



TOWN OF
HENNIKER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

E-Newsletter

May 2016

Have any spare time?

There are Town Boards and Committees in need of members?

Email secretary@henniker.org to learn more!

Changing of the Guards



In April we said farewell to Police Chief Ryan Murdough and wished him well in his new position as part-time Police Chief in Washington, NH.

In May we welcome back former Sergeant Matthew French as the new Henniker Police Chief!



Former Retired Chief Timothy Russell and Retired Sergeant Doug Paul assisted Matt's family in the pinning ceremony.

Are you in need of ditch material?

Contact Highway Superintendent, Tom Weston, at 428-7200 or by email at roadagent@henniker.org to put your name on the list. If the Highway Department is working in your area you will be contacted for delivery. The location will need to be inspected prior to dumping to ensure that the town's equipment will not be put in harm's way.

There is a screened ditch material bin at the Transfer Station located behind the building, please ask a Transfer Station attendant to open the gate.

HENNIKER FIRE/RESCUE OPEN HOUSE

MAY 22, 2016 1:00pm-4:00pm

FIRE/RESCUE STATION, 216 MAPLE STREET

All are invited!



We will have tours of the station and apparatus, a live burn demonstration and we will welcome our new engine. The "General Taylor" hand tub pumper will be on display. This was the first pumper owned by the Town purchased in 1899. It is now part of a private collection.



Raffle Tickets!

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, the Henniker Firefighter Association Raffle has gone live. See any Henniker Firefighter to purchase raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and there are over 193 prizes

up for grabs. The raffle ticket sales go toward funding life saving equipment.

Tickets will be draw at the Open House 1pm to 4pm!

Spread the word and buy some tickets!

Henniker Trail Maps are Now Available!

The Henniker Trails Committee is happy to announce that a new set of local Hiking and Biking trails are now available. The trails identify local Class VI roads, as well as trails that have been approved for hiking and biking use by land owners, and the Town of Henniker Select Board.

The trails cover many miles of local terrain, with varying degrees of difficulty and something for all outdoor enthusiasts to take advantage of.

Go to www.henniker.org to learn more!

Interested in Joining?

We are always looking for volunteers and leaders to take us to the next level with our work with trails! Let us know if you want to participate by mapping trails, working with landowners, or developing our network with signage and improvements. All interest can be directed to trails@henniker.org.

Henniker Youth Athletics

Soccer registrations open May 15th and close on June 30th.

If we don't have a new director by then, this upcoming soccer season unfortunately on't take place. If interested please contact Kelly Martin, Youth Athletic Chairperson @ 603-568-9323 or email info@hennikerathletics.org.

Softball Director 2017:

Softball Registration will open January 14th, 2017! Registration for the Spring season will be open from January 13th, 2017 - February 13th, 2017 at that time we will be looking for a new softball director. If you are interested and would like to shadow the softball director for the 2016 season, please contact Tom or Jaime Weston at softball@hennikerathletics.org.

HENNIKER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Thrift Shop Fashion Show and Tea

Saturday, May 7, 10:30am -12 pm

The Ladies of the Henniker Congregational Church

Invite you to attend! Parish Hall.

There will be light refreshments.

Childcare will be available in the Nursery.



Child Abuse: How You Can Help

April was designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The NH Children's Trust and the Manchester Catholic diocese have put out lists of ways to help protect children:

Monitor children's activities. Know where they are and with whom.

- Enhance their confidence.
- Listen to what they say.
- Be alert to changes in their behavior.
- Warn against accepting gifts without parent's knowledge.

- Teach them about potential threats.
- Teach them to say "no" to abuse and to run away from abusers.
- Teach them to report suspicious people and behavior.
- Teach them to seek help from safe adults, like police and family.



13th Annual Golf Tournament
Angus Lea Golf Course
June 5th at 1pm



American Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday, June 17 from 1-6 PM
Parish Hall, Henniker

HENNIKER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Community Spring Clean up Day

Saturday, May 7, 2016 -- 10am-1pm

Meet at the Henniker Community Center, Gazebo on Main St. Check-in starting at 10am to get assignment, trash bag and gloves.

How Can You Participate? Businesses, Organizations and Residents can help with the clean up by sending an email to RSVP@hennikerchamber.org with their company/group name/family name and number of people attending. The Henniker Chamber of Commerce will donate \$100 to the team/group with the largest number of people to check-in and check-out as a team/group.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear a t-shirt with their organization's name on it and to bring their own gloves, hat, sunscreen and safety vest, if possible.

Please help us make Henniker look its best!

Following the clean up efforts will be a FREE barbeque for all participants on the lawn at the Henniker Community Center with food provided by the Henniker Chamber of Commerce.

Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2016 -- 5:00pm - 7:00pm

We are hosting our Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 5pm at Intervale Ice Cream. Intervale Ice Cream Turns 10! Food and Drink will be served. Door prizes will be awarded. This event is open to the Public to attend along with the Henniker Chamber of Commerce members.

This event will wrap up the sixth year of the Henniker Chamber of Commerce incorporation by celebrating its accomplishments, the variety of events sponsored by the Chamber and to thank all of the members for their participation. Please send an email to RSVP@hennikerchamber.org.

In addition to networking, five Board of Director positions are up for a 2 year term position and will be voted on during the meeting with a secret ballot for all of those nominated.

Persons interested in joining the Board of Directors should present their eligibility in writing by May 20, 2016 via email to the current President Elect, Johanna Michie, at PresidentElect@hennikerchamber.org or mail Henniker Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 885, Henniker, NH 03242 to be added to the ballot for the annual meeting. Names of nominees will be posted on the website prior to the annual meeting in June. Nominations by petition can be added within 10 days after posting of nominees with the signature of 15 qualified members of the Henniker Chamber of Commerce.

CONCERTS

Here Comes Summer!

The crocus are blooming, the daffodils on their way. It's time to celebrate the official end of winter and begin the summer celebrations.

The Town of Henniker and the Henniker Concert Committee have a very special treat for all of us: a pre-season evening of music on Saturday, May 14, 2016, Henniker Congregational Church, beginning at 7:00 PM. Featured performer that evening will be the incredible William Ögmundson in a program of ragtime piano. And, as a special treat, there will be a "halftime" performance by the John Stark Select and Concert Choirs. During intermission, the Concert Committee will present a sneak preview of the upcoming 11-week Tuesday concert series, which begins on June 14.

Come and find out which of your favorites will be returning and what new groups will be performing at the Angela Robinson Bandstand this summer. Summer schedules and a special Dine Around Henniker Coupon Sheet will be distributed to all in attendance.

Following the concert, join us in the Parish Hall for dessert and coffee, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Henniker.

William Ögmundson is an Emmy Award nominated composer and professional pianist who has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe - most notably at the Vatican and Notre Dame de Paris - and his original compositions have been performed worldwide. Generally acknowledged to be one of the finest pianists in the area, he has built a career around piano performance, while also making a name for himself as a composer and lyricist. For the past two years, he has been the Music Director of the Henniker Congregational Church.

The John Stark Choirs will be performing some of the music from their upcoming Spring Concert. The choirs are under the direction of Jayne Segedy.



Here Comes Summer!
A pre-season bonus concert to announce the
Henniker Summer Concert Series
Featuring pianist extraordinaire —
WILL ÖGMUNDSON
and John Stark High School Choirs
PLUS a sneak preview of the exciting
2016 SUMMER SERIES
Saturday, May 14, 2016 - 7:00 PM
Henniker Congregational Church
Join us for a magical, musical evening!
Sponsored by the Town of Henniker, Summer Concert Series Committee
Coffee and refreshments following the concert sponsored by The Rotary Club of Henniker
DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED

High & Seek

An Early Detection and Intervention of Teenage Alcohol and Drug Use Event for Parents, Staff, and Community Members of Henniker, Weare, & Stoddard on **Thursday, June 2** at John Stark High School. To learn more about this event please click: <http://goo.gl/VvXMor>



Staff Appreciation Week At Tucker Free Library

May 17-22, 2016

The Trustees of the Tucker Free Library invite all community members to stop by the library to help celebrate!!

Click here to read all about it <http://goo.gl/OpF0PC>

PROGRAMMING NEWS!



TEDTalks – The final TFL/White Birch TEDTalk takes place on Thursday, May 19th. Sign up with Beth Ann Paul at White Birch or simply stop by the library at 11:00AM. This TEDTalk will feature BJ Miller a palliative care specialist who shares his insight on honoring the important moments of our lives.



Preschool Story Time at Tucker Free Library on Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Join us for stories, songs, and a craft with a new theme each week.

May Story Time Themes

May 4 – Marvelous Mothers

May 11 - NO STORYTIME

May 18 - Frolicking Frogs

May 25 - Dinosaurs Did Roam



Sign-up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the library. Research has revealed that reading regularly with young children (even starting in the womb) stimulates optimal patterns of brain development and strengthens parent-child relationships at a critical time in child development, which, in turn, builds language, literacy, and social-emotional skills that last a lifetime. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program encourages parents to provide these positive, nurturing experiences regularly.



LADYBUG Picture Books are here. The Ladybug Picture Book Award is designed to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books. A committee of children's librarians from around the state selects 10 picture book titles each spring. Then, during November, New Hampshire children from preschoolers to those in third grade choose the award winner.



Information about the 2016 Summer Reading Program will be posted shortly. We are working on our scavenger hunt, programs, and story time schedule. See you on the first day of summer vacation!

Henniker Community School and John Stark Regional High School

May 12: Early Release Day

May 30: NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

Henniker Community School

May 4: PTA Movie Night, 6-8pm in the Café. Parents who are attending the School Board Meeting ONLY may drop their children off to watch a movie while they attend the meeting. Sponsored and supervised by Henniker PTA.

May 4: Henniker School Board Meeting, 6:15pm in the school library.

May 6: Hawaiian Family Dance, 6-8pm in the Café. A fundraiser for next year's 8th grade trip to DC.

May 9: Author/Illustrator Lita Judge visits with students in grades K-4 at school.

May 10: PTA Meeting, 7pm in the school library

May 16-20: Scholastic Book Fair

May 16: Information night for parents of 6th grade students about the fall trip to Sargent Center (Environmental Camp), 6-7pm in Room 64.

May 18: Kindergarten Parent Night, 6-8pm in the school library

May 24: JSRHS Spring Concert @ JSRHS will include Henniker Community School's 5 & 6th Grade Chorus, 7pm in the Café.

June 1: PTA Movie Night, 6pm, in the Café. Parents who are attending the School Board Meeting ONLY

may drop their children off to watch a movie while they attend the meeting. Sponsored and supervised by Henniker PTA.

June 1: Henniker School Board Meeting, 6:15pm in the school library.

June 2: HIGH & SEEK, 7-9 pm, in the JSRHS Café. An adult (21+) only event promoting the early detection and intervention of teenage alcohol and drug use. **Free and open to all parents, staff, and community members within SAU 24. SEATING will be limited. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30pm.**

June 3: Third Grade Henniker History Walk. All school day. Drivers please note and be careful. Large groups will be walking to various historical sites throughout the Town of Henniker.

June 5: Henniker Lions Club 5K Walk/Run leaves from HCS. For more information and to register, go to: www.hennikerlions.org

June 13: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AT HCS

June 14: PTA Meeting, 7pm in the school library

John Stark Regional High School

May 18: John Stark School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM in the school library

May 19: EXPO NIGHT; the public is invited to see the Capstone Senior Projects
4-8 pm, Student Art Exhibit, Room 192

5-8 pm, EXPO Night. Senior Capstone Projects will be on display at various locations throughout the school building and outdoors sites on campus.

5-6:30 pm, Amnesty International Dinner. Come enjoy the entire EXPO evening at John Stark and have a Soup and Bread supper hosted by the JSRHS Chapter of Amnesty International. The fundraiser will feature a variety of soups and breads to choose from, a drink, and dessert. All soups donated by local restaurants. (There will be vegetarian options.) Cost is \$7.00 per person.

May 21: Prom at Mt. Sunapee Resort

May 24: Spring Concert, 7 pm in the Café. Concert Chorus, Select Chorus, HC 5th & 6th grade Chorus, Concert Band and Stage Band will be performing a varied repertoire of music from Vivaldi to Woodie Guthrie. Administration will be free, donations accepted and refreshments will be served at intermission.

May 27: Pre-Memorial Day Observation, 9:50-10:20am. Public invited, please RSVP to the main office at 529-4722.

May 27: Academic Awards Assembly, 10:20-11:30 am. Parents of those to be recognized will be invited to RSVP for a limited number of seats.

June 1: Performance Awards, 6-9 PM in the Music Room

June 2: HIGH & SEEK, 7-9 PM, in the Café at JSRHS. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM. Free and open to all parents, staff, and community members within SAU 24. SEATING will be limited. This is an **adult only (21+) event** promoting the early detection and intervention of teenage alcohol and drug use. The highlight of this presentation is a staged teenage bedroom with over 80 indicators of high risk behaviors of drug use in teens. (Arriving at 6:30pm will allow you time to walk through the staged bedroom.) Melissa Fernald of Sinfonia Family Services of NH is the presenter. Seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

June 7: Scholarship Awards Night, 6:30-8pm in the gym.

June 8: John Stark Regional High School Board Meeting, 6:30pm in the school library.

June 11: GRADUATION, 10am, under the tent.

June 13: Spring Sports Award Night, 6:30pm.

June 17: Theater Showcase, 7pm in the Café.

June 17: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AT JSRHS

John Stark Senior Matthew Denham

JSRHS senior Matthew Denham took first place in the slopeside competition of the US Snowboard and Freeski Association's National Championships held April 8-12 at Copper Mt. in Colorado. Denham competed in the men's (16-18) division. Denham's first place finish at Copper Mt. will likely garner him an invitation to the US National Ski Team training camp this summer. Matthew Denham is the son of Mark and Monica Denham of Henniker. As of March 8, which was the close of the USASA's 2016 National rankings, Denham was ranked # 2 for his division in slopeside. His sponsor is Faction Skis.



center
Matthew
Denham 1st
place

The United States of America Snowboard & Freestyle Association (USASA) was created in 1988 and each year has seen an increase in the number of competitors and regions participating within the USASA. Top riders from each series qualify to compete in the annual national championships. In addition to the halfpipe, slalom, and giant slalom disciplines, the USASA introduced slopestyle as a sanctioned discipline in the 1993-94 season. Snowboarding has been the fastest growing winter sport for several years and was accepted by the International Olympic Committee as a full medal sport for the 1998 Games in Japan. Every US Olympic Team athlete got their start in the USASA.

Successful Rotary Club Rabies Clinic

Beagles howled and cats meowed as the Vets and volunteers put them through their paces at the 27th annual Henniker Rotary Club Rabies Clinic on April 16th. 130 charming "beasties" of the canine and feline persuasion received vaccinations to protect them from the deadly rabies virus.



Shauna
LeBlanc

Vaccinations were administered by Drs. Alyssa and Bob Brust and the staff of the Henniker Veterinary Hospital. Proceeds from this year's event will be donated to Wings of the Dawn and will be used to rebuild a Rabies Vector Species cage.

"The business community is especially committed to the event. We are very grateful for the support of Ameriprise Financial, A Precious Pet Resort, Ayer & Goss, Granite Quill Publications, Henniker Farm and Country Store, Jean Hooker & Associates Real Estate, The Mutt Hut and TD Bank, all of whom help underwrite and promote the event and Diamond Pet Foods which supplies free pet food samples to every dog and cat attending". Other sponsors were notable in providing pet supplies to the attendees including TD Bank and Henniker Farm & Country Store.

38% of the animals vaccinated this year are owned by Henniker residents, with another 18% belonging to Weare residents and the remaining 44% from 12 nearby communities and several from Massachusetts.

The Rabies Clinic is an activity that every member gets involved in and it continues to be among the most popular service activities in which the club is engaged. "It takes 30 club members and community volunteers to pull this off each year and to insure the safety and well-being of all the animals. We are so thankful to everyone that turns out to support this important community service," said Ruth Zax.

The Henniker Rotary Club invites any interested area business or professional leader to consider joining them in the range of activities they undertake every year. Attend one of their Thursday morning meetings at the First Congregational Church Parish Hall, 7:30am for an hour of camaraderie, a great breakfast, interesting speakers and the opportunity to volunteer for exciting community and international service projects. For more information contact, Lisa Hustis, ehustis@comcast.net

Financial Wellness

GreenPath is a nonprofit debt solution company (www.greenpath.com) offers free credit counseling and debt counseling to help you get out of debt. Their certified professionals will take time to:

- Understand [your financial situation and goals](#)
- Develop a [customized budget](#)
- Explain your options
- Offer recommendations for how to get out of debt
- Develop an action plan for moving forward

The [debt counseling](#) session takes 60 to 90 minutes and can be conducted [in-person](#) or over the phone at your convenience. The session goes quicker if you have copies of recent bill statements handy.

GreenPath - Manchester Location 250 Commercial St., Suite 1009A Manchester, NH 03101 Phone: (603) 626-4530

For additional resources contact the Henniker Human Service Office - Carol Conforti-Adams
caseworker@henniker.org / 428-8369

WHITE BIRCH SENIOR CENTER

Upcoming Trips

White Birch and Banner Tours and Travel are happy to offer some new and exciting trips. Registration forms are now available for the following outings. Please note that registration paperwork and payment are required to reserve a space and seats are limited. If you would like more information or a registration form, call 428-3077.

Saturday July 23rd - **Lighthouse Lovers Cruise and Lobster Clambake - \$114**

Highlights include a Lobster Clambake at the Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough ME, a narrated scenic cruise around Portland Harbor, and a stop at Len Libby's Candy.

Friday August 19th - **Connecticut River Cruise - \$113**

Highlights include a journey down the Connecticut River aboard the Quinnetukut II Riverboat, lunch at Wiggins Tavern in Northampton MA, and a stop at Yankee Candle.

Thursday September 15th - **Boston Skyline Tour and Top of the Hub - \$139**

Highlights include a cruise around Boston Harbor, lunch at the Top of the Hub, and a visit to Assembly Row.

Henniker/Weare Youth Theatre presents

two one-week Summer Theatre Camp Opportunities for children ages 6-18



July 11-16, 2016 (\$225)

Alice in Wonderland, Jr. (a musical camp)

Mon-Thu 9-3, Fri and Sat 2-8.

Performances at 7pm Friday and 4 and 7 pm on Saturday.

Journey down the rabbit hole and join Alice in her adventures in Wonderland!

Minimum 18 participants.

(If we do not have 18 participants registered by May 1 we will look into a different version of the show that we can do with a smaller cast.)

July 25-30, 2016 (\$175)

Jo and Amy (a non-musical camp)

Mon-Thu 9-3, Fri and Sat 2-8.

Performances at 7pm Friday and 4 and 7 pm on Saturday.

Travel back to the 1800s in this non-musical adaptation of Little Women by Hillsboro native Karin Evelyn Haug.

Minimum 12 participants.



Camps and performances will take place at John Stark Regional High School. A \$75 non-refundable deposit per camp is due by May 1 in order to hold your child's spot. The remainder of the camp tuition is due by June 1. Discounts are available for additional campers per family. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for these camps. Please contact dunn.t@comcast.net or call 603-568-5102 for more information about these camps or scholarship information. Before and After care are available for \$5/hr.

This is the 17th year that the national award winning Henniker based company has offered theatre camps for young people ages 6 to 18. For more information on our youth and other programs, visit www.alchemistsworkshop.org.

Save the dates . . .

Balloon Festival & Fair

July 7th - the 10th

Living History Event

August 20th & 21st

Chilifest - Fire on the Mountain

August 21st

Schnitzelfest

September 24th

WANTED
CHILI MAKERS
14th Annual Chili Fest
Fire on the Mountain
Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Pat's Peak Ski Area, Henniker, NH

- Games, Vendors, Kid's Zone
- Enter Chili in Professional or Amateur Categories
- Three Judge's Panel Awards
- Two People's Choice Awards
- Best Booth Display Award
- **First Place Amateur Entry Judge's Prize - \$1000 Cash**

Rotary Club of Henniker  Sign up today!
www.chilinewhampshire.org

