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THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Michael A. Drake, Eric Shaw and Bruce Harvey

Neil G. Irvine
Town Administrator
Town of New Hampton
6 Pinnacle Hill Road
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May 21, 2021



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Thursday, May 27th, 2021

6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton, NH

7:00 p.m. Town Office 2nd Floor Meeting Room

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing, in accordance with RSA 41:9-a, to take action on the proposal to amend the schedule of fees in the New Hampton Solid Waste Ordinance, adopted on April 1, 1993 and amended May 16, 2019. Proposed rate changes are available on the homepage of the Town’s website.

Updates to procedures in the Town Offices, Transfer Station & Police Dept.

We are encouraging customers to continue making appointments to conduct business. This helps us to advise you on what may be needed to complete your transaction so you don’t need to make multiple trips. It also allows us time to prepare for your visit and have everything ready when you arrive. Walk-ins are still welcome but will be taken as time allows, while anyone with an appointment will be taken in first. At this time our doors will remain locked allowing us to limit the number of people in the building at any one time. We will allow up to 2 parties of people into the lobby at one time, and request that you maintain physical distancing. Following state and federal guidelines we are recommending face masks for anyone not fully vaccinated or if it makes you feel more comfortable.

Until further notice hours will remain as follows:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Mon., Tues., Wed. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Call 744-8454 for Appt. Thursday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday – CLOSED
CLOSED DAILY from noon – 1:00 pm

Selectmen’s Office Mon., Tues., Fri. 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Call 744-3559 for Appt. Wed. & Thurs. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station will be accepting recyclables at the window again, except for paper and plastic, due to the current market for those items. This could change based on market conditions. The attendants will be looking to ensure physical distancing remains in place.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department is allowing visitors into the lobby, with the recommendation that unvaccinated individuals wear a face mask and maintain physical distancing.

First Issue Tax Bills

The first issue tax bills of 2021 will be sent next week and will be due on July 6, 2021. Please be reminded that if you recently moved, we may not have your most up-to-date mailing address and if you recently purchased a home in town, the Assessor's office uses the mailing address listed on your deed, which may not be accurate. Contact the Tax Collector, or Selectmen's Office to notify us of any address change.



New Hampton Police Department Traffic Enforcement Patrol May 13th 2021

In response to the drastic increase in safety concerns from our residents regarding the increase in speeding and distracted driving, The New Hampton Police Department, with assistance from the Belknap County Sheriff's Department, conducted a traffic enforcement saturation patrol. The patrol was conducted on May 13th, 2021 from 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM with a focus on educating drivers on the rules of the road and the safety concerns of our residents. Enforcement action was taken when deemed appropriate.

The following are the primary areas of patrol and were chosen based on resident reporting; (1) The southern end of Winona Rd and beginnings of Straits Rd, Hatch Corner Rd and Waukewan Rd (2) The northern end of both Winona Rd and NH Rt 132 N near Ashland, (3) The entirety of Dana Hill Rd and the western end of Straits Rd, (4) The entirety of Old Bristol Rd and beginning of Blake Hill Rd, and (5) NH Rt 104 from the area of Sinclair Hill Rd to the Bristol town line, the southern end of NH Rt 132N, and Main St.

During the three hours of patrol, 39 motor vehicle stops were conducted. Of those, 34 drivers were educated and received warnings, while five received citations.

In addition, one of those stops resulted in the driver being arrested for driving after having his license suspended. He was also driving a vehicle that was un-registered and un-inspected. That vehicle was subsequently seized for a search warrant as there was evidence it contained illegal drugs.

On behalf of the New Hampton Police Department, I would like to thank all of our residents for your continued support, and ask that you continue to let the department of any problems facing our community so we can work diligently in addressing them. Please call the department at 603-744-5423 or email me at jtyrrell@new-hampton.nh.us to let us know of any concerns. Call 911 for all emergencies.

Police Chief Joshua Tyrrell

**Gordon-Nash Library
New Hampton School
69 Main Street
New Hampton, NH 03256**

Dear Friends,

It is with much excitement and anticipation that we invite you to take part in the re-opening of the Gordon-Nash Library on Tuesday, June 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Join Library Director Jerrica Blackey and New Hampton School Head, Joe Williams for refreshments and a library tour. We ask that you maintain physical distancing and wear face coverings inside the building.

If you can't make it or just want a sneak peek, check out the Gordon-Nash Library website of Facebook page to see a walkthrough video.

Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Taxpayer Assistance

The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, **but no later than June 30**. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application.

Forms are available at the Town Office or can be filled in or printed from the NH Dept of Revenue website at <http://revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm>

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Applications

These applications are available either online on the town's website (under Boards & Commissions), or by stopping by the Selectmen's Office during normal business hours. The applications are due Friday, May 28th by 3:00 pm.

The History Corner

The Personal Library of Judge Stephen G. Nash

A great book is a great thing.

The spine tingles when one enters a library – it is like entering a room full of heroes.

Many of us know the story of how in the late 1800s New Hampton native son Judge Stephen Gordon Nash had a dream to create a library – and did so! Judge Nash was born in New Hampton Village in 1822. His father, John Nash was an early treasurer of New Hampton School and his mother, Abigail Gordon, provided housing for students at the female seminary. The earliest library in town, the New Hampton Social Library (1813), was located in their home on Main Street.

In 1838 Judge Nash graduated from New Hampton School at age sixteen. After completing his B.A. at Dartmouth in 1842, he returned to NHS to teach for a year. Choosing law as a vocation, he became a barrister in Boston and then the youngest Superior Court Judge appointed by the Commonwealth. Upon retirement, the Judge and his wife, Mary Upton, were determined to give back to the town and school that built the foundation for a successful life.

In 1887 the Judge petitioned the New Hampshire State Legislature to incorporate a library, using the surname of both his parents as its name - The Gordon-Nash Library – and the seeds were sown. While the Judge died before full fruition, his wife, Mary Upton Nash, and other long-time friends (many associated with New Hampton School) worked tirelessly to ensure the beautiful library was built, endowed, and populated with 6000 books from the Judge's library and 4000 books from New Hampton School's literary societies. The majority of the Judge's estate was dedicated to establishing, "a public library and reading room in 'Smith's Village' in New Hampton, New Hampshire, my native place, for the free use of said town, whether residents, students or sojourners."

As the books from the Judge's private library made up the core of the library's holdings, they circulated freely among residents, students and sojourners. After several decades of hard use, library trustees made the wise decision to remove the books from general circulation and tuck them away. The case below, in the newly renovated Judge Nash Room, holds a small sample of the 2500 books that remain from the gift of the Judge and his wife, Mary Nash.

In almost all of his books, the Judge signed his name and recorded the date – and often the place – he acquired the volume. In many books he used triangles and circles to note something – but we have not

cracked his code (yet!). He also underlined and wrote many notes in the margins – as the Judge was an avid reader in many genres.

The next History Corner will feature a “book report” on one of the books from the Judge’s library. *Spoiler Alert: while many of us might feel proud to have another native son, Franklin Pierce, as our state’s only member to hold the office of President, be prepared for Judge Nash’s not so enthusiastic comments on his contemporary, President Pierce. Stay tuned!*



Books from the Library of the Judge on Display in the Renovated Judge Nash Room

For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/>

Kent Bicknell
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Curator of Special Collections
The Gordon-Nash Library at New Hampton School
May 20, 2021

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