

Town of Grantham, NH Fall 2013

2013 Fall Newsletter

News from the Dunbar Free Library

The fundraising for the Dunbar Free Library building expansion kicked off with a wine dinner, a visit by Teddy Roosevelt and an Art & Craft Silent Auction, which together raised over \$10,000. Add to that \$10,000 from The Friends of DFL (plus another \$30,000 pledge!), \$5,000 from the Byrne Foundation (plus another \$2,500 if we match it!) as well as direct public support and events income, and we have raised nearly \$70,000 toward our \$750,000 goal! Thank you to everyone who has helped out or made donations.



drop them at the library or mail to DFL Building Fund, PO Box 598, Grantham, NH 03753.

Don't miss other special events, including an "80 by 80" campaign in honor of Joey Holmes and a high tea with Jane Austen. Updates and announcements are included in the weekly Grantham News email.

If you'd like to get more involved in the fundraising efforts, contact Lorie McClory at 863-0850 or dflfundraising13@comcast.net.

In October, take part in our *Zoom in on Grantham* photo contest and sale (details at DFL), and watch for a direct mailing with complete details on the project as well as naming opportunities within the library.

If you'd like to make a donation, make checks payable to DFL Building Expansion Fund, and

Hunting & fishing licenses and OHRV registrations to be offered by Town Clerk

Greetings! We are busy preparing for the upcoming 2013 property tax bills, boat registrations (which expire 12/31/2013), and the planned sale of hunting and fishing licenses and OHRV registrations.

The application for hunting and fishing licenses and OHRV registrations is being processed and training will follow. Check our website for the exact start date.

Make sure that this office has your correct mailing address. It is important for tax billing and motor vehicle correspondence. If you are not sure, contact us.

We accept checks or cash for payment of charges. At this time we do not accept credit cards or debit cards. Check out our website at www.granthamnh.net/townclerk for further information about paying for services online.

Transfer Station

We are now entering the fall season, which only brings us closer to that white stuff. We will be closing the swap shop either November 1 or the first snow. Please notice the signs we have put up in the electronic container explaining what goes in there. For example if a sign says microwaves only, we do not put a TV in it, which we have found.

Hours remain the same—Monday 8-12, Tuesday and Wednesday closed, Thursday 8-4, Friday 10-4, Saturday 8-4 and Sunday 9-4.

Just a quick reminder on recycling, we only take plastics specifically labeled 0-7. If it does not have a number on it from 0-7 it does not go in the plastic bin. Things such as clothes hangers, for example, are not recyclable and need to go into the construction bin. Additionally, the trash bin is for your general household trash (what you put in your wastebasket), anything else probably goes in bulky waste. If you have questions please feel free to ask us, we are more than happy to answer them!

Sincerely,

The Gang at Mt Trashmore

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Got some spare time or just want to give back to our community? We have vacancies on some of our board's and committees including Planning Board (alternates), Zoning Board, Recreation Park and the Capital Improvement Committee. For more information call the Selectmen's Office at 863-6021.

Fall & Winter Safety tips from the Grantham Fire Department

As fall has settled in and winter is just around the corner it is time for a few safety reminders. It is in this time of year that we see an increase in smoke and CO alarm activation. Remember to change your batteries when you change your clocks. Yes, even those that are hard-wired have batteries in them for back up.

If you have not done it already please make sure you have your chimney cleaned and inspected before running your wood stoves or fireplaces. Also now is a good time to find the vents for your furnace, hot water heater and gas fireplace so you can make sure the snow doesn't cover them and allow CO to back up

into your home. Remember CO is a colorless, odorless gas and can kill you while you sleep so please make sure your home is safe.

With the coming of cold weather also come snow and ice. Please make sure that when traveling in bad weather:

- You slow down while driving and put the phone in the back seat and don't use it while operating a vehicle.

Remember ice can pop up anywhere, and it only takes a split second distraction to get into an accident.

Finally, please see our website for more information at www.granthamnh.net/fire.

Sincerely,

Jay Fountain
Fire Chief



From the Recreation Department

Park News!

The use of the Grantham Recreation Park has grown! Our next phase is to complete a pavilion that will provide restrooms, a small concession stand and an open air space for future "Music in the Meadow" events and more! Volunteers are needed to help support fundraising efforts to build our pavilion! If you would like to volunteer please contact me via email at athletics@granthamnh.net or by phone (evenings only) at 603-667-1303.

Athletics—Spring/Summer 2014

Spring will bring the baseball season for grades K-6 and the return of the Premier Soccer Academy to Grantham. The Athletic Department will be offering Clinics this spring and summer! Also, stayed tuned to our web page (www.granthamnh.net/athletics) for information about continuing sessions of Tae Kwon Do.

Marsha Googins
Athletic Director

Upcoming "Our Town" Events

Grantham Activities and "Our Town" is *FALLING* into a season full of fun!

Saturday, October 5, Potluck Dinner Dance
Saturday, October 26, Haunted Festival
Sunday, November 24, Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 7, Breakfast with Santa

Additional information is available on our website at www.granthamnh.net/activities or email me at fun@granthamnh.net.

Look forward to see you all!

Jamielynn Garland

No vehicle parking on any street or way or in a public parking lot within the Town of Grantham between the hours of 11:00pm and 7am from November 1st to April 1st. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense and violator's subject to a \$50 fine.

Join our list serv! It's the best way to stay informed with all that's going on in town. Just go to our website granthamnh.net and click on the "email updates" link located on the left hand side of our home page.

Sincerely,

Melissa White,
Town Administrator

From the Selectmen's Office

Now that fall is here so are the 2014 Transfer Station stickers! Bring your old hang tag(s) to the Selectmen's Office for a 2014 sticker. Don't forget we'll need the license plate number to! The first one is free to property owners, each additional is \$10. If you are a renter we'll also need to see a copy of your rental agreement.

Although I hate to say it, winter is right around the corner! Please observe our winter ordinances:

Street Obstruction Ordinance:

No person shall deposit snow, ice or any other materials on any Class V town-maintained road or push snow or ice across the traveled

surface of any Town of Grantham road.

Winter Sand:

The Town of Grantham provides sand for all residents during the winter months. Sand is available for private use only and to be collected by private individuals. No use of the sand facility is allowed by commercial sanding/plowing operators. Sand is to be taken from designated areas only and residents are not allowed to remove sand from the Highway Department's sand shed. If the designated area is empty please call the Road Agent at 863-9156. Violators will be subject to a \$25 fine.

Winter Parking Ordinance:

Grantham School District update

We have had a terrific start to the new school year. This included welcoming our new principal (Mrs. Heather Cantagallo), 3 new teachers (grade 3 teacher Mrs. Ashley Kustka, grade 6 teacher Mrs. Astrid Berger, and grade 6 teacher Mrs. Casey Sylvain), and a new paraprofessional (Mrs. Lynn Brewer). All reports from the principal, the students, and the entire staff are that GVS is a happy and "happening" place where students have enthusiastically jumped right back into their learning.

On the Grantham School District website

(www.grantham.k12.nh.us), you will find lots of current information. This year's School Board goals are there. The School Board intends to reach out even more to the entire community, so that everyone knows about and feels confident in the education Grantham is offering its students. Watch for advertised events and activities!

The school community is always striving to achieve higher learning results for staff and students alike. Thank you for your support in so many ways.

Please contact the school (863-1681) or the SAU Office (863-3786) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Mrs. Jacqueline E. Guillette, Superintendent
(jguillette@sau75.org)

Emergency Preparedness reminders

Whether the town will be facing a hurricane, a Nor'easter or an ice storm, **Grantham Emergency Management** reminds you to be prepared with an Emergency Supply Kit. Some of the items that should be included in the kit for your family are:

- A three day supply of nonperishable food
- Bottled water, plan on a gallon of water per person, per day.
- A battery or crank powered radio and flashlight with extra batteries.

For health and hygiene the emergency supply kit should also include hygiene products (toilet paper, tooth paste and soap) and a basic first-aid kit with instructions, and an extra supply of any medications your family may need. Also, if there is a baby in the house remember to stock three days supplies for their needs too.

Finally, don't forget your pets; remember to have food and water stored for them too.

Once you have an Emergency Supply Kit, check it routinely to be sure items are not out of date, or have been scavenged for other needs. Remember, during an emergency, it may not be safe to go out and resupply so it is best to be prepared before the storm. For more information please visit <http://www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit>.

David Beckley
Emergency Management Director

From the Town Archivist

The search for ancestors has, lately, been promoted on TV, in the halls of libraries, schools and now at the Town Archives. This year I have been answering many requests for data involving local ancestors. Email, phone, snail mail--the requests have multiplied. I have received requests for information from as far away as California and Texas to our own town of Grantham.

As far as records are concerned, I search The National Censuses 1780 to 1940, local tax

records and family folders (among other resources). If a family has completed a family history (a genealogy) and given a copy to the Archives--wonderful! But sometimes I find only official data with incomplete information.

If you have old newspapers, records, a family genealogy, the Grantham Town Archives is an excellent place to send a copy. You may be giving answers to future generations. Also, to present-day residents--if you are curious about your family roots in Grantham,

come and visit me on any Friday from 1-4. Give me a call at 603-863-9701 and let me know when you are coming.

Thank you,

Rae Tober
Grantham Town Archivist

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

- Monday, November 11th
Town Offices & Transfer Station
- Wednesday, November 27th
Town Offices closing at noon
- Thursday, November 28th
Town Offices & Transfer Station
- Friday, November 29th
Town Offices
- Monday, December 23rd
Transfer Station
- Tuesday, December 24th
Town Offices
- Wednesday, December 25th
Town Offices
- Wednesday, January 1st
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From the desk of the Chief of Police

I find it uncanny how time seems to pass by faster, from one year to the next. As I write this entry, we are in the midst of September, having left summer behind, with autumn on the doorstep and our New England winter coming around the corner. On the topic of winter, the Grantham Police Department would like to remind everyone of the hazards related to driving with frosted windows and or snow and ice on their vehicles. Not only is it a safety issue that could result in a fine, there is also the possibility of civil liability from ice and snow coming off your vehicle, adversely affecting another driver or vehicle.

The new school year has begun and with it, the buses are once again making their way around our town and hopefully we are adapting to their presence once again. With the onset of the new school year there are changes to bus routes, in that there may now be a stop where last year there was none. It is my hope that we all adapt to these changes to keep our students, our drivers and our roadways safe.

Another topic I would like to touch on that is becoming a very hot topic throughout the state and in our legislature is that of distracted driving. It is being found that the majority of vehicle crashes today are the fault of driver distraction. The most common cause for this is cell phone use. Driving a motor vehicle is a task that requires our full attention and while we don't realize it, just talking on a cell phone is a distraction. Take notice when you are out and about as to the number of vehicles you meet where the driver is using a cell phone in one way or another. The numbers just might be surprising.

Stay Safe,

Walter A. Madore Sr.



2013 Food Pantry Update.....

Many folks have donated to our local food pantry through our drop-off location here at Town Hall and we thank you! If you have extra food in your pantry and are willing to give back, please to take a moment and swing on by the Town office building and drop off much needed food and personal care items for those who are not as fortunate. We even accept cat and dog food products too! They need food just like their human caretakers do.

Over the last five years since we started doing this project, Grantham has donated 1,000's of pounds of food to our local food pantries. I believe our town should be proud of this accomplishment and proud we are able to give back. Let's make the upcoming 2014 a year of continued giving!

Martha Norris, Receptionist
