

# NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Property Taxes are due soon. Here are some helpful hints:

1. If you mail in your tax payment and would like to receive a receipt, you should mail back the entire bill along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The top portion of the bill will be stamped as paid and returned in the envelope provided.
2. Common mistakes that result in a check being returned:
  - a. Date – incorrect year
  - b. Legal line – numeric mismatch – make sure these numbers match, if they don't the check will be returned to sender.
  - c. Make sure you sign your check.
3. Payments can be dropped off with the town clerk or main office staff outside of the tax collector's office hours. You can also hand your tax payment (in a stamped envelope) to Patty at the West Nottingham Post office. She will postmark the envelope and put it right in the Tax Collector mailbox while you watch. But only the tax collector can accept cash payments. Regular office hours are Tuesdays 9-12 and Wednesdays 4-6. Check your tax bill for extended hours during tax time.
4. Payments can also be made online. Go to the Town Website at [www.nottingham-nh.gov](http://www.nottingham-nh.gov) and select the Tax Kiosk button. Note the additional fees charged (2.95% for credit card payments and \$0.95 for ACH check). The option to choose payment type is at the very end of the process. Be very careful when typing in ACH check routing and account information. If your bank rejects the transaction, it will be treated as a bounced check with fees assessed.
5. Consider requesting paperless billing to help reduce costs. This can be done when making an online payment or by emailing the tax collector at [taxcollect@nottingham-nh.gov](mailto:taxcollect@nottingham-nh.gov) to request paperless billing. Please provide the email address you would like to receive your tax bill.
6. If you haven't received your tax bill you can find it online if it has been created. Go to the Town website



[www.nottingham-nh.gov](http://www.nottingham-nh.gov) and select the Tax Kiosk button. Taxes are due around July 1st and December 1st. The exact due date depends on holidays, office hours and when the warrant to create the bill was received. Thank you.

Tracey Black: [taxcollect@nottingham-nh.gov](mailto:taxcollect@nottingham-nh.gov)

## Nottingham Historical Society Ready for Fall!



These decorations were provided by Alan Trant and family, from their Gravel Pit Farm Store at 20 Gravel Pit Road in Nottingham. Thank you Alan!

Nottingham School is accepting registration information for next year's Kindergarten classes. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 30, 2024, and will be entering Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year, please contact Jen Bachhuber at [jbachhuber@nottingham.k12.nh.us](mailto:jbachhuber@nottingham.k12.nh.us) to request a registration packet.



Please return the completed registration packet to the Main Office as soon as you can, as this will help us to know how many Kindergarten students to plan for. We will be having our Kindergarten screening day sometime in May 2024, so stay tuned for more information. We look forward to meeting all our incoming Kindergarten families!

YOUR VOICES WERE HEARD

Submitted by Pam Kelly, Communications Director, PLIA

Last year, it was announced that federal American Plan Rescue Act (ARPA) funding for the Campground Expansion Project was appropriated to the NH Division of Parks and Recreation. Its purpose was to replace obsolete infrastructure - adding new infrastructure and supporting facilities - to serve existing visitors and meet the growing demand for camping experiences statewide. In April of 2023, the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA) arranged for a public meeting at which representatives of NH State Parks explained their Pawtuckaway State Park expansion plans and heard first-hand from interested residents and park users. Stakeholders expressed concerns and serious opposition to the proposed expansion and stressed the need to improve and upgrade the Park, instead of expanding it. Below is a map of the State's proposed expansion:



This meeting was followed by a very robust letter writing campaign organized by the PLIA. Its goal was to let our state officials know that we had grave objections about their plans to expand the campgrounds to add 35 waterfront RV sites with water and electric hookups. In addition to opposing the new waterfront sites, the PLIA also raised issues about the inadequate condition of existing toilet and septic facilities at the Park. Specifically, we urged that they upgrade these systems, since their own initial assessment study mentioned two failed systems. We felt the bulk of their septic systems



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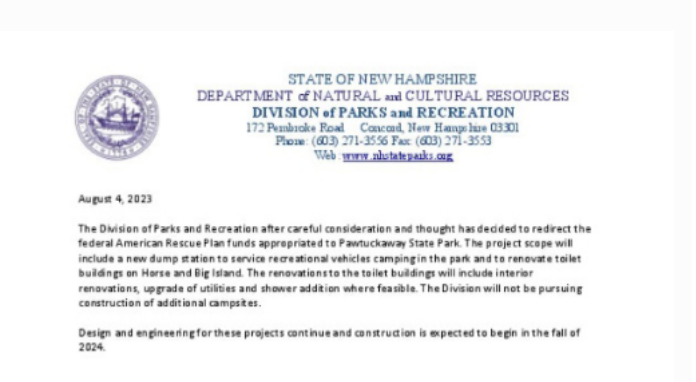
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could be close to 50 years old and at or near their end of life.

Moreover, problems of erosion at waterfront campsites have increased since the Park stopped enforcing its rule requiring campers to swim only at the Park beach.

*We are pleased to announce that the NH Division of State Parks has listened to stakeholders and responded accordingly. On August 4 they released a statement that there will be NO NEW campsites constructed at Pawtuckaway State Park!*

Here is their statement:



Later the Division elaborated on its plans, specifying that it now plans *to demolish and reconstruct bath houses and septic facilities!*

Here is that announcement on the Division's website:

“The Division of Parks and Recreation will use ARPA funds to reconstruct existing toilet buildings and create a dumping station. **The Division is proposing to do the following:**

- **Construct a new recreational vehicle dump station along the park road.**
- **Demolish and replace 5 toilet buildings in the Big Island and Horse Island camping areas.**
- **The project includes construction of new septic systems.”**

Finally, they are going to review their administrative procedures to examine the rules around swimming. They will also be taking an inventory of all the waterfront sites to prioritize work on the most eroded ones. There are steps that can be taken to decrease the amount of erosion that is occurring.

*Thank you* to all who answered the call and sent in emails and letters as part of our letter writing campaign! This is a major victory for all those who are concerned about the health and future of Pawtuckaway Lake, and *You did it!*

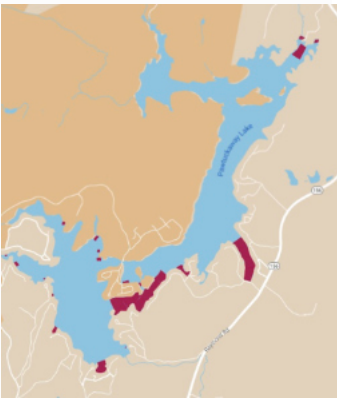
And *thank you* to the Division of State Parks for being responsive to citizen concerns.

Pawtuckaway Lake Milfoil Update

Submitted by Neil Santos, PLIA Milfoil Team Captain

Milfoil Areas 2023

Since milfoil was discovered in Pawtuckaway Lake in 2015, it has continued to spread to more lake areas. In 2022, the resources of the volunteer Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA) Milfoil Team were severely stretched. Their ability to search the ever-increasing milfoil areas and remove the milfoil that was located was overwhelmed. As a result, for the first time, the PLIA had to hire professional divers to remove milfoil. Suspecting that 2023 would present even more challenges, the PLIA applied for a NH DES Invasive Species grant in September 2022. This spring the Milfoil Team on Pawtuckaway Lake found that invasive milfoil had increased significantly in areas where it had been found in the past. Adding to that disappointment was the discovery of a major new area of dense milfoil in the Town Beach Cove area. This was the first time that milfoil was found at the northern end of the lake in the Fundy area. In addition to its impact on the lake, this area is adjacent to Drowns Dam, one of the two lake outlets. That posed a threat of milfoil fragments and milfoil infestation being introduced into the Lamprey River system. The increase in milfoil may have been partially due to the mild winter and lack of ice and snow cover on the lake, allowing milfoil to grow over the winter, but its presence created a crisis of even greater proportions.




Fortunately, the NH DES grant request was approved and approximately \$50,000 was allocated for milfoil mitigation in Pawtuckaway Lake for 2023. The grant money was used to hire a professional dive team from New England Milfoil for three days to remove milfoil in several areas of medium density infestation. That was followed in early July by a treatment of *ProcellaCOR* - a selective plant growth hormone - in three areas of high density milfoil. *ProcellaCOR* has been proven highly effective against variable milfoil with minimal effect on other vegetation or aquatic life.

Since then, the volunteer Milfoil Team has continued to dive and survey various areas of the lake and has not discovered any milfoil as of early September. While it is extremely unlikely that milfoil has been totally eradicated from the lake, it appears that milfoil is currently under tentative control. Experience from other lakes in NH warns us that, without continual monitoring, milfoil can come back and become a

significant issue again. As a result, the Milfoil Team will keep searching, using various techniques, to detect and remove milfoil before it becomes a major risk for the lake once again. It is fortunate that the Town has had the foresight to create a Fund for Invasive Species mitigation to address potential future needs since the State will only provide partial funding, at most, for any additional milfoil work.


We are grateful to the PLIA membership for its financial support, our volunteers for their tireless dedication, and NH DES for its leadership and grant funding.



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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 January February 2024 newsletter is December 1, 2023. Advertising ad size is 3.5 inches by 2 inches. Ads are \$30 for Nottingham residents and \$45 for nonresidents. To pay for ads: Please drop your check off at the library or mail to us at PO Box 115 in Nottingham.

*Please note: Due to increased costs, including postage, we have raised our rate for ads per issue for both residents and nonresidents beginning with the January 2024 issue. The previous rate had not changed since January 2008.*

Please submit news articles as a **Word or text** document- **NOT PDF**. Pictures and ads should be in **png or jpg** format at 300dpi, via e-mail sent to [adnottinghamnews@gmail.com](mailto:adnottinghamnews@gmail.com).

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~ Submitted by the Board of Selectmen





## Nottingham Democrats & Friends

*Submitted by the Nottingham Democratic Committee*

Congratulations to Hal Rafter on his election to the NH State House of Representatives! He was officially sworn into office as Rockingham District 1 State Representative on October 4th, during a ceremony at Canterbury Village. Representing both Nottingham and Northwood, Hal won the September Special Election by a decisive margin. Rejecting extremism and divisiveness, he ran a clean, positive, and informative campaign. Thanks to the many residents who campaigned for Hal and came out to vote that day. Constituents may reach Representative Rafter at: [RafterforStateRep@gmail.com](mailto:RafterforStateRep@gmail.com)

The annual FALL BLAST! held at Epsom's iconic Blasty Bough Brewery on Sunday Oct 15 was... a blast! Hosted by the Northwood/Nottingham Democratic Committees, we enjoyed the chance to meet and chat with other Dems and Independents from our region. With kids, dogs, friends, and neighbors (and a chicken or two!) we enjoyed an afternoon of live music and games, cider pressing, face painting, and great Blasty Bough food & brews. The ambience of the Blasty Tap Room and outdoor fields, with their autumn views, reminded us of the natural beauty and history of New Hampshire. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Come and be welcomed at one of our monthly meetings, held the second Thursday of each month, 7-9 PM, alternating between the Nottingham Town Offices and Northwood Brewing Co. Join other like-minded citizens to preserve our democratic ideals with positive community action and inclusion. All ages welcome.

Check out our website at: [www.northwood/nottinghamdems.org](http://www.northwood/nottinghamdems.org) or email us: [nottinghamdems1@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghamdems1@gmail.com)



## Higher Ground Remnant Church

*Submitted by Robin Marshall*

Higher Ground is a regional church with a global vision. All our steps are guided and directed by the Holy Spirit. Our Five-Fold Ministry church model is based on the original Apostolic Church seen in the Book of Acts. Our mission statement is: **"Impacting Generations One Soul at a Time with the Love of Jesus Christ."**

We hold our live service on Sundays at 10:00 am and welcome all who would like to come and worship with us. We are located at 100 Old Turnpike Road in Nottingham (On Route 4).

Our Bible Study groups meet on Thursdays:

- Women's Morning Study @ 10:00 am
- Women's Evening Study @ 6:30 pm
- Guardian's Gathering for Men @ 6:30 pm

### Holiday Services:

- **Sunday (12/24)** – No Morning Service  
Christmas Eve Service @ 4:00 pm
- **Sunday (12/31)** – Morning Service @ 10:00 am

You can also check out various other activities on our website: [hgremnant.com](http://hgremnant.com) or our Facebook page: **"Higher Ground: A Remnant Church"**.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call (877) 580-3026 or email [info@hgremnant.com](mailto:info@hgremnant.com).

*We hope you will stop in and join us! We look forward to meeting you!*

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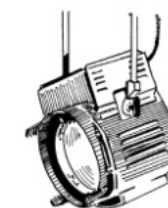
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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

In this issue, our community spotlight shines on...

### Steve Soreff



It is safe to say that anyone living in Nottingham has either met Steve personally or read his many articles in the *Forum* and on Facebook. Based on his enthusiasm for all things Nottingham, you would think he is a lifelong resident. However, Steve grew up in East Hampton, CT, in a community called Bell Town USA near Middletown and Hartford. After meeting Peggy Tucker while hiking in the White Mountains, he came here to live with his lifelong partner and best friend. Thank you, Peggy, for bringing Steve to Nottingham!

Steve reported that he loves living here for several reasons. First, their house is on Pawtuckaway Lake. They get to enjoy the wonderful combination of the lake and the surrounding woods. Because he is a hiking enthusiast, Steve appreciates the local state park trails and the short distances to the coast and the White Mountains. Very important to Steve is the people of Nottingham and the spirit of their working together, volunteering, and supporting each other.

When asked, he felt his greatest contribution to Nottingham is being a communicator. "Yes, I am one of Nottingham's biggest cheerleaders, I inform the town by writing, photography, and participation. As a reporter for the *Forum*, I inform the community of events, activities, and government. As a member of the Nottingham Historical Society, I get to preserve and tell about our town's history. As a member of the town's 300th Committee, I got to help make their fantastic events and share them. Through the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA), I can help people to know about the lake to protect it. As a retired psychiatrist, I can offer folks *Insights for Better Mental Health* on my website, <https://eduinitiatives.com/>"

Steve reported that he is proud to be a resident of Nottingham. It is his hope that through the *Celebrate Nottingham Committee*, he will share more community experiences like the reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th at the Nottingham Square Schoolhouse. Steve's final comment for this article was "Go, Nottingham!"

## Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library

*Submitted by the Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library*



Thank you to the wonderful community members who donated materials and/or came out to support the library for making our **Fall Book Sale** a success! The next book sale will be held in the spring.

The annual **"Festive Scottish Holiday Tea"** to benefit the library will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023, in the Kitchen/Dining area of the Nottingham Town Offices, located at 139 Stage Road. This fundraiser for the library will offer an assortment of hot teas & cocoa in china cups, a hearty selection of sweet and savory delicacies served to you on tiered trays, traditional favors & prizes, as well as live fiddle music, poems, and stories. A unique and special event to kick off your holiday season! Seating is limited. Tickets are by advance reservation and will be available in November at the Library's front desk. Cash, check, or Venmo accepted.

After a successful **Seed Sale** last winter, the Friends will be selling High Mowing organic seeds again this year. Order forms will be available at the library in December. Seeds will be delivered in time for indoor sowing.

The Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library are a non-profit group that supports the library in various ways. We are always happy to welcome new Friends. Please join us at our monthly meetings, typically held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the library. Find us on Facebook by searching for "Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library" – follow us to stay up to date on our fundraisers and special events.

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## New Hope Church, 34 Raymond Road, Nottingham

The church is not a building, but the people that meet in a building and understand that Jesus died for their sins, was buried, rose from the dead, ascended back to heaven, is coming again and is the only way to Heaven.



We meet at 10am on Sunday and various times during the week. If you have a desire to learn and grow more in understanding of God, His Son Jesus and His Holy Spirit, we invite you to come do so with us.

He only has the answers to the big questions of life which include: Where did I come from? What is my purpose in life? Where am I going after death? What is death like? Is there a Heaven? Is there a Hell? God has provided us with answers and it is so comforting to know those answers.

For more info contact Ted White at 603-285-3533 or email: [ted@new-hopechurch.com](mailto:ted@new-hopechurch.com) or website: [www.new-hopechurch.com](http://www.new-hopechurch.com)

## Nottingham Conservation Commission

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

### The Big Bad Five – Invasive Plant Species 101\*

Throughout the US and Canada, non-native invasive species have resulted in negative impacts to our natural environments. These plants are able to outcompete native species and often do not provide the nourishment for wildlife that the suppressed plants provide. As our human population increases, in rural areas new subdivisions with additional roads and driveways usually result in the loss



of woods and fields. Human actions too, whether intentional or not, also contribute to the spread of invasives.

Beyond reducing the biodiversity of wildlife found in a habitat, invasive plants can impact landscapes, recreation and even economy. Their rapid growth and thus dense roots can clog waterways, increase sedimentation, degrade pastures and crops, and enhance mosquito breeding.

There are currently 21 terrestrial plant species and fourteen (14) aquatic plant species listed by the NH Department of Agriculture. This article will cover five of the 35 listed.

**Oriental Bittersweet:** Flourishes in disturbed areas, roads, rivers, and field edges. Seeds are spread by birds and humans. Very aggressive, climbs up trees and girdles and smothers them. Is difficult to control. Pull out young plants, cut the vines and unwind if possible.

**Burning Bush:** Prefers uplands. Flourishes in full sun and in the understory of woods. Seeds are spread by birds and wildlife and often will result in the only plant species of the understory. Berries provide much less nourishment than native shrubs such as nannyberry, high bush cranberry and serviceberry. Dig up plants and if it's an ornamental on your property consider replacing with blueberry bushes that also turn crimson in autumn.

**Japanese Knotweed:** Commonly found along roadways, highways, ditches, open spaces. Spreads mostly by vegetative propagation: that is, when mowed, each intact node on the stalk is able to send out roots and grow into a new plant. That's how a single plant is able to spread down the edges of a roadway over time. (Do not cut and leave the stalks). When the plants are small, pulling and bagging individual plants is effective.

**Variable milfoil:** An aquatic invasive of lakes and ponds. Milfoil spreads by vegetative propagation when plant segments are broken off and distributed, often by motorized boats. Milfoil suppresses native species and destroys fish habitat. To control, hand pulling, bottom screening.

**Purple Loosestrife:** Attractive ornamental plant with a spike of purple flowers, blooms from June to August. Found in wetlands, aquatic systems, and roadside ditches. Spreads primarily by seeds that are distributed by wildlife, flowing water and by attaching to tires. Forms dense colonies that overwhelm a wetland. Hand pull or use a spade to dig up bigger plants. Biological controls (special species of beetles and weevils) have been used by the state of NH to successfully recover wetlands.

Please note that these five species can also be controlled by the use of special herbicides. It is recommended that you consult with an individual who is licensed in the use of herbicides.

*More detailed information, including pictures, about many invasives can be found on the websites or in the publications noted below:*

The NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Terrestrial Invasive Plant Species <https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/plant-industry/invasive-plants.htm>

[Upland invasive species booklet](#)

The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), Aquatic Invasives <https://www.des.nh.gov/home-and-recreation/boating-and-fishing/invasive-species> and UNH Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) <https://extension.unh.edu/natural-resources/forests-trees/invasive-species>

are on-line resources for additional information.

**\*Guide to Invasive Upland Plant Species in NH**, NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Foods, Plant Industry Division & NH Invasive Species Committee

## Nottingham Youth Association Updates

Submitted by Tim Dabrieo, Chair

[Nottinghamyouthassoc@gmail.com](mailto:Nottinghamyouthassoc@gmail.com)

NYA organizes the Nottingham recreational basketball program for grades K-8 and registration is open for the 2023-24 season!

Please go to our website, <https://nyanottingham.org/> to register today!



Our K-2 program is a skills/practice on Saturday mornings at the Nottingham Elementary School gym. All other grades will typically have one practice in the evening during the week. Games for our grade 3-8 programs are on Saturdays.



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## Coming Soon:

Evaluations to be held on November 12th (details coming soon soon) for 3rd-8th grade players. Evaluations provide us the opportunity to assess the skill level of the players to build teams that are fair and equitable. These are NOT tryouts, any child that wants to play will be able to play!

Practices will start the week of November 27th (details to be sent in the future) for grades 3-8, grades K-2 program will start in December. Our annual opening ceremonies "Midnight Madness" event for basketball will be held on December 2nd from 3 pm until 8 pm at the school gym. Join us for games, 3-point contests, food, and prizes!

Softball and baseball wrapped up months ago, but we have a group of volunteers that have been hard at work building four dugouts at the Marston Fields. A special thank you to Eric Danis for taking the time to draw up the plans and walk through them with the volunteer team. We are appreciative of all the time our volunteers have spent helping but a special thank you to Brian Saari and Don Needham for leading the project and donating so much of their time and expertise getting the first two dugouts completed. Thank you also to Branden Talon for donating his time, expertise, and machinery to get the concrete slabs prepared and poured. Finally, a big thank you to Redi mix Concrete for DONATING all the concrete for the project! We hope to have the other two completed by Thanksgiving and we will work on getting them painted in the spring.

So, maybe construction is not your thing, we are looking for some volunteers to help on our board of directors! We are looking for a secretary to help with meeting minutes as well as someone to assist us with social media and our website. If you are interested in learning more, please email us at [Nottinghamyouthassoc@gmail.com](mailto:Nottinghamyouthassoc@gmail.com)

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**Parks and Recreation Department News**

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*Submitted by Emma Breslend*, Nottingham Parks & Recreation Program Supervisor

Recreation Office Hours: M-F  
9:00am- 4:00pm

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Please make sure to check out our website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter page for all up-to-date programming. We consistently have new programs that are added to our page at various times of the year, and we can't always get them into this newsletter.



<https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/recreation-department>

Facebook: @nottinghamparksandrecreation

Instagram: @nottinghamparksandrecreation

Twitter: @ParksNottingham

Are you on our email list? Do you want updates and new program information right to your inbox?? Just send us an email OR visit our website noted above. Fill out the form that is located on our homepage!

**If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to set up a meeting as we are by APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

**2023 Community Needs Assessment:**

The Nottingham Parks and Recreation Department has launched an internal Comprehensive Recreational Needs Study project to gather relevant information from the residents of Nottingham, New Hampshire. The Parks and Recreation department seeks to understand how residents utilize the town's recreational facilities and programs, assess whether existing recreation facilities and programs are meeting the needs of the community and project trends in future recreational

amenities, to define a comprehensive plan for the future of Nottingham.

**Upcoming Events and Programs:**

**American Eagle Mixed Martial Arts- Brendan Behr**

*Ages 5 and up, Kids Beginner, (Year-round) Monday and Wednesday, 5:30PM-6:15PM*

*Kids Intermediate/Advanced, (Year-round) Monday and Wednesday, 6:30PM-7:15PM*

*Teens and Adult Martial Arts, (Year-round) Monday and Wednesday, 7:00PM-7:45PM*

*139 Stage Rd. Nottingham, NH 03290*

*Preregistration required, \$70 per month.*

Come join the fun learning Tae Kwon Do, Boxing, kickboxing, jujitsu and more! Improvement and focus on self-esteem, accomplishment, confidence, fitness, focus and discipline. Uniforms are available for purchase for \$25. Please contact Brendan Behr, **Brendan.behr@gmail.com** or (603)-312-9362 for more information.

**NFL Flag Football Veteran's Day Tournament**

*Veteran's Day K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:00am Start*

*\$15 per participant (Res), \$20 for non-res*

There will be food, football, good friends, and so much more, you won't want to miss this ONE DAY event! Anyone can participate, even if they missed out on the Flag Football season. All individuals will be required to register online prior to participating.

**T.A.G. Counselor in Training**

*Second Wednesday of Each Month, 2:40-4:00 PM*

*Takes place at After School Care (Nottingham School Cafeteria)*

*\$10/month, preregistration required*

Has your teen or tween aged out of our summer camp and/or the after-school care program? Do they miss the Rec atmosphere? Are they looking to learn how to become a summer camp or after care staff member? If yes, then our new CIT drop-in program is a perfect place to start. On the second Wednesday of each month, we will teach our CITs how to plan activities. Keep kids safe,

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*Therefore go...make disciples...obey...Mt 28:18-20*

and everything about being a NP&R Staff Member! Preregistration is required on our website and there is a \$10 drop-in fee per session. CITs can come to After Care directly after school and then be picked up by guardians at 4:00. Once CITs have graduated 8th grade, they will be set up fantastically to interview for a job with us!

**T.A.G Dodgeball and Doughnuts**

*Town Hall Gym, 139 Stage Road, Nottingham, NH*

*Preregistration Required*

*Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-7:00pm*

*\$10/person, \$40/Team, Preregistration Required*

*Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Our new T.A.G (Teen Activity Group) will be hosting our second annual Dodgeball and Doughnuts, a dodgeball tournament with a DIY Doughnut station in the Kitchen. Sign up as a team of 5 or sign up as a free agent and be added to a team! When your team is not playing, visit our Doughnut bar in the kitchen to get a doughnut and add all your favorite toppings. Prizes will be awarded to the team with the best uniform/spirit, and for the overall winning team.

**Summer Camp Winter Reunion**

*Town Hall, 139 Stage Road, Nottingham, NH*

*Preregistration Required, \$15*

*Friday December 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 5:00 pm*

*All Past Summer Campers and their Families Welcome*

Join us for our first annual summer camp winter reunion! We want to gather up all our summer camp 2023 campers, staff members, and their families to reconnect and hang out after a long fall apart. Campers, staff, and their families will have the opportunity to sled, visit our hot cocoa bar, sing camp songs, make popular camp crafts and play games with camp friends. This event will be a drop-in so come when you can! Grownups are asked to stay with their campers and join in on the fun!

**Toddler Gym**

*September – June Preschool Aged Children*

*9:30-11:30 AM*

*Town Office Gym (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham)*

**Did you Know??**

**This newsletter is also available as a pdf file on the Town of Nottingham Website. It is in COLOR and has active links! To download it go to:**

**<https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/about-nottingham/pages/newsletter>**

(Scroll down and click on the date of the newsletter that you want to download.)

This program requires a parent or guardian in attendance. This is a great place for toddlers to create, play and socialize!

**Toddler Pop-Up: Holiday Cookie Workshop!**

*Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Preschool Aged Children*

*10:00 – 11:30 AM*

*Town Office Gym (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham, NH 03290)*

*\$10 per child. Preregistration Required on our Website.*

Fill your day with Holiday cheer at our Toddler Cookie Workshop! Toddlers and their grownups will have the opportunity to decorate cookies, write their letters to Santa, eat some healthy snacks, and do holiday themed crafts and activities. If there is snow on the ground, we will be sledding down our hill and making snowmen! Sign up now on our website.

**CO-ED Granite State Generals Wrestling**

*Tuesdays and Thursdays, November – February*

*K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade. 5:15 – 6:30 PM*

*Town Office Gym (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham)*

**\$100 for the whole program** Coach Jared Kirk and Ricky Brazee. Come join the Granite State Generals Youth Wrestling Program- Boys and Girls Welcome! Coach Jared and Coach Ricky are committed to teaching folk style wrestling. Our wrestlers learn the fundamentals of wrestling while building self-confidence, mental toughness, teamwork, physical fitness and personal responsibility. Give the Generals a "shot" you won't be disappointed. "Once you've wrestled, everything else in life is easy."-Dan Gable

**Open Gym Pickleball 2023-24**

*Tuesdays and Thursdays Ages: 18+ \$3 Drop in Fee*

*9:00AM-11:00AM Beginner Skills*

*1:00PM-3:00PM Advanced Skills*

*Town Office Gym (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham)*

This is a self-run drop-in program. Participants set up the net, organize play and clean up when done. This is a REC program so ALL SKILLS are welcome to attend. It was developed to encourage having fun, socializing, and learning the rules of the game. We suggest that you bring your own paddle, but we have nets and balls here! \*\*Please note that our gym is really small, when two courts are taped the playing space is short by about two feet.

\*\*NEW this year! Don't want to bring cash?? Sign up on our online registration site, and buy a pickleball membership for the year! It is only \$110 for a Resident membership and \$150 for Non-Residents all access. **[REGISTER HERE](#)**. Not in our system, create an account!

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**Recreation Dept. News continues ...****Zumba**

Tuesdays, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup> (Excluding Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov 7<sup>th</sup>) 18+ 6:45 – 7:45

Town Office Gym (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham)

\$14/Class Drop in Fee, \$120/10 week preregistration

Join Talia for Zumba!! Zumba Cardio Fitness is a fun and inspiring dance workout to bring people together to sweat it on. Perfect for everybody and everybody. We take the “work” out of the workout by mixing low and high intensity moves for an interval style, calorie burning dance fitness party. Super effective-super fun!

**Legacy Luncheon**

Third Wednesday of the Month, Except July and August 55+ 12:00PM Free!

Town Office Kitchen (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham)

RSVP (603) 679 – 3435, [recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov](mailto:recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov)

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon. Lunches are for socializing and meeting new people. This year we will be doing themed activities each month along with meals.

**Betty Ball**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday

7:00 – 8:00AM (Weekdays), Saturdays 7:30- 8:30AM

Town Office Kitchen (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham)

\$3/Day Drop in

Betty Ball is a non-competitive, unskilled and quirky version of pickup basketball for seniors 55+.

**Playground Structure Build!**

Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> All Ages 9:AM Start

Town Office (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham)

Come help us build our new playground structure at the Town Office Building!

**Adult Men's Pick Up Basketball**

September 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 – August 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 Sundays

NO PLAY DATES: 11/26, 12/24, 12/31, 3/17, 5/26, 7/7,

8:00-10:00AM Nottingham Elementary School Gym

\$3/Day Drop in, Annual Membership \$75

\*\*NEW this year! Don't want to bring cash?? Sign up on

our online registration site, and buy a membership for the year! It is only \$75 for a Resident membership all access

**Holiday Parade**

Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> All Ages Free!

Town Offices (139 Stage Rd, Nottingham)

Join us for our annual Holiday Parade and Craft Workshop! Come out and see the parade around the Town and join us after for crafts, snacks, and fun!

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**Nottingham Community Church - Unitarian Universalist**

Submitted by Andrea Jackson, NCC Board Clerk



Nottingham Community Church - Unitarian Universalist is a multi-faith community that began here in 1875. All faith backgrounds are kindly welcome. We hold services at 10 am on Sundays in our beautiful historic building located at 106 Church Street (behind Liar's). You are welcome to attend in-person or virtually via our Facebook group.

We are forever grateful to have been guided by Rev. Craig and Liz Werth for the past seven years, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. We've transitioned to a “Fellowship” model with services now lay led or with visiting guest ministers.

**Our “Second Sunday Concert Series” offers the following:**

Nov. 12 @ 3pm: Annual Food Pantry Concert with ALL donations to benefit the Pantry. Local talent will once again entertain us for a great cause.

December 10 @ 3 pm: Join us for holiday music and cheer as Southern NH Ukelele Group (“SNUG”) leads the way! There will also be a ‘Cookie Swap’; bring two dozen cookies to participate.

January 14 @ 3 pm: North River Music will entertain us!

**Christmas Eve Service:** Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am (not in the evening as in prior years)

Hoping to see you some Sunday at 10 am. As the sign says out front, "Come as You Are".

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**Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild**

Submitted by Pat Vachon

The Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of every month (except August and October) at

6:30 PM in the kitchen at the Nottingham Community Center. The guild is a small group



of talented, creative quilters who love to get together and share our love of quilting. There is usually an informative program at each meeting. We also hold a monthly Saturday sew at the Community Center and an annual weekend retreat.

New members and guests are always welcome! Our annual dues are \$20. A part of the dues goes toward charitable donations such as local food pantries, End 68 Hours of Hunger, and summer camp scholarships for our local Recreation Departments.

You need not be an experienced quilter or a resident of Nottingham to join.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the guild, feel free to contact Pat Vachon at 603-679-8078.

**Nottingham Community Church**  
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**Blaisdell Memorial Library**

Submitted by Jordan Reed  
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**Library Hours****Monday:** Closed**Tuesday:** 10am – 5pm **Wednesday:** 10am – 8pm**Thursday:** 10am – 8pm **Friday:** 10am – 2pm**Saturday:** 10am – 2pm **Sunday:** Closed**Holiday Closures**

**Nov 11:** Closed for Veteran's Day **Nov 22:** Closing at 3pm for Thanksgiving. **Nov 23 - 25:** Closed for Thanksgiving **Dec 23:** Closed for Christmas **Dec 30:** Closed for New Year's

**Phone:** 603-679-8484**Email:** [bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com](mailto:bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com)<https://nottinghamlibrary.org>**Facebook:** @blaisdellml

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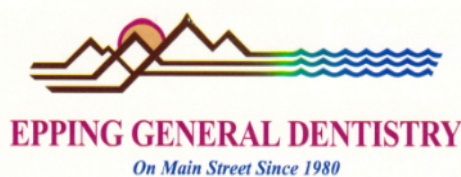
Some programs may require registration, due to limited supplies. To register for any program, please call, e-mail, or inquire at the front desk. All library programs are free and open to the public.

**Adult Programs:****Game 'n Gab – November 7th & December 5th @ 1pm**

Join us for games, conversation, and friendly competition while relaxing in the library.

**Community Coffee Hour - Every Wednesday morning @ 10am**

Enjoy bite-sized Blaisdell discussions at the BML. Join us to talk about Nottingham and the latest local events, learn about community resources, pick up advice for daily life, meet local business owners, and enjoy free coffee and snacks. All community members are welcome! If you are interested in presenting at coffee hour, please contact the library.



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[teethegd@gmail.com](mailto:teethegd@gmail.com) • [www.eppinggeneraldentistry.com](http://www.eppinggeneraldentistry.com)**Afternoon Book Group – First Thursday of the month @ 1:30pm***November 2nd: Carrie Soto is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid*December 7th: The first, I think is cember 6th: Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain*There is no EBG for the month of November.*

Copies of book group titles are available at the circulation desk. Please register for the group if you haven't already to ensure the library will have enough copies. A valid Nottingham library card is required to borrow book group books.

**Cookbook Group – Second Thursday of the month @ 6pm***November 9th: Cravings: Hungry for More* by Chrissy Teigen*December 14th: No cookbook -- Holiday Cookie Swap theme*

To join the cookbook group, please register with the library staff. Each month, the cookbook group chooses a new cookbook to borrow. Members may take home a copy, then select a recipe to make and bring to the meeting. The group shares food as well as recipe tips – what went well, what didn't, what you'd make again, etc.

Some months have a 'theme' instead of a specific cookbook: choose a recipe of your own or browse the library's collection of cookbooks to find a fitting dish to share and discuss.

**The Chesley Memorial Library and New Hampshire Humanities Big Read Book Club - Chesley Memorial Library, November 1st @ 7pm**

Join a statewide book club in collaboration with Chesley Memorial Library, the NEA, and libraries across New Hampshire! Participants may pick up a copy of the book club title *The Bear* by NH author Andrew Krivak at BML starting from the beginning of October.

The book group discussion will take place at the Chesley Memorial Library (8 Mountain Ave. in Northwood, NH) at 7pm. Readers from across the state are invited to discuss the book and enjoy light refreshments.

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New England is home to a wide array of wetland habitats rich with beautiful and unique diversity. Join local author Tom Eid (53 *With a Tree*) in learning about the ecology and flora and fauna of wetlands, as well as hiking trails that can help you explore them to their fullest.

**Craft Together Special: Holiday Card Making – December 13th @ 6pm**

Whether celebrating the holidays or simply the winter season, greeting cards are a special way to let friends and family know you're thinking about them. Join staff member Jordan in creating and decorating holiday cards to suit your own unique style!

**Youth/Young Adult Programs:****BYG (Blaisdell Youth Group)****Regular Meetings:** November 15th & December 20th @ 6pm**Hogwarts Role-playing Game:** November 4th & December 2nd @ 10am

The BYG is a club for kids of middle school age to get together, make friends, discuss books, and participate in fun activities. New members are always welcome and normal meetings are drop-in with no registration required.

**Children's Programs:**

The next children's programming session runs from *October 31st* and will continue for 7 weeks until *December 11th*. Sign-ups for STEAM club and Lego+ club occur between sessions and will be announced at a later date. There will be no children's programs on the week of *November 19th* due to holiday closures.

**Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays @ 10am**

Story Hours are aimed at young children, from babies to kindergarten age. Each week has a new theme, with stories, songs, crafts, and fun sensory play time to enjoy. All story hours are drop-in.

Some themes for this session include spiders, tea parties, and a special community helper week. Story Hours from *November 7th* to *November 10th* will include an opportunity for children and their families to help donate everyday necessities to the Nottingham Food Pantry.

**STEAM Club – Tuesdays @ 3pm**

STEAM Club is geared for children in grades 3 through 6. Each week involves exciting projects that'll teach children about cooking, sewing, science, engineering, arts, and more!

Some projects for this session include yarn star weaving, decorating turkey cookies, terrariums with Miss Robin, and gingerbread houses.

**LEGO + Club – Thursdays @ 3pm**

Lego+ Club is geared for younger children, from kindergarten age up through grade 2. Build and play with friends, with new Lego and STEAM challenges each week!

Some challenges for this session include special spider builds, preparing a LEGO Thanksgiving feast, the Elf on the Shelf special and creating ornaments for the annual holiday tree.

**Polar Express Pajama Storytime – December 6th @ 6pm (Snow Date: December 7th @ 6pm)**

Get dressed in your warmest jammies, pack your stuffy friends, and stay up late for a very special trip to the North Pole! Boarding starts with a train ticket for every child and plenty of special hot chocolate and cookies to go around. Afterwards comes the star of the night: reading the classic Christmas story, *The Polar Express*!

*In case of inclement weather, a snow date has been set for the following night.*

The library will be announcing more events and programs throughout the coming months. Visit [www.nottinghamlibrary.org](http://www.nottinghamlibrary.org) or our Facebook page for the latest programming updates.

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