

# Town of Warner, New Hampshire

## NEWS FROM THE TOWN

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### *From the Town Administrator*

#### When I Saw RED

I recently took a tour of the Warner Fire Station with Fire Chief Ed Raymond as part of my quest (the education of the new Town Administrator). As I wandered (often squeezed) through the lanes between the fire trucks and racks of gear hanging along the walls and in special spaces, I was very impressed with the array of fire fighting and first responder apparatus and how creative the guys are in utilizing every bit of space in the building to recondition and store all the equipment used in the vital business of fire and rescue. I noticed an unusual section in the back of the building that was two stories high where two fire hoses were hanging. "What's this for?" I asked. "That area is to dry the hoses after testing and use at calls" responded Ed. "It greatly extends the life of the hose and guarantees its reliability. Putting out fires is not the time to test the hoses" he added. The Chief then explained the importance of each type of gear and how they attempt to take the necessary steps to care for this equipment in order to extend its useable life.

"How much does a set of fire gear, jacket, pants, boots, for each fire fighter cost?" I inquired "About \$1,200 per turn out gear and the suits are inspected annually (another cost), and if it does not pass the inspection, we have to repair it or replace it. That doesn't count for gloves, boots and other safety gear. Ed continued, "In our current building we do the best we can but there is just not enough room to store so much of our gear and equipment. Consequently, we don't reach the full useful life expectancy and have to replace it sooner, and that costs the town money."

As I walked around the fire trucks, Ed explained the purpose of each vehicle and some of the apparatus on them. Ed gave me a little history of each fire truck, how they are specially constructed to travel the kinds of roads Warner has and that they are built smaller than a standard fire truck in order to fit in the bays. I couldn't resist asking "the question", "Ed, why so many trucks?" Ed took a breath as if he has had to answer

this question many times. "I'm sure some of the town's people are aware how the demands of the fire service have changed over the last few decades, though most are not aware. 20 years ago the Warner Fire Department answered less than 100 calls per year. In recent years the calls for service have reached 400 calls per year! With the introduction of the interstate the Warner Fire Department not only responds to calls in town but has the added responsibility to be ready to quickly respond to auto accidents and related emergencies on I -89. If we receive back to back calls or need to respond to a mutual aid call as well as handling a situation in town we must have the vehicles to help these people when they need it, not later. We can't say 'wait a minute' or 'we'll get to you next'. And when we respond to building fires, we need all of our vehicles as we need to bring our own water and wait for mutual aid companies to arrive to set up a constant water supply." Ed looked at my glazed eyes and smiled. "You want to finish this up later?" I agreed as I did have a lot to think about and still much to do at the office. I would say this though. If you haven't visited the fire station I strongly encourage anyone to do so. Feel free to stop by the station and get a tour. The Warner Fire Station is open on Sunday mornings for you to visit or stop a member and ask any question you may have. This tour has certainly provided me with a new perspective and respect for the work of these fine volunteers.



## **From the Health Officer**

During this busy summer season of trips to the beach, vacations, and cookouts, the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Food Protection Section wants to remind everyone to follow some important food safety practices to avoid foodborne illnesses, such as Salmonella, Shigella, E. coli, and Campylobacter.

There are an estimated 76 million cases of foodborne disease, 325,000 hospitalizations, and 5,000 deaths each year in the United States.

"Food is an important part of vacation and holiday gatherings but it needs to be handled safely, especially during the warmer weather," said Dr. José Montero, Director of Public Health at DHHS. "The basic rule is keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. It sounds like common sense, but often we get busy and forget or think someone else is taking care of something. It is everyone's responsibility to be food safe."

A DHHS video on summer grilling food safety is available on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWDyMOUTrfM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWDyMOUTrfM). There are some simple precautions everyone should always take to reduce the possibility of becoming sick when preparing food, which include:

**Separate:** Use a separate cutting board for cooked foods and raw foods (especially meat) and always wash them after use. Avoid cross contamination. Wash any utensil after preparing one food item before going on to the next item.

**Clean:** Always wash hands before touching any food. Wash hands and surfaces often during food preparation and afterward.

**Cook:** Make sure all meats are thoroughly cooked by using a meat thermometer: turkey, stuffing, and casseroles to 165°F; veal, beef, and lamb roasts to 145°F; and ham, pork, ground beef, and egg dishes to 160°F. When reheating, leftovers should be thoroughly heated to 165°F.

**Chill:** Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within two hours. One hour if it is a hot day over 90°F. The refrigerator should be maintained at 40°F or lower and the freezer should be at 0°F or lower. Keep hot foods hot, 140°F or hotter, and cold foods cold, 40°F or below. Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw food in the refrigerator, in a cold-water bath, or in the microwave. When using a microwave, meat must be cooked immediately after. Marinate foods in the refrigerator.

**Report:** Report suspected foodborne illnesses to the NH Department of Health and Human Services by calling 603-271-4496. Often calls from concerned citizens are how outbreaks

are first detected. If a public health official calls you to talk about an outbreak, your cooperation is important, even if you are not ill.

For more information visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) or [www.fsis.usda.gov/Education/Grill\\_It\\_Safe/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Education/Grill_It_Safe/index.asp), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), the DHHS website at [www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov), or [www.befoodsafe.org](http://www.befoodsafe.org).

## **From the Parks & Recreation Commission**

### **Silver Lake Renovation**

The Parks and Recreation Department has partially completed the renovation of Warner's town beach at "Silver Lake". Trees were removed and sand was brought in to establish a larger beach front. Grass that had grown in over the sand was also removed. The lake has seen a significant increase in use this year due to these steps. There are great areas to picnic, walking trails and horseshoe pits and in the near future we will be constructing a covered picnic area with park grills.

Parks and Recreation would like to thank Matt Waite and the Public Works Department for all of their work on this project. They removed the stumps, graded the beach and provided the sand to expand the Beach. We would also like to thank Alfred Hanson for the tree removal and lumber for the covered picnic area.

The beach is located at the corner of Bean Rd. and North Village Rd.

## **From the Pillsbury Free Library**

**The Library will be closed for Labor Day weekend, Saturday August 31 and Monday Sept. 2.**

**Story Time** for preschoolers is held every Thursday at 10:30 AM

**Monthly after School Crafts:** Will restart Sept. 18, call after Sept. 10 to preregister.

**Library Trustees meet** on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Meeting Room.

People of all ages are invited to a free musical and witty performance by Keith Munslow on Tuesday, July 23, at 7 PM. located at the Jim Mitchell Park, or in Warner Town Hall if rainy. This is part of the Dig Into Reading children's summer program.

Special activities for grades K-5 started July 9 and ends August 14. Programs are on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and Wednesdays at 1:30 PM. Program participants are invited to an end-of-program family potluck on August 14 at 5:30 PM.

The library's "Book Nook" group (open to Grades 4-7) put on a play in June based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. People brought a total of 100 non-food items for the Food Pantry as "admission", and everyone enjoyed it. The group will do a skit again this year for the End of Summer Program picnic. Contact Sue Matott to participate in this group.

**Library Catalog News:** The Library is transitioning to a new KOHA on-line catalog and circulation system with a "go-live" date of Monday, July 22. After that date, the Library will be issuing new library card numbers to avoid confusion with people from 5 other libraries who are switching to this system as part of a new nhaisLOCAL consortium. We are excited about this system, which will provide you with modern abilities to search the on-line catalog, and access your library account on-line to reserve, track, recommend items, and request reminders. Library staff will be learning a whole new method of doing acquisitions, lending, and cataloging, so please bear with us during the initial phase!

**New Computers:** The two oldest public computers at the Library have been replaced with new ones, both running Windows 8. There are short tutorials about how to use this operating system, but you can also use it in "Desktop mode" that works the same as earlier versions of Windows. Let staff know if you are interested in a tech session on the basics of Windows 8.

**Book Sale:** Saturday October 12 & 13 during Fall Foliage Festival from 9 am to 4 pm. Please call 456-2289 to volunteer for set-up or sale. Donations of books in excellent condition, Audio books on CD, and DVDs are welcomed after Sept. 9.

#### **Downloadable Books-to-Go:**

The NH Downloadable Books site at [nh.lib.overdrive.com](http://nh.lib.overdrive.com) has undergone some huge changes this year, making access easier from almost any type of computer or portable device. If you don't have your own eBook or audio book device to make use of the NH Downloadable Books, borrow our Kindle, Nook Color, or audio book player!

**Museum Passes Available:** N.H. Telephone Museum (Warner), Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (Warner), Museum of NH History (Concord), Currier Gallery of Art (Manchester), or the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston). Links to their sites can be found at [warner.lib.nh.us/museum-passes](http://warner.lib.nh.us/museum-passes).

#### ***From the Town Clerk's Office***

The Town Clerk's office now offers boat registration for new, transfers and renewals. For your convenience, if you provide your email address the Town Clerk's office will send a reminder notice for motor vehicle and dog license renewals.

The office also provides new forms of payment other than cash or check. Credit cards are now being accepted (Discover, Mastercard, Visa and American Express).

**Reminder:** All dog licenses were due as of April 30th. You may be (hounded) soon if your dog is not current!

#### **ATV Safety Class**

The Bound Tree ATV Club has more than twenty miles of legal trails that start in Hopkinton and continue into Warner. The club has monthly meetings that are held at the NH Telephone Museum at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. On June 29th the Bound Tree ATV Club sponsored an OHRV safety class with 16 students and some parents. Dennis Crawford with other instructors conducted the class and covered safety, operation, and what to have in a first aid kit and tool kit. The class also covered compass, map training, pre-trip inspection, trail signs and how to maintain your machine. Conservation Officer Delayne Brown explained all laws pertaining to OHRV's and what to expect if not followed.

The Bound Tree ATV Club hopes to sponsor at least one class every year to provide educational requirements for those who want to take part in the sport. If you would like more information on an OHRV course or about the Bound Tree ATV Club, you can go to their website at: [boundtreeatvclub.org](http://boundtreeatvclub.org) or check with NH Fish & Game about locations for upcoming classes.

#### ***From Emergency Management***

**Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2013:** Community leaders took steps to reduce the effects of Warner's next natural, technological, or human disaster event. A Hazard Mitigation Committee, comprised of town departments, boards, emergency personnel, and citizens has completed development of the Town's updated final draft Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013. This updated Plan is required for continued eligibility for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster and project funding. The Committee began working on the update to the plan in October of 2012.

The final draft of the **Hazard Mitigation Plan** and the associated maps was forwarded to New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management for their review. Once the State completes it's review, the plan will be forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their review. The Town should hear back on plan approval this fall. Warner's current Hazard Mitigation Plan is approved through December of 2013. If you would like more information, please contact Ed Mical, Emergency Management Director, through the Town Hall at 456-2298 ext. 2. For emergency preparedness please visit the Town's website at [ww.warner.nh.us](http://ww.warner.nh.us).

# KUDOS to the Warner Public Works Department!

The repair of Town Hall front steps is almost complete and a big “THANKS” goes to Matt Waite - Director of Public Works, Tim Allen - Foreman, staff members Bill Mock, Pat Moore, John Poole and Rick Bixby for taking on a tough project and doing a superb job. By having our DPW crew do this work with the support of the engineering firm of Provan & Lorber, the Town fully repaired the granite steps well under the bid price received from the outside contractor, thus saving thousands of dollars in construction costs! The skills and talent inherent in this Department is a tremendous asset for Warner.



## Tory Hill Authors Series

*July 27 Ernest Hebert & Willem Lange*

*August 10 Indira Ganesan & Eleanor Morse*

*August 24 Ben Kilham*

*Located at the Warner Town Hall  
5 East Main Street at 7:00 p.m.*

*Tickets: \$8.00 each or \$25.00 for 4*