

# TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Prepared and edited by the TVFDA

## JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2008

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

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

**Post Office:** Monday thru Friday 7 – 11:30 am & 1 – 4:30 pm; Saturday 7 -11:30 am

**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

Jan 1	Lions Chip Chase	Feb 1	Community Potluck Supper
Jan 4	Community Potluck Supper	Feb 4	TVFD Meeting
Jan 7	TVFD Meeting	Feb 5	Ladies Aid
Jan 8	Ladies Aid	Feb 8	Souper Lunch
Jan 8	Library Trustees' Meeting	Feb 14	Lions Meeting
Jan 10	Lions Meeting	Feb 18	Historic District Com
Jan 11	Souper Lunch	Feb 18	TVFD Drill
Jan 21	Historic District Com	Feb 22	Souper Lunch
Jan 21	TVFD Drill	Feb 23	Lions Meeting
Jan 25	Souper Lunch	Feb 24	TVFD Maintenance
Jan 26	Lions Meeting	Feb 25	TVFDA Meeting
Jan 27	TVFD Maintenance	Feb 26	Newsletter deadline
Jan 28	TVFDA Meeting	Mar 4	Historical Society Speaker

### Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is doing a **cookbook fundraiser**. The books are in and can be purchased at Temple Store, Birchwood Inn & Tavern or by contacting Cindi Connolly at 924-7289. They are \$12.50 a copy and include recipes from your friends and neighbors. They make great gifts for wedding showers, birthdays, etc.

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 (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 our president, Cindi at 924-7289.

## Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the March-April issue is February 26th**. 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 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

As many of you know there has been a rate increase in postage and the way mail can be sent. We have found that because of the size of the Newsletter and the postage increase, we will need to increase our rate for a subscription. The Fire Dept. Auxiliary offers subscription service to the newsletter for those who want it sent directly to them or friends or family out of town. Our subscription price is now **\$7.00 per year** to have the newsletter mailed to you. This rate is effective for all new subscriptions and will be the rate for next year as well. If you wish to receive the Newsletter, please mail **\$7.00** 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.

### Temple Volunteer Fire Department

The TVFD is pleased to announce three firefighters have become EMTs. Jessica Bartlet, Mark Nichols and Art Kelley have donated over 200 hours of their precious time becoming Emergency Medical Technicians to better serve you in your time of need. Congratulations Jessica, Mark and Art and on behalf of all your neighbors, Thank you.

Please take a moment to check your smoke detectors. Press the test button and change the battery if necessary. At our last drill, we practiced dragging unconscious persons up and down stairs and out of a burning building. It is an incredibly hard job. It is far easier to leave a burning building while you are still breathing. Smoke detectors save lives. Yours could be next.

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

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 landowners 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.

### Temple Historic District Commission

The members of the Historic District Commission proudly serve the town of Temple and heartily congratulate its magnificent milestone of 250 years young! Such a remarkable accomplishment to be recognized and the HDC looks forward to commemorating this momentous occasion in grand style.

Monthly meetings, open to the public, are every third Monday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Municipal Building on Rte. 45. The dates in 2008 are: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15.

Members of the Board are: Sarge Collier - Chairman, Randy Burnham -Vice Chairman, Vivian Nicholl - Secretary, Phyllis Mazza, Dan Cournoyer, John Kieley, and Mary Nutting. This year two vacancies are available to be filled on the Commission. If interested in serving on the HDC, please submit a letter of interest to the attention of the Selectmen by February for their review and consideration.

**Temple Harvest Festival**  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21  
SAVE THE DATE!

The Harvest Festival Committee will be meeting monthly to make plans for a very exciting event in celebration of Temple's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Crafters are creatively working on special items commemorating the occasion, and numerous other exceptional plans are being made. Surely, it is a date not to miss! Call Christine Mackensen @ 731-1189 for more information about availability of space either for crafters or for representatives of town organizations needing table space.

As usual, we are looking for volunteers that might be interested in helping us work on the details. During the day of the festival, there are times for games to be played and at these times, we need assistance. Please keep in mind that the amount of time being asked for is minimal in comparison to the number of hours of planning that takes place during the year in preparation for the event. Any time that could be spared is precious to the committee and we are grateful to anyone for considering being a help. We will have more information about specific needs as time goes on and plan to be at the Town Meeting in March for people who are interested to find out more.

The special exhibit this year is all about Temple through the centuries and should prove to have some very interesting memorabilia included. If there are any items that you would like to have considered for inclusion in this exhibit, please call Vivian Nicholl @ 878-5033. Ideas and offers are most welcome indeed!

Please keep looking and listening for information as the year progresses. We surely want to do all that we can to lift up this special little town in every way possible! Please check out our website at [www.templeharvestfestival.net](http://www.templeharvestfestival.net) to keep abreast of the plans, contact info, and a look back through the years.

**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**

The Ladies aid meets the first Tuesday of the month in Friendship Hall at 7:30 pm. New people are always welcome.

We continue to work on our Prayer Shawl project. If anyone would like to knit or crochet for this projects, we will provide the yarn. We can also teach you. Do think about joining us. Questions? You may call Sandy at 878-2297 or Lynda at 924-6030.

**SOUP-er-LUNCHEON**

Luncheons are held every 2nd and 4th Friday at Friendship Hall from 11:30am to 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome, adults and children. The schedule for this year is: Jan. 11 – Jan. 25 – Feb. 8 – Feb. 22 – Mar. 14 – Mar. 28 – Apr. 11 – Apr. 25 – May 9 – May 23 – June 13.

If you would be interested in helping on a team just let Laura know (878-2082). Teams serve once every 3 months and it can be a fun, sociable time.

Luncheons support the upkeep of the Hall, which is for the use of anyone in the community.

**Souhegan Lions Club**

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

We had a very successful Christmas Tree Sale. Thank you to all who supported us. 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 invite all service minded people to visit us at any one of our meetings to learn what Lionism is all about. For more information, please call Pete Von Sneidern @ 878-2519 or Nancy Woods @ 878-1312.

### **Temple Historical Society**

On Tuesday 4 March 2008, Dartmouth Professor Emeritus Jere Daniell will visit Temple to present "Town Founding in NH: The Special Case of Temple." All who are interested in New Hampshire's and Temple's past will enjoy this program, scheduled at 7pm in the Town Hall.

An expert on New England and the American colonial period, Daniell is the author of several books about New England, including Colonial N.H.: A History. He has spoken in over 150 villages, towns, & cities in NH. The program is made possible in part by the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities.

The Historical Society presents several programs throughout the year, all free and open to the public. Professor Daniell's talk on March 4 will be the first in a special series of programs celebrating Temple's 250th anniversary.

At its Annual Meeting in April, the Society will present short films about Temple's past, including rare footage from the town's 200th anniversary in 1958. We are looking for home movies or photos from Temple's Bicentennial, the US Bicentennial in 1976, or other historic community events. If you can help, please get in touch with THS president Anne Lunt (878-3443) or curator Priscilla Weston (878-2658).

For further information about joining Temple Historical Society, call Carolyn Myrick, secretary, at 878-1383.

### **Temple Business Listing Booklets**

The October 2007 update of the Temple Business Listing is currently available FREE as "take and keep" booklet copies with distribution locations as follows: municipal building, library, store, and the inn/tavern. Please note that once these copies are gone, additional booklets will be made only by special request. However, the updates will still occur every 6-8 months, so that the lending booklets at the library and the viewing booklets at the municipal building will remain current for public use. When the "take and keep" copies are gone, citizens are welcome to make their own personal copies from the library's lending booklets.

Business owners are encouraged to send in the business form (available at the store, at the library, and in the back of every booklet) with any changes in the listing information for their businesses as the changes occur. Please do not wait until just before the next update in May or June 2008. Send your information to PO Box 129, Temple, NH, or drop it off at the store. If you have any questions, please call Linda (878-1078).

Thank you.

### **River Center Information & Assisted Referral**

Tammy L. Adams of Peterborough is the new Information and Assisted Referral Specialist at the River Center. Tammy has worked for Monadnock Family Services for the past five years supporting community families. She also has experience with children and adolescents who have special needs.

The River Center: A place for community connections and resources offers Information and Assisted Referral (I & R) services to community members of all ages and abilities living in eastern Monadnock Region towns. If you, or someone you know, would like information about how to access housing, heat, food, jobs, child care, clothing, health insurance, etc., I & R services can help. This service is personal and confidential. Our goal is to ensure that people find the resources and services that they want and are helpful to them. Tammy will help people navigate through barriers that might get in the way of their receiving services. I & R also are available to professionals and concerned citizens who may have questions about available resources and services. There is no fee.

You can reach Tammy at The River Center at 924-6800, by email [information@rivercenter.us](mailto:information@rivercenter.us) , or by dropping in at 46 Concord Street, Peterborough.

### **Quarter-Millennium Committee**

The Town 250th Birthday Committee continues to formulate plans. We are currently looking for someone to chair the "time capsule" project. If this fits into your schedule or you have an interest, please contact Sherry Fiske at [sfiske@juno.com](mailto:sfiske@juno.com) or 878-2743, so we can include you in the committee roster. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your contribution.

**Milford Area Mediation Program** provides free family mediation services to the residents in the town of Temple. Mediation services focus on preventing family conflict and adolescent risk behavior that leads to an inability for youth to productively participate in the community (due to involvement with the criminal justice system); mediation is a private and confidential process that brings families together in a neutral location to resolve differences. For more info or assistants call 672-2711 or e-mail [mdelaney@milford.nh.gov](mailto:mdelaney@milford.nh.gov) .

### **Congregational Church**

Jesus said, "Do unto others what you would have others do unto you" and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Mark Twain said, "It's easy to quit smoking; I have done it hundreds of times."

First of all, relax. I am not putting Mark Twain on the same level as Jesus. It is just that Twain does offer us insight at a time of year when people often make resolutions, many of which concern self-improvement. There is a basic human tendency to want to start the New Year by making a new beginning. Many of us have feasted and snacked our way through December, and in the festive atmosphere of parties, some may drink a bit more than they usually do. Most of us have plenty of room for improvement in the areas of diet, exercise, and cultivating good health.

Be that as it may, why not start with others instead of ourselves. No, I do not mean we get to ride herd over other people's bad habits; we do not get to reform them while continuing in our unfortunate ways. What I mean is for us to resolve to treat others well this year. We might start with those we love; cherishing them, going out of our way to be even kinder to them. Above all, let us resolve to tell them how much we love and appreciate them. It can make all the difference.

Then we might resolve to be kinder to those we cannot stand; those who have hurt us or just get on our nerves. It doesn't mean going up and making big speeches about how they are forgiven. No, it might just mean that we give them the benefit of the doubt; we don't nurse grudges; we let go of our anger and resentment. We might also resolve to be kinder to strangers, like not being grumpy if the line in the grocery store moves too slowly; we might open a door, or maybe just smile.

Of course, when it comes to reforming ourselves, some people have found that they do best when they treat themselves like their pets or their car. No one would feed a beloved pet a diet of starch, fat, sugar and alcohol. No one would ignore their car's need for regular maintenance.

The short version of how to have a joyous and healthy year is to keep kindness first and foremost. Kindness for others as well as ourselves.

See you in church!

### **Good Roads Day 2008**

Next spring is already filling up with many wonderful town events and community activities, so we were asked to come up with the date(s) for Good Roads Day a bit earlier than usual. So now that the date is set, please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12th, with a rain/snow date of May 3rd. We will meet in Friendship Hall at 8:30 am and head out to work soon thereafter. As in the past, the elementary school will be providing an awesome lunch after the town cleanup period. Please plan to come and share in this wonderful community tradition, especially in our quarter millennium year. More information will come later. Please call Linda (878-1078) if you have any questions.

### **Mansfield Library News**

January 8 Trustee Meeting at the Library 7:30pm

January 21 Closed. MLK Day

January 22 Book Group "Emma". Home of Maureen Petro

February 2 New Book Café 10:30-11:30am in the fireplace room

February 7, 14, 21, 28 Fireside Tales! 6:30pm in the fireplace room at the library. For kids age 11 and younger with their grown-up. Grab your favorite blanket or stuffed friend and come hear some good stories!

February 18 Closed. President's Day

February 25 Book Group "Killer Angels". Home of Carolyn Myrick??

Inclement weather: The library will be closed if weather conditions close the schools or if the weather becomes treacherous during normal operating hours.

Audio Books: <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com> Our library number is 4460. You put in your library card number also when you sign up.

Hidden Gems: Anyone remember “Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Lives of Adolescent Girls”? Mary Pipher, PhD. wrote this in 1994. The case studies and strategies in this book are even more relevant to parents and girls today, as we work to raise strong, capable young women. Interested? Stop in and check it out!

If you enjoy animal books like “Marley and Me”, Try “All Creatures Great and Small” and the others by British veterinarian James Herriot. Fun!

Remember that the interlibrary loan system for the state of NH is there to give you access to books we do not have here. Please ask if you would like us to find something for you.

Coming in January! World Book Web! An awesome web based encyclopedia that is able to help organize research and pull in appropriate resources from the web.

### **New Adult Reads!**

Art and Soul of the Souhegan Valley

*Gail Maloney*

Memorial Day *Vince Flynn*

Pandora’s Daughter *Iris Johansen*

Amazing Grace *Danielle Steel*

Until Proven Innocent *Stuart Taylor*

Book of the Dead *Patricia Cornwell*

Home to Holly Springs *Jan Karon*

The Castle in the Forest *Norman Mailer*

My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail  
and John Adams

The Devil of Great Island *Emerson W. Baker*

Eden’s Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott  
and her Father *John Matteson*

Come on People *Bill Cosby*

The Other Boleyn Girl *Phillippa Gregory*

The Brotherhood of the Holy Shroud  
*Julia Navarro*

They Paved the way: A History of New Hampshire  
Women *Olive Tardiff*

Understanding the Mix *William Moylan*

Dead Heat *Dick Francis*

The Undecided Voters Guide to the Next President  
*Mark Halperin*

Bridge of Sighs *Richard Russo*

One Way Ticket *William G. Tapply*

A Pigeon and a Boy *Meir Shalev*

### **Coming in January**

T is For Trespass *Sue Grafton*

Watchman *Ian Rankin*

Third Degree *Greg Iles*

Love Over Scotland *Alexander McCall Smith*

Boom *Tom Brokaw*

### **For Older Kids**

Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging

*Louise Rennison*

On the Bright side, I am Now the Girlfriend of a  
Sex God *Louise Rennison*

Knocked Out by my Nunga-Nungas  
*Louise Rennison*

A Lick of Frost *Laurell K. Hamilton*

The Boleyn Inheritance *Phillippa Gregory*

The Bone Man *Vickie Stiefel*

Free Fall *Fern Michaels*

A Wrongful Death *Kate Wilhelm*

Christmas at Fairacre *Miss Read*

The Pillars of the Earth *Ken Follett*

The Almost Moon *Alice Seblod*

Double Cross *James Patterson*

Quiet Strength *Tony Dungy*

If Democrats Had any Brains,  
They’d be Republicans *Ann Coulter*

Escape *Carolyn Jessup*

Live From Cape Canaveral *Jay Barbrec*

Bad Dogs Have More Fun *John Grogan*

Run *Ann Pachett*

Snow *Orhan Pamuk*

Fritz, More Stories From NH Chronicle

*Fritz Wetherbee*

The Chase *Clive Cussler*

World Without End *Ken Follett*

The Darkest Evening of the Year *Dean Koontz*

Rhett Butleer’s People *Donald McCaig*

The Assault on Reason *Al Gore*

The Last Summer of You and Me *Ann Brashares*

I am America (And so can You!) *Stephen Colbert*

Women and Money *Suze Orman*

Creation in Death *JD Robb*

Any Day With Hair is a Good Day

The Gathering *Ann Enright*

Tomorrow, When the War Began *John Marsden*

Two Minute Drill *Mike Lupica*

Chronicles of Drydain *Lloyd Alexander*

Book 1: The Book of Three

Book 2: The Black Cauldron

Book 3: The Castle of Llyr

Book 4: Taran Wanderer  
The Down to Earth Guide to Global Warming  
*Laurie David*  
The Curious Adventures of the Abandoned Toys  
*Julian Fellowes*  
The Castle Corona *Sharon Creech*  
Fairy Haven, The Quest for the Wand *Gail Carson  
Levine*  
Hoofbeats, Silence and Lilly *Kathleen Duey*  
Powers *Ursula K. Leguin*  
Sold *Patricia McCormick*

### **Coming in January**

Extras *Scott Westerfeld*  
Zen and the Art of Faking It *Jordan Sonnenblick*  
The Secret of Me *Meg Kearney*

### **For the Younger Gang**

I am Invited to a Party *Mo Willems*  
There is a Bird on Your Head *Mo Willems*  
Llama, Llama Mad at Mama *Anne Dewdney*  
Puff, the Magic Dragon *Peter Yarrow*  
The Shy Creatures *David Mack*  
Emma's Turtle *Eve Bunting*  
Baby Bear Baby Bear, What do You See? *Bill  
Martin Jr.*  
What Will Fat Cat Sit On? *Jan Thomas*  
The Wicked Big Toddler *Kevin Hawkes*  
Diary of a Fly *Doreen Cronin*  
Skippyjon Jones and the Big Bones *Judy Schachner*  
When Dinosaurs came with Everything *Elise Broach*  
Angela and the Baby Jesus *Frank McCourt*  
You are my Miracle *Maryann C. Love*  
We Three Kings *Gennady Spirino*  
The Longest Christmas List Ever *Gregg Spiridellis*

### **Coming in January**

Whale Port *Mark Foster*  
George's Secret Key to the Universe  
*Lucy and Stephen Hawking*  
Sylvie and True *David McPhail*  
Oh, Theodore! Guinea Pig Poems *Susa Katz*  
A Practical Guide to Monsters  
Good Masters, Sweet Ladies *Laura Amy Schlitz*

### **School Board Report**

It is an exciting time for the School District. The new Superintendent, Richard Bergeron, is committed to taking a fresh look at all aspects of both curriculum and finances. He understands the difficulty of the economic environment faced by many residents of the District. The budgeting process has started from a zero base, with each principal being asked to justify their expenditures and especially the staffing in their building. At the same time, work is underway to evaluate the curriculum from kindergarten through the high school, to improve actual learning. Mathematics and language arts (reading, writing, and speaking) are the immediate focus. There are several important factors affecting the budget. It is finally recognized that enrollment in the school district is falling and likely to continue to fall. The state experts are predicting that it may be 2030 before population growth and enrollments really pick up again. I do not know if planning can extend that far into the

Wilderness *Roddy Doyle*  
Ingraine the Brave *Cornelia Funke*  
Ice Drift *Theodore Taylor*  
Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street *Mike Lupica*  
Mythology *Lady Hestia Evans*  
Judy Moody and Stink The Holly Jollyday  
*Megan McDonald*  
Main Street: Tis the Season *Ann M. Martin*  
Spaniel in a Stocking *Ben Baglio*  
The Daring Book for Girls *Miriam Peskowitz*

Kids are Americans, Too *Bill O'Reilly*  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid *Jeff Kinney*  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Roderick Rules *Jeff Kinney*

The Very Snowy Christmas *Diana Hendry*  
Max and Ruby's Christmas Tree *Rosemary Wells*  
Little Rabbit's Christmas *Harry Horse*  
The All I'll Ever Want For Christmas Doll  
*Patricia McKissack*  
Toot and Puddle Let it Snow *Holly H. Gobbie*  
Russell's Christmas Magic *Rob Scotton*  
Christmas in the Country *Cynthia Rylant*  
Great Joy *Kate DiCamillo*  
Holly Claus, The Christmas Princess *Brittany Ryan*  
The Story of Holly and Ivy *Rumor Godden*  
Olivia Helps With Christmas *Ian Falconer*  
Bear's First Christmas *Robert Kinerk*  
Snowmen at Night *Caralyn Buehner*  
One Thousand Tracings *Lita Judge*  
The Three Snow Bears *Jan Brett*

The Arrival *Shawn Tan*  
Do Unto Otters *Laurie Keller*  
Dolores Meets Her Match *Barbara Samuels*  
Ivan the Terrier *Peter Catalanotto*  
Vulture View *April Pulley Sayre*  
Paint the Wind *Pam Munyoz Ryan*

future but it is clear that all of the elementary schools except for Peterborough have substantial excess capacity. As a result, the District is likely to return to the combining of classes that was common in many earlier years. It is now called "multi-age classrooms." Temple has already returned to combined classes and Principal Niki McGettigan is recognized as an expert in the district on how to maximize the learning experience for the children in such classes.

At this moment, the Superintendent has recommended a number of staffing cuts, a new approach to the Arts Enrichment program that is more cost-effective, and a change in the management of maintenance, also more cost-effective. Only a parking lot separates Antrim Elementary and Great Brook School, so there is to be a sharing of some personnel. On the cost side, the State has mandated a large increase in the contribution that the District must make to the State Pension Fund that covers all of our employees. The teacher contract expires at the end of this school year, so negotiations are underway for a new contract. An additional program for autistic children is being discussed. The final budget is still weeks away.

Please let me know of your concerns. Gail Cromwell 878-1284

### **The Contoocook Valley Transportation Cooperative**

CVTC began in June of 2006 as Transportation for Everyone, a local initiative to develop creative solutions for the transportation needs of our citizens. Funding comes from the NH Endowment for Health and the Federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities. CVTC is working on the following initiatives: Developing a sustainable transportation organization, town and regional transportation networks, a resource for rides with a toll-free phone number, and creating a regional transportation resource center with information about ride sharing and coordination, municipal vehicle lease/ purchase, federal funding, insurance programs and transportation options.

A few Temple residents have been attending meetings with this group during the past year and there will be more information about CVTC in the coming months as it continues to develop. For more information about this service, please contact the office at 924-2159.

### **Conservation Commission**

The main project of the Temple Conservation Commission in the second half of 2007 was researching & drafting the Open Space Plan. We added 2 public members to the Commission for this work, Tim Winship and Randy Martin. The introduction to the draft plan states "By Open Space we mean the permanent conservation of forests, farms, fields, riparian areas, historic resources, water supply protection lands and other natural areas. Open space protection can be an effective tool for preserving community character, protecting the environment, and enhancing quality of life. Open space protection in community planning is critical to our way of life in Temple."

The purposes of the plan include "Support(ing) the Future Land Use recommendations of the 'Temple Master Plan 2003,' including the conservation and preservation of open spaces which was viewed as being vital to maintaining not only the environmental health of Temple but also the natural identity, rural character, and recreational opportunities that are so closely connected to the Town. This Plan sets forth criteria, goals, and recommendations for implementing an Open Space Protection Plan, and establishes a role for Town government in land conservation as a matter of public policy. That policy acknowledges that closely regulating development of certain properties will protect or enhance a set of 'resource values' described here under 'Findings,' and that it is fitting for Town government to facilitate the conservation of certain lands that exhibit these values."

The draft plan includes findings that the following Resource Values need be protected or restored by Open Space:

Passive recreation and public access to open space

Active agriculture and prime soils

Rural and community character/natural beauty

Large unfragmented tracts for habitat diversity to support native species of wild plant and animal life

Historic and archeological areas and sites

Water sources and water quality

Air quality including carbon sequestration

The draft plan lists the following categories of Conservation Priority Areas that need to be protected:

- a. Forested Hills throughout Town: Especially visible land along ridgelines, hilltops, and summits
- b. Stream Corridors and Wetlands: Riparian lands and buffers along the shoreline of all of Temple's streams, ponds and wetlands
- c. Open Fields and Farmland throughout Town
- d. Bedrock and Gravel Aquifers
- e. Recreational Trails
- f. Large Unfragmented Tracts
- g. Historic and Archeological Sites

On 10 December, the Commission held a public hearing on the plan and received useful input from those attending. The draft Open Space Plan is being revised in light of the input. In February or March, it will be presented to the Planning Board for review and adoption. Anyone with questions about or suggestions on this topic or anything about conservation in Temple should contact Lincoln Geiger, chair, or any other Commission member.

### **Board of Selectmen**

The last few months have been very busy for the Board and many Town Committees as budgets and the Capital Improvement Plan for 2008 have been worked on and zoning amendments readied. We have also been working with neighboring towns on new ambulance and police contracts that will take effect at the beginning of the year. Through ConVal's Selectmen's Advisory Committee, we have been working with the SAU's administration on their budgets for next year.

The State's purchase of the former Temple Mt Ski Area closed earlier this month. Our thanks to Temple's Conservation Commission for their work in protecting that property.

After being closed since April's storm the Memorial Drive bridge was reopened earlier this month. Thanks to our Highway Department for handling the majority of that project "in house" thereby saving us a substantial amount of money.

Watch your mailbox for a postcard with all the dates for this winter's hearings in preparation for our March xx elections and March YY Town Meeting. We will also be holding a public forum on January ZZ at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall where the topics will include the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, driveway plowing, and .....

The Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Temple residents who volunteered their time to serve on Town Boards and Commissions this last year. Without their help the Town could not function.

Happy Holidays to All.