

TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Prepared and edited by the TVFDA

MAY-JUNE 2007

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 10 am - 4 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 3 - 8 pm; Saturday 10:30 am -1:30 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 Ladies Aid

May 4 Community Potluck Supper

May 5 Good Roads Day

May 6 ConCom Walk

May 7 TVFD Meeting

May 8 Library Trustees' Meeting

May 10 Lions Meeting

May 11 Soup-er Luncheon

May 13 Lion's Mother's Day Breakfast

May 14 ConCom Meeting

May 17 Temple Quarter Millennium B day Meeting

May 18 & 19 Drama Club Presentation

May 20 Party for Priscilla

May 21 Historic District Com

May 21 TVFD Drill

May 25 Soup-er Luncheon

May 26 Lions Meeting

May 27 TVFD Maintenance

May 28 Library closed

May 28 TVFDA Meeting

May 31 ComCast Public Forum

June 1 Community Potluck Supper

June 3 Memorial Day Celebration

June 4 TVFD Meeting

June 5 Ladies Aid

June 6 ConCom Hike

June 8 Soup-er Luncheon

June 11 ConCom Meeting

June 14 Lions Meeting

June 17 Father's Day

June 18 Historic District Com

June 18 TVFD Drill

June 19 Temple Historical Society Dinner

June 24 TVFD Maintenance

June 25 ConCom Meeting

June 25 TVFDA Meeting

June 25 Newsletter deadline

June 26 Summer Reading Program

June 30 Lions Meeting

July 15 ConCom Walk

Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is a group of men and women of all ages who are interested in supporting the Fire Department.

You do not need to be related to a firefighter to join. The Auxiliary supports the Fire Department with

fundraisers (Cook Book Sale, 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 July-August issue is June 25th.** 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 is 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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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 Dept. Auxiliary and mail to Sandra Wildes, 197 Hill Road, Temple NH 03084. Thank you for your support.

Temple Volunteer Fire Department

From Floods to Forest Fires- The April 16th Nor-Easter sure kept the TVFD volunteers busy helping with flooded basements, closing flooded roads and marking washouts. We generally do not use fire trucks to pump out basements. The truck pumps are rated for "clean" water only. The "floaties" found in a flooded basement can damage a pumps impeller. If anyone would like to donate a trash pump or even a sump pump we could add to our arsenal it would be greatly appreciated.

On April 22nd at 9:15 a.m., the Miller Fire Watch Tower signed on the air for the 2007 forest fire season. Till green up in mid May the forest fire danger will be extreme.

Does anyone out there SCUBA dive? The TVFD has several dry hydrants that need maintenance on their underwater intake screens. A quick dive into the cool murky waterholes will hopefully keep the fish in the pond and out of our pumps.

The TVFD welcomes back Jim Koster. 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 or 396-9137 TVFD, P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084

Fire Warden

Spring is here and permits are necessary for all open burning. **No open burning is allowed without a written permit.** 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 or Deputy Warden /Fire Chief Mike Connolly 396-9137.

The Temple Quarter Millennium Birthday Celebration!

A committee has been formed to coordinate the celebration for 2008. We are bouncing around ideas about ways to honor Temple's 250th birthday, including a parade, historic events, kids events, animal displays, demonstrations, music, dancing, drama... so many great things to do!. Currently, we are planning the bulk of the activities for Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 (the day before the Harvest Festival.) Our goal is to include as many people and organizations as possible... so we are looking for volunteers, organization representatives, and ideas. Please join us! Drop me a line and I will send you previous meeting minutes to bring you up to speed. If you are interested but cannot come to the meeting, or if you would like to be part of our email list, please contact Rose Lowry, rose@illustrations.com. No email? Then call Rose at 878-3955.

If you have a good idea to share or a project you are working on, please let us know at sfiske1@juno.com or attend our next meeting May 17, 7:30 p.m. at the library. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your contribution.

Temple Trails Association

Temple Trails Association is your local Horse connection. If you are interested in learning more, or joining our group you may check out our website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tta/> If you need further information, or to report a loose horse please contact: Miki Collier...828-2959, Heather Pratt...878-1145 or Dee Dee Walko....924-9382

Town Clerk Notice – Dog Owners

All dogs are required to be licensed by law per RSA 466:1. Dogs are due to be licensed by April 30, 2007. This can be done with a current rabies vaccination and a spaying or neutering certificate, if appropriate, will be required. The cost for this is as follows: male/female \$9.00, spayed/neutered \$6.50, 1st dog owned by a senior citizen 65 years or older \$2.00, Group licenses (minimum 5 dogs or more) \$20.00, puppy (under one year) \$6.50. \$1.00 per month late fee will be assessed. If you have any questions, call 878-3873 during office hours. If you no longer own your dog, please contact me so I will not send you a notice to license your dog. The town of Temple will be issuing civil forfeitures in the month of July. The cost will be \$25.00 per dog plus the license fee and late fee.

Ladies Aid

Our regular meetings for May and June will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in Friendship Hall. Everyone is always welcome. We held a very successful Rummage/White Elephant Sale on March 31st. Hope everyone had a chance to take it in and found one of the many bargains that were there. Be sure to remember that this is an annual event every spring.

We provided Easter plants for the church, which were given to those who are under the weather or just needed a bit of Spring.

We continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall to knit, crochet and do other forms of handwork. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Some people work on Prayer Shawls, some knit baby hats for newborns at Monadnock Community Hospital and some work on projects for themselves. All enjoy the companionship.

Every week a group of ladies goes to Harborside in Peterborough to spend some time with the patients there. They visit, play cards or read with them. To bring a bit of light and friendliness into the patients lives is truly a wonderful mission.

Remember the Ice Cream Social (with Connolly's Ice Cream) to be held during the Temple Band concert on the 4th of July. Come, enjoy and support our worthy causes.

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.

Soup-er-Luncheon

We are in our 14th year of offering luncheon every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. We average 25 to 30 people each time. Come and enjoy the homemade food and the fellowship. The money received for the Soup Luncheon goes to the maintenance of the Friendship Hall. Volunteer teams serve and all food is donated. (soup, dessert and rolls), which is very much appreciated. If you donated a Soup in May or June of 2006 and picked up your pot, did you possibly take the wrong one? We have misplaced a FarberWare stockpot, please check your pots. In addition, a tall square table of light oak wood with a drawer and shelf, it is about 12" x 12" x 40". Any help in locating this would be appreciated. It was last seen in August 2006. Volunteers are always welcome so if you are interested contact Ruth Runge at 878-2690.

Souhegan Lions Club

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

Our famous **Mother's Day Breakfast** is Sunday, May 13th at the Friendship Hall. This is your chance to show your wife, mother, grandmother, etc., how much you really care. We will be serving the best blueberry pancakes and real maple syrup, plus sausage and scrambled eggs.

The Souhegan Lions Club has placed eyeglasses collection boxes in the communities that we serve. Please drop off your used eyeglasses (no loose lenses or cases please). We are continuing to screen pre-school and kindergarten children in the area towns.

We invite 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.

Temple Elementary School

The TES PTO is selling engraved cobblestones as a fundraiser for adding an outside classroom to TES. The stones can be purchased to be laid in a walkway to the new structure at the school, or delivered to your home or garden. The stones are approximately 7" x 4" granite rectangles and are approximately 3" high. They are only \$50 engraved. The engraved message should be less than 26 characters, including spaces. Order forms are available at Willard's Store here in Temple.

Transportation for Everyone

Volunteer Drivers Sought

The Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich and Temple unit of "Transportation for Everyone" hopes to soon establish bus and automobile transportation options for people who need to do errands and/or seek services out of town but who do not or cannot drive. Plans include transportation by way of a small bus and individual rides for individuals who have special issues that group transportation cannot meet. Some of the effort for this project will be sponsored through the generosity of Southern New Hampshire Services' Greenville Falls.

Volunteer drivers are needed in order to bring transportation service to the communities. A free training program for volunteer drivers will be provided. If ten or more volunteers step forward, each volunteer would only need to commit to one or two driving times per month and the service would gradually increase as more volunteers participate. Willing volunteers, either to drive a small bus (no special license needed) or a personal automobile, are asked to contact Jim Lambert (878-2441) or Leta Markham (878-3364) for additional details. There are people of all ages in our towns who look forward to the opportunities a public transportation service can provide, even if the service is a limited one. Volunteering for this project will have many personal rewards.

Temple Dramatic Club

Ready for your annual night out on the town in Temple? This year the Temple Dramatic Club presents 3 one-act comedies, including a musical parody of our very own Temple Town Meeting! Come join the laughter on May 18th and May 19th at the Temple Town Hall. The shows start at 8:00 and the tickets are \$5.00 sold at the door. Be ready for a laugh riot!

Congregational Church

Cold and snow and rain and flooding. What a spring it has been! Will it turn warm and sunny, or stay wet and cold? Who can say? A few years ago, I asked an old timer if spring would ever come. He said, "It always has." And so it will. Spring will come, trees will leaf out, flowers will bloom, and the hillsides will turn green. They always will.

What is your source of hope? Do you place your hope in the changing seasons, in the ups and downs of life? Or is your hope in the Creator of it all? Flowers fade, winter returns, friendships and fortunes come and go, but always God stands beside us. The love God has for us is constant and unchanging. The weather is unreliable, God is totally trustworthy come what may. The closer you grow to God, the more you will appreciate the beauty of each season in its turn. The more you find and follow what God is saying to you, the less life's ups and downs will trouble your spirit. Keep the faith, and let the faith keep you. See you in church!!!

Temple Community Preschool

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.

Temple Historical Society

The THS Annual Meeting evening program was "Temple Birthdays Past & Future." THS Curator Priscilla Weston had prepared a fascinating exhibit of news clippings, memorabilia, and photos from the 1858, 1908, and 1958 Temple birthdays. Many members and guests came early to have more time to enjoy the exhibit. Paul Quinn read the Bigelow speech given in 1958, describing Temple's history.

Both before and during the program those who had been in Temple in 1958 reminisced about the events, friends, and relatives pictured in the photos. The "time capsule" was a favorite topic. Roger Nutting soldered the capsule shut while the Kullgren and Quinn boys (among others) watched. The group came up with some suggestions on activities for 2008 to be forwarded to the Quarter-Millennium (250th birthday) Committee.

The Quinn family supplied birthday refreshments - Connolly ice cream and homemade cake. Ruthie Quinn made several cakes from scratch from the 1956 Ladies Aid Cookbook.

The traditional "members only" dinner at the Timberdoodle Club will be June 19. Join THS now or renew your membership so you can attend this very special event. To become a member please contact Arnie Thibodeau PO Box 194, Temple. Tel 878-1203

Temple ComCast Public Forum

Because of the severe "Spring" weather, the public forum held in April has been rescheduled for May 31 at the Town Hall starting at 7:00pm. This announcement will also be posted on the Website and at the Store. If you currently have Comcast or would like to have high-speed internet access but service is not available in your neighborhood, you are encouraged to attend this form.

We will discuss the issues of availability to neighborhoods in Temple (both Cable TV and Hi-speed internet). There will also be a discussion about issues that users of the service are currently experiencing or have experienced in the past.

Explore the advantages that a wireless Hi-Speed service could provide users who live in areas outside range of the phone company's current DSL service or to locations where cable access is currently unavailable or prohibitively expensive to provide a connection.

Library News

May 8 Trustees meeting 7:30
May 22 Book discussion—"1000 White Women, home of Cheri Fry
May 28 Closed for holiday
June 26 Book discussion

NEW NEW NEW!

Download audio books—Free! Mansfield Public Library has joined the NH Audio book Consortium. This means that a large library of audio books is available to you and your family at no cost. You can use your computer, our computer or any computer! Listen at your computer, burn a CD, or download to an mp3 player. The website is <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com> . Our library number is 4460 and your Mansfield Library card number. For example: 44601000 is the library number plus a 1000 library card number. Just follow the directions from there! We hope you enjoy this new convenience brought to you by your library.

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If you have any questions and/or feedback, call Kathy at the library 878-3100 or email me at mansfieldlibrarynh@comcast.net

SUMMER READING ROADTRIP 2007 is heading your way! Our reading program will run from Tuesday, June 26-Friday August 3. Party Saturday August 4. Library programs are free unless noted. The summer reading goal is to foster a love of reading. To that end, our program is noncompetitive and expanding this year to include a "read to me group"! The summer reading program is open to children age 2-11 in two groups: Read to me ages 2-5 and Readers ages 6-11. SIGN UP BEGINS JUNE 1. Forms will be available at Temple Elementary School and at the Mansfield Library. Forms may be dropped off at the Library or with Billie at the school.

Story and craft hour is being offered 2 times per week this year and is geared to children ages 6-10. ADVANCE SIGN UP BEGINS JUNE 11 AT THE LIBRARY. Story and craft days are Tuesdays at 4pm and Fridays at 10:30am. A maximum of 12 children can participate each time. Stories and crafts change weekly. Preschool storytime for ages 2-5 will be offered on Mondays at 10:30am. No sign up is required.

As always, keep your eyes open for the hidden picture! Bring it in to the library and get a prize! In addition, when you come in to write down the books you read, put your name in the jar for weekly prize drawings!

11 year olds! Participate in summer reading and help younger kids, too! Volunteer to help with crafts! Questions? Call Kathy at the Mansfield Library 878-3100.

New Acquisitions

Virgin River, Robyn Carr
I Heard That Song Before, Mary Higgins Clark
Alibi Man, Tami Hoag
Fresh Disasters, Stuart Woods
The God of Animals, Aryn Kyle
Set Sail For Murder, Carolyn Hart
The Naming of the Dead, Ian Rankin
In an Instant, Lee Woodruff
Murder of Identity, Veronica Heley
Children of God, Mary Doria Russell
Nineteen Minutes, Jodi Picoult
Obsession, Jonathan Kellerman
Burning Bright, Tracy Chevalier
A Far Country, Daniel Mason
Died In the Wool, Rett MacPherson

Medicus, Ruth Downie
At Some Disputed Barricade, Anne Perry
Whitethorn Woods, Maeve Binchy
The Watchman, Robert Crais
Gray Ghost, William G. Tappley
When the Light Goes, Larry McMurtry
The Edge of Winter, Luanne Rice
Daddy's Girl, Lisa Scottoline
Yellowcake, Ann Cummins
Keeper of the Keyes, Perri O'Shaughnessy
Puss n' Cahoots, Rita Mae Brown
Who Was Uncle Sam? Cecile Mouraux
The Sweet Scent of Murder, Susan Baker
Ten Days in the Hills, Jane Smiley
Sisters, Danielle Steel

Innocent in Death, Nora Roberts
Heir, Paul Robertson

Double Bind, Chris Bojalian

For the Younger Reader

The Chestnut Soldier, Jenny Nimmo
The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Brian Selznick
The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the
School, Judy Sierra
Skippyjon Jones in Mummy Trouble, Judy Schachner
Dexter Bexley and the Big Blue Beastie, Joel Stewart
Scaredy Squirrel, Melanie Watts
Edward in the Jungle, David McPhail
Dragon's Keep, Janet Carey
Dragon of the Red Dawn, Mary Pope Osborne

Some Dog!, Mary Casanova
Pip & Squeak, Ian Schoenherr
Leaving the Nest, Mordicai Gerstein
The Perfect Nest, Catherine Friend
How It Happened in Peach Hill, Marthe Joselyn
The Pink Refrigerator, Tim Egan
Bad Bears Go Visiting, Daniel Pinkwater
A Good Dog, Kevin Henkes
Hurry! Hurry!. Eve Bunting

A Party for Priscilla

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All Temple Citizens and all friends and admirers of Priscilla Weston wherever you live: The Mansfield Library Trustees invite you all to a Tea Dance on Sunday, May 20 from 1-4 P.M. in the auditorium of the Temple Elementary School to celebrate Priscilla's many years of service to the Mansfield Library and to wish her well as she retires from her position as Library Director. So mark your calendars--it will be a gala event, with music provided by the Temple Dance Band!

Priscilla announced her plans to retire as our Library Director at the March meeting of the Library Trustees. Leaving her post as Director will mark the end of her forty-three year tenure in that position. However, Priscilla's service to the library did not begin in 1964; rather it started in 1949 when she was appointed assistant librarian in Temple. In 1954, she became a Library Trustee and served for 10 years as the Trustee's secretary/treasurer. As Library Director, Priscilla worked to update our small town library. She reclassified and cross-referenced the collection, started a summer reading program, sponsored contests for school children, greeted the Temple Elementary children each week as they visited the library to check out books before the school had its own library, updated her skills as technology became an essential part of a library, and oversaw the expansion of the library building.

We all take great pride in having Priscilla as our Librarian. Each time we walk into the library we know we will be greeted by her friendly, helpful and calm presence. She has brought a quiet dignity to her position and we feel blessed for having known her and counted her as a friend. May 20th will provide an opportunity for us all to tell her so and to wish her much happiness in her retirement. The Trustees have set up a special account for those who would like to donate to a retirement gift we are planning for Priscilla: you may mail checks to: Priscilla Weston Retirement Fund, TD Banknorth, 120 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH 03458.

SEE YOU ON MAY 20TH!

Conservation Commission

Walks & Hikes

The Conservation Commission continues its monthly outings in Temple and surrounding towns. Everyone is welcome; if you have questions about any event, please contact the person named for that event. The March outing was an exhilarating snowshoe hike to the top of Fisk Hill. Participants were rewarded by views in all directions. Weather resulted in cancellation of the March hike in the north end of town--it will be rescheduled.

On May 6th, Chris Mackensen will lead a walk at the Town Forest. This 1.5-mile walk is suitable for families with school-age children. Meet at the Town Hall at 1 pm. Questions? Call Chris at 552.2017. The June 6th hike will cover a section of the Wapack Trail in Rindge and New Ipswich. The Northeast Wilderness Trust is currently raising funds to purchase a wilderness easement on 1,400 acres that includes this Wapack Trail segment. Meet at Town Hall at 1 pm. Call John if questions, 878.1220. On July 15th, the Commission returns to Temple's favorite walk location---the Weston Farm. Mark the date on your calendar & check the next Newsletter or call Sean at 721.2180 for details.

Conservation Commission Membership

Roger Hatt has retired from the Conservation Commission. The Select Board appointed long-time junior member Eric Foley as a regular member and reappointed Lincoln Geiger and Sean Radcliffe to 3-year terms. At a recent meeting, the Commission elected Lincoln as chair, Dave Repak as vice-chair, and Bruce Kantner as secretary.

Easements

By vote of Town Meeting, fifty percent of the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) goes into the Conservation Fund. This tax is paid when land is removed from Current Use due to development or other reasons. The Conservation Commission investigates land proposed for land preservation through the Fund. Using an established list of factors, a proposed project is ranked for its conservation importance. Commission members tour the site and schedule an outing on it for the public as well. The next step is a public hearing to see whether the citizens of Temple support use of the Conservation Fund to protect the parcel. Following the hearing, the Commission votes on the proposal. If the vote is "yes," the Commission's recommendation goes to the Select Board for the final decision.

Since the last Newsletter, the Commission recommended and the Select Board voted to spend 30K from the Fund for an easement on the Wolbers land on the north side of Hill Road. This 13.4 acre parcel borders the 140 acre Pratt easement. The Commission also considered a request from the Forest Society for a town donation toward purchase of an easement on Fisk Hill. (The owners have since withdrawn this project.)

Maps

John Kieley and Dave Repak have completed revisions to the South-West Regional map of Temple, with Tim Fiske's help. The town now has 2 updated maps with tax-map parcels: one with all the protected land and the other with all the roads in new developments. An important use of the updated street map is for emergency services. The other map will be useful for the Conservation Commission and other land-use boards.

Meetings - Conservation Commission meetings are 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7 p.m., at Mansfield Library. Agenda is posted the prior Saturday. Open to public.

Hillsboro Conservation Commission

Milford, NH - The 61st annual meeting of the Hillsborough County Conservation District will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at the Town Hall in Milford, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. The theme for this year's event is "Everything You Need to Know...About Preserving Your Land", as presented by panelists Margaret Watkins from the Piscataquog River Watershed Association, Carol Andrews from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and Barbara Richter from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Frank Mitchell from UNH Cooperative Extension will direct the panel discussion to cover the basics, like what is a conservation easement, and expand to ownership of the property, the uses and limitations on the land, how an easement affects property values, and tax benefits. The discussion will end with where to begin, potential easement holders, and the expenses involved. The following awards will be presented: Cooperator of the Year & Teacher of the Year. Door prizes will also be given. Appetizers, Desserts and Refreshments will be served. Fee per person: \$5. Space is limited. Call now or email us to reserve your spot at the event. All Hillsborough County residents are encouraged to attend. Registration deadline: Friday, April 27th.

For more information or to receive a registration form, contact the District office by phone at 673-2409, ext. 4 or e-mail kerry.rickrode@nh.nacdnet.net, or go to our web site at www.hillsboroughccd.org.

School Board Report

Just about everything has been put on hold while we search for a new Superintendent. The names of the finalists will come out very soon, perhaps by the time you read this. I was very pleased with the quality of the candidates and believe we will be able to choose an excellent new Superintendent. One of the reasons that we had so many excellent candidates is due to a reorganization of school districts underway in the state of Maine. I had not been aware of this but discovered from their state website the following information. Maine, like most other states, is concerned about the funding for education. They are also concerned that the student test scores have fallen from

being tops in the nation five years ago to being 34th now. Their overall number of students has fallen by 16% since 1978, while their number of administrators has gone up 54%. The average school district is 734 students, nationally it is 3,200. The conclusion they have reached is that there are too many layers of administration, and their academic standards are not being translated down into the classrooms. Their plan is to require school districts to merge, going from about 200 down to 80, so that each district will have at least 2500 students. They believe they will save money through efficiencies, have greater uniformity in school costs and teaching standards, and improve their academic performance. I do not know how this will actually work out for Maine, but we have some excellent candidates for our position. Just for comparison, New Hampshire has 79 school administrative units (SAU's). A SAU is a management unit, a superintendent, business manager, generally an assistant superintendent, and a director of special education. The average NH school district has about 2500 students. The largest districts are Manchester with 17,500 students and Nashua with 13,000. Conval has 3000. Total state school enrollment rose through the 1990's, peaked in 2003-04, and has begun to fall. The state is projecting continued declines in the number of students for the next 10 years or so. Compared to Maine, then, NH is perhaps already more efficiently organized and is just now beginning to have the declining enrollment that Maine has been having for 20 years or so. What about our student performance? NH students generally test very high which is not surprising since it is consistently in the top 5 or 6 states with highest income levels.

Best wishes to all our students and teachers as they complete the school year.

Friends of Temple Town Hall

Have you noticed that the old Hall has a new look? It now has 12 beautifully restored windows, reinstalled on April 20th, thanks to funding provided by the Temple Historical Society and the NH Moose Plate Program. Heartwood Building and Restoration did a remarkable job considering the condition of the old windows. In addition to the repair of damaged rails and munnions, 55 chipped and broken panes of glass were replaced with antique glass.

The Friends were delighted on April 23rd to get the news that the HUD Grant funds have been released and are now available to begin the next phase of the restoration project! The architect has been asked to prepare a request for bid package for quotes to finish the interior of the addition. The finished addition will ensure the building remains functional while the historic portion is under construction. While these HUD funds will be sufficient for the work on the addition and a portion of the main hall, more fundraising and private donations will be required to complete the entire project. The Friends are continually researching grant opportunities and fundraising endeavors and have recently submitted an application to LCHIP. We hope that many of you attended our first major fundraiser of the year, the third annual Temple Half Marathon, on April 28th. It was dedicated to the memory of its founder and Friends' supporter, Kaj Sonne.

More good news in that the Town was recently informed by the NH Division of Historical Resources that the process to list the Temple Town Hall on both the NH State and National Registers of Historic Places is underway.

Please watch your mailboxes for notice of the Friends' Annual Membership meeting announcing a speaker and the date. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will join our membership if you have not already done so.

The Wynn Dog Rescue

The Wynn Dog Rescue is a relatively new rescue comprised of a group of animal lovers from the Eastern Monadnock region. We are a foster-home rescue, without a physical shelter, and our dogs live in temporary homes with our volunteers until we can find them permanent placement. We work primarily with Second Chance Animal Rescue in Puerto Rico, an outstanding organization on the island that rescues and rehabilitates dogs that are found abandoned, unwanted, and malnourished. The dogs come to us fully vaccinated (DHLPP series and Rabies), heartworm-tested, and spayed/neutered, and have been dewormed and on heartworm preventative. These are wonderful and loving dogs, and we bring up monthly rescue transports in order to place them in wonderful and loving homes here in New England.

We hold regular "Meet and Greet" Adoption events, so please come by and meet our dogs and us. You can visit our website at www.wyndogrescue.petfinder.com for information on our next event, as well as adoption applications and individual information on our available dogs. We are also always looking for new volunteers and foster homes! Marc Raposo, Rescue Volunteer (603) 325-2019 located at 22 Applewood Lane, Temple NH

News from the Village Green Committee---and a Special Request

The Village Green Committee is looking for a few new faces to bring some fresh perspective and some much needed assistance to our ongoing efforts to provide the town with financial and/or labor support for maintenance and beautification projects. We need people interested in landscaping, carpentry, decorating, and gardening, and in helping with the Temple Harvest Festival, our annual fundraiser that also serves as one of the main fundraising venues for many town organizations.

While we always have general organizational and manpower needs, our most urgent immediate openings are for a publicist, a co-coordinator for apple cider pressing, and coordinators for the contest table and for active games (limbo, hay bale toss, stilts). If interested, please call our Harvest Festival Chair, Vivian Nicholl (878-5033).

In 2008, and every year, new ideas and coordinators will be needed for the annual Special Exhibit. If interested, please call Vivian. This year's exhibit will focus on published authors from Temple. If you wish to participate, please call Priscilla Weston (878-3100) or Anne Lunt (878-3443).

The year 2008 will also be the last for Linda and Steve Bollinger as Coordinators for the Family Fun Area, which they have organized and run for 25 years. This diverse area includes hand-eye coordination challenges, 2- and 3-dimensional puzzles, board and card games, multiple crafts for all ages, and various creative play areas. If you are interested in helping or training to coordinate this area in the future, please call Linda (878-1078). Assistant Lisa Murray has agreed to stay on for an additional year to help with the transition once a new coordinator is found.

The Village Green Committee uses income from the Temple Harvest Festival to work with town government and other organizations on specific maintenance and beautification projects for Temple. Any group wishing to pursue a project may request financial and/or labor assistance from the committee. In the past, we have provided support for general town landscaping, fence railing repair, bench and table construction, trail maintenance, and outdoor electric installations. Every year, committee members maintain window boxes in front of town buildings, mulch the memorial flowerbeds, water plants in the village center, maintain the bird sanctuary area, provide wreaths and roping for the town at Christmastime, and more.

The Village Green Committee is composed of representatives from each participating town organization (in order to keep communication channels open), members of the Harvest Festival Committee, and the Village Green Committee officers. Ideas, offers of help, or input of any kind is welcome. Please contact our current Village Green Committee Chair, Anne Lunt (878-3443) or her Second, Felicia Sartell (878-3058). Information to be shared may be directed to our Webmaster, Tom Baker (878-2602). Please note that our website has changed and is under construction. The new site is www.templeharvestfestival.net . Contact Tom for details: TomBaker@email.com .

Thank you for your interest. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Good Roads Day 2007

Spring is around the corner! Please mark your calendars for Good Roads Day has been moved to May 5th. Please arrive at Friendship Hall by 8:30 am and plan to work until 12:30 pm. Niki and Steve McGettigan, the Temple Elementary School, and the TPO will provide lunch. As always, tools are needed---yard rakes, brooms, tarps, wheelbarrows, clippers, trowels, yard buckets, etc. Anything you bring should be labeled. Trucks for hauling debris are also in short supply...please consider lending a truck or coming to work with your truck. We continue to need financial assistance from organizations and individuals to cover the costs of drinks, miscellaneous food items, general supplies, and the extra dumpster emptying cost. Please contact Linda if you are willing to help in this way. Most of all, please consider coming to share in this special Temple tradition. Working together to improve the appearance of our town is both fun and rewarding. Hope to see you all soon. Any questions? Please call Linda at 878-1078.

Temple Harvest Festival

It is never too early to start thinking about and preparing for the annual Harvest Festival to be held this year on Sunday September 23. Now that spring is officially here and weather is setting the stage for gardens to be sown, make plans for special plantings that can be included at this event.

This 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, pony rides, and just plain good old fashioned fun!

The special exhibit this year will feature the literary works of published authors from Temple. We encourage anyone that has published writings to contact Pricilla Weston at the Mansfield Library so that the work can be included in the exhibit. We also would greatly appreciate knowing of any authors/writers that might not already be on the list.

The need for additional volunteers is always necessary. The jobs are many and varied and all of them are critical to the success of this wonderful event. Some of the most pressing needs are for Active Games, Hay Bale Toss, and our future Family Fun coordinator.

For any additional information regarding this event, including craft display possibilities, please contact Harvest Festival Committee Chair, Vivian Nicholl at 878-5033 or visit the new website at www.TempleHarvestFestival.net.

Temple Historic District Commission

New appointments were made for members of the HDC and at the April meeting, officers were elected. Members are as follows: Sarge Collier – Chairman, Randy Burnham – Vice-Chairman, Vivian Nicholl – Secretary, Phyllis Mazza, Dan Cournoyer, John Kieley and Mary Nutting.

The HDC meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Temple Town Office Building at 7 p.m. Our May 21 meeting will include a guest speaker. Emily Paulus from the NH Division of Historical Resources is scheduled to come, give information about historic districts in the state of New Hampshire, and answer questions from Board and Historic District members and other interested parties.

Selectmen's Office

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) has been busy with on-going projects since Town Meeting. We have reviewed abatement requests, junkyard permits, town hall renovations and appointments to various boards. There are still openings on the Conservation Commission, Capital Improvement Plan Committee and Zoning Board of Adjustment; we are also seeking a new Town Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk. Please contact the office at 878-2536 if you can contribute time to the town and would be interested in any of these positions.

The Town sustained quite a bit of damage from the flood. Many roads were washed out and some temporarily shut down. The only major damage was the loss of the old stone bridge on Memorial Drive. We commend our Highway Department for their quick work in getting all roads passable. Final repairs will take place over the next several weeks/months. Memorial Drive will be closed for the foreseeable future. Preliminary damage estimates have been submitted to the State and we will be seeking reimbursement from both the State and Federal governments.

At the March 27 meeting, the Board agreed with the Conservation Commission and approved an easement on 12+ acres of the Mary Jane Wolbers property for \$30,900.

Minutes of our meetings are available on the Town web site www.templenh.info.