

TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Prepared and edited by the TVFDA

MAY-JUNE 2006

FREE – At the Library & Temple Store

FREE - Please Take One

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 pm; Saturday 9 am-5 pm; Sunday 8 am-12 pm

Snap Shot of Coming Events

May 1	TVFD Meeting	June 2	Community Potluck Supper
May 2	Ladies Aid	June 2	Play Group
May 5	Community Potluck Supper	June 4	Memorial Day Celebration
May 5	Play Group	June 4	Open House at School House #6
May 8	Con Com Meeting	June 5	TVFD Meeting
May 10	Library Trustees' Meeting	June 6	Ladies Aid
May 11	Lion's Meeting	June 8	Lion's Meeting
May 12	Souper Luncheon	June 9	Souper Luncheon
May 14	Lion's Mother's Day Breakfast	June 13	Con Com Meeting
May 15	TVFD Drill	June 16	Play Group
May 19	Play Group	June 17	Con Com Hike
May 21	Con Com Hike	June 19	TVFD Drill
May 22	Con Com Meeting	June 21	Summer Reading Program
May 22	TVFDA Meeting	June 25	TVFD Maintenance
May 26	Souper Luncheon	June 26	TVFDA Meeting
May 26 & 27	Temple Drama Club Presentation	June 27	Con Com Meeting
May 27	Lion's Business Meeting	July 8	Town Wide Yard Sale
May 28	TVFD Maintenance	July 8	Fire Dept. Flea Market
May 29	Library closed		

Potluck

The first Friday of each month is COMMUNITY POTLUCK NIGHT! Bring a hot dish or a salad, your eating utensils and join us for good food and great fellowship at 6:30 PM on May 5th & June 2nd in Friendship Hall. This is a community affair and all are welcome.

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.

Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, July 8th, while people will be in town for the Fire Department Flea Market (see next item), the Auxiliary is planning a Town Wide Yard Sale. Maps of Temple will be given out at the Flea Market showing yard sales around town. If you would like your yard sale noted on the map, please send a note with your address and a check for \$5.00 made out to **The Temple Fire Dept. Auxiliary**, and send it to **Mary Amsden, 101 Webster Highway, Temple, NH 03084** by **June 30th**.

Temple Volunteer Fire Department

Flea Market- July 8th. We need fleas! Any useable items and saleable items are accepted. Power and hand tools, house wares, furniture, odds and ends you name it. **PLEASE no junk (broken, dirty, useless stuff)**. Contact Will Wildes for donation information at 878-4320 or our head TVFD "Pickup Man" Steve Harling 878-2575.

Structure Fire Town Shed April 24, 3 A.M. - The TVFD was able to save the Temple Town Shed thanks to a very alert paper delivery driver that morning. His call to 911 put the TVFD on the scene in time to extinguish the flames before they could destroy more than a Ford tractor and the bay it is stored in. Steve Harling quickly ripped the garage door open with Tim Fiske's backhoe allowing firefighters safe access to the seat of the flames. The TVFD thanks all the other towns and firefighters that responded to and helped extinguish this second alarm fire and Nick and the Birchwood Inn for the "Bacon Bootie" sandwiches and coffee for breakfast. It was much appreciated!

The dryer than usual winter and early spring has resulted in a busy brush and forest fire season for the TVFD. The biggest fire to date was a four acre burn in Sharon that took four towns several hours to control. If you wish to burn a brush pile on your property you must first obtain a burn permit from the fire warden and that permit must be followed. If the fire department responds to extinguish a permit burn for any reason the land owner will be fined.

The TVFD is always looking for more volunteers. Extricating a trapped driver may take only minutes, extinguishing a two alarm fire may take only an hour, the resulting sore back and bruises may heal in days but the experience of saving life and property will last as part of you forever!

If you would like to join the TVFD fire and rescue efforts please 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 or call Fire Chief Mike Connolly 924-7289.

Fire Warden

No open burning is allowed without a written permit. So far most days have been dry and windy. People burning should know and understand the rules. The person burning is responsible for controlling his fire and land owners are responsible for anyone burning on their land. Permits are dependent on the weather on a daily basis. Permits and regulations may be obtained by contacting Fire Warden Joe Cournoyer 878-1479.

Town Clerk

Dog registrations were due April 30th. If you have not registered your dog yet, please do so before fines begin. Be sure the dog's rabies vaccination is up to date.

Tax Collector

The 2006 first property tax bills will be out sometime in June. Please watch your mail. Thank you.

Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the July-August 2006 issue is June 24th**. 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.

Ladies Aid

We meet the first Tuesday of each month (during the winter months) at 7:30 PM in Friendship Hall. Eleven of us have become volunteers at Pheasantwood, Harborside Healthcare Home in Peterborough. We are finding this to be a very good experience for us and for Harborside. We were invited to a "recognition luncheon" on Monday, April 24th and it was fabulous. We are looking forward to more "good days" at the Home. We welcome new members.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Under the sponsorship of the Ladies Aid, the Congregational Church has begun a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Each shawl, lap robe or afghan we make begins with a prayer for the person who will receive our handmade gift. As we knit or crochet we continue to keep that person in our prayers and when the shawl is completed it is dedicated at our Sunday worship service. The shawls are then delivered to the individuals for whom they were made. The shawls are meant to give support and comfort to someone who is experiencing an illness or difficult times. We also are making them for joyous occasions such as the birth of a child or wedding. We meet at the Friendship Hall most Tuesdays, if you would like to join us or if you know of someone who would be helped by receiving a shawl, please call the church office at 878-4177.

Selectmen's Report

Since Town Meeting the Select Board has been busy on a number of fronts.

Open positions on many Town Boards and Commissions have been filled but there are still openings on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Budget Advisory Committee and the Historic District Commission. Consideration is also being given to appointing a deputy animal control officer. Anyone interested in those positions should contact a member of the Select Board.

The Board has researched a number of open issues and met with Town Counsel regarding the status of our Historic District. The intent is to clarify that section of our zoning ordinances and facilitate open communication between the Historic District Commission and affected property owners. An informational meeting will be scheduled shortly.

A number of residents have come to the Board with questions regarding home businesses. In many cases those involve variances from our zoning ordinances and they have been referred to the ZBA. Spring is as good a time as any to clear up any questions you may have regarding businesses in our residential zones. Members of the Planning Board, ZBA or Select Board are available to answer questions that you may have (their names are all on the Town website).

To date this year the Select Board has approved four permits for new homes.

Spring is also a good time for training and different members of the Select Board are involved in several state wide training programs. Please note that the agendas for Select Board meetings are now being posted on the Town website several days in advance of the meeting. This is being done to help residents determine which meetings they would like to attend and approximately what time they should plan to arrive. The Board is following the Conservation Commission's lead in this regard and encouraging other Boards to follow suit.

There has been a good deal of interest in restarting the Town Forums which had been discontinued a few years ago. The format is to choose a particular topic, ask speakers or individuals knowledgeable about the subject to attend and invite residents to spend an hour or two in open discussion. Suggested topics include State funding for education (with our Representatives and Senator), the Town hall project (where we are and what's left to do) and the Town's 250th anniversary coming up in 2008. If you have other topics please contact John Kieley. Please keep an eye on the Town's web site and bulletin boards for more information on these sessions.

Temple Playgroup

The Temple Playgroup was set up 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. For May and June the Playgroup will meet on **May 5th and 19th** and **June 2nd and 16th** at the **playground by the ball field**. There are swings, slides and a play structure as well as the ball field area for ball playing and kite flying. It's a good place to let the little ones run around. Hopefully the weather will be nice. If it rains the group will not meet.

Temple Community Preschool

Now is the time to enroll your child in preschool for the 2006/2007 school year. We offer a three day program for three year olds and four day program for four year olds. Come in now to view a class and take a tour or ask any questions you may have. Kindergarten is less scary when you get to go with all your friends from fun preschool days. Call Trish MacLaren today to save a spot for your child 878-3782.

Temple Bicentennial Scholarship Fund

Bicentennial Scholarship Fund awards are given once per year to Temple residents graduating from high school and continuing their education at a post-secondary Educational institution. Only Temple residents are eligible. The scholarships are typically awarded near the end of the students last year in high school, during the month of June. Applications for the scholarships are submitted to the Temple Trustees of the Trust Funds from **1st of March through May 15th**.

Contacting Iphi Hatt, Trustee of the Trust Funds, in writing at: PO Box 198, Temple, NH 03084 or by email at this address: iphihatt@worldpath.net you may obtain applications.

The Scholarships are paid directly to the post-secondary educational institution after the successful completion of the student's first semester. The student must forward a copy of the first semester transcript to the Trustees of the Trust Funds at the above address in order to initiate payment of the scholarship. The scholarship is paid directly to the college to be credited to the student's account. Scholarship amounts may vary year to year.

Fourth of July Celebration

The recreation commission is looking for help with the 4th of July celebration this year. Temple's 4th of July Field Events will be held on Tuesday, July 4th at the Temple Ball Field. We will have a children's parade, fire truck rides, field events and refreshments sold by the Fire Department. Festivities start at 10:00 am. Anybody interested in helping should contact Joe at the Temple store or phone 878-1479.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter egg hunt was a big hit again this year. Thanks to all those who turned up on the chilly morning to help. The Easter Bunny was there to greet all of our egg hunters. Fun was had by all. This year's winners of the baskets are Elizabeth Mann in the age 1 – 4 group, Trina Parslow in the age 5 - 6 group and Miranda Wing in the age 7 – 9 group.

Library News

- May 10 Library Trustees meeting
May 13 Our second new book café, 2:30-3:30
May 16 Book discussion, "Autobiography of a Face" at the home of Elizabeth Sullivan
May 29 Closed for the holiday
June 2 Sign-up for summer reading (see details below)
June 10 Our third new book café, 2:30-3:30
June 21 Summer reading begins and runs until Aug. 1
June 27 Story and craft hour begin

Ahoy Mateys! Set sail for great reading with "Treasure Reading" this summer! The program is open to ages 5-11 (K-6th grade). Sign up at school or at the Mansfield Library beginning on June 2. The program begins June 21 when children can sign out their first stack of books and get started! Weekly prizes will be offered and also a "find the pirate" game for extra fun! Story and craft hour returns at 10:30 on Tuesday, June 27 and all following Tuesdays through August 1. Sign up is weekly and is limited to 10 children per session. This program is open to children ages 5-9. Please bring your grown up! Twilight tales will be offered for the month of July on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Wind down from a fun day of sun with some good stories! Open to all ages with grown up. Last day to update reading charts will be Tuesday, August 1. There will be an ice cream party at 3pm on Wednesday August 2, at the library.

Recent Acquisitions

The House, Danielle Steel
The 5th Horseman, James Patterson
The Old Wine Shades, Martha Grimes
Sour Puss, Rita Mae Brown
Edge of Evil, J.A. Jance
Death of a Dreamer, M. C. Beaton
We Ain't Making Sausage Here!, Marshall Cobleigh
A Hole In Juan, Gillian Roberts
The Tenth Circle, Jodi Picoult
The Two-minute Rule, Robert Crais

Magic Hour, Hannah Kristin
Lapham's Rising, Roger Rosenblatt
Prior Bad Acts, Tami Hoag
Quite Honestly, John Mortimer
Dirty Blonde, Lisa Scottoline
Party to Murder, Betty Rowlands
Minotaur, Barbara Vine
Dark Assassin, Anne Perry
Abide with Me, Elizabeth Strout
Cell, Stephen King

For the Younger Reader

How to be a Good Dog, Gail Page
Freeglader, Paul Stewart
The Squeaky Door, Margaret MacDonald
The Chariot of Queen Zara, Tony Abbott
Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme, Jack Prelutsky
Hillside Lullaby, Hope Vestergaard
Good Boy, Fergus, David Shannon
In My heart, Molly Bang

Small Steps, Louis Sachar
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, Mo Willems
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Kate DiCamillo
Lilly's Big Day, Kevin Henkes
Earl the Squirrel, Don Freeman
Do Not Open This Book!, Michaela, Muntean

Souhegan Lions Club

Souhegan Lions Club serving the communities of Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich & Temple.

Our famous **Mother's Day Breakfast** is Sunday May 14th at the Friendship Hall This is your chance to show your wife and mother how much you really care. We will be serving the best blueberry pancakes and real maple syrup. \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for the kids, under two years of age eat free.

We have been screening children at pre-schools and kindergartens in the area towns. We have a couple more to do this spring.

We are always looking for new members. If you think you might be interested, please contact Dick Benotti at 878-2297 or Nancy Woods at 878-1312. We meet for dinner at the Friendship Hall on the second Thursday of the month and our business meeting is on the fourth Saturday. Don't forget our Mother's Day breakfast in May 14th.

Harvest Festival

Mark your calendars for the 2006 Temple Harvest Festival, which will take place on Sunday, September 24 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the Common. This annual community event provides an outstanding selection of great food, arts and crafts, family fun activities, interesting booths hosted by local community organizations and crafters, a Temple Band concert, and contests and games for all ages. The special exhibit at this year's event will feature the art of Ellie and Wally Young.

The Harvest Festival Committee is still seeking artists and crafters who would like to display, sell and demonstrate. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the 2006 event, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Harvest Festival Committee Chair, Vivian Nicholl at 878-5033 or visit the new website at www.TempleHarvestFestival.org.

Good Roads Day Follow up

A bit cool, but bug and rain free, Good Roads Day 2006 happened as planned on Saturday, April 8th. Well over 100 participants cleaned the roadsides and raked the ball field, the Common, and the lawn areas around the town buildings. Special crews worked at the more remote sites. Manpower was quite balanced this year and resulted in extra deep cleaning and raking everywhere. Seventy-three workers were treated to an outstanding noontime meal provided by Niki and Steve McGettigan and the families of the Temple Elementary School.

Thank you all ...in whatever capacity you served, whether making food, working outside, providing supplies handling communications, making deliveries, and/or providing financial support for the event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and truly make a difference ...a great way to keep Temple beautiful and to celebrate the coming of spring.

Temple Historical Society

Plans for the year will be made. These include: Open House at #6 School House on Sunday, June 4th – Temple's Memorial Day, and on Harvest Festival Day. Also there will be a clean-up day at #6 in May and at the Glassworks Site in August or September – at members' convenience.

An inventory of the old barns in Temple has been started over the winter. Hopefully, a committee will be named to get this project off the drawing board. As always, volunteers are needed for these activities. There are openings for treasurer and secretary, as these officers are retiring after many years of service. When the nominating committee calls, please consider doing your part.

Temple Drama Club

May has arrived and your TDC members are now in full panic... we mean happy anticipation of our annual production. This year we will present 2 one-act plays and are planning some sketches to begin the evening.

The play dates are a week later than usual, but we hope that all our dedicated fans will be able to attend. After all, it's your support that keeps TDC alive and well and such a great community effort. The production will be May 26 & 27 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall. The club is asking for donations of \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and seniors. All donations go to local charities and institutions.

Besides the opening sketches our plays will be: "Spirits About" by Reenie and Steve Cullinan, and once again, The O'Sheas, Temples favorite fictional family invades our stage. This year Uncle Sean has a problem – his sister. He invited her to move in – but then she did! They don't really get along...All the original cast members are here for round three – and some surprise local appearances.

"Just Desserts" by Pat Cook. The will is about to be read and the grief-stricken family is gathering – that's the problem! This is almost too much for the lawyer, but he's got a few tricks up his sleeve – and a really funny ending. Written by the author of last year's big hit "How Does a Thing Like That Get Started?" This play has a great cast and many laughs. We hope to see you at the show!

Conservation Commission

Walks Series - On Sunday, 21 May, the Conservation Commission will lead a hike on the Heald Tract. Contact John Kieley for information 878.1220. On Saturday, 17 June, the walk will be at the Town Forest. Contact Dave Repak for information 878.3114. For both outings, meet at Town Hall at 1 p.m. Children welcome; dogs must be on leash. The April hike from the Town Hall to Whitcomb Peak was well-attended. You are invited to walk with the Commission this spring!

Appointments to Con Com - The Select Board recently reappointed Dave Repak, appointed Honey Hastings to a full-member position, re-appointed Ben Tirey as an alternate, and named Jim Koster as an alternate. Other Con Com Activities - On Good Roads Day, Con Com members cleaned up General Miller Highway and North Road, and worked on the Chris Weston Conservation Land. The boundaries of the town-owned Kendall Ledge parcel have been marked. Con Com members made site visits related to state Dredge & Fill applications, a dry hydrant application, and monitoring the Stone conservation easement.

Questions on the Conservation Commission? - Meetings second and fourth Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Library. Agendas are posted the prior Saturday at the Store, Municipal Building and on <http://templenh.info>. Minutes are at town offices and on <http://templenh.info>. Or contact any member.

Saving Water Makes Sense - Saving water saves energy. Water is heavy - about 8 pounds per gallon - and it takes considerable energy to move it. Saving water reduces the amount of time your pump is running and cuts your electric bill. If you water your lawn or garden, water conservation can reduce the chance of leaching nitrates (from fertilizer) or chemicals into groundwater. Of course, during droughts, water conservation is insurance against your well going dry altogether. Using less water can prevent septic system failure. Hydraulic overload is a common cause of the failure of septic system leach fields. Using less water also allows more treatment time for wastewater in your septic system. Reducing water use and making sure toilets, sinks and appliances aren't leaking are preventive measures. Water conserving fixtures and appliances also help to maintain septic systems in working order.

Get Answers from UNH Cooperative Extension - Do you have questions about gardens, lawn and landscapes, back yard livestock? Call 1.877.398.4769 or email answers@unh.edu. Home and Garden fact sheets are available on-line, include "Saving Water Makes Sense", <http://extension.unh.edu/Pubs/PubsHG.htm> or by calling the number above.

Workshops - "Fruit Tree Planting for Home Gardeners," 8 May, 6-8 p.m. Shieling Forest, Peterborough. Call for information 641.6060. "Not Your Grandma's Hostas!" 20 May, 9-11 a.m., in Mason, \$20 fee includes a free plant. Call Pam at 629.9494 x 120 to register.

Report on School Board Activities

The Board has been wrestling with the problem of how to address the new state mandate for health education with a specific proposal for the two middle schools, to begin in the fall of 2006. Here is the way I see it. First of all, the new health program is not only a legal requirement, it is a very important program because it is directed at an age group that needs real information before they begin resorting to practices which most of us would like to have avoided: drinking, drugs, early sex. The high school years are almost too late. A special committee composed of professionals in the school district studied this subject for a year, recommended a curriculum that is already proven called "The Great Body Shop" and advised having certified health teachers teach this course in both middle schools. The state mandates a health curriculum so there is no choice, it must be added to the school curriculum. The issue is how to do it. The Administration presented several considerations to the school board regarding how to add the health curriculum. First: the need to make choices for financial reasons. (Had I died and gone to heaven?) Second: the difficulty of adding an additional course to the middle school curriculum without affecting other courses, simply the time constraint. Third: trained health teachers are going to do a better job. The Administration's recommendation therefore was to hire two certified health teachers and achieve budget and time neutrality by replacing French in the middle schools with the new health curriculum. I agreed with this plan. Why does this make sense? Although the state does not require foreign language to be offered at the middle school level, we offer two. Both Spanish and French are taught in an introductory way to both middle schools. Students do not choose one or the other, they take both. One might think that the benefits to the mind of studying a foreign language could be had with one. At

the high school, three languages are offered: Spanish, French, and German. The introductory courses for these languages are not based on any earlier course work and that is where the students begin. About two-thirds of Conval High students do take a foreign language, perhaps because of the importance of having a language on one's transcript for college applications. Spanish is by far the most popular choice with over half of the students opting for it, German is second, despite having no introductory middle school offering, while French is third and trending down. Having a single foreign language studied in the middle schools may actually be a more effective education choice, avoiding the confusion of jumping between the two languages. Some students may do better with an additional English course, a choice in some comparable school districts. Consider further: the most important foreign languages for the 21st century are going to be Spanish and Mandarin Chinese, not French and German. The list of languages spoken around the world begins with Mandarin Chinese with 885 million speakers, Spanish with 332 million, and English with 322 million. German is ninth (98 million), French thirteenth (72 million). Since twenty percent of US citizens speak Spanish, any young person who plans a public service career (law enforcement, health occupations, etc.) is going to need fluency in that language. The growing importance of trade, diplomatic and cultural relationships with China indicates that knowledge of Mandarin Chinese is of critical importance now and will become even more so. A young person with the optimal language skills is going to be much in demand in the labor market. Ask yourself: for which century do we wish to prepare our students? Is it time to begin a transition? Finally, bear in mind that the school budget of \$39.6 million passed in March for the 2006-07 year will add close to 8% to average school tax bills. Three towns said no, and in fact a swing of less than 300 voters from yes to no would have caused the budget to fail. Needs aren't getting any less. The laptop initiative exposed the deficiencies of the high school computer stock so more money is going to be needed there. In addition, the high school health program has to be addressed next year, the preliminary proposal being two new teachers for the high school. We do need to make choices. Alas, the decision for now is to cut nothing and work health into the schedule using current teachers, and review the language program next year. I have a feeling this issue is not going away, at best we have a one-year stopgap. Please let me know what you think. Gail Pierson Cromwell 878-1284

Friends of the Temple Town Hall

We overheard the following conversation recently: "Hey, what did you think of **Temple's All Town Phantom Dinner Party?**" "Oh, it was my kind of party—I put on my comfortable clothes, opened a cold beer, and watched my favorite TV show, *The Medium*. And, of course, I wrote out a check to help with the Town Hall restoration project. My daughter says she wants to have her wedding reception there when the time comes--she's fifteen now. 'Wants to throw her bouquet from the balcony'. And, you know, a reception there's gotta be a lot cheaper than the Shattuck Golf Club!" "You bet. Me--I want to sit in that balcony and watch a Temple Drama Club play on a spiffed-up stage. But most of all, I just want to be proud to have a beautiful old public building here in Temple. That says something about the town, doesn't it?"

Okay, we made up that conversation, but it could have taken place. The restoration is moving along: we are all seeing the results of money donated and allocated so far. The tower looks great and the addition blends handsomely with the old structure. The Friends of Temple Town Hall continue to beat the bushes for grant possibilities. Quite frankly, we keep running into the same refrain from granting institutions--public buildings are expected to be cared for by the public that utilizes them. Still, we keep trying and any suggestions for grant opportunities are welcome.

By the time you read this, the **Temple Half-Marathon** will have been run and the proceeds from that effort will add to the Town Hall coffers. Many thanks to the sponsors of this event and to those who invested hours and hours of their time to make the day a success. Plans are being made for the next big fund raiser--a **festive screening of *Summer***, the movie made here in Temple in the '80's. It will be a gala affair and lots of fun for all who attend. A date for *Summer* has not yet been set, but it will probably be in September. It would be wonderful to have the Town Hall completely restored when Temple celebrates its 250th birthday in 2008. If we work together on this project we can make this happen. Please lend your support in these months to come as you have in the past. We haven't forgotten our slogan- **we can do it!**

June 4th – Temple Memorial Day Celebration

Start the day off with a Church service at the Temple Congregation Church at 10 a.m. The parade will form at the Temple School immediately following Church. We will have The Temple Band on the Common for a concert starting at 2 p.m. Any Veterans wishing to march in the parade may do so. For more information call Paul Quinn at 924-6173.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the veggies for grinders Friday June 2nd at 8 pm at the Friendship Hall and to make grinders June 3rd at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Temple Business Listing

The next update is on hold for an additional 2 weeks to enable some of you who have expressed interest in submitting information to get it in to me by the new deadline....May 15th. As always, you may send hardcopy through the mail (PO 129, Temple), or call 878-1078 to go over minor changes over the phone, or send an email attachment with your information (bolling1@worldpath.net)....so please do not delay. Send your information to me today. If you miss this update, the next one will be January 2007 (about 9 months from now). Thanks so much. Linda.