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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 blucas@new-hampton.nh.us.

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June 17, 2019

“BRINGING the PRESENCE of the PAST into the PRESENT”

The Village Fountain – Thanks to the W.C.T.U & the New Hampton Garden Club

“You have done nicely in such a small town. No doubt it’s created much interest and will give great pleasure.”



The cast iron fountain on Main Street has been in place for 119 years. Purchased by the Women’s Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.) in the spring of 1900 for \$145, the fountain provided water for, as the brochure says, “People, Horses, and Dogs.” The W.C.T.U. wanted to ensure there was a steady stream of a non-alcoholic beverage available 24 hours a day (except, as noted in the correspondence below, in winter – unless the residents wished to share the water in the big bowl with the horses). New Hampton School alumna and town activist, Emma Grace Bickford^[1] successfully headed the effort to place one of the famed “Clapp’s Fountains” in the center of the village. Below are excerpts of letters from the Foundry to Emma.

May 14 - 1900

Dear Madam

I ship drinking fountain today in good condition and hope it will reach you the same... The fountain can be handled very easy by using a heavy pair of skids. Roll the fountain on to the skids, and with small rolls it can be moved anywhere.

The iron handles and stop-cocks are for dog trough and one for large bowl. The dog trough is to be shut off in winter. And the people’s faucet is shut off in large bowl. The large bowl runs all the year round...

May 31 - 1900

Dear Madam;

Did you have any dedication at the time it was set? If so send us a paper containing it... Also, will you send us names of other W.C.T.U.s, to whom we could send our circulars?

You have done nicely so it seems to us in such a small town. No doubt it's created much interest and will give great pleasure.

Yours respectfully,

^[1]Emma Bickford’s husband, Rev. Lewis P. Bickford, was a fellow alum of New Hampton School and the first librarian at the Gordon-Nash Library. Their children were Grace, John, Ina and Annie Bickford. Grace and Ina were also librarians, and then ran the Pillars Guest House on Main Street for many years. John married his 1896 NHS classmate, Lillian Frost, and their son, Chaloner, was born in 1905. Many readers will, no doubt, have fond memories of Chaloner and his wife Ann.

B.S. Rolfe, for Clapp, Esq.

While the dog trough may be gone, it is good to know that our fountain was intended to serve pure water to New Hampton's horses, dogs and people! A big SHOUT OUT to the New Hampton Garden Club for ensuring that the fountain continues to give us all "great pleasure!"



Spring 1900 Correspondence from Concord of the Foundry to the New Hampton W.C.T.U.



The Clapp's Fountain today thanks to the kind efforts New Hampton Garden Club

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

For information on the New Hampton Garden Club, see <http://www.new-hampton.nh.us/orgsNHGC.asp>

Kent Bicknell
Historian, NHHS
June 14, 2019

1st Issue Tax Bills Have Been Mailed

Please be advised that the format has changed and will reflect the tax rate of \$8.94, which is 1/2 of the prior year's tax rate (2018 - \$17.87). The 2nd issue tax bill will reflect the 2019 tax rate, determined by the Department of Revenue, typically in October.

REMINDER

The Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief forms are now available at the Town Office. The filing period is May 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

Forms:

[Click here](#) for DP-8 you can **print and complete**.

[Click here](#) for the **"fillable" form**. You will be directed to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue website where the forms are listed alphabetically. Look for **Form DP-8** which lists the printable and "fillable" forms.

Job Opening

NEW HAMPTON Public Works Department

The Public Works Department has an immediate opening for a **Part-Time employee to work in the Transfer Station on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and additional hours on an "as needed" basis**. Interested and qualified persons can obtain an employment application at the New Hampton Selectmen's Office. Applications and/or resumes may be submitted to: Attn: Public Works Department, c/o Selectmen's Office, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton, NH 03256, during normal business hours, Mon-Fri., 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Three (3) references and a background check will be required. CDL-B license preferred but not required. This position is open until filled.

Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE)

Office Closures

The offices of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Selectmen will be closed:

Thursday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

On Friday, July 5th the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

**Several towns will be hosting Household Hazardous Waste collections on:
Saturday, July 27th (the closest being the Meredith Public Works Garage)
Saturday, August 3rd (the closest being the Bristol NHDOT Garage)**

8:30 a.m. to noon - ALL locations

[Click here](#) for further information on collections.

Updated Information about Village Precinct Water

New Hampton Village Precinct's Water Department has provided an update to the recent reports of changes to the water quality.

[Click here](#) for the latest sampling results, dated 6/8/19.

[Click here](#) for update information and recommendations on water usage.

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