who wishes to participate, please stop in the library prior to Sunday, July 10, fill out a tournament bracket, and place it in the ballot box. This completed tournament bracket is your prediction for which books will "win" each round of the tournament, as selected weekly throughout the summer by library patrons. (It is also your entry to win a fun prize at the end of the summer.) Each week through the summer, vote for your favorite book in each matchup. As books are eliminated each week, we will move from 16, to 8, to 4, to 2, and at last to 1 "champion" book - which will have been chosen by totaling up the selections of all patrons who participate each week in the voting.

- Round 1 - vote by Sunday, July 17
- Round 2 - vote by Sunday, July 24
- Round 3 - vote by Sunday, July 31
- FINAL Round 4 - vote by Sunday, August 7

On hot summer days when an air conditioned museum may sound appealing, don't forget that through the generosity of the Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library, we are able to offer Nottingham residents discounted admission to several area attractions. Through the summer, the library offers passes to the Children's Museum of NH, Currier Museum of Art, Museum of Fine Arts (Boston), Museum of Science (Boston), Seacoast Science Center, SEE Science Center, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, and Strawberry Banke. For details on any pass, visit the library website at nottinghamlibrary.org/library-passes. To reserve any museum pass, contact us at 679-8484 or blaisdellml@comcast.net.



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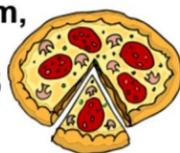


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News from the Nottingham School Board

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

As another school year comes to an end, we find that we have much to celebrate. We wish to again thank the community for their tremendous support in March which provided us with our budget for next year as well as approvals for the Paraprofessional contract and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy contract as well as the other warrant articles. We are appreciative of the hard work of our teachers, administration and the community members who share their time and knowledge in support of the students.

After much research, Mr. Jude Chauvette, Curriculum Director, and the Reading Program Committee members have recommended the reading program *Wonders*, published by McGraw Hill as the program to be implemented in grades K-5 at Nottingham School. They have also recommended the program *Literature*, published by Holt, McDougall for grade 6. This will add grade 6 to the reading program already adopted by grades 7 and 8. The committee conducted pilots of several programs at each grade level, reviewed the merits of each program, and considered teacher and student feedback in making their selection. At the Nottingham School Board meeting on June 1, Mr. Chauvette, Mr. Stone, Mrs. Jeannotte, Mrs. Robinson and Ms. Behl discussed the programs and the selection process, after which the School Board voted to accept their recommendations.

On June 13, Nottingham School held graduation for 51 eighth grade students. We congratulate all of our eighth graders and their families and wish them success as they move on to high school. Next year, 35 students will attend Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, 14 will attend Dover High School and two will attend other schools.

On June 15, 21 Nottingham students graduated Dover High School. Among them is Abby Cooke, who

graduated in the top ten and will attend Colby Sawyer College in the fall to study nursing. On May 27, 37 Nottingham students graduated Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. Graduating in the top 10 were Henry Turcotte, who will choose from UNH, UMass Amherst or Rochester Institute of Technology to study engineering and Elisabeth Danis, who will study business at the University of Alabama. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our high school graduates and their families. These students have represented Nottingham well during their high school careers and we wish each of them the very best as they enter the next phase of their lives.

We would also like to thank our student board members, Abby Cooke representing Dover High School and Claire Hammond representing Coe-Brown Northwood Academy for their time over the past two years and we wish them continued success in college.

Mr. John Olson, Nottingham School Maintenance Director will retire this year after 15 years at Nottingham School. We thank him for his dedication and hard work maintaining the facility at the highest level. Also retiring is Mr. Jim Rohrer, a Paraprofessional at Nottingham School for four years, we thank him for his service to our students.

Mrs. Jen Asdot, Assistant Principal, has accepted a position closer to her home. She will be greatly missed as she has been a wonderful advocate for students and contributed much to the school in terms of academic improvement and leadership. We wish her success in her new position.

Over the past year, the School Board has negotiated a collective bargaining agreement with the Nottingham Paraprofessional Association, negotiated a tuition agreement with Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, studied the facilities at Nottingham School and, in collaboration with the teachers and administration, made changes to the building to facilitate better use of space in support of students, worked with the Budget

Committee and administration to prepare a budget for the 2016-2017 academic year, approved new reading programs for Nottingham School, attended training with the NH School Boards Association and the Local Government Center, worked with the Nottingham Planning Board on impact fees and CIP, attended meetings of the Marston Planning Committee and worked on School District policy among other matters that have arisen over the course of the year.

The Board will meet over the summer to continue its work. Items for discussion include timeline/approach for replacing the school's playground, goal-setting for the 2016-2017 school year, discussions regarding full-day kindergarten, discussions regarding increased community involvement and presentations to the community, and continuing to update district policy.

You can contact the School Board via e-mail at schoolboard@nottingham.k12.nh.us or attend a meeting. The next meeting will be held on July 6, 2016, at Nottingham School.

Summer Institute 2016

Submitted by Chris Sousa, Nottingham School Principal

Our Summer Institute will be running from June 15 through July 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nottingham's Summer Institute is a two-and-a-half-week "summer camp" offered to students in grades 4 through 8. The students who attend work on a variety of fun and challenging learning activities and projects.

Last year's Summer Institute students worked on a three-part problem: The kindergarten preparedness kits, exploring ways to promote the upkeep of the Patriots' Garden, and a research project on the field of aeroponics and how it could be incorporated into our school curriculum. Other recent projects of the Summer Institute include the spelling bee, the initial development of our Patriots' Garden, the Highest Honors Breakfast, communicating with Nottingham's senior citizens, the start up of the Nottingham School

Post Office, and the Adopt-a-Spot program (volunteer maintenance for the grounds in front of the school).

Summer Institute is run by Mrs. Rose Breslin-Dawson assisted by Mrs. Barbara Henderson. Students meet in the teachers' room and have access to computers. Their activities include solving real problems, presentations to jury panels, designing T-shirts, preparing a healthy cookout, and sometimes (but not always) acting in skits, and performing musically. The tuition is \$55 (this includes the T-shirt) and all materials. We are looking forward to another great adventure for our students.

Nottingham Food Pantry

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We are located in the Nottingham Town Municipal Building and we service Nottingham residents. We distribute on the third Thursday of each month. New clients by appointment, please. For more information call 679-5209. All calls are confidential.

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The Nottingham Community Newsletter is a community service and is published bi-monthly and mailed to every Nottingham resident.

The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the September/October newsletter is August 1. News articles can be submitted to nottinghamnewsletter@gmail.com as single-spaced Word documents in Times New Roman 12-point font, with one-inch margins. Photos/graphics must be sent as separate attachments. Do not embed graphics into Word documents and refrain from special formatting (e.g., underlines, all caps, tables, columns or bold type). Do not indent paragraphs and insert just one return between paragraphs. Important: Insert only one space after periods and colons. Please 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 (jpg format preferred) to carriegillis@comcast.net.

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Nottingham Square

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Nottingham is fortunate to have one of the few remaining undisturbed town commons in the state at Nottingham Square. The details of Nottingham Square were laid out in 1732 when a detailed survey of the town was completed. At the time Nottingham Square was chosen for the center of town it was described as being "upon the height of a large swell of land, gently sloping in every direction. The blue waters of the Atlantic and the white canvas of vessels entering the harbor at Portsmouth could be seen."

Nottingham Square is not just the area at the four corners. The homes, school, cemeteries, monuments, landmarks, stone walls, hedgerows, forest and fields that surround the center all are part of the area known as the square. That "Square" is the same today as was laid out in 1732. The roads are the same and many houses have been there for over 200 years. In the northeast corner of the Square is a school. Though the original schoolhouse no longer stands, this one has been here since 1850 and is now owned by the DAR. Upstairs is the schoolhouse museum maintained by the Nottingham Historical Society. It contains some of the original handmade desks for students as well as the original blackboard and teacher's desk. The Schoolhouse Museum is open during the Historical Society Blueberry Pancake Breakfast (August 14) and on special occasions.

The open space on the square was used in 1775 for military drilling under the leadership of Dr. Henry Dearborn. When news of the battle of Lexington and Concord reached town, Dr. Dearborn organized a company of men who left the square and marched to Medford, MA. Some stayed including Dr. Dearborn and were involved in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Nottingham Square was home to many officers of the New Hampshire Revolutionary Army including Generals Butler, Cilley, Dearborn and Bartlett. Musket

balls used during the training have been found on the square and were donated to the Nottingham Historical Society and can be seen at the Van Dame Schoolhouse Museum by the Town Offices.

Recreation Department News

Submitted by Kortney Dorow

Recreation Office Hours: Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
679-3435, recreation@nottingham-nh.gov

Online registration for summer recreation programs is now available! Programs include Drama Camp, Lego Camp, Summer/Pioneer Camp, Challenger Soccer Camp and Swimming Lessons at the Town Beach. Recreation Soccer registrations are now open and Flag Football Registrations are coming soon.

Line Dancing classes are on Monday nights at the Old Town Hall. There is a 6 p.m. class for beginners, a 7 p.m. class for intermediate, or go to both.

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

Toddler Gym for children birth to six years old is on Mondays, with a new time from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon. 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 you can buy a \$20 pass for ten sessions. New: There is a Toddler Gym Summer Session that started June 27 that is held on Tuesdays.

There will not be regular senior luncheons in July and August, but we do expect the Pioneers to continue the tradition of making a meal or two during those months. We will keep you posted.

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 currently needs two board members from Nottingham. 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. 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.

The annual concert series line up is out!

July 19: Decatur Creek (Indie)
July 26: Rockin' Daddios (50s and 60s),
August 2: Don Campbell (Folk Rock, Country, Pop)
August 9: Honest Millie (Fiddle Music)
August 18: The US Army Band

If you want to know what is going on in the Recreation Department, sign up for the Recreation newsletter. Send us an e-mail 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.

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast: August 14

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

The Nottingham Historical Society will be having its annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 14, from 8 to 10:30 a.m., rain or shine at the Nottingham Square School. There will be pancakes with wild blueberry syrup and/or real maple syrup, juice, and hot beverages. Adults are \$5 and children are \$2.50.

Come have a delicious breakfast with your friends and neighbors and support the Nottingham Historical Society. The School House Museum will be open for touring as well.

Pawtuckaway Piecers

Submitted by Karen Delisle

Our quilt guild meets the second Monday of the month at the Nottingham Recreation Center in the 'kitchen' room from 7 to 9 p.m. The guild is open to all levels of ability, is not limited to Nottingham residents and is currently accepting new members. There is no fee to visit.

The program part of our meeting has brought us several demos on how to clean our sewing machine and Paper Piecing. We have also had a 'Meet the Quilter' format with several Trunk Shows of beautiful quilts! Coming up in July is a demo on Appliqué. The guild is currently looking to schedule a BoHo bag class. We have also started making plans for our yearly Retreat in Kennebunkport, November 17–20.

Our upcoming meetings are July 11, August 8, and September 12. The August meeting is our ice cream social. If you have questions please call our president, Stephanie, at 603-397-5511.

New Hope Church

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We welcome you to come and join us at 10 a.m. for Sunday morning services at 34 Raymond Road (Route 156) in Nottingham. Other opportunities to get connected include:

Grammies Praying for Grandchildren (Moms in Prayer International): Monday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nursing Home Ministry: For information call Joe at 942-5833.

Women's Bible Study: On Wednesday nights. Call Donna at 734-4646 for more information.

Thursday Nights Men's Bible Study: For information, call Pastor Ted at 285-3533.

Men's Breakfast at the Church: On the third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

Praying for our wayward children: On the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Prison Ministry: On the fourth Saturdays of the month. For more information, call Pastor Ted at 285-3533.

Nottingham Musical Variety Show

This year's show is scheduled for Thursday, July 16 at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Town Square (junction of 156 and Ledge Farm Road). In case of rain the event will be moved to the Community Center.

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Planning Board News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

On November 12, 2014, The Planning Board held a joint meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The ZBA Chairman spoke with the members of the Board about cases that had come before the ZBA in previous years. Three topics were discussed at length: the proposed Steep Slope Ordinance; a proposed Lot Disturbance and Landscaping Ordinance; and Setback Distances on potential house lots for accessory structures. The vast majority of cases that were seeking relief from the Zoning Ordinance (ZO) were for grandfathered non-conforming lots of less than two acres (2) and conforming lots for the required 50-foot setback from all property lines for all structures, including accessory structures. In all cases, for conforming lots and grandfathered non-conforming lots, the ZBA granted relief and allowed accessory structures such as sheds and the like to be placed within the 50-foot setback on three sides of the property, not including the frontage along the road. In regard to this single issue, the Board decided to amend the ZO to allow a 20-foot setback for accessory structures on three sides, not including frontage along the road for conforming lots and allowance of the primary dwelling to within 20 feet for grandfathered non-conforming lots. A warrant article to amend the ZO in Article II Zoning Districts and District Regulations C. Residential – Agricultural District 2 was placed before the voters and passed at the 2015 Town Meeting.

There are several subdivision applications before the Board. In a few cases there has been disagreement about the calculation of the building envelope. Town council recently reviewed the ZO amendment and other documents and determined that the 50-foot setback for the primary dwelling is to be used in determining the building envelope, not the 20-foot setback for accessory structures. It is expected that the

ZBA will be engaged to determine a ruling on this issue before the applicant’s return for continuance.

Impact Fee Update status: Mr. Bruce C. Mayberry, BCM Planning, LLC, has presented an agreement to the Board for consultant services to provide a review and update of the existing impact assessment schedules for the public school and fire department facilities, and to develop a basis of assessment for a recreation impact fee schedule, if feasible.

On May 25, the Board held a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission. Secretary Susan Mooney and Chair Sam Demeritt reviewed a short list of Master Plan Action Items that had been assigned to the Board as the lead agency in the Master Plan Update. The Action Items had been selected by the Commission because of their impacts on water resources, protection of the quality of Nottingham’s scenic and dark sky ordinance, and land uses to preserve rural small town character that reinforces the natural landscape. Each item was discussed and first steps were determined if appropriate at this time. The two land use boards agreed to reconvene in a few months to continue this initiative.

Land use boards are responsible for incorporating, at a minimum, RSA’s in their zoning ordinances and supporting documents, The code enforcer and ultimately, the Board of Selectmen, have the authority to enforce these regulations at the local level, and NH DES at the state level. Rivers and some watersheds are protected under DES through the Rivers Management Protection Program. Please see the Conservation Commission’s news submission in this issue of the Newsletter for more information about the regional committee, LRAC, which stewards the Lamprey River Watershed. LRAC has openings for up to three Nottingham residents to join the Committee. At this time, Nottingham has no representation. Contact Mike Russo, ZBA Chair, if you are interested in this opportunity to help protect our rivers and streams.

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Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

This spring, three activities in which it appeared that violations of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA), RSA 483-B, enacted in 1991, and the Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP), enacted in 1998 and administered by NH DES, had occurred. The Commission and the building inspector are charged with protecting the natural resources of the town including ground and surface water quality and, as a result, these alleged violations were reported to the proper agencies. The North River is included in the Lamprey River Watershed and falls into the RMPP. The Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) is the local entity that reviews proposals and activities that would impact the watershed.*

All lakes in the state of ten (10) acres or greater are protected by RSA 483-B. In short, a river corridor includes the river and the land area within 1320 feet of the normal high water mark or to the landward extent of the 100-year floodplain as designated by FEMA. For a lake, a 50-foot waterfront buffer is required from the reference line (high water mark) in which no disturbance is allowed. (See RSA 483:9). The next 100 feet landward from the reference line is the natural woodland buffer and its maintenance is directed by the RSA. Please refer to <des.nh.gov/organizations/divisions/water>. There are links on the bulleted list for detailed information about the Rivers Management Program (RMPP) and the Shoreland Protection Program (SWQPA).

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*LRAC has openings for up to three Nottingham residents to join the Committee. At this time, Nottingham has no representation. Please contact Mike Russo, ZBA Chair, if you are interested in this very important volunteer role serving Nottingham.

The Harvey Conservation Easement (CE) that will extend from Epping (890 acres) into Nottingham (224 acres) is progressing on schedule. SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) has been working with the two communities, NH Fish and Game, and other groups in the state as well as with federal programs to bring this project together. The value of the easement has been appraised at \$2,780,000 and the purchase price for the CE was negotiated to \$1,300,000.

On May 16, 2016, the Conservation Commission held a public hearing for the Harvey CE Project. Duane Hyde, Land Conservation Director at SELT, described the habitat, recreational and esthetic values of the property owned by the Harvey Family for generations; identified SELT and NHF&G as the primary easement holders and Epping and Nottingham as the executory (backup) CE holders. Because NHF&G will hold a major interest in the easement, the property will remain open to the public for hunting, fishing and recreational activities. The Commission approved Nottingham’s “fair share” contribution of \$63,000 from the Conservation Fund and the Board of Selectmen approved the withdrawal of said funds for this purpose.

Volunteers and additional alternate members are welcome to assist with many projects. Meetings are held every second Monday at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Office Complex.

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