

# Town of Warner

## NEWS FROM THE TOWN

Spring 2009

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Monday - Wednesday - Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
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### **Administrator's Page**

Spring is in the air! With spring comes yard clean ups and yard sales, reconnecting with neighbors and community members and of course, black flies and mud season. As you look around your yard and make decisions as to what to keep and what to get rid of, please consider the following:

Unregistered or Junk Vehicles – Unregistered and/or junk vehicles that accumulate on properties have an adverse affect on property values which in turn may affect the tax rate by reducing neighboring property values. Under NH law, no property is allowed to house more than two unregistered vehicles and with various complaints being received from residents, we have an obligation to contact property owners who may be in violation of the law. If you have unregistered and/or junk vehicles on your property, please make arrangements to remove them or visit the Town Clerk's Office to have them registered.

Just in Case Stuff & Misc. Trash – Ever notice how the things you hold on to “just in case” you need it some day multiply so much that you can't even remember what you have? Well, your neighbors notice it too and would very much like you to remove some of it from your property. When you allow your property to be a collection area for anything from old oil tanks and bicycles to unused coffee cans and miscellaneous trash, it has the same effect on property values (including your own) as multiple junk vehicles. If you thought your neighbors were unhappy about leaves blowing from your property to theirs on a windy day, just imagine how they feel about miscellaneous trash flying their way. Consider removing these types of items from your property and making your property a little more ecologically friendly.

The Transfer Station hours now include Sunday from 8:00 am – 4 pm. These hours should be helpful with your clean up efforts with the exception of removing vehicles. Check into nonprofit organizations or other businesses that offer free removal of old & junk vehicles (Google “Free car removal in NH”) or call the Selectmen's Office for contact information on the two licensed junkyards in Warner.

Worn & Tattered American Flags – There are some tired and worn American flags still in duty around Warner and they should be retired properly. The American Legion holds a flag burning ceremony when there are enough flags for such a service. If you have a flag that is ready to be retired, feel free to drop it off at the Town Hall and we'll make sure it is delivered to the American Legion for their next flag burning ceremony.

Town Hall Staff – Michael Ayotte is the newest member of our Town Hall Staff and has been hired to fill the open bookkeeper position. We look forward to working with Michael and hope that you'll stop in and say hello to him the next time you're at the Town Hall doing business.

Mark your calendar ...

Selectman Office Hours – Selectman Carson will hold office hours on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for any resident who wishes to stop in and discuss items of interest or concern.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Held at the Warner Town Hall on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **From the Health Officer**

In response to the international outbreak of a new strain of influenza (flu) in humans, Governor John Lynch has established a telephone inquiry line for the public. People who have questions about the outbreak, possible symptoms, travel information or other issues related to this illness can call 1-888-330-6764 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. For more information on swine flu, visit [www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu).

### **From Emergency Management**

Hazard Mitigation Plan Semi-Annual Plan Update 2009

In 2008, Warner adopted our current Hazard Mitigation Plan following the Federal Emergency Management Agency's guidelines. As part of this approval, Warner's Hazard Mitigation Committee, consisting of the

Emergency Management Director, Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, Board Chairs, Businesses, and the School Administration, must review and consider changes to our project priority matrix. This meeting will be scheduled in late May or early June. Public notice will be posted as well as placed on our website [www.warner.nh.us](http://www.warner.nh.us). A press release will be distributed to the local papers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Warner's Emergency Management Director, Ed Mical at 456-3350.

### **CERT & MRC Volunteers Needed**

Warner has worked with the Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN) to create a Public Health Plan for the region. In working on this plan, we have identified the need for volunteers to assist when an emergency or disaster strikes. There are two Teams that the Region is working to form. They are: **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** which educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. And, **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** which is dedicated to those citizens that are medically trained, or not, who would like to volunteer their time to promote healthy living throughout the year and prepare for and respond to emergencies. MRC volunteers are trained to supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

Both CERT and MRC volunteers are trained to provide important roles in emergency preparedness projects in their communities and assist in other communities if disaster strikes. ***For further information please call 225-5583 X 113 and leave your name and phone number so that you can be contacted by a CAPHN representative.***

Together, We'll Keep our Communities Safe, Strong, and Secure...No Matter What!

### **From the Conservation Commission**

#### Fiona Shea's Pumpkins

For the fifth straight year, 13 year old, Fiona Shea, sold pumpkins that she grew and pumpkin bread that she made at the Warner Farmers Market as a fundraiser for conservation projects. This year, Fiona made \$278! She has donated a total of \$856.38 over the five years she has been growing and selling pumpkins. She hopes that this money will help save a field somewhere just like the one in Mary Lyn Ray's book, "Pumpkins." Fiona said: "I know that the economy is bad right now, and it might be harder than usual to get money to pay for conservation projects, so I hope this will help." Thank you, Fiona.

#### Conservation Plan

In March, the Commission engaged the services of Margaret Watkins, a natural resources consultant, to as-

ist the Commission in writing a Conservation Plan for the Town. This Plan will become an integral part of the Town's Master Plan update currently underway by the Planning Board. The Conservation Plan will largely be based upon our Natural Resources Inventory and help articulate priorities for land conservation. Additionally the Plan will contain recommendations for actions aimed at protecting the Town's natural resources. Work on the Plan is anticipated to extend into the fall, with completion by November. One of the first steps to be taken in the coming month is a short survey sent to all households in town to elicit public opinion and input on a variety of conservation and natural resource issues facing Warner. Please be on the lookout for this survey in the mail. Your participation is very important to us as we begin to shape the future direction of the Town's conservation activities.

### **From the Assessing Clerk**

#### **REVALUATION 2010 STARTS THIS MONTH**

We expect Cross Country Appraisal to start the 2010 revaluation later this month. To receive the most accurate revaluation, the measurers and listers need to view the interior of everyone's property. As we suggested make a list of items that would reduce the value of your home, have it ready before the reval people come and give it to them (also keep a copy for yourself). All revaluation personnel will be wearing an ID card and they have Cross Country Appraisal signs on their cars. If you are concerned about letting them in please call Martha at the Town Hall 456-2298 ext 3 or home 456-3350 or the Warner Police at 456-3433. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> TAX BILLS BEING MAILED THE END OF MAY**

The 1<sup>st</sup> tax bills of 2009 are expected to be mailed by the end of May. If you have not received it by the 8<sup>th</sup> of June please contact the Tax Collector at 456-2298 ext. 4.

During June the Tax Collector's office will be open Tuesday - Thursday from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. There will be additional hours posted. Please watch for the listing. **TAX BILLS WILL BE DUE JULY 1, 2009.**

### **From the Transfer Station**

In an attempt to become more accessible and provide greater convenience for the public the Transfer Station began opening Sundays on April 19th. Our Sunday hours are 8am to 4pm. To date we have been open three Sundays with each being busier than the preceding one. We hope the additional hours will reduce congestion at the facility on Saturdays. The Sunday hours will be on a trial basis until the end of October.

### **From the Planning Board:**

The Board held a 2<sup>nd</sup> Master Plan Update Visioning Session on Monday, April 20, 2009, at the Town Hall. It was a public meeting and a special invitation was

extended to all elected and appointed town officials and to many board and commission members. We appreciate the attendance by many of our officials in seeking as much input as possible. Maps of the town were also displayed indicating where construction of new homes and businesses has taken place over the past 10 years along with other current land use information. With the input from the Community Survey and from the two Visioning Sessions documented, we will move on to Phase 2 of the plan.

In other activities, the Board is reviewing specifications for construction of roads and streets. Allan Brown, Director of Public Works, asked us to consider updates and changes for road construction under our Subdivision Regulations to stay in line with current methods and needs.

Other notes: Peter Wyman was recently appointed to fill a vacancy as Alternate to the Planning Board.

#### ***From the Building Inspector***

Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the State Building Code, RSA 155-A, must obtain a Building Permit. This also includes any interior work that falls under the above specifications. If you have any questions about whether or not you need to apply for a building permit please contact Mary Whalen at the Selectmen's office at 456-2298 ext. 2.

#### ***From the Fire Department***

Warner FD continues its busy schedule with many Mutual Aid calls along with the normal schedule of calls here in our town. In 2009 we have responded to 150 Fire/Rescue calls. We would like to thank all of our friends for their support.

On May 16th, in conjunction with "Spring into Warner" the Warner Fire/Rescue will open the Fire Museum to everyone from 10am till 3pm. We would love to have you visit us and see how it used to be done! We will have games for the kids and fire vehicles for all to look through. Rumor has it that "Smokey Bear" might join us? Also on May 16th the Foothills restaurant will be celebrating "First Responder Day." Anyone wearing apparel from a fire department, police department or military organization will receive FREE coffee or soft drink with their meal. This is the Foothills way of saying thanks to all who help out in the time of need.

At the May meeting Heather Greenlaw was sworn in as a member of the Warner Rescue. With Heather and Emmitt Bean now on the Warner FD it makes three generations of Beans that have served the Town of

Warner. Congratulations Heather!

Remember! Mark your home with "LARGE" numbers so we can find you when you call!

#### ***From the Highway Department***

The reconstruction of the Connors Mill Bridge is underway. Construction is expected to last for 3 months. The crew has also begun work on one of the FEMA projects located on Joppa Road West as well as beginning the spring clean-up.

#### ***Pillsbury Free Library News***

Free downloadable audio books are finally available for iPod/Mac users! The old WMA Audio books can also still be downloaded to a PC and transferred to most "mp3" players. Call the library to get the pass code to download these titles.

Sundance Solar has donated a "Kill A Watt" energy use meter to the Library, for public use. Library card-holders can borrow this gadget to find out how much energy is being used by appliances.

Upcoming Programs:

\*\*Booksale and Story Times (10:30 and 12:30), during the Spring

\*\*Warner Festival on Saturday, May 16.

\*\*"Backyard Organic Gardening" by Larry Pletcher on Thursday, May 21 at 7 PM.

Coming in June:

Bike Tune-up and Maintenance tips from Dan Mitchell.

"Summertime, and the Reading is Easy" programs will be held for children ages 5 and up Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and Wednesdays at 1:30 PM, starting July 7.

New this year: Grade 5 to adult will have their own programs and "Summer activities" this year, including a "bingo" reading card, game days, and a comics workshop. Volunteers are always welcome.

Library services are FREE to all Warner residents, taxpayers, and employees. We also have a great return policy: simply bring items back and exchange for new ones! Use the Library and save your money for other needs!

See more at Pillsbury Free Library's web calendar at <http://warner.lib.nh.us> or the new Kearsarge Connection news blog, [kearconn.blogspot.com](http://kearconn.blogspot.com).

# Memorial Day 2009



The Wilkins-Cloues-Bigelow-Pearson Post 39 American Legion will conduct the Annual Memorial Day Exercises, Monday, May 25, 2009.

The exercises begin at approximately 8:30 AM with a short march from the Legion Hall to the Veterans Monument in the Town Square for a brief memorial, then on to the Town Hall for a Flag Raising Ceremony outside and then inside the hall for a program.

Upon conclusion of the program, the veteran's unit will march to Pine Grove Cemetery. All veterans and the general public are invited to join us at all locations and ride or march along behind the veterans group and the band.

The Kearsarge Regional High School Band will again provide our marching tunes.

After the memorial service in the cemetery, we will continue the march to the bridge over the Warner River at North Village Road for a memorial to service personnel who perished at sea.

The march will then continue via Mill Street and Main Street to its final destination at the Legion Hall on Kearsarge Street Extension with the conclusion by approximately 10:30 AM. Please join us to pay tribute to all veterans who have served our country.

