



TOWN OF HENNIKER
New Hampshire
December 2016



Lunch Break!

Pick up and deliver meals to shut-ins on your lunch hour! The Henniker Food Pantry needs several good people to join the delivery crew to bring meals several times a month on Mondays at 12 pm. Takes about 20 minutes total. Interested?! Call Denise at 494-9675.

JOHN STARK

Several drives are underway to help those in need in our local communities.

Please consider giving to one or more of the drives that students at John Stark Regional High School are organizing. All items may be dropped off at the main office Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.



TOWN OF HENNIKER EMPLOYEE
AMI BOSSI

Ami has been with the Henniker Police Department for 20 years this month. She is an evidence technician for the department and a field training officer assisting with the training of new officers. Over the years Ami has had the opportunity to train in multiple specialty areas such as a crisis negotiator and bicycle safety for all ages. She continues to enjoy volunteering and representing the Town of Henniker and the Police Department with Special Olympics assisting with events, the athletes, and the awarding of medals and ribbons.



Thank you Western Ave Pizzeria for sponsoring Henniker Employee Spotlight!

ANNUAL COOKIE CRAZE

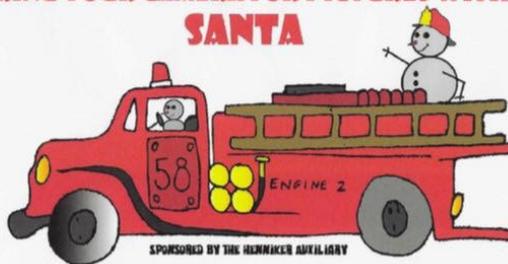
DECEMBER 4, 2016

11:00 - 2:00 PM

AT THE HENNIKER FIRE HOUSE

FIRE HOUSE TOURS

BRING YOUR CAMERA FOR PICTURES WITH SANTA



ART CLUB - TOY DRIVE

This December marks the seventh year the John Stark Art Club has organized a successful Toy Drive in support of the communities of Henniker and Weare. Last year this drive raised over \$1,500 in donations that were shared with families in need in our two towns. We thank the many generous students, faculty, staff, and community members who made this possible.

The Toy Drive will run from Dec. 1-16 for new, unwrapped toys, books, art supplies, games, and gift cards. If you have questions about the Toy Drive or wish to make a donation, please contact Bess French (Bess.French@sau24.org) or Tammy Zielinski (Tammy.Zielinski@sau24.org).

LEOs CLUB

SANTA PAWS Dec. 1-21:

The Leo Club is gathering toys and food for homeless cats and dogs. The Santa Paws collection will deliver these much-needed items to the Concord SPCA before the holiday break.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Dec. 17-Feb. 14, 2017:

The Leo Club is also collecting gently used and clean winter coats, hats, and mittens to be given to area refugees.

TREE LIGHTING

The best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

Please join the Henniker PTA at the gazebo for the second annual tree lighting and festive caroling. Wednesday, December 14, 6pm.

HENNIKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

December Calendar

Dec. 23 - Jan 2, 2017: NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess

Community School

Dec. 7: School Board Meeting, 6:15pm in the School Library
Dec. 13: Competency-Based Learning Open Forum, 6pm Café
Dec. 13: PTA Meeting, 7pm in the School Library
Dec. 15: Holiday Concert, 6:30-7:30 in the Gym. Grades K-4 and the middle school chorus

In early January.....

Jan. 4: School Board Meeting 6:15pm in the School Library
Jan 4: Pats Peak After School Ski Prog. Begins, Grades K-4 & 5-8

JSRHS

Dec. 1-16: Toy Drive
Dec. 1: Winter Parent/Student Athlete Mtg, 7pm in the Gym
Dec. 14: Principal's Coffee, 7:30am in the Principal's Office
Dec. 14: School Board Meeting, 6:30pm in the School Library
Dec. 19: Winter Concert, 6:30pm in the Café (Snow Date: Dec. 22). Concert Choir, Select Choir, Concert Band and Stage Band will all perform. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors.

Henniker Community School

Potter Shana Brautigam will work with Henniker 6th graders in December as part of this year's Artist in Residence: JAPAN. Students will learn about the art of Japanese Raku pottery and create individual Japanese tea bowls. Coming in February, the program will bring Burlington Taiko Drummers and Amherst Karate Studio to school for four days. Mark your calendar for the evening of February 9 for the AIR JAPAN performances. The Artist in Residence program is sponsored by the Henniker PTA and the taxpayers of Henniker.



Potter Shana Brautigam works with Henniker 6th grade students in a previous AIR program

Jeanne Daniel, a much loved Henniker teacher who died much too soon in May of 2014, was recently honored by the placement of two buddy benches at the Henniker Community School.



HENNIKER ROTARY

Holiday Fun

December is a busy month for everyone and the Henniker Rotary Club is no different. Members will be participating in the Congregational Church Holiday Fair on December 2nd selling Bird Seed Wreaths and raffle tickets for its Native American Star Quilt to benefit Pine Ridge Reservation. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Rotary's December 15th meeting. Also during December, the club will hang approximately 30 holiday wreaths in the village and will entertain elders and home bound residents with holiday carols on Saturday, December 17th.





HENNIKER SUMMER CONCERT COMMITTEE

Recently the Henniker Concert Committee presented its budget request to the combined Select Board and Budget Advisory Committees highlighting results of last summer's series and audience surveys. Concert attendance was up significantly in 2016 with several concerts drawing 300-350 attendees. The series provides enormous benefits to the community.

Preponderance of attendees come from Henniker, are summer residents or vacationing in Henniker. 55% of the weekly audiences visit local merchants the night of the concerts 40% of the audience attended 8 or more concerts, with 12 respondents (representing 36 attendees) attending all of the shows.

The bands that are the most popular and requested are those that engage the audience in dancing, singing along to familiar well known songs, playing instruments, all of which add to the music festival atmosphere, pleasing the audience greatly, especially families with children and elderly.

Based on audience feedback, the committee is already hard at work, listening to suggested bands and working on next summer's schedule. We are pleased to announce that the

New Edition of Outdoor Guide to Henniker and Hillsborough in the Works

This spring the Rotary Club will update and publish the 9th edition of its popular Outdoor Guide. If you have been using the Guide and have suggestions for updates or have noticed any errors in descriptions, please contact Ruth Zax rbzax@comcast.net who is coordinating the content review team.

Beginning in January, members will be reaching out to community businesses to update their listings and ads in the Outdoor Guide.

If your business is interested in being included in the 2017 edition of The Outdoor Guide, please contact Dan DaCosta dand3090@aol.com.

The Henniker Rotary Club publishes the Outdoor Guide as one of its major service projects to acclimate visitors and new arrivals to the wealth of recreational activities available in our region. The Guide includes comprehensive information on hiking, walking, biking and snowmobiling trails, as well as information on where to swim, fish, boat, eat and take photographs. It is distributed free to the public.

Residents and visitors alike eagerly refer to *The Outdoor Guide* which highlights a range of 4-season activities in our region as well as promotes local services and businesses. Real estate agents give the publication to prospective home owners, local inns distribute them to guests and they are available at all local restaurants, supermarkets and community gathering places. The 2017 edition, scheduled for publication this spring, will have walking, hiking and activity updates, new photographs, graphics and business advertising and listings.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**LOCAL TOYS
for LOCAL TOTS**

Did you know that the items you put in the nationally known donation box at your local retailer **DOESN'T STAY LOCAL!?**

Therefore, the Henniker Chamber of Commerce along with your local businesses are teaming together to collect toys for families in Henniker!

Look for the boxes in Henniker businesses with the Henniker Chamber logo on them and help a Henniker child have a **Merry Christmas!**

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce has launched a "Local Toys for Local Tots" Toy Drive for Henniker children. Since items put in the nationally known donation boxes at local retailers don't stay local, the Henniker Chamber of Commerce teamed up with local businesses to collect toys for families in Henniker.

Boxes are set up for drop off locations including the Henniker Farm & Country Store, Henniker Pharmacy, Intervale Pancake House, Edmunds Ace Hardware, TD Bank, Trend Acupuncture, The Fiber Studio, Henniker Police Department and Town Hall.

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote the area and its businesses, promote Henniker's growth & prosperity through membership participation and community leadership, provide educational opportunities to its members and welcome

39th Army Band will be back with us in a special Wednesday night performance, July 5th.

Following Town meeting and budget approval, we will finalize the 2017 season. If you have the time, interest in music and helping to bring exceptional talent to Henniker next summer, we'd love to have you consider joining the committee. Please email us for more info hennikerconcerts@henniker.com.

HENNIKER'S 250th ANNIVERSARY

If you would like to be involved in the planning of Henniker's 250th Anniversary please contact:
Terri Trier
428-6554
r2redheads@tds.net

TEEN CENTER

**Open every Friday
7:00pm to 9:00pm**

We welcome all 7th & 8th graders to attend with friends and enjoy games, pool, air hockey, music, playing Wii or just hanging out with one another.

The Teen Center has a closed door policy which means once a teen enters they cannot leave without a parent/guardian picking them up. Our closed door policy can be changed with a signed by a parent/guardian note authorizing the child to leave on their own.

Registrations are required for teens to attend for emergency protocols. [Click here](#) for a Teen Center Registration Form.

Volunteers are always needed to help provide a fun, safe place for teens, to learn more about volunteering please contact Shannon Camara at camaras70@yahoo.com.

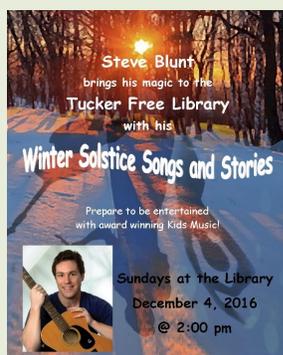
SCRABBLE ANYONE?

visitors and newcomers.

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce is accepting memberships. Membership into the Henniker Chamber provides many networking opportunities. Henniker Chamber Members will receive recognition as a Chamber Professional on the Chamber website, www.hennikerchamber.org, with a direct link to their business, in newsletters along with other publications. The Chamber will also keep members up to date with ongoing regulations affecting their business. Businesses interested in becoming a member of the Henniker Chamber of Commerce are encouraged to register online www.hennikerchamber.org or email membership@hennikerchamber.org to receive a Membership Application.

If you would like more information on the Henniker Chamber of Commerce or to get more involved, please email membership@hennikerchamber.org. Henniker Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 885, Henniker, NH 03242.

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY



Presents its final "Sundays at the Library - Family Edition" for 2016!

Steve Blunt will perform his award winning kids' music:

Winter Solstice Songs and Stories
on December 4th at 2pm.

Wednesday story time will be offered on December 7th and 14th and then resume in 2017. Check our website for information about our next session of fun

events for preschoolers.

Remember! If you get a new electronic device for the holidays we can help you with tech advice at the Tucker Free Library! Want to know how to download a book? How to listen to an audiobook? We can show you how!

Holiday Hours at the Tucker Free:

Closed: Saturday & Sunday, December 24, 25

Closed: Sunday, January 1

ALL OTHER HOURS REMAIN THE SAME.

Don't forget our library is available to 24/7. If you need something to read and the library is closed we have a large selection of ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines. Look at what the library has to offer: free books, free internet access, free programs, free tech help, free advice with book choices - and a whole lot more on our website: www.tuckerfreelibrary.org

Highway Employees Prevent Major Fire Damage

On Monday, November 14th two Henniker Highway Department employees, Jeff Stillman and Robbie Ostertag, were driving a town truck on Colby Hill Road when they noticed smoke on the other side of Rt. 202. They proceeded down Newton Road and saw flames. A chicken coop along with the exterior side of the residence located at 105 Newton Road were engulfed in flames. Both Jeff and Robbie acted quickly searching for hoses and fire extinguishers and removing the chickens from the coop while contacting 911 for assistance.

Once property owner and owner of Henniker Saw, Joe Morette, noticed the flames he came running with fire extinguishers to assist.

Join the Lunch Bunch!
sponsored by the
Community Center Activities
Committee

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
of the month
at the Community Center
for Scrabble and conversation.

Bring your own bag lunch
to the
Community Center at 11:30!

For more information call
MaryEllen at 428-7506.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are various Town
Committees that are in need of
volunteers, such as the Athletic,
Concert, Community
Activities, and Historic District
Committees.

If you are interested in
volunteering please email
secretary@henniker.org

TOWN WEBSITE

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Fire Captain, Mick Costello, arrived on scene in the command car with two extinguishers and the ambulance followed with two more extinguishers.



If Robbie and Jeff had not come across the scene when they did, 2 families, 2 dogs, and 5-6 chickens could have been without a home.

It was a first alarm building fire which originally called all units of Henniker. Hopkinton, Weare, and Hillsborough also responded to the scene.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Christmas Fair

December 3rd 9am to 2pm

Lunch will be served.

There are vendor tables, people with arts and crafts, baked goods and a great raffle table with gift baskets for all tastes.



**The Hopkinton Town Band
Holiday Concert**

**Wednesday, December 7th at pm
in the Sanctuary**

Will Ögmundsen, Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11th 2pm in the sanctuary

For those who don't know Will, he has performed across Europe (even played at the Vatican!), composes music that supports several musical theatre groups in NH, and has been nominated 3 times for New England Emmy awards.



5 TOASTY TIPS to Stay Warm, Save Money & Energy this Winter

Have your heating system cleaned and serviced, and checked for safe operation annually. You will need less fuel throughout the winter if your heating system is running **safely** and efficiently.

Find where the drafts of cold air are coming in and seal those places up! Your heating system will run less often and you will be more comfortable.

Replace old incandescent light bulbs with new energy efficient bulbs (like compact fluorescent or LED bulbs). LED bulbs can reduce your electricity costs for lighting by 75 percent or more!

Turn down your thermostat at night and when you will be away. Don't heat your home when you don't need to. Consider wearing a sweater when you are home.

Install insulation - even a little bit each year - to reduce heat loss from your home. Your goal, over time, should be to have a continuous "thermal barrier" all around your living space, to keep the heat in and the cold out.

New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning

Weatherization Assistance Program 603-271-2155

To learn more on making your home more energy efficient [click here.](#)

