

Town of Warner, New Hampshire

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

Summer 2014

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Monday - Wednesday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Its Important to Know What is Going On – Get Notices Quickly

Effective communication is an integral part of effective government because it lets the voters know what projects their elected officials and town departments are working on and on what problems they are deliberating as they provide town services. Residents can learn about and understand the decisions that are being made and weigh in on matters that affect them and their town.

An area of communication that the Selectmen's Office has been focusing on is notifications to the public. By State law (RSA 91-A:2) public notification of all meetings of town boards and committees must be posted in at least two public places and either on the town website or in a paper of general circulation at least 24 hours prior to the meeting date and time. For years the town has relied on this method of notification. Recently, the Selectmen's Office has made improvements on the town website so that you can now quickly see the calendar of scheduled town government meetings for the whole month as well as check the meeting schedule for the next month. To do this, simply go the Town website home page and click on "Meeting Calendar" on the left. To check the meeting schedule for the next month, click the right arrow in the blue box next to the month name. Also, you can click on "Notices" on the home page to review all the latest and important town notices.

I, in an effort to do a better job of "getting the word out" the Selectman's Office is introducing a convenience to residents who can't always check the town website due to busy schedules. You can now receive notices of Selectmen meetings and other town meetings via email while keeping your email address private and away from unwanted solicitors. Simply register your email address on the Town Mailing List. The Town has created two mailing lists that residents can register with; the "Warner-Notices" enables you to receive notices of Board/Committee meetings to your email address and the "Warner-Alerts" will allow you to receive only emergency related alert email messages that may affect you, such as power outages, road washouts, etc. To register for

this notification service simply go onto the town website home page, click [Links of Interest](#) on the left (under [Meetings Calendar](#)). On the next screen under [Town Mailing Lists](#), click the list you want to register with and follow the registration instructions. Your email will remain on a confidential list and will not be shared with any other party nor will it be listed on the email going to other registrants. You can end your subscription at any time.

Emergency Alerts can also be received via [REVERSE 911](#), an emergency service notification created by the NH Dept. of Safety. When an emergency occurs you can receive voice or text messages of that emergency provided you are registered. Registration is easy, you can go to the town website homepage for the link to information about REVERSE 911 and register to receive messages on your cell phone.

For further information please contact the Selectmen's Office. For REVERSE 911, please contact Ed Mical, Town of Warner's Emergency Management Director at (603) 456-3350.

OTHER NEWS: A new lawn is growing at the Police Station thanks to the efforts of the Warner Department of Public Works. After years of dealing with sandy soil, weeds and steep slopes, the DPW crew spent about a week in early May re-grading the slopes, adding loam and re-seeding. We are now seeing the beginnings of a vibrant hillside of grass. Depending how well the lawn takes root, we will consider some other hardy plantings on the steeper sections of the hill.

The Fire Station Alternate Sites Committee, which the Selectmen formed in May under the leadership of Chairman Allan N. Brown, met each Wednesday for six weeks and investigated and evaluated over 30 pieces of property as possible sites for the proposed new fire station. The Committee made their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen of four sites that topped their list at the July 8th Board meeting. The Board is now considering these recommendations, including the recommendation of forming a Building Design Review Committee.

Town Wide Revaluation is Underway

A reminder to everyone, we are doing a revaluation of the Town this year. The full revaluation started May 1, 2014 and runs through about April 1, 2015. This includes measuring the exterior of buildings and listing the interior by walking through the home and out buildings with the homeowner(s), basement to attic. The listing and measuring should be completed around the end of October. We recommend, as property owners, that you make a list of things that are "wrong" with your property in advance; things like wet basements, plaster coming down, foundations leaning, rotting sills or siding etc. Give the list to the person that is going through the home with you. It is better to let them in than to have them guess from afar. Any questions please call Martha Mical, at 456-2298 ext.3 or email assess@warner.nh.us, or come in to the office, I am there MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY 8am – 1 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Health Officer

PRACTICE THE 8 "Ds"

Avoid mosquito and tick bites!

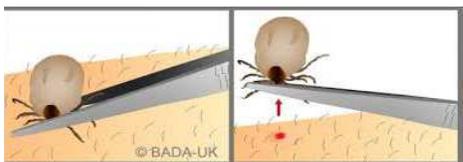
Use bug sprays with **DEET** in them to keep mosquitoes and ticks from biting you. For mosquitoes only, sprays with picaridin, oil of lemon, eucalyptus, or IR3535 can also be used. The last 2 ingredients are as effective as lower concentrations of DEET. Not all products are safe for children. Always follow label instructions.

DRESS in long pants and a long sleeved shirt. Wear light colors to make ticks easier to see. Limit time outdoors between **DUSK** and **DAWN** when mosquitoes are most active. Check your clothes and skin frequently for ticks while outdoors. Do a final fullbody tick check at the end of the **DAY**. Remove any attached ticks.

Keep Your Home Safe!

Mosquitoes grow in water. **DRAIN** standing water from gutters, wheelbarrows, and wading pools. **DISPOSE** of old tires, tin cans, glass bottles, and other water-holding containers left outside. **DO** away with ticks around your home by removing leaf litter and tall grass at the edges of lawns, gardens, and stone walls.

Tick Removal Technique



1. Use tweezers to firmly grasp the tick very close to your skin.
2. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from your skin.
3. Clean your skin with soap and warm water.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY Saturday - September 6, 2014 9:00 am. – 1:00 pm. Located at the Highway Garage

What to Bring

Household Cleaners
Polishers
Hobby Chemicals
Pesticides and Herbicides
Flea Powder
Pool Chemicals
Oil Based Paints (NO LATEX)
Solvents
Varnishes
Stains
Paint Remover
Mercury Containing Devices such as Thermometers and Thermostats,
Adhesives
Driveway Sealer
Photo Chemicals, and miscellaneous other materials which are considered hazardous as waste.

What Not to Bring

LATEX paint is not considered hazardous unless it is pre-1990 and labeled that it has mercury as a fungicide. Use kitty litter to dry out latex paint and then throw in your trash. It must be made into a solid to be considered solid waste. Empty, dry paint cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If they are plastic they may be thrown in the trash.

Alkaline batteries for flashlights and other household items are not considered hazardous and can be thrown in the trash. This includes most non-chargeable batteries such as AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries. Rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Transfer Station for recycling.

Fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at the Transfer Station.

Please do not bring ammunition and explosives, fire extinguishers, radioactive materials, or propane tanks. Contact your local police or fire departments about ammunition, explosives, and fire extinguishers. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors can be sent back to the manufacturer. Propane tanks can be exchanged or refilled at a propane distributor.

Please take this once a year opportunity to properly dispose of these hazardous materials.

Lastly our congratulations go out to the phoebe family nesting above the door to the recycling building. On Sunday, June 29th, they successfully fledged five healthy young all of whom are now attending the college of their first choice.

Pillsbury Free Library News July – Sept 2014

Library Trustees meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. in the Frank Maria Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

The Library will be closed Labor Day Weekend, (Sat. Aug 30 and Monday Sept 1)

“Alice in Wonderland”, the Library’s “Book Nook Theater Group” play” on May 3 was a huge success and generated much-needed items and cash donations to the Warner Area Food Pantry. Many thanks to volunteers Kendra West-Senor and Nancy O’Leary for helping this year. The Food Pantry is again in great need of volunteer help and donations, as the summer season brings high demand from families.

Museum Passes Available: Of special interest at the MFA in Boston until July 27: an exhibit of quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy collection. Mr. Roy is a resident of Warner. His doll and baby quilts will be on display in the Fall at the Warner Historical Society.

Passes You Can Choose From All Year: The Museum of N.H. History, McAuliffe-Shephard Discovery Center, Currier Museum, and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Open All Summer: The N.H. Telephone Museum, the Fells, and the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. Links to all these museums’ sites can be found at <http://warner.lib.nh.us/museum-passes> for more information on hours and exhibits, and directions. Call to reserve your passes, or stop in.

Lots of great summer reading is available, including most of the books on the 8th Grade and High School lists. We also have many of the books by the authors scheduled to read at the Tory Hill Author Series.

The Children’s Summer Program: The theme is “Fizz, Boom, Read!”, and activities will be held from July 8 to August 13 on Tuesdays at 9:30 am. and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. for grades K-5. Registration is required due to limited space. Contact Sue Matott 456-2289.

Children’s Summer Reading: Even if not attending activities, any child can have a reading chart, and by reporting how much is read per week, will be able to choose small prizes, add to the wall display and get a certificate. A pot luck picnic will be held on Aug. 13 at 5:30 PM for all participants and their families.

A special performance Wed. August 6 at 7:00 PM (No activity that day) **Magician Scott Jameson** at Jim Mitchell Park (Town Hall if rain), free, and fun for the entire Family! It has Handicap access, is open to the public, not only for the summer program participants. (This performance is partially funded by a Kids, Books and the Arts grant, with funds from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts, as well as funds administered by the NH State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.)

Story Time: For preschoolers is held every Thursday at 10:30 am. No registration required.

Monthly After School Crafts: Grades K – 5, will restart Wednesday, September 17th at 3:00 pm. Call 456-2289 to pre-register.

Preserving the Historic Library Building: A Building Condition and Historic Assessment Report was completed in April by SMP Architecture, Inc, using a matching grant from the N.H. Preservation Alliance that was funded in part with LCHIP funds. The report identified and prioritized the maintenance needs of the old and new sections of the Library. The highest priority is repair of the old mortar and masonry, combined with strategies for reducing the constant wear and tear caused by rainwater (adding gutters, diverters, and drains). This rehabilitation work will be very costly, so the Library Trustees have applied for an LCHIP matching grant to assist with the cost of repairs and improvements to the historic building. We welcome your ideas and help for fundraising, and/or donations towards this work. The amount needed will depend on what is approved by LCHIP Board. Please contact Library Director, Nancy Ladd, at 456-2289 or Sara McNeil, Chair of the Trustees if you can help. Some work (windows and gutters) may begin by Fall.

A new program for low-income Granite Staters to get affordable health insurance started July 1: In 2014, changes in state law created the New Hampshire Health Protection Program, which allows many low-income Granite Staters to enroll in a health insurance plan at little or no cost, who previously fell in the gap between Medicaid and subsidized plans on Healthcare.gov. Even if you already have health insurance, you may still be eligible to sign up for lower cost coverage through the NH Health Protection program, and if you’re not already covered, you may be eligible to get covered now. More info at 228-6625 or <http://coveringnewhampshire.org/nhhppp>



Warner Historical Society Auction

Have you ever wanted a unique garden feature or perhaps a creative post for your deck? On Saturday, September 13, at 9 am., rain or shine, the Warner Historical Society at 15 West Main Street will be auctioning individually 22 wood street sign posts which were in use on Warner roads until they were replaced a few years ago by metal signs. The 12' long by 5.5" square posts are made of pressure-treated lumber, are painted green and white and weigh about seventy pounds. A list of the signs to be auctioned will be displayed on July 31 at the Town Hall, the Warner Historical Society and the Pillsbury Free Library and online at warnerhistorical.org and on the Society's Facebook page. Proceeds from the sign auction will benefit restoration and upkeep at the Lower Warner Meeting House. Don't have a truck to bring your sign home? We will deliver it for you at a modest charge of \$10 per sign. And while you're at the auction, be sure to browse the barn sale.