

# TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Prepared and edited by the TVFDA

## JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2006

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**Fire Station:** 878-1972

**Police Station:** 878-3474

**Emergency:** 911

**Temple Town Clerk:** 878-3873

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am - 2 pm

**Tax Collector:** 878-3873

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am-2 pm

**Secretary to the Selectmen:** 878-2536

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am-12:30 & 1:00-5:00 pm

**Selectmen Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday's at 7 pm

**Mansfield Library:** 878-3100

Monday & Friday 1:30-5 pm; Tuesday 10 am-5:30 pm;

Wednesday 1:30-5 pm & 7-9 pm; Saturday 2-5 pm

**Wilton Recycling Center:** 654-6150

Tuesday 7:30 am-5 pm; Thursday 1 pm-5; Saturday 9 am-5 pm; Sunday 8 am-12 pm

### Snap Shoot of Coming Events

Jan. 1 Peanut Butter Chip Race

Jan. 2 TVFD Meeting

Jan. 3 Ladies Aid

Jan. 6 Community Potluck

Jan. 6 Order Girl Scout Cookies

Jan. 7 Christian Book Club

Jan. 11 Library Trustees Meeting

Jan. 12 Lions Meeting

Jan. 13 Souper Luncheon

Jan. 15 TVFD Drill

Jan. 21 Church Breakfast

Jan. 22 Con Com Hike

Jan. 27 Souper Luncheon

Jan. 28 Lions Meeting

Jan. 23 TVFDA Meeting

Jan. 29 TVFD Maintenance

Feb. 1 Register for ½ Marathon

Feb. 3 Community Potluck

Feb. 6 TVFD Meeting

Feb. 7 Ladies Aid

Feb. 9 Lions Meeting

Feb. 10 Souper Luncheon

????? Valentine Dance

????? Calendar Windup

Feb. 19 Con Com Hike

Feb. 20 TVFD Drill

Feb. 23 Newsletter Deadline

Feb. 24 Souper Luncheon

Feb. 25 Lions Meeting

Feb. 26 TVFD Maintenance

Feb. 27 TVDFA Meeting

### Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is a group of men and women of all ages who are interested in supporting the Fire Department. You don't need to be related to a firefighter to join. The Auxiliary supports the Fire Department with fundraisers (Flea Market, Rummage Sale, etc.) and provides support and refreshments at large incident scenes. The TVFD Auxiliary welcomes new members to join our group. The Auxiliary holds its monthly meeting on the **fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.** at the Fire Station. Come join the fun, learn what we are all about and support your local fire department heroes. Give as much or as little time as you can, it all helps your community. Any questions, please contact Sandra at 878-4320.

## Temple Volunteer Fire Department – Celebrating 55 Years of Service

Happy New Year! The Fire Department wants to remind everyone this winter season to take caution while driving. The roads are becoming icy so please drive safely and **buckle up**.

In 2006, the Fire/Rescue Department will be meeting with the Trail Association to discuss horse and rider safety. During 2005 we had multiple horse riding accidents to respond to. We hope that by working with the Trail Association we can learn more about handling horses and the Association can become more familiar with some first aid techniques.

Interested in learning about the Fire/Rescue Department? Come to our meeting held on the **first Monday** of each month at **7:00 p.m.** at the Fire House. Drills are held on the **third Monday** of the month also at **7:00 p.m.** Maintenance is the **last Sunday** of the month at **8:00 a.m.** at the Fire House.

Fire Chief		e- mail	TVFD
Michael Connolly	924-7289	50c1@templefire.org	P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084

### Fire Warden

Fire Warden Joe Cournoyer 878-1479 or Deputy Warden Tim Fisk.

### Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the March-April 2006 issue is February 23rd**. Typed or handwritten copy is accepted. Please E-mail an electronic file, saved in any major Windows-based word processing file format, to **maryeamsden@peoplepc.com**, or drop off a typed or handwritten copy at the store. Keep in mind when writing, that it's important for submitted articles to be appropriately written for the general public. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information for upcoming events and pertinent information regarding community organizations. While some editing might take place, all items are subject to editing for length (if greater than 250 words) or inappropriate content. Also, personal or commercial advertising is available for a fee.

### \*\*\*NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS\*\*\* RENEWAL NOTICE

#### Newsletter Subscriptions

The Fire Dept. Auxiliary is offering subscription service to the newsletter again this year. If you don't want to miss a single issue (6 per year) subscribe today. Newsletter subscriptions also make great gifts for friends and family here locally or out of state. To have the newsletter mailed to you, please mail \$5.00 for a subscription, along with your name and address to: P.O. Box 80, Temple, NH 03084. **All subscriptions expire at year-end.** Make checks payable to the Temple Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

#### Newsletter Donations

Donations are always needed to help the Temple Newsletter to pay for production costs. Any organization in town that uses the newsletter for communications is asked to consider making a donation. Donations from individuals are also welcome. Please make checks payable to the Temple Fire Auxiliary and mail to P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084. Thank you for your support.

#### Town Clerk Notice to Dog Owners

The dog licenses for 2006 will be available on **January 3, 2006**. All dogs must be licensed per RSA 466:1. New dogs may be licensed after January 3<sup>rd</sup> with proof of rabies shots and proof of neutering. The due date for formerly licensed dogs is **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. Any questions, please call 878-3873, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9:00 to 2:00.

#### Tax Collector

Thank you to all Temple tax payers who have made their 2005 tax payments.

#### Potluck

The first Friday of each month is **COMMUNITY POTLUCK NIGHT!** Bring a hot dish or a salad and join us at 6:30 PM on January 6<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Friendship Hall. This is a community affair and all are welcome.

## **Ladies Aid**

Our regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month in Friendship Hall at 7:30 PM. All are welcome. Come join us on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Library News**

Jan. 11 Trustees Meeting

Jan. 16 Closed for the holiday

Jan. 17 Book discussion, "Birds Without Wings" at the home of Carolyn Myrick.

Feb. 20 Closed for the holiday

Feb. 21 Book Discussion, "Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" at the home of Maureen Petro.

Remember that we will deliver books to anyone unable to come to the library. Lots of good books for sale—bargain prices!

## **Recent Acquisitions**

Comfort & Joy, Hannah Kristin

S is for Silence, Sue Grafton

Constables Wedding, Laurie Moore

Ash & Bone, John Harvey

The Lighthouse, P.D. James

Tiger land and Other unintended Destinations, Eric Dinerstein

The Gutter & the Grave, Ed McBain

Life As We Do Not Know It: The NASA Search For (& Synthesis Of) Alien Life, Peter Ward

Teacher Man, Frank McCourt

Cover Your Assets, Patricia Smiley

Light From Heaven, Jan Karon

Mary Mary, James Patterson

Benjamin Franklin, In Search of a Better World

The Beatles, Bob Spitz

Home Enlightenment, Annie Bond

Gone Tomorrow, the Hidden Life of Garbage, Heather Rogers

A Return to Wild America, Scott Weidensaul

Next Man Up, John Feinstein

A Christmas Guest, Anne Perry

Christ the Lord Out of Egypt, Anne Rice

Steeplechase, Jane Langton

Missing Mom, Joyce Carol Oates

The Wizard of London, Mercedes Lackey

Dark Watch, Clive Cussler

Ordinary heroes, Scott Turow

First Impressions, Jude Deveraux

Man Without a Country, Kurt Vonnegut

The Hunt Ball, Rita Mae Brown

Truth & Fiction in the Da Vinci Code, Bart Ehrman

The View From Mary's Farm, Edie Clark

New DVD's, Mind Hunter, Million Dollar Baby, Upside of Anger, Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, Little House On the Prairie, Polar Express, Russia, Land of the Tsars, All About John Deere., Wind In the Willows, A Knight's Tale, Barbie & the Magic of Pegasus and Elf. Many children's books we have received as gifts.

### **Temple Community Preschool**

Now is time to enroll your child in preschool for the 2005/2006 school year. We offer a three day program for three year olds and a four day program for four year olds. Please contact Trish Maclaren at 878-3782 for details. Call today as space is limited.

### **Selectmen's Office**

It has been an interesting year in the Selectmen's office. We issued 43 building permits this year. 11 for new houses, 10 for horse related entities and the remainder for other types of buildings.

The town received the Philip Faulkner Award from Monadnock Conservancy for community service, blending land use planning and conservation with community development.

Other items the Board of Selectmen (BOS) worked on recently include:

- Selling the old dump truck for \$2,000
- Held a joint meeting with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of adjustment to discuss "affordable housing", "agriculture", and "home industries/professional services".
- Put out for and awarded the bid for the 2005 Annual Reports.
- Accepted Sara Drive as a town road.
- Discussed conditions left from a fire on Cutter Road with abutters and interested townspeople.
- Held many discussions and a Special Town Meeting regarding the Town Hall project. Voted to accept donations to this project.
- Reviewed abatements, zoning issues, possible grants, a State arsenic study, fundraisers, appointments/resignations from committees, complying with State requirements at the old dump, and worked on the town budget.
- We also attended many meetings and events.

The BOS would like to thank all of the people who volunteer to hold positions in town for their efforts. BOS meetings are the **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's** of the month at 7:30 p.m. and open to the public. Minutes from meetings are available on the Temple Web Site at [templenh.info@verizon.net](mailto:templenh.info@verizon.net)

### **Temple Playgroup**

The Temple Playgroup is designed for children ages 5 and under. During the "school year" the playgroup usually meets on the **first and third Fridays** of each month in the Friendship Hall. Due to a lack of attendance, there will not be any Playgroup during January and February. If anyone is interested in getting together during this time please contact me, Sandra Wildes at 878-4320 and we can meet at my home or if there is an interest I'll contact David about using the Friendship Hall again. I have a 3 year old girl and 4 year old boy who would love to make friends and play.

### **Souhegan Lions Club**

Souhegan Lions Club serving the communities of Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich & Temple  
We have had one eye screening this fall and will be scheduling more for the new year. We screen children at pre-schools and kindergartens in the area towns. A Christmas donation of \$1372.00 was made to St. Vincent DePaul this year. We will be having our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Chip Chase on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Come and walk, run or just support your favorite athlete.

### **Temple Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Applications for Bicentennial Scholarships may be obtained from Iphi Hatt, PO Box 88, Temple, NH 03084. Scholarships are available to Temple residents graduating from high school and continuing with post-secondary education. Scholarships are paid after the successful completion of the first semester of college.

## **Girl Scout News**

When thinking of Girl Scouts, generally one thinks of the three C's – Crafts, Camp and Cookies. Those are part of our foundation and haven't been forgotten. However, we now have three new C's that can be found in our new Mission Statement. "Girl Scouting builds girls of Courage, Confidence and Character, who make the world a better place." Brownie troop 898 is making Temple a better place. They helped to decorate the town common in preparation for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. They helped out after the ceremony too – caroling, serving refreshments and cleaning up afterwards. They look forward to more fun experiences in 2006. Junior troop 258 has been planning ahead for some enjoyable and interesting badge work, community service projects, service-unit events and council programs. Should be exciting! Remember those original C's? Well, Cookie time is here as of **January 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to order some cookies, but haven't had a scout approach you, please feel free to contact either Karin Seppanen at 878-4136 or Holly Mann at 924-6096. Either one will be glad to help you. Be sure to ask about the Gift of Caring projects. Thank you so much for your support.

## **Temple Trails Association (TTA)**

Temple Trails will not meet on the first Thursday of January or February, Instead we will be having work days to put up signs, trail markers and enjoy a few snowshoe, weather permitting, outings on new trails. Dates will be posted on the website, <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/tta/> and sent out via email. Currently we don't have dues, but we do hope more of you will volunteer to help the strident few so we won't have to charge in the future.

Our goal is to have all Temple Horse owners as members and if you would like our member notebook which includes our roster, members who will be there when you need them, release forms and other bits of information, please contact Miki Clements-Collier, [calypsoandrhumba@yahoo.com](mailto:calypsoandrhumba@yahoo.com). Or 878-1771.

There is a list of horse owners who will be able to help if there is an emergency, at the Temple Store, The Town Office and the Police. If you have a question about horse care, or need assistance in any way, the people on that list have graciously volunteered to be the ones to call.

We are also looking for riders who would be interested in joining the Fire Dept. They have been busy the past few months rescuing many horse owners, and it would be great if we could have some riders working with them. Contact Fire Chief, Mike Connolly, if you are interested.

Along those lines, while we started out as a group to keep trails open in Temple, it is becoming evident that we need to expand our scope. In that light we will be working on setting up some horsemanship seminars this spring. And please, make sure your horses have plenty of water. They often drink more in the winter, and eating snow is not a solution. Be careful out there on the ice, if you don't have snow shoes on your horses, consider letting them go barefoot as they have better traction with their own feet.

## **A Christmas Thank You**

The Christmas greening and lighting committee would like to thank everyone who helped decorate the center of town. A wonderful experience was had by all! The Temple Brownie Troop 898 (Holly Mann [leader], Sarah Dugas, Kendra Worcester, Leila Humphrey, Victoria Mann, Valerie St. Amand, Krista Schofield, Allison Macphee, Kori Carignan, Jayme Michaud, Sara Johnson and Madison Holt) really came through with much needed help. The committee would also like to thank all the members of the village green committee who participated, Tom Baker, and the Temple Band. Also a special thank you to the Wildes family for donating the Christmas tree.

## **Second Annual Temple Half Marathon**

Keep those running shoes laced up for Temple's next running event! This year's scenic half marathon is scheduled for Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. The course has been modified a bit from last year to ensure 1000+ feet of climb – this could become one of the area's most challenging events! Included for 2006 is a vigorous 4-mile village walk. As always, proceeds from the race will benefit the Temple Town Hall Restoration Project.

Registration forms will become available on **February 1<sup>st</sup>** at [GotEndurance.com](http://GotEndurance.com) or [TempleTownHall.com](http://TempleTownHall.com). Participants are encouraged to register early for special t-shirts and guaranteed entry – registration is limited to 250. For more information call John at 878-4173 or email [TempleHalfMarathon@yahoo.com](mailto:TempleHalfMarathon@yahoo.com).

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION F. A. Newsletter**

**Winter Hikes** - Join your neighbors for winter hikes! On Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Conservation Commission continues the walk/hike series and will lead a hike up Fiske Hill. On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, the hike will be at the Chris Weston Conservation area. Snowshoes will be needed (ski poles are helpful), unless the snow cover is unseasonable. Call if questions about gear or conditions. For both hikes, meet at the Town Hall at 1 pm to car pool. For information, call Ben Tirey at 878-2743 or Roger Hatt at 878-4656.

**Development Proposed** - A 35-lot Planned Residential Development has been proposed for Old Revolutionary Road. The Planning Board has been considering this proposal for a number of months. The Conservation Commission held a site visit (with the Planning Board) and has expressed concerns about impact on rural character, immediate impact of large development on abutters, likely erosion due to proposed large areas of impermeable materials and wetlands disruption, large number of wetland crossings and their impact on wildlife, and enormous negative impact on the views from Temple's mountains and hiking trails. Planning Board meetings in January will continue the review of this project.

**The Conservation Fund** - How best to fund open space in Temple has been the subject of recent discussion both by the Conservation Commission and the town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee. On recommendation by the Commission, the CIP Committee has recommended that 50% of the land use change tax (LUCT) be deposited into the Conservation Fund.

LUCT is paid when land is removed from Current Use to be developed, and this recommendation ties the amount put toward conservation to the rate of development. If a small amount of land is developed, the payment to the Conservation Fund will be small. However, if a significant amount of land is developed, a proportionate amount will go to the Conservation Fund. In 2005, the Conservation Fund received about 25% (\$30,000) of the total LUCT.

In 2004, the Select Board voted to use the Conservation Fund to fund conservation partnerships on 2 important parcels. For \$59K from the Fund, Temple received conservation rights worth \$289K, according to appraisers. In 2006, the Conservation Commission expects to propose other conservation partnerships for review at public hearing and approval by Select Board. Among the factors considered in making such proposals are conservation value, wildlife habitat, natural areas, and whether the land adjoins or is near to other protected land.

The state law on LUCT (RSA 79-A) declares that "it is in the public interest to encourage the preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation of the state's citizens, maintaining the character of the state's landscape, and conserving the land, water, forest, agricultural and wildlife resources." Many towns put some or all of the LUCT money into their Conservation Fund.

## **Report on School Board Activities**

The School Board has been working on two important initiatives that potentially would become effective for the 2006-07 school year.

The first is to reduce the number of credits required for graduation from the High School from 26 to 20. The number required by the State is 20 and Conval is one of only 6 of the 78 high schools in the state to require as many as 26. It is noteworthy that the high schools one might think of as tops in the state require the minimum. The primary reason why this is being considered is because young people, about 50 per year out of the roughly 1000 in the high school, are dropping out before getting their diploma. It is also apparent that many others stay in school but make minimum efforts to learn and are often disruptive. School is simply not reaching them in any meaningful way. They may be much better off with a diploma in hand and therefore able to enter a community trade school/college or the workplace.

If this change is made it is likely to reduce the number of elective courses, not the specific course requirements that are in place for mathematics, English, history, science, etc. At present about half of the 26 required credits are specified and the other half are electives. The change would apply to all students, not just incoming freshmen.

About half of Conval graduates go on to college and for them the change will be meaningless. They already design their high school program to meet college entrance requirements and often take more than the present 26. Very likely they will continue to do so. No one would be required to graduate just because they have reached 20

credits. (The maximum a student could have in 4 years at Conval is 32.) The point is to make a high school education meaningful and appropriate for all of our students.

It should be noted that CVHS has received a warning on its accreditation. This is a serious development although it will not affect the qualifications of graduating students. There is a specific procedure and timeline that is to be followed to remove this warning. Some real changes are needed. The full report is available in Temple Library and should be read by all parents and interested parties.

The second initiative is a potential change in the school year calendar. In July 2005, the state changed the requirement of 180 days with 990 hours to just plain 990 hours. The School Board began looking at the effects of making the school day slightly longer. The only change we felt we could consider was to add 30 minutes to the day. Longer was too much. If 30 minutes is added to the school instruction day, 15 days can be taken off the calendar. Then we have the luxury of deciding where to delete the 15 days. An earlier end in June? Longer December-January vacation? There is always been interest in combining the February and April vacations into one in March. All of these possibilities are on the table. Teachers, parents, and the Mascenic & Conant school districts (because of the ATC courses) have to be involved in the discussion. One of the important reasons for considering the change is that we could save about \$10,000/day by not running the buses. Finally, my own personal initiative is to have the Chinese language added to the High School, replacing French & German. About 2/3 of the students take a foreign language now, even though not required for graduation. (Many colleges require one for admission.) Spanish is far and way the most popular, with German and French together having less enrollment than Spanish. My reason for adding Chinese is that I believe Spanish and Chinese will be the most important languages for our young people to know in the 21st century. It will also open an opportunity to study the rich cultural history of the China. Budgetary reasons suggest to me that we can really afford only 2 foreign languages, which is why I propose dropping both German and French. We could have a transition period so that students who have started either of these two could continue until they graduate. This change is not likely to happen for next year. Sending the first grade on a field trip to the moon may be more popular.

Please let me know any thoughts or concerns. Gail Cromwell, 878 -1284.

### **Congregational Church**

A new year can be the time for a whole new beginning. That is why people make resolutions. Most of us have room for improvement. How about you? Are you making new resolutions because you accomplished the old ones last years? Good for you. If not, why not recycle your old ones and try again. You never know, this could be the year. With God's help we can accomplish wonders.

At Church there are some new beginnings as well. We have started a Christian Book Group that meets on the first Saturday of the month, that's **January 7th**, at 10:00 am in the Chapel. We are just beginning to read "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. Please join us. We will be reading the first 7 sections, pages 9-53.

On **January 21st** we will be holding a Benefit Breakfast from 8 - 10 am also in the Chapel. There is no set charge, but we welcome donations. The proceeds will go to the food pantry in Greenville. Come and eat, meet your neighbors, join the fun. All are welcome.

Our Services are 10:00 am Sunday. Please join us as we listen for God's Word and explore ways to live God's message of love and hope in this time and place.

### **Friends of the Temple Town Hall**

The December 9<sup>th</sup> snowstorm reached whiteout conditions when Representative Charles Bass drove his Suburban over Temple Mountain to attend a program in his honor at the Temple Town Hall. After enjoying lunch at the Congregation Church's Souper Luncheon, Representative Bass greeted 50 or so intrepid Temple residents who gathered in the Town Hall to thank him personally for his help in obtaining a federal grant of \$225,000 to aid in the Hall's restoration. The FTTH had arranged the informal program, which included expressions of shared hopes and aspirations for the historical structure and a brief recounting of the Hall's history, presented by Priscilla Weston. In his remarks to the group, Rep. Bass recalled his desire to help attract Federal dollars for the project and spoke movingly of a time in the future when he might drive by the Temple Town Hall and have the satisfaction of knowing that he had aided in preserving one of the area's fine old landmarks.

\$225,000 will go a long way toward restoring our Town Hall, but it won't fully fund the job. As with many restoration projects, unexpected problems arise. The cupola requires immediate attention, and now we learn that the hall needs a new roof. So our fundraising must continue. Our rather famous **Of Mutts and Men** calendar continues to enjoy brisk sales, and watch for a "calendar windup" event in February.

Also in February, the **Temple Dance Band** plans another **Valentines Dance** in the Town Hall. A final date remains to be set. If you missed their last dance, watch for the date and don't miss this one! The Dance Band is a local treasure and they provide an evening of wonderful fun for all who attend their performances.

As we watch the cupola repairs and observe the addition to the Hall taking shape, we turn our attention to the heart of the project—the Hall itself. Lots of hard work and fundraising will precede the final goal of a fully restored Town Hall, but with the help of all concerned area citizens **we will do it!**