

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

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

Post Office: 878-1800 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 9 am-5 pm; Saturday 9 am-5 pm; Sunday 8 am-12 pm

Snap Shot of Coming Events

Nov 3 TVFD Meeting

Nov 3 Ladies Aid

Nov 7 Community Potluck Supper

Nov 10 Con Com Meeting

Nov 13 Town Forum

Nov 16 Historical Society Clean up Day

Nov 17 Historic District Com

Nov 17 TVFD Drill

Nov 18 School Board Meeting

Nov 20 Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 24 TVFDA Meeting

Nov 24 Con Com Meeting

Nov 30 TVFD Maintenance

Dec 1 TVFD Meeting

Dec 2 Ladies Aid

Dec 2 Lions Xmas Tree Sale Starts

Dec 5 Community Potluck Supper

Dec 8 Con Com Meeting

Dec 13 Town Christmas Party

Dec 13 Ladies Aid Christmas Craft Fair

Dec 15 Historic District Com

Dec 15 TVFD Drill

Dec 22 Con Com Meeting

Dec 28 TVFD Maintenance

Dec 27 Newsletter deadline

Jan 1 Lions Chip Chase

Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the January-February issue is December 27th.** 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. In addition, personal or commercial advertising is available for a fee.

Temple Volunteer Fire Department

West Road auto accident September 30, 2008, Car versus tree with entrapment. The tone that Tuesday evening around dinnertime left no question; this was going to be a very difficult call. The assistant Chief was on the scene within a minute and confirmed the worst by asking for mutual aid rescue help from New Ipswich, a second ambulance and two helicopters.

The first job at a scene such as this is vehicle stabilization. Simply put, keep the vehicle from moving to protect firefighters and occupants. The vehicle was chained to the back of the Engine 1; "Rescue Jacks" held the front of the car while every piece of cribbing we carry was used in every possible way underneath.

The Channel 9 website displays an accident photo clearly showing a large maple tree where the passenger seat should be. It took us one hour fourteen minutes to extricate the passenger from behind that tree. We used every extrication tool we carry and many of New Ipswich's. Cooperation at the scene between departments was first rate. This technical extrication demanded all of our combined experience.

Fog rolled in during the extrication denying the helicopters a safe landing zone. Local trauma centers were notified and received the driver and passenger by ambulance beginning a long recovery.

The site of the accident is clearly marked by a long skid mark into a scarred maple tree.

This past weekend the TVFD hosted a chainsaw safety class. Many of us have over 25 years of chainsaw experience, all our fingers and legs with no serious accidents and were not expecting much from the class. We came away very impressed looking forward to felling trees safely.

1. Always wear personal safety equipment. Helmet, glasses, hearing protection, gloves, chainsaw chaps and boots.
2. Always keep your saw well maintained and very sharp.
3. Always engage the blade brake when starting or walking with a saw.
4. Learn the Swedish open face notch, plunge cut felling method with wedges. You have to see this method to believe it much less describe or understand it but it really works and it truly is a safer way to fell a tree.

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 Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary still has copies of our cookbook *Firehouse Favorites* on sale. The books 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, Christmas, etc. The proceeds from our cookbook sales help to support the TVFD.

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 (Chicken BBQ, 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.

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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.

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 .

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 lunch

Soup lunch has started again. Here is the 2008/2009 schedule: November 14 & 28, December 12, January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, April 24, May 8 & 22 and June 12. Lunch is \$5.00 and includes soup, rolls made by Ruth Quinn, a homemade dessert and a beverage. As always, we are looking for soup and dessert makers from the community. This lunch helps us keep up the hall of the church, which in turn frees up money for the church to donate to great causes. It also provides a great place twice a month for our community to gather over some good food! If you would like to join a serving team, donate a soup or dessert please call Laura Clayton at 878-2082.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church of Temple will be holding their annual Christmas Fair on December 13 at Friendship Hall from 9 to 1. We still have room for more crafters. If you are interested in having a table, you may contact Lynda Connolly at 924-6030 or Sandra Benotti at 878-2297. There will also be a baked goods table.

We are also supporting the effort, on behalf of the church, to collect cash register receipts from Shaw's grocery store. These receipts are turned into the New Hampshire Food Bank. They in turn submit them to Shaw's for credit for food. As you all may know the Food Banks are in rather desperate shape this year as the demand for help continues to go up. Turning in a cash register receipt is a very simple way to help those in need. If you would like to participate, you may drop off your receipts at the church, mail them, or give them to anyone who frequents the church regularly. They will be greatly appreciated.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church will meeting for November on Monday the 3rd. We will be putting together plans for the Fall and the holiday season. December's meeting will be Tuesday, December 2nd.

We welcome anyone who is interested in participating in the charitable works that we do. You need not be connected with the church. Our meetings are always held at 7 pm at Friendship Hall. Hope to see you there. For further information, you may call the church office at 878-4177, Sandra Benotti at 878-2297 or Lynda Connolly at 924-6030.

Congregational Church

For the Pilgrims that first year in Plymouth was pretty much a disaster. Half of them died through disease, cold and exposure, and malnutrition. That summer the fishing was good, and a Native American showed them how to grow corn. They built homes, and were able to put up enough food to last through the upcoming winter. In gratitude to God, they held a celebration, which has come down to us as our Thanksgiving. If they could manage to be grateful despite desperate times, perhaps we can be too. Their faith was amazing. Many today doubt God's goodness when difficulties arise. To put the matter into perspective, one wonders if the people of Temple today could still manage to be thankful if we were to lose half of our population. Pray that we never need to find out!

Today shelter and medicine are so much better, that we need not fear such a devastating loss. Even so, there are many in town that are facing difficult choices between bills and food. Most of us try to give thanks to God at Thanksgiving, and this is entirely proper. But this year, why not let our gratitude be practical and tangible. As you shop for groceries, why not pick up a few extra items and drop them off at church Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9 - 1. We will bring them to the food pantry at Sacred Heart. If you shop at Shaws, please give us your cash register receipts, as Shaws generously contributes a certain percentage to food banks. If you would like to write a check, that works too. Please make the check out to the Congregational Church of Temple, and put "food" on the memo line. Even though ours is not a poor church, God does call upon all people to feed the poor. This is your chance!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Souhegan Lions Club

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

Lion's Christmas Tree Sale starts December 2nd at the Temple Store. We will have trees from 6 to 12 feet high and can be cut to order, priced \$30 to \$35. Don't miss this opportunity to support your community and get a great Christmas tree.

We are also preparing for our 31st Annual Chi Chase on January 1st.

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 Historic District Commission

The HDC meets on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Town Hall Annex at 7 p.m.

The Commission is grateful for the new ordinance being accepted by the town. A great deal of work went into revisions that were necessary to reflect updates to RSA's and other changes that keep Temple current with other Historic Districts. One project the Commission will work on this year will be to collect data and historical information about buildings and property in the Historic District and create an inventory that will be very useful as a resource and reference in the future.

Temple Historical Society

Announcing Fall Cleanup Day at the Temple Glass Works! Calling all hands for help!

The date: Sun., 16 Nov. – the time, 11:30.

Needed: clippers, loppers, chainsaws – and strong backs!

A four-wheel vehicle to bring the equipment up the trail will be a big help.

We'll assemble at the Town Hall and carpool. A 20-minute walk brings us to the site. Bring a sandwich and water; we'll break for a picnic lunch. Many hands make light work, and we always have a good time. To join the party call John Kielely (878-1220) or Dave Repak (878-3114), or sign up at the Store.

Did you know? Temple is home to one of New England's most important archaeological sites -- the 18th-century Temple Glass Works, located off West Road. Despite its destruction by fire almost as soon as it went into operation, in 1780, the Glass Works flourished for more than two years before its founder, Robert Hewes, abandoned the enterprise. An archaeological dig in the 1970, under the auspices of Boston University, unearthed many treasures, some of which can be seen at the Mansfield Public Library.

More information about the Temple Historical Society –

The THS is the owner and steward of two important Temple properties: the Temple Glass Works and School House No. 6 (1810), the town's last one-room schoolhouse remaining in its original condition. Noteworthy projects have included the purchase (1994) of School House #6 and its relocation (2001) to the triangular field adjacent to the Town Center; archaeological digs at the Glass Works and schoolhouse; and the publication of two books: *A History of Temple, NH* (1976) and *Images of America: Wilton, Temple, and Lyndeborough* (2003). Other publications: *Temple, NH in World War II*; *Old Roads and Cellar Holes*; *Temple Glass Works*.

An ongoing project is the collection and preservation of oral histories of longtime Temple residents. Another is the creation of a written transcript of gravestone inscriptions. In 2006, a committee was formed to gather information on Temple's historic barns and other outbuildings. That same year, the Society carried out its mission of historic preservation by donating \$5,000 to the Temple Town Hall Restoration Fund.

Our mission is to stimulate interest in the history of Temple and to discover, secure, and preserve information and objects relating to that history. Programs include speakers, slide presentations, displays, workshops, discussions, and cooperative activities with other historical societies and town groups. This year the THS presented 7 lively, stimulating 250th-birthday programs, including the popular "Voices from the Past," with portrayals of Temple's early settlers and their lives; "A Soldier's Mother Tells Her Story: NH Memories of the Civil War"; and "Temple Farming, Then & Now," a dessert potluck. All meetings and programs are open to the public, and the Society occasionally arranges excursions to sites of historic/cultural interest.

Interesting in joining the Society? Call Anne Lunt -- 878-3443. A Family Membership is \$20 per year, and other levels are available.

Temple Harvest Festival

Temple Harvest Festival 2008 was a day filled with fun, food, fine entertainment, fanciful crafts, and most of all, smiled upon with the sunny blessings of our dear Mother Nature. In addition to music selections presented by Dan Cournoyer, a captivating magic show was given by Temple resident Steve Lechner and then followed by entertainment from the PB & J band. The traditional ending of the Festival was marked with a concert by the Temple Band and while their final selection of 'Stars and Stripes Forever' played, and a large gathering of townspeople watched with anxious anticipation as the 1958 time capsule was unearthed. The special exhibit this year with a focus on Temple's history was presented by the Historical Society. In addition to the fantastic photos, documents, and various memorabilia, was a hand sewn quilt by Polly Calistro (daughter of Lillian and the late "Perry" Maynard) of New Ipswich, and a scale model building of the Congregational Church hand crafted by Temple resident Ray Desrosiers.

Several presentations throughout the day in celebration of the town's 250th birthday were marked with distinction with the distinguished presence of Senator John Sununu, and NH State Representative resident Jennifer Daler. Representative Daler read the town proclamation written by Governor Lynch that was accepted by Temple Selectman Tedd Petro. Also accepted by Selectman Petro was a flag presented to the town by Senator Sununu. The flag was flown over the US Capital on August 26 in honor of the town's incorporation date in the year 1768.

The Aerosat Corp. sponsored and arranged for the Volunteer of the Year Award ceremony with this year's recipient being Dick Benotti. Many thanks to the local Boy Scouts who participated in this prestigious event with the Color Guard, and Police Chief Jim McTague and Rev. David Congdon speaking with regard to this well deserved recognition.

The results of the numerous contests held are as follows:

Family Fun - Guess How Many In The Jar Contest

Colorful Craft Links in a Canister-Kelsey Torphy, Temple – exact guess of 333

Spiders, Rubber Flies, and Stick on Lady Bugs in a Jar - Hannah Fitch, Peterborough – guess of 199 (9 off)

Assorted Buttons with a Spool of Vinyl Lacing - Hannah Fitch, Peterborough – guess of 224 (16 off)

Patriotic Foam Beads with Six Braided Laces - Demi Wing, Temple – guess of 180 (3 off)

Mixed Hershey's Kisses in a Tall Canister - Aidan Boyle, Peterborough – exact guess of 162

Afghan Raffle

Afghan - Jeanne Thibodeaux

Wall Hanging - Leslie Farmer

Pot Holders - Arnie Thibodeaux

Hay Bale Toss Winners

Ladies - Cindi Connolly - Temple 19 feet

Men - Tim Roberts - Peterborough 29 feet

Youth - Chase LaBelle - Temple 12 feet 10 inches

Vegetable Contest

Sunflower – Tallest - Vicki Moylan (11 feet 3 inches)

Sunflower – Biggest Head - Rick Tracey (18 inches)

Pumpkin – Greatest - Anthony Quinn (HUGE!)

Veggie of Note - Joseph Brouillette (Guadeloupe Cucumber)

Temple 250th Birthday Celebration

QM Birthday News

An exhibit and reading of contents from the 1958 time capsule was held on Sat., Nov. 1 at the Town Hall Annex. The public can arrange to view the items by appointment by calling the Library at 878-3100.

Still in the works is the date for placement of the 2008-58 Time Capsule. A newly formed Time Capsule Committee held its first meeting on Oct. 27. Future meetings will be posted on the town website and at the Temple Store, the Library, and the Municipal Building. As discussion and decisions are being made for what contents will be included in the new time capsule, the committee is interested to hear from as many town organizations regarding noteworthy news within this past year. Pictures and memorabilia from these types of historical events and happenings are most appropriate.

To submit ideas for items to be included in the new Time Capsule please call Anne Lunt @ 878-3443 or Vivian Nicholl @ 878-5033.

The QM Finale Banquet, originally planned in conjunction with the TES Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner, will be rescheduled. Niki McGettigan, TES Principal and volunteer organizer for the banquet preparations, has graciously offered assistance once the new date and plan are established. Patience and understanding are greatly appreciated as these necessary changes have taken place!

(NOTE: the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at TES on the Nov. 20 as originally planned.)

As the year 2008 winds down, events held in celebration of Temple's 250th birthday are ending. From the kick-off Valentine's Dance ... "Voices from the Past" and other special Historical Society programs ... the festive July 4th Parade ... Harvest Festival weekend events, including the greatly anticipated opening of the 1958 Time Capsule -- it has been a grand commemoration honoring this great town. Many, many residents and town organizations thoughtfully and graciously gave of their time, ideas, energy, and talents to offer a tribute to the outstanding benchmark Temple has reached at 250 years. The enthusiasm shown for all of the Quarter Millennium activities is testimony to people who truly support our town with pride.

In addition to the many celebrations are some outstanding long-lasting gifts to the town – including the beautiful flowerbed at the Rte. 45 and Hadley Hwy. intersection; a handmade quilt exquisitely and lovingly designed and stitched by proud townspeople. Pivotal moments continue to shape the fabric of Temple, and documented memories leave an imprint for centuries to come.

Mansfield Public Library News

BOOKS ARE RESTFUL HOLIDAY FRIENDS

Monday, November 10 Closed for Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 18 Book Group "Three Cups of Tea" at Elizabeth Sullivan's 7:30pm

Thursday, November 27, Closed HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Tuesday, December 18 Book group reading a play at Priscilla Weston's. 7:30pm.

Thanksgiving Day-Closed

Christmas Day-Closed

Friday, December 26-Closed

Thursday, January 1, 2009-Closed. Happy New Year!

Inclement weather policy: We will generally be closed when weather conditions close schools. We will close early if the weather deteriorates after we have opened. Please call and check!

If you need an audio book, remember that they can be downloaded!

Term papers and research are easy with World Book Web, our web based research tool for all ages. Try it next time you need info on any topic!

Thanks a million to those who donated pies to our harvest festival pie table! We made \$375.00. This will help increase our DVD supply.

New Books for late October

Adult

Against medical Advice James Patterson

A Good Woman Danielle Steele

Grace Richard Paul Evans

A Christmas Star Thomas Kinkade

Secrets Jude Deveraux

My Stroke of Insight Jill B. Taylor

The Hemingses of Monticello Annette
Gordon-Reed

The Black Tower Louis Bayard

The Pyramid Henning Mankill

For the Younger Gang

Too Many Toys Dave Shannon

Bad Kitty Gets a Bath Nick Bruel

Lucy and the Bully Claire Alexander

Iris Has a Virus Arlene Alda

Sam the Snowman Susan Winget

What a Trip Arthur Yorinks

A Backyard Vegetable Garden For Kids

Amie J. Leavitt

An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving

Louisa May Alcott

Christmas Farm Mary L. Ray

Winter's Gift Jane M. Donovan

Inkdeath Cornelia Funke

Charlie Bone and The Shadow

Jenny Nimmo

The Thanksgiving Door Debbie Atwell

God's Dream Archbishop Desmond Tutu

A Giant Problem Tony DiTerlizzi

Doom Wyte: A Novel of Redwall Brian Jacques

Geek Chic: The Zoey Zone Margie Palentini

Crossing to Paradise Kevin Crossley-Holland

Louise, The Adventures of a Chicken Kate DiCammillo

What's the Matter with Henry Cathy Conheim

Temple Economical Energy Committee

The Temple Economical Committee has been working hard on its mission to help Temple reduce its energy use and energy costs. On September 16, we had a combined meeting of the Select Board, Planning Board, and TEEC to hear representatives of the Southwest Region Planning Commission and the Cool Monadnock project present their report on the analysis of Temple's municipal energy inventory that our committee had conducted last spring. It was a tremendously interesting and detailed presentation evaluating the results of all the data we had submitted on the lengthy and complex inventory.

In response to that report our committee will be working with the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board in the months to come to determine and work toward implementing whatever next steps may be deemed beneficial for reducing Temple's energy use and expenses.

TEEC also had a lively booth at the Harvest Festival where we gave out free CFLs for the second time, had a wonderful fund raising drawing for an EMS gift certificate, presented a live demonstration of the difference between the performance of regular light bulbs and the new energy efficient CFLs, offered lots of useful material on energy saving tips, the "350" campaign and alternative methods of heating and powering our homes. We also had great conversations all day long with folks who were anxious to learn what else they could do to save energy and cut down on their energy costs at home, work, and on the road. And, as we've been doing for all major town events in the past year, TEEC provided recycling containers for the festival and later sorted and recycled all the thousands of cans and bottles from the event!!

In striving to find ways to help residents save energy and lower their heating bills, TEEC sponsored a free Home Weatherization Workshop on Oct. 23 at Friendship Hall. This workshop focused on ways folks can "button up" their homes without having to take on the costly expense of changing their windows or heating systems. It was very well attended, full of great information, and we hope will be helpful to the folks who came. Thanks to Mike Darnell who filmed the two-hour event, a DVD is going to be made available at Mansfield Library for the use of other interested residents.

Recently the Benevolent Committee of the Temple Congregational Church accepted an application for financial aid from TEEC designed to further support the needs of residents to reduce their heating costs. We are grateful to the church for responding to our request by graciously offering financial assistance for labor and /or materials for home weatherization to those in need.

TEEC will also sponsor an additional Weatherization Workshop in late Nov. or Dec. (date to be determined) that will focus on training handymen, handywomen and carpenters to do deeper weatherization work so that they may, in turn, help others in our community who need assistance.

Friends of Temple Town Hall

In a few days, many of you will be heading to the Town Hall to vote. For some, this may be your first opportunity to see how work on the main hall has progressed. We are happy to report that due to cost savings achieved in a number of areas we have been cautiously expanding the scope of work for this phase of the project. Check your ballot and the hall while you are there!

The decision to use a Cost Plus Fixed Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract has played a key role in allowing us to effectively monitor and control overall costs. Equally important was the selection of Ingram Construction Corporation as general contractor. Jeff Ingram and his crew, with architect Rick Monahan, have coordinated each step of the rehabilitation process closely with the FTTH board members and the Town Selectmen to ensure the entire process is being managed efficiently.

One area resulting in a substantial cost reduction was the installation of a hot water versus hot air heating system. Costs were also reduced when no hidden conditions were disclosed following the removal of the existing floor to examine the building's underpinnings, foundation, and sills. The underpinnings required shoring up, and a cement rat slab and vapor barrier were installed to resolve the long-standing problem of frozen pipes, but there were thankfully no costly surprises! Demolition expenses were also greatly reduced thanks to the many hours of volunteer labor provided by Tedd Petro, Danny Cournoyer, George Willard, John Kieley, Dick Benotti, Dave Repak, Dick Keuper, Ron Pulos, Steve Harling, Tim Fiske and Bruce Fox. Thanks, guys!

Please feel free to contact any board member of the Friends of Temple Town Hall or the Temple Select Board if you have any questions

Temple Conservation Commission

The Commission completed work on the Open Space Plan and the Planning Board approved of it as part of the Temple Master Plan. It will provide guidance for developers and town land use boards in future planning decisions. The Open Space Plan complements the goals of the new Mountain District subdivision ordinance.

Commission members and many other Temple residents attended the dedication of the Temple Mountain State Reservation. This was a ConCom project for many years and the Select Board voted to contribute from the Temple Conservation Fund to help make it possible. The statewide Survey on Municipal Funding of Conservation Research showed that Temple protected 862 acres under conservation easements between 2001 and 2007. The total cost was \$1,230,000 of which \$160,000 came from the Temple Conservation Fund and \$1,070,000 from State, Federal, and private contributions.

The ConCom continues to work with landowners who wish to preserve their land from development. If you or a neighbor would like more information on this topic, please contact Lincoln Geiger (554-6536) or any ConCom member.

Switching to wood heat this year? Or planning to use your woodstove more for heat because of high fuel costs? There are other uses for your woodstove, including; drying laundry, humidifying indoor air, and cooking food. The ash can be used to neutralize the acidity of your lawn or garden. Then there is the exercise – lifting, splitting, hauling and stacking wood uses between 325 and 500 calories an hour.

The increasing use of wood has a positive impact on the New Hampshire economy, supporting the loggers, foresters, and landowners involved. Temple benefits from the Timber Tax on harvesting operations in town. When sustainably harvested, local wood burned to heat homes is “carbon neutral.”

The UNH Cooperative Extension has lots of useful information on safe heating with wood. See extension.unh.edu/energy/woodheat.html or call toll-free (1-877-ext-grow), or email your questions to: answers@unh.edu.

Meetings - The Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7 pm at Town Hall Annex. The agenda is posted in advance and minutes are available at the Municipal Building and on www.templenh.info. <<http://www.templenh.info/>.

Report on School Board Activities - Gail Cromwell 878-1284

Two dates: November 13, the Town Forum and November 18, the School Board will hold its regular meeting at Temple School. All are invited.

Superintendent Bergeron is beginning his second year. He has made a number of substantial changes: the most significant in my view being elevating the standards for the curriculum and aligning them with the state standards, and creating enthusiasm and a sense of partnership with the faculty through “Professional Learning Communities.” The entire school system seems energized and focused on increasing student learning. The Town Forum on Nov.13 will be an opportunity to meet him, ask questions, and hear his plans for continued improvement.

In addition, there are important issues coming up that I will address at the Forum. Conval High School does not meet the required ADA standards for handicap-accessibility and must do so to retain its accreditation. We have known this for a couple of years and last spring hired an architect to come up with a solution. There are deficiencies in door handles and bathrooms, but the most costly problem is the girls’ locker room, which is located on the second floor. There is no way to get to this space other than a stairway. The proposed solution is to add new space onto the gym, with a new girls’ locker room and new public bathrooms on the ground floor. The cost of this project is estimated at \$2.2 million. Next March, voters will be asked to approve a new bond issue to pay for it. There is an expiring bond, which the new bond would replace, and the new one would cost about 60% of the old one so there could be some tax relief. You need to know the details of other possibilities, which may be coming up, and I need to know how you feel about a list of items. I am co-chairing a new ad hoc committee on Food Service. There are 3 kitchens for the District, at the high school and the two middle schools. The elementary schools have their food delivered from these kitchens. The problem, which has been growing and under the surface for several years now is that the Food Service program operates at a significant loss. Roughly, 300,000 meals were served with a net loss of \$412,000 in 2007-08. About 50% of students participate in the lunch program. Lunch at the high school costs \$2.50, at the middle schools, \$2.00, and the elementary schools, \$1.75. Families, which meet the income guidelines, may qualify for free or reduced price (40 cents) lunches, and about 25% of lunches are free or reduced price. The federal government reimburses at \$2.59 for those meals. Those meals aren’t the problem but that we subsidize ALL lunches. I suspect that prices must go up and the food service program must operate more efficiently. Outsourcing may be

a possibility. I invite parents to share their thoughts with me on this problem, why their children do or do not participate, what effect higher prices will have on this decision. We have talented people in our community who may have ideas on how to handle this problem as well. Please let me hear from you. Finally, Temple School was a star in the first NECAP tests for science. 90% of the children in the fourth grade last spring scored proficient or above. (The average for the District was 65 %.) Congratulations!

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 , or by dropping in at 46 Concord Street, Peterborough.

The Contoocook Valley Transportation Cooperative Update

The CVTC is bursting with activity this spring. At the regional level, we have formed a CVTC Board of Town Transportation Representatives. Our Temple reps are David Osmun, Vivian Nichol and John Kieley. Town reps act as liaisons between CVTC and the municipalities and meet monthly to share ideas.

With technical support from CVTC, volunteer driver networks are forming in the Monadnock area. Individual town representatives put out surveys at town elections and meetings and many people offered their time as volunteer drivers. As this interest is organized in Temple via phone networking, more news will be forthcoming.

In March the board of town reps heard about one expanded networking model from Marcia Nelson of FISH, a volunteer driver/rider network which serves Milford, Amherst, Mount Vernon, Lyndeborough and Wilton. She described their network as having 50 volunteers and a phone answering service and they provide about 1000 rides per year, primarily medical appointments.

CVTC staff and the town group are also working to establish a regional rideshare program. A website rideboard is proposed and rideshare kits will be available containing everything employers will need to make carpooling a success for their company. Transportation options will also be accessible through a toll-free phone number, which will help neighbors when carpooling on errands.

In addition to these methods, CVTC plans to develop new options such as fixed route transit along major routes and to coordinate existing and future transportation means through information sharing. If you would like to join this effort as a volunteer driver or have questions, contact Dave Osmun at 878-4316 or call the CVTC office at 924-2159 or email info@cvtc-nh.org . The CVTC monthly newsletter is also available.

The CVTC steering group is now becoming the Contoocook Valley Regional Coordination Council and will be a part of the statewide coordination network. In its development towards becoming a nonprofit business, CVTC hopes to receive grant approval for start-up funding from NH Endowment for Health. Another state grant and a federal grant are in process as well. Stay informed here.

Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

The BAC has received input from all town departments, boards, and committees. At its 3 November meeting, it will review the entire budget and prepare its recommendations to the Select Board. It is expected that these will be presented at the 11 November Select Board meeting. The BAC is also working on a Financial Manual to set

out town policies on financial and related matters.

Due to a resignation, the BAC has a vacancy. If you might be interested, please either attend a BAC meeting or contact BAC chair Shawn Smith at 654-7250 or cga76@aol.com. Meetings are on the first and third Mondays at 7 pm, Municipal Building. (At the March election, 3 BAC seats will be filled for three-year terms.) The public is invited to all BAC meetings.