

TEMPLE NEWSLETTER
Prepared and edited by the TVFDA

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Fire Station: 878-1972

Police Station: 878-3474

Emergency: 911

Temple Town Clerk: 878-3873

Tax Collector: 878-3873

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

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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

Sept 1 Community Potluck Supper
Sept 4 TVFD Meeting
Sept 5 Ladies Aid
Sept 8 Historical Society Meeting
Sept 11 Con Com Meeting
Sept 13 Library Trustees' Meeting
Sept 14 Lions Meeting
Sept 14 Town Forum
Sept 15 Playgroup
Sept 17 Con Com Walk
Sept 18 TVFD Drill
Sept 24 Harvest Festival
Sept 24 TVFD Maintenance
Sept 25 Con Com Meeting
Sept 25 TVFDA Meeting

Oct 2 TVFD Meeting
Oct 6 Playgroup
Oct 6 Community Potluck Supper
Oct 8 Lions Road Rally & Valve Cover Race
Oct 9 Con Com Meeting
Oct 12 Lions Meeting
Oct 15 Con Com Hike
Oct 16 TVFD Drill
Oct 17 Historical Society Meeting
Oct 19 Town Forum
Oct 20 Playgroup
Oct 23 TVFDA Meeting
Oct 23 Con Com Meeting
Oct 24 Newsletter deadline
Oct 29 TVFD Maintenance

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. Any questions, please contact Sandra at 878-4320.

Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the November-December issue is October 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.

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Newsletter Subscriptions

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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.

Temple Volunteer Fire Department

Flea Market- Thanks so much to everyone who donated and purchased at this year's flea market. We raised over \$1700 for the TVFD Firefighters Fund!

Rescue Van Refurb- Rescue Rosie will soon go "under the knife" receiving a full refurbishment that should bring her into National Fire Protection Compliance. The TVFD wishes to thank all of the businesses that helped give us this great cost effective solution for this project.

New Portable Radios- the TVFD has put into service four new portable radios provided by the State of New Hampshire Homeland Security Program. These radios have hundreds of channels allowing communication interoperability with emergency response units throughout the region. In plain language these are very fancy, very expensive, very nice, very heavy radios that will come in very handy if something very bad happens....

Federal Wild Land Grant- The TVFD has been awarded \$6800 to update our personal fire protective gear for wild land fire fighting. Approximately 15 sets of gear will be added to our TVFD resources. New pants, jackets, gloves, helmets, hoods, boots and chainsaw safety gear will soon be in service. Thanks to Assistant Chief Rich Beringer for all his hard work in making this project possible.

The TVFD is always looking for more volunteers. Extricated 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 call Fire Chief Mike Connolly 924-7289.

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 Michael Connolly 924-7289
TVFD, P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084

e- mail 50c1@templefire.org

Fire Warden

As we get into the fall season, usually we run into wind and dry blowing leaves. This means very few permits because of the high fire dangers unless there is rain. Be careful and follow the rules. Written permits are necessary for all open burning. This includes camp fires and cooking fires except barbeque grills. All burning depends on weather conditions. Permits and regulations may be obtained by contacting Fire Warden Joe Cournoyer 878-1479 or Deputy Warden Tim Fisk.

Potluck

The first Friday of each month is POTLUCK NIGHT! Bring a hot dish or a salad, your eating utensils and a hearty appetite and join us for great food and fellowship. This is a community affair and ALL are welcome. Friendship Hall at 6:30 PM.

Ladies Aid

Our regular meetings are held in Friendship Hall on the first Tuesday of each month (except summer months) at 7:30 PM. September 5th will be the first meeting. Plans for the coming year will be made - Christmas Fair, Christmas gift boxes, and flowers. We will talk about our ongoing Prayer Shawl project, and our Volunteer group who go to Harborside weekly. We welcome new people to these groups. We may even elect new officers!!!

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. If you know of someone who would be helped by receiving a shawl, please call the church office at 878-4177.

Congregational Church

For people with children the pace of life quickens in the fall. School begins and with it all sorts of activities. Few parents would refuse to send their children to school; few would want their kids to be totally unprepared to develop their talents and make their way in the world. But when parents do not give their children any religious education or provide them with a faith community, it is just as though the kids had never gone to school. We hear people say, "I will let them make up their own minds about religion." But what do they have to go on? How can anyone make up their mind about anything unless they explore issues and ideas?

At the Congregational Church we offer the historic Christian faith. Then we pool our experience, hope, and faith to try to make God's love real in our lives and in this time and place. No one person alive has all the answers; this is why we need one another. Everyone has some insight, strength, and wisdom to add to the greater good. For this reason, we respect everyone's opinion. With children this means that we guide them to receive and experience God's truth and love in their daily life. No browbeating; no judgment; no condemning. We serve a loving God. We treat young people with dignity and tenderness. Kids join us in Church at 10:00 then go to Sunday School/Youth Group after Children's Time, about 10:20. Although our plans for our Youth Group are not complete, possibilities include, breakfast meetings, live concerts, skating trips to the ice arena, and local missions. We will also offer Alpha for teens. We ran the Alpha program for adults this spring and it touched many lives. Basically, what Alpha does is to offer God's Good News to people in a way that enriches life and faith for those who know very little about it as well as for those who have believed for quite a while. May God richly bless you! See you in church.

Temple Community Preschool

Now is time to enroll your child in preschool for the 2006/2007 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.

Library News

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Come check out our books, magazines, DVD's, videos, and audio cassettes and CD's. You can read our papers when you visit (Union Leader, Ledger and Transcript).

Sept. 4 Closed

Sept. 13 Library trustees meeting 7:30

Sept. 24 Harvest Festival. We need PIES, PIES, and PIES for our table. This is our one fund raiser event.

Sept. 26 Book discussion: "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the home of Olga Murphy

Oct 6 After school reading hour for all ages at 4 o'clock

Oct. 7 New Book Café, meet with us for fun and refreshments and get first chance at the new books.
2:30-3:30

Oct. 9 Closed

Oct. 24 Book discussion: "We Are All Welcome Here" at the home of either Cheri Fry or Sydney Thomas.

Oct 26 The trustees are organizing a field trip to the Worcester Art Museum. All are welcome. We will meet at the library at 9:45 to car pool. Admittance will cost \$8.00—plus lunch.

New Acquisitions

Ricochet, Sandra Brown

Dead Wrong, J.A. Jance

March, Geraldine Brooks

Master Detective, John Reisinger

Reluctant Genius, Charlotte Gray

Talk Talk, T.C. Boyle

Gone, Lisa Gardner

Winter's Child, Margaret Maron

Break No Bones, Kathy Reichs

Born to be Wild, Catherine Coulter

Cover of Night, Linda Howard

Married to a Stranger, Patricia MacDonald

Still Life, Louise Penny

Antiques Roadkill, Barbara Allan

Bones to Pick, Carolyn Haines

Mockingbird, a Portrait of Harper Lee, Charles Shields

Saks & Violins, Mary Daheim

Crossover, Joel Shepherd

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven, Fannie Flagg

Body Movers, Stephanie Bond

The Ugly Duckling, Iris Johansen

Judge and Jury, James Patterson

The Merlot Murders, Ellen Crosby

Crisis, Robin Cook

White Apples and the Taste of Stone, Donald Hall

Collected Poems, Jane Kenyon

End in Tears, Ruth Rendell

The Second Perimeter, Mike Lawson

Finding Amy, Joseph Loughlin

The Cold Moon, Jeffrey Deaver

Angels Fall, Nora Roberts

Vanishing Point, Marcia Muller

Treating and Preventing Adolescent Mental Health Disorders

Eat, Drink and Weigh Less, Mollie Katzen

The Hard Way, Lee Child

Learning to Kill, Ed McBain

Two Time, Chris Knopf

The Devil and Miss Prym, Paulo Coelho

Piece of my Heart, Peter Robinson

Hide-and-seek with Angels, Lisa Chaney

The Cottagers, Marshall Klimasewiski

Marley and Me, John Grogan

Dead in Vineyard Sand, Philip Craig

Mad About Max, Lisa Plumley

For the Younger Reader

Charlie Bone & the Castle of Mirrors, Jenny Nimmo
Charlie Bone & the Hidden King, Jenny Nimmo
Junie B., First Grader, Aloha-ha-ha, Barrbara Park
Clip-clop, Nicola Smee
Pirate Bob, Kathryn Lasky
I Remember Miss Perry, Pat Brisson
Amphibian, Barry Clarke
Ancient China, Arthur Cotterell
Emily's Balloon, Komako Sakai

How to be, Lisa Brown
Llama Llama Red Pajama, Anna Dewdney
The Wildest Brother, Cornelia Funke
Not Afraid of Dogs, Susanna Pitzer
Fantastic Voyage, Jim Benton
My Brother the Dog, Justerson Williams
Bone, Eyes of the Storm, Jeff Smith
Young Cam Jansen & the Spotted Cat Mystery, David
Adler

New Audio CD's

House on the Prairie
Water for Elephants
Three Junes
Espresso Tales
Spanish Language
Chinese-Mandarin Language

Heat
Wright 3
Junie B. Jones collection
The Goose Girl
Hank U47 the Case of the Tender Cheeping

Temple Historical Society

The postponed August meeting will be held Friday, September 8 at 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall. Please bring your favorite salad, end-of-summer dish, or a dessert to share (and a plate and silverware). After dinner, the program will start with Anne Lunt formally presenting the Historical Society's \$5,000 donation to the Friends of Temple Town Hall for the rehabilitation of the historic building. Then Larry Foley of Dublin will give a light & entertaining talk about the common bond between the Temple Town Hall and Fort Knox and other observations and topics. Non members are welcome.

The October meeting will be held Tuesday October 17th at 7:00 PM sharp at Friendship Hall. There will be a brief business meeting followed by a NH Humanities Council "Living History" program called "Petticoat Patriot: A Woman in the Continental Army." In 1778, sixty dollars a year in gold was a tempting offer to army recruits. Deborah Samson Gannett thought so. She disguised herself as a man to join the continental Army. What was she thinking and how did she get away with it? In this one-woman program, Joan Gatturna will play Gannett and answer these and other questions.

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. The group was meeting in the mornings but many have said that was inconvenient due to nap time schedules. This fall let's try getting together in the afternoons instead, from say 1 pm to 2:30 pm. For September and October the Playgroup will meet on **September 15th** and **October 6th and 20th** 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. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact Sandra Wildes at 878-4320. If there is enough interest in keeping the group going we can see if there is an inside space available where we can meet this winter.

Souhegan Lions Club

The Souhegan Lions Club had a very successful year. We gained three new members, Michelle Urban and Debbie & Tom Hawkins. Our Peanut Butter Chip Race held on New Years day was very successful. We had over 100 runners. We held two pancake breakfasts. One held on Harvest Festival day and the other on Mothers Day, both well attended. We also started a new annual fund raiser. It is a "Car Rally" and Valve cover race. This year it will be held on Oct 8th. Look for more details soon. This was a "Brain Child" of Don Kraemer, Pete Von Sneidern & Rick Miller. Our annual Raffle this year consists of three prizes, the Grand Prize is a Red Oak Buckboard Bench with two prizes as Second & Third prizes. Look for these items to be displayed at the Harvest Festival and any Lions member will have tickets for you to purchase.

On Aug.12th we had our annual Cook-out at MacDowell Dam in Peterborough. Former District Governor, Linda Ward and her husband, were our guests. She installed the following new officers for the upcoming year. Nate Chamberlin - President, Rick Miller - 1st Vice President, Brenda Salmonson - 2nd Vice President, Marilyn Acker - Secretary, Will Phillips - Tail Twister, Joe Cournoyer - Lion Tamer and Dick Benotti - Immediate Past President.

We invite any and all service minded people to visit us at any one of our meetings to learn what Lionism is all about. The second Thursday of each month a catered dinner meeting is held. On the fourth Saturday morning a business meeting is held at 8am. For more information, please call Pete Von Sneidern @ 878-2519 or Nancy Woods @ 878-1312.

MONADNOCK FOLIAGE ROAD RALLY

OPEN TO ALL CARS & DRIVERS

This is not a speed rally; it's more like a ride in the country.

Sunday October 8 1:00 pm start (arrive early) Rain or Shine

Come join us at our First Annual Gimmick Rally

Starts in Temple, NH and travels the scenic roads of the Monadnock Region

You will be given a written route, for you and a navigator, to follow. There will be numerous clues and landmarks to note during your travels through the fall foliage on the scenic roads of the area. Along with these directions, you'll receive questions to answer and distances to check.

Immediately following the rally, we will gather for refreshments and awards (most accurate answers, closest distance, and other categories). Numerous door prizes for participants.

Valve Cover Racing...A Second Event will happen around 3:00 (after Rally awards)

Picture your favorite valve cover fitted with wheels, now think back to Pinewood Derby and you have Valve Cover Racing. We have a brand new track to christen for this event! Awards for Top Eliminator, Ugliest, Most Unusual, etc.

Rules available upon request, contact via email petevon@aol.com please put Lion's Rally in the subject line.

Or write to: Lion's Rally 347 Fish Road, Temple, NH 03084.

Early Registration (prior to Sept. 17) \$20.00 Driver & Navigator

Registration Day of Rally 11:00 am \$25.00 Driver & Navigator

Location: Temple Elementary School, Route 45, Temple, NH

Start Time: 1:00pm (arrive early) Estimated Time: 1 1/2 hours

This fundraiser is sponsored by the Souhegan Lions Club serving the communities of Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich & Temple

Selectmen's Report

On the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Adjustment the Board appointed Steve Andersen, Jenny Howland and David Martz as alternate members of the ZBA. On the recommendation of the Conservation Commission, Sean Radcliffe was appointed to the Commission.

There are currently openings on the Budget Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission and Cemetery Trustees. Residents interested in volunteering for any of these positions should submit a brief letter of interest to the Selectmen's Office.

Temple's Zoning Ordinance requires that any property with more than one unregistered/uninspected vehicle comply with the State junkyard license requirements. It is the Select Board responsibility to work with residents to assure compliance with this statute. If anyone has questions they should contact any member of the Board or the Selectmen's office.

The Town has now signed agreements to purchase fuel oil and propane through the Peterborough/Dublin/Hancock/Temple cooperative. The low bidder was Irving Oil and we're happy to report that the fixed rates preceded the recent escalation in prices.

The Board would like to thank our Highway Department for their excellent work in building the new bridge on West Road and installing the major culvert on Fish Road. Both projects were largely funded by the State and Federal government and having our own crew do the work saved the Town a substantial amount of money on our share.

There have been a few recent incidents of both horses and motorized vehicles being used on Town Cemetery property. Our historic cemeteries include many fragile unvaulted graves. Please note that the cemeteries are off limits for both horses and ATV's.

The Board is continuing to work with the Friends of Temple Town Hall and State/Federal agencies to complete all of the paperwork required for the Town to receive the \$222,750. HUD Grant we were awarded. At this point it looks like we are only a few weeks away from being finished. This should enable us to finish the addition and perhaps even start on the exterior main hall this fall. Our congratulations to the Friends for recently receiving a \$10,000. "Moose Plate" grant for the restoration of the windows in the main hall.

Two Town Forums are planned for this fall. The first will be held on September 14th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall and will focus on whether the Town should apply to have the Town Hall included in the National Historic Register. Joining us that night will be an expert from the State who will explain the pros and cons of being included in the Register and answer questions.

The second Forum is scheduled for October 19 (Town Hall at 7:00 PM) when the focus will be the ConVal school system. Leading the discussion will be Temple's School Board representative Gail Cromwell. This is a chance for both parents and nonparents to learn and ask questions.

Select Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Our preliminary agendas are posted on the Town web site on the Friday preceding each meeting and the public is always invited to attend.

Conservation Commission

Contest - The Temple Conservation Commission is sponsoring a Nature Photo Contest in September. Photos must feature a natural scene, plant, or animal in Temple. People enjoying nature qualify. Please submit printed photos to Roger Hatt by 22 September. Include where/when the photo was taken, and your contact info. Winning photos will be exhibited at Harvest Festival on 24 September. Call Roger for details 878-2486.

September Hike - As summer winds down, there is some of the best weather to enjoy Temple's beautiful out-of-doors. One way to do this is to join the Conservation Commission for its monthly outing. On Sunday, 17 September, the route will be from Brown Road to the Wapack Trail, a 2.5-mile hike across the south end of the Temple Mountain ridge. This trail includes the sites of the Maynard Inn and early houses in town, marked by cellar holes. We will meet at the Town Hall at 1 pm to car-pool; some cars will be left at both the beginning and the end of the hike for convenience. Questions? Call John at 878-1220 or Dave at 878-3114.

Harvest Festival - Please visit the Conservation Commission table at the Harvest Festival, Sunday, 24 September. You can enjoy the Photo Contest winners and check out maps showing protected natural areas in Temple and surrounding towns. Pick up free information from NH Fish & Game about animals, fish, tracking, and ATV laws/regulations.

October Walk - On Sunday, 15 October, the outing will be to Kendall Ledge, a town-owned conservation area. There are great views from the top! This is a good family walk. Meet at the Town Hall at 1pm. Call Honey if you have questions, 878-0862.

Protecting Land - The Conservation Commission continues to talk to landowners considering conservation easements to protect Temple's special places. A recent change in federal tax law adds to the benefits

available to some folks placing easements. If you have an interest or have questions about protecting your land, please contact any member of the Conservation Commission.

Meetings - The Conservation Commission meets twice monthly, the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7 pm, at the Library. The agenda is posted by Saturday at the Store and the Municipal Building. The public is welcome to attend.

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. Come prepared to start the day with a pancake breakfast offered by the Souhegan Lions Club in Friendship Hall (8:00 AM to 10:30 AM). 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, entitled "A Young Perspective", will feature the art of Ellie and Wally Young.

An addition to the Veggie Contest this year will be "veggie etching". Gourds, pumpkins or squash may be etched during their growing season (usually during the last third of its growth cycle) using a sharp instrument to cause "scarring" for a permanent embellishment. Use your imaginations for this new creative endeavor! Please visit the Temple Store to pick up complete instructions.

For the second year in a row the Aerosat Corporation will present an award to honor their selected Temple volunteer. Last year this ceremony was held at the Temple Elementary School with Congressman Charles Bass as an honored guest. This year, the selecting committee of Aerosat Corporation has agreed to present this very special award during the Harvest Festival.

The Harvest Festival Committee is still seeking artists and crafters who would like to display, sell and demonstrate. Also, 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.

Friends of the Temple Town Hall

Be a part of history! Help restore our Town Hall!" So reads a banner draped across the town hall in a New Hampshire seacoast village. FTTH members noticed similar signs in various New England towns as we visited vacation spots this summer, so ours is clearly not the only town hall in need of rehabilitation. All over New England, citizens are working to preserve treasured buildings. We especially like the idea of "being part of history." We've always regarded the restoration of our Town Hall as a project that will benefit the future residents of Temple as well as ourselves, just as past improvements to the hall have enriched our lives. The Town Hall was built in 1842 by a band of Universalists and sold in 1875 to the Grange organization. It was the Grange that built the building's first addition, sometime in the 1880's, and erected the stage on which we've enjoyed so many Drama Club plays. So just as we look back and thank the Grange for making the Town Hall more useful and fun to be in, citizens of the future will look back on today's Temple residents and appreciate their generosity for making possible so many happy hours in the Town Hall. August brought with it significant moments of your generosity. Joanne Desrosiers lost her mother, Dorothy Lupa, in a tragic accident, and asked that any memorial gifts be sent to the FTTH, since Mrs. Lupa was such a strong supporter of the Town Hall restoration project. Members of the Temple Historical Society voted to donate \$5,000 of their treasury to the restoration project--in keeping with the idea of being part of history! And finally, the State of New Hampshire generously awarded the FTTH a Moose Plate Grant for \$10,000 for the restoration of as many windows in the Town Hall as the funds would cover. The FTTH and all town residents, we're sure, say, "Thanks," to our citizens and to New Hampshire! Temple still awaits the federal HUD grant funding. Over the course of the spring and summer, our Select Board has been working on the required forms for the release of the funds, and when that work is completed the money will be forthcoming. The FTTH initiated twice-monthly updates to the Select Board and our hope is that they will work with us in a positive way to keep the project moving forward.

While we hate to end on a down note, we do have to report that the gala "Summer" event has been postponed until next summer. Guess Diane Lane wasn't available on the proposed date--or something like that. Anyway, we'll all look forward to celebrating Summer next summer!

Temple Girl Scouts

Another Girl Scout year is about to begin. There are definitely girls in grades 1 – 3 that are hoping to have a Brownie troop again this year. This can only be possible if someone is willing to step up and lead. (Last year's leader had to move out of town.) This can be a very rewarding experience... building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

In past years, in addition to the Brownies, Temple has had a Daisy troop (Kindergarten), Junior troop (grades 4 – 6), and Older Girl troop (grades 7 – 12). Currently, there are troops for all ages that meet in Peterborough. Girls from Temple are more than welcome to join these troops as well.

If your daughter is 5 – 17 years old and is interested in Girl Scouting, or you're interested in learning more about leading a troop, please contact Karin Seppanen at 878-4136 as soon as possible.

Report on School Board

On Thursday, October 19, there will be an open meeting at the Town Hall, 7 p.m., to discuss the topics below or any item townspeople wish to bring up. Please attend! Hearing from you is the only way I can know how you feel on various subjects. If you have questions about our constantly increasing school taxes, the quality of the education at Conval, or whatever else is on your mind, this meeting is for you. You are always welcome to telephone me at 878-1284.

The School Board has three priorities for the coming few months, all relating to the High School. The prevalence of drugs and alcohol in the high school especially is a serious concern. The Board is reviewing its policies to be sure they equip our administrators with whatever they need to address this problem. The middle schools are also a concern as young people are exposed to challenges at younger ages all the time. Parent vigilance is the most important factor, but the schools must do their part. If you have specific knowledge of drugs and alcohol, you should call the Superintendent's office at 924-3336. Or if anonymity is important, call me instead and I will relay the information. The school administrators need help in this regard. A second issue that the Board will be addressing is the high school graduation requirements. At present, the requirement is 26 credits, which was increased from the long-standing 20 credits, effective for the year 2000 graduates. The requirement plays a role in overall school costs, in quality of courses offered, failure rates, dropout rates, possibility for early graduation, and so forth. I will present information on this at the October 19 meeting.

A third topic is that the Tech Center courses are due for a revision. The problem here is that 2/3 of the Conval graduates go on to either college or a technical school, 1/3 do not. (These are the average percentages for the last 20 years.) One criticism of the present Tech Center is that we do not provide enough courses for the 1/3 who will graduate and immediately enter the work force. The building trades and automotive technology courses are both offered through Mascenic and there are not enough spaces to accommodate the Conval students who would like to take them. The Board has discussed trying to provide similar courses based at Conval. The Superintendent is to report to us on such possibilities.

Please put on your calendar: Thursday, October 19, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Temple Historic District Commission

The September 18 HDC meeting will be held at the Temple Town Hall.

It is a special meeting for all members of the Historic District to attend for voicing concerns, questions, and reviewing ordinances in an effort to better understand the function of the Commission.

In recent meetings, the members of the Historic District Commission have been focusing their work on studying similar Historic Districts in the state and with recommendations from the state agencies associated with the HDC's. The material that has been reviewed will be available at the meeting for others to become familiar with. We invite and encourage all interested parties to attend these public meetings and stay informed about the activities of the THDC.

The HDC meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Temple Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Board are: Randy Burnham – Chairman, Phyllis Mazza – Vice-Chairman, Vivian Nicholl – Secretary, Sarge Collier, Dan Cournoyer, John Kieley, Mary Nutting

The meetings are open to the public.