

TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

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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

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

March 2 Budget Advisory Com.

March 2 TVFD meeting

March 3 Ladies Aid

March 6 Community Potluck Supper

March 7 Computer class

March 9 Con Com Meeting

March 10 Voting Day

March 10 Library Trustee Meeting

March 13 Souper Lunch

March 13 Harvest Festival Com Meeting

March 14 Computer class

March 14 Town Meeting

March 16 Historic District Com

March 16 TVFD Drill

March 19 ZBA

March 21 Computer class

March 21 St. Patrick's Dance

March 23 Con Com Meeting

March 23 TVFDA Meeting

March 26 Con Com Workshop

March 27 Souper Lunch

March 29 TVFD Maintenance

April 2 ZBA

April 3 Community Potluck Supper

April 4 Easter Egg Hunt

April 6 Budget Advisory Com

April 6 TVFD meeting

April 7 Ladies Aid

April 13 Con Com Meeting

April 18 Ball Field clean up day

April 20 Historic District Com

April 20 TVFD Drill

April 24 Souper Lunch

April 25 ½ Marathon Race

April 26 TVFD Maintenance

April 26 Newsletter deadline

April 27 Con Com Meeting

April 27 TVFDA Meeting

April 28 FTTH program

Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the May-June issue is April 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. In addition, personal or commercial advertising is available for a fee.

Temple Volunteer Fire Department

New Turnout Gear! - The TVFD received a \$31,000.00 Turnout gear grant to replace our helmets, boots, coats, pants and gloves. Changes in 2008 fire codes put all of our existing gear out of date and unacceptable for use even at the New Hampshire Fire Academy for training. The jackets and pants were made right here in New Hampshire by Globe Manufacturing. The boots are hand made in Maine. Compared to the old rubber boots these feel like sneakers. To take better care of this new equipment the TVFD spent last Sunday rebuilding the storage lockers, doubling the area in which we hang the gear. More air space for better drying will make the gear dry faster and make it far easier to put on.

In a tight money year, this will really help Temple taxpayers at town meeting and to save even more, the TVFD firefighters fund was used to pay the 5% matching costs.

Ice Storm follow up- Looks like FEMA funds are on the way to cover most of the costs associated with the "Great Ice Storm of '08". FEMA has paid for the generators so they will not be available for sale. If you needed a generator during the storm, now is a good time to purchase one. Many other units are for sale used or repaired at reasonable prices. The million-dollar question to all of us is are you ready for next time? Mother Nature loves surprises. The TVFD is preparing for a busy couple years of brush and forest fires. The woods are full of downed limbs and dying trees. Once the snow melts burning permits are required.

Six accidents in 6 minutes- February 18th evening commute, Rt. 101. No one was hurt badly but all six vehicles were towed from the scene. Rain had washed the residual salt and sand from the road surface. Once the snow depth reached over 1 inch all traction was lost. It is mid winter and we are all used to driving in snow. We must remember to slow down. Think Spring!

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 don't 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.

Fire Warden Report

As snow disappears, fire permits will be necessary. This may be a rough spring for burning due to the ice storm last December. Try to get your burning finished before the snow disappears. Any questions, call Fire Warden, Joe Cournoyer 878-1479.

*****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.

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.

Souper Lunch

Here is the 2009 schedule: 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.**

Tax Collector

It is amazing to me that, in spite of the troubled times, the taxpayers of Temple have paid 95% of the 2008 tax bills. I thank both those who have paid and those who will pay, knowing that it has become a struggle for more and more people. Please remember that I can accept partial payments. Also know that I can accept prepayments for the 2009 bills, if that would help your budgeting through the year.

I will be holding my Tax Lien for the 2008 taxes on April 27, 2009. The bills must be paid by 2:00 that day to prevent a lien on the property. I am then required to report the Tax Lien to any mortgagor or lien holder and to the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds in Nashua. At that point, a lien will appear on a taxpayer's credit report.

My Tax Deed this year will be for unpaid 2006 Tax Liens. All 2006 liens must be paid by August 6, 2009 to prevent my deeding the property to the Town of Temple. People with 2006 tax liens may make partial payments on the liens but they must be totally paid by that date. Again, I am required to report to any mortgagor or lien holder of the Intent to Deed.

Town and School Voting is on Tuesday, March 10th. Town Meeting is Saturday,

March 14th. I hope you will all participate in these events. The results at these events will help determine what we will pay for taxes in 2009.

Temple Town Clerk

Town Elections are March 10th, 10-7 at the Town Hall

Town Meeting is March 14th, 10AM until it's over at the Temple Elementary School. Please plan to make arrangements for children; no childcare will be provided.

Be sure to register your dogs by April 30th!

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church of Temple will be holding a Rummage Sale in the Spring. Watch for poster and notices in the papers. We may include a "Clothing for Free" in our sale this year. We always welcome anyone interested in participating with our Organization. We meet the first Tuesday evening of each month at Friendship Hall at 7 pm. Come and join us. If you have, questions call Sandra Benotti at 878-2297 or Lynda Connolly at 924-6030. In addition, Debbie Harling at the town office can answer inquiries.

Temple Volunteer Driver Network

The TVDN has initiated its new ride service to persons looking for a way to get to medical appointments. Look for our posters up around town. If you need a ride to an appointment, please call toll-free 1-877-428-2882. This number is run by non-profit Contoocook Valley Transportation Co. Leave a message at least one week before needed ride, if possible. In your message, please leave your name, phone number and date for ride you're requesting.

You will be called back by a Temple Ride Request coordinator for details of your trip and we will try to match an available Volunteer Driver from our developing pool to your date and time needs. TVDN requires that all riders must be at least 18 years old, unless riding with a parent or guardian. Also, riders must use seatbelts and refrain from smoking while in the volunteer driver's vehicle.

This service begins by offering rides only to these medically related appointments. In the same ride, a pharmacy pick-up for a prescription may be accommodated. Once we have established a successful program and have enough drivers, we will consider opening up the type of ride offered, such as for grocery shopping.

TVDN will be using Contoocook Valley Transportation's convenient toll-free number because, as an umbrella organization, they offer us added driver liability, technical expertise and other benefits. Temple volunteer drivers will offer their time at no charge, but a donation may be offered to CVTC for its operational expenses.

Let us know if you are interested in volunteering your time as a driver one or more days a month by calling David Osmun at 878-4316

Congregational Church

"If we are not for ourselves, who will be? If we are only for ourselves, what are we?" (anon)
It is an age-old dilemma, how much of our resources (time, talent, energy, money) to keep for our own use, and how much to share with those less fortunate? It is a balance that every individual and organization must determine for themselves. Where the line is drawn reveals a great deal about character. There are few secrets in a small town. By now many here in Temple know that for years and years our little church had a great deal of money without realizing it. Then one day that reality came to light. Imagine that! Some people may be envious, some may wonder what we are doing with it. People can drive by and see that we have repaired the steeple, painted the Meetinghouse, purchased a bus and built a barn to house it.

At our Annual Meeting in January it was decided that it would be a good idea to let folks in town know how we have spent some of the money. First off, we only work with the income from the invested funds. Some goes to our general fund, but a significant percentage is given to worthy causes in Temple and the surrounding area.

Here is a thumbnail sketch of donations made in the immediate region in calendar year 2008:

Scholarships \$30,825

Food banks \$37,675 (St. Vincent dePaul, Peterborough, Salvation Army, Open Cupboard in Wilton)

Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$14,000 (this is used for short-term help with fuel, food, and emergencies) That works out to a total of \$82,500 spent in and around Temple to help people. We do not mean to pat ourselves on the back, for all we are doing is what God expects a church to do. In the Gospel of John, chapter 21, Jesus says that if we love him we are to feed people. In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 12, Jesus says that to whom much is given, much will be expected. As a church we do our best to follow Jesus' way of generosity and compassion. Please remember what we say around church: "The church is not the buildings, the church is the people." All people are God's people.

QM COMMITTEE -- TIME CAPSULE

On July 4, 2009, the Town of Temple will dedicate a new time capsule, to be opened during the 2058 Tricentennial. After considering a variety of locations and alternative approaches, the Quarter Millennium Time Capsule Subcommittee voted last month to embed the 2008 Time Capsule in a rock located on the east side of the Common, in the triangle below the fence. The Subcommittee has been working closely with the Board of Selectmen, which has approved the boulder concept and its location. Tim Fiske will help locate a suitable rock and will move it to its new site near the elm tree planted last year as part of the 250th Birthday celebrations.

The container itself, a waterproof stainless-steel canister measuring 14" X 11," will be filled with argon gas as well as oxygen and moisture-absorbing materials. These precautions will protect the contents from mould, discoloration and other spoilage. Slightly larger than the 1958 canister, the 2008 capsule will hold an estimated 1050 cubic inches. After its dedication, the new Time Capsule will be sealed over with a commemorative plaque.

A further form of insurance against spoilage will be the use of appropriate materials for the capsule's contents. The committee's Guidelines stress the desirability of using acid-free archival paper -- pre-assembled archival-materials kits will be available at the Mansfield Public Library. Copies of the Guidelines are also available at the Library, and at www.Templehn.info.

The committee has received many fine suggestions for materials to be placed inside the capsule, and is seeking further ideas from the community. Please submit suggestions at the Library or at the Temple Store for consideration by the committee, using use the form below (or download forms from www.Templehn.info). All ideas will receive prompt consideration; selections will be made on the basis of practicality, popular interest, and space. When an idea as been accepted for inclusion, a member of the committee will contact the proposer to discuss criteria and deadlines.

OWN A PIECE OF TEMPLE HISTORY! ONE-OF-A-KIND COLLECTIBLE

The 1958 Time Capsule has been dismantled to create a Limited Edition of one-of-a-kind souvenir fragments, mounted on a plaque suitable for hanging. Each one-of-a-kind plaque will be numbered individually and will be accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity. A prototype of this unique collectible will be available at the Town Hall on Election Day (March 10) and at the school at Town Meeting (March 14). Orders will be accepted on both occasions.

Time Capsule Suggestions -- Submission Form

Please describe your suggestion(s) for the 2008 Time Capsule. All ideas will receive prompt consideration; selections will be made on the basis of practicality, popular interest, and space. You will be notified if your suggestion is selected.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Temple Recreation

Saturday, March 21st from 8pm to midnight, St Patrick's Day Dance, donations accepted, live band featuring Jon Pearson, refreshments available, BYOB.

Saturday, April 4th The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Temple Elementary School, 10am to noon, watch for more details.

A Family Fun Day with Fiddle, Folk and Bluegrass music. The Temple Recreation Department will sponsor the Temple Music Festival on the third Sunday in August, the 16th. So start practicing. We need participants. We will be selling shirts, food and drinks, ice cream. More information will be forth coming. Help will be needed the day of the event.

Souhegan Lions Club

Citizenship Award

Amount: \$500.00

Sponsor: Souhegan Lions Club

Purpose: Assist students with college expenses

Deadline: May 24, 2008

The Souhegan Lions Club sponsors this Citizenship Award for a high school senior who is involved in his/her community.

The applicant must be a resident of Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich or Temple. Students do not need to attend a public high school to be eligible. He/she will have plans to pursue post-secondary studies. This includes vocational school as well as two and four year colleges. Only high school seniors graduating in 2008 may apply. Applications will be reviewed based on academic merit, involvement in school and community activities, description of career goals, and financial need.

To apply, the applicant must submit:

1. A short (200 - 300 word) essay explaining how he/she is involved in serving their community. The Lions motto is "We Serve." How and why have you served your community?
2. A "Common Scholarship Application Form" (see your guidance counselor).
3. A copy of your transcript.
4. A recommendation from your guidance counselor or faculty member.

Mail to: Souhegan Lions Club, c/o Brenda Salmonson, 15 Longhill Estates, Peterborough, NH 03458

As you complete your application & essay, please consider the following:

1. Observe and adhere to the deadline.
2. Complete all information in draft form. Check accuracy, proofread and correct errors before submitting a final draft.
3. Have a trusted/knowledgeable party proofread your essay.
4. Type all final applications.
5. Retain a copy for your records.

The award will be presented to you at your school's senior award night. Only one award will be presented in 2008. The award will be paid directly to the school or to the school bookstore of your choice.

GOOD LUCK!

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

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.

Temple Historical Society

At its Annual Meeting on Tuesday 21 April, the Historical Society will launch its 2009-10 roster of programs with a nostalgic and provocative talk and slide presentation by Martin L. Fox, Professor of Art History at the NH Institute of Art: "Introducing America to Americans: Documentary Photographs of the 1930s."

Among the most iconic images in American history are the documentary photographs taken during the Great Depression by Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee, and others for the Farm Security Administration, a New Deal program. Roy Stryker, the organizer of this effort, expressed its goal as "introducing America to Americans." Professor Fox will examine these documentary photographs and how they served to define the era. Those attending are invited to bring along photographs and other memorabilia of Great Depression life in America.

As a freelance editor and museum professional, Martin L. Fox has contributed to the creation of catalogs, curriculum, and print materials for museums including New Hampshire's Currier Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and others. The Historical Society program is made possible in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities.

A short business meeting will precede the program, scheduled at 7:00pm in the newly renovated Temple Town Hall. (This is a change of venue from recent years – please note!) All THS programs are free, and everyone is welcome! Those attending are invited to bring along photographs or other memorabilia of Great Depression life in America. Refreshments will be served at a social hour following Prof. Fox's talk.

NOW AVAILABLE -- "TWOOFER MEMBERSHIPS"!

The THS Board of Directors has designated 2009 as a New Membership Year. To launch the Membership Drive, every new (or returning) member of the Society will receive a "TWOOFER MEMBERSHIP" – two years for the price of one! Any current THS member who signs up a new (or lapsed) member will also receive the benefit

Levels of Membership, Temple Historical Society: Single (\$10) Patron (\$100) Family (\$20) Benefactor (\$1,000) Sustaining (\$40).

Here's a unique chance to enjoy the full benefits of the Temple Historical Society and participate in its worthwhile programs at a two-year discount! Members please spread the word, and bring a friend to hear Martin L. Fox's talk on the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Friends of Temple Town Hall

Sometimes dreams do come true! Five years ago we dreamed about a beautifully refurbished Temple Town Hall -- to quote ourselves from a previous Newsletter – a town hall that would be the "jewel in Temple's crown." And lo and behold, our old hall now boasts a total makeover, one that rivals anything one might see on Oprah.

Those who attended the Valentine's Dance at the Town Hall saw a gracefully restored balcony, a professionally lit stage with all new curtains, elegant bathrooms, including a much needed ADA compliant main bathroom, a beautiful and functional kitchen, a new floor, and a handsome interior paint job. Those are the obvious improvements. Unseen are the structural improvements, electrical upgrades and the new heating system.

At one time, this all seemed an impossible hope, yet, thanks to the support of Temple townspeople and our state and federal governments, we now have a splendid Hall to enjoy during our lifetimes and to pass on to future generations. Many, many thanks to all of you who supported this project through all its hard times! Come spring, the exterior of the hall will be scraped, repaired and painted, with costs covered by the remainder of the LCHIP funds. This will complete the restoration project. We owe a special thanks to the volunteers and to Jeff Ingram, the project's contractor, who worked very hard to complete all that needed to be done with the funds available. Jeff's Yankee frugality is a boon for Temple!

To toast our fine new old Hall, the Friends of Temple Town Hall have arranged for a series of celebratory events. Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss the following:

March 28 -- Ken Sheldon's "**An Evening with Frost Heaves' Fred Marpel.**"

An evening of topical and very funny sketches of New Hampshire life. This event will be **free of charge** to the public and will be a great way to say "goodbye" to winter!

April 18 TBA

May 15 and 16 A musical review by the Temple Drama Club

June 6 Author and storyteller Rebecca Rule and "That Reminds Me of a Story."

All of the events will be either free of charge, or require a very nominal fee.

One last note: it is not too late to contribute to the Town Hall fund in honor of or in memory of someone special to you whose name will be included on a bronze plaque to be hung in the Town Hall. Your contribution will go toward the purchase of tables for the main hall, or for general upkeep of the building. The minimum contribution amount for this is \$100.00.

Temple Half Marathon and 4 Mile Walk, Saturday April 25th

Please join us on in celebrating the dedication of the Temple Town Hall by participating in the 5th Annual Temple Half Marathon and 4 Mile Walk. This year's event will include the special addition of home baked pies along with Annie's beans and other refreshments and prizes.

Register on line or print a registration form by visiting the Town's website www.TempleNH.info. For more information please call John Tallarico at 878-4173 or email TempleHalfMarathon@yahoo.com .

Board of Selectmen Report

Well, it's been a long winter from both the perspective of snow (and ice) fall and the preparation of our Town budget. Normally we are wrapped up by the time of the Budget Hearing in early February but this year the Selectmen and Budget Committee are continuing to work right up until Town Meeting. The reasons for these additional efforts are a proposed \$80,000 reduction in revenue sharing that Temple receives from the State and last minute increases in some expenses over which we have no control. We are also waiting to hear what operating funds will be available to Temple through the Federal Stimulus package.

We have had several meetings with FEMA representatives and are feeling quite good about the share of the ice storm expenses that they will pay. In the meantime work has begun to clear the snapped branches from above our roadways.

In addition to operating funds the Stimulus package also provides funds for several categories of civil projects. We have filed seven applications totaling more than \$1 million for projects that range from insulating the ceiling in the Library to replacing the Powers Road Bridge. We are also in discussions regarding a possible grant to partially fund the new grader if approved by the voters.

Please vote on March 10th (10 AM to 7 PM at the Town Hall) and attend Town Meeting on March 14th (10 AM at the Elementary School). Please plan to make arrangements for children. Due to problems in previous years there will be no childcare.

Mansfield Public Library News

Closed Saturday, March 14 Town Meeting Day

Saturdays March 7, 21, 28 9-10 am Computer classes "Basics and Questions"

\$5.00 per class

Library Trustee Meeting Tuesday, March 10 7pm

Book Group Tuesday, March 24, 7:30pm "Tale of Two Cities" Priscilla Weston's home

Book Group Tuesday, April 28, 7:30pm "Nine Tenths of Desire" Sydney Thomas' home

Tuesday, April 21 3-4:30 pm "Girlfriends Beading Workshop" with Linda B. This is NOT a drop in craft and is designed for ages 10 to adult. We have room for 12 to 14 jewelry makers ONLY! If there is enough interest, we will have another beading workshop at another time.

The new book list will be posted online in March.

We have approximately 140 overdue items at this time. This represents an average cost of \$18.00 per item. If we were to replace them all, that comes to \$2520.00!!! If you find any library materials when you are spring cleaning, please return them PROMPTLY! Thank you.

Temple Community Birthday Quilt Project

“In Celebration of the Culture and History of Temple, NH”, the 250th birthday quilt project for our beloved town, was completed just in time to present at the Temple Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20th, 2008. The back label for the hand-tied wall hanging will be completed by the end of this coming summer, and the finished quilt will be displayed in the Temple Town Hall, either permanently or just on special occasions...yet to be determined. Thus, there will be further opportunities to view the quilt and to check out the details of this “labor of love” and work-of-many-hands tribute to our town. The quilt is also a tribute to all of you who continue to give your time, energy, skill, and/or financial support to serve the community at large .

Thank you all for caring about our town and enriching the character and spirit of our unique village. This is what makes Temple so very special.

If you have any questions or wish to see the quilt, please call Linda (878-1078).

Village Green Committee

The Village Green Committee has started the new year with setting dates and plans for the upcoming year. On the agenda so far are the following events:

Sat. May 2 – Good Roads Day (VGC is one of the sponsors)

Thurs. May 7 – VGC supper and meeting (5:30 pm @ Town Hall Annex)

Late May – Town plantings.

Sat. July 4 – Time Capsule Burial (VGC to help with landscape of area)

Sun. Sept 20 – Temple Harvest Festival

Early Dec. – Wreathing and greening of the Common.

Also, as weather permits, clean up will resume at the bird sanctuary and the schedule for the care of the town plantings will commence.

The Committee has been in touch with Tim Fiske regarding extra work needing to be done on the Common as a result of the ice storm. We will assist in whatever way possible to restore the damaged areas and replace uprooted and fallen trees. This effort is intended to work hand in hand with preparations for the Time Capsule burial to take place on July 4. The Committee is proud to know that the fruit of its labor throughout the years with the help of so many dedicated Temple citizens continues to be a source of pride for our town. Please refer to other articles in this newsletter that specify details of the Good Roads Day, Time Capsule, and watering schedule subjects.

Village Green Committee meetings are open to the public and welcomes the inclusion of new members and ideas. For more information about the meetings and activities of the VGC please call Vivian Nicholl @ 878-5033 or email livelyrose_7@hotmail.com.

Temple Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is on Sunday Sept. 20 2009. Town organizations are making plans and crafters are already sending in their applications and reserving spaces. Harvest Festival Committee monthly planning meetings will resume on Friday March 13 at 10:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

For more information regarding the festival and future meeting dates call Vivian Nicholl, Festival Director @ 878-5033. Interested crafters or vendors call Christine Mackensen @ 731-1189. Also visit our website www.templeharvestfestival.org.

Good Roads Day 2009

After a truly challenging winter and devastating ice storm, there have been some expressions of concern relative to GRD...some have wondered if it is safe to hold the event; others have suggested holding multiple workdays. Both of these concerns will be addressed below.

First off, the following dates have been set aside for this year’s event:

May 2nd, Good Roads Day 2009

May 9th, Rain or Snow Date for GRD

Weekend of April 18th/19th, Initial pre-GRD Cleanup at the Town Ball Field

As always, we will meet for GRD in Friendship Hall around 8:30 am to go over the projects, safety issues, and any general announcements--- we will head out to work soon thereafter. Any tools that you can bring will be most welcome...please label them with your name (and phone number if possible). Again this year, the Temple Elementary School team will share its culinary talent and provide a wonderful lunch in Friendship Hall following the work time.

Safety is indeed an issue; however, the center of town will be just as safe as always. Furthermore, most roadsides will be free of hanging limbs and dangerous debris by May, according to Tim. The best way to be safe, regardless of whether you are raking or picking up litter, is to always be aware of your surroundings. Look up when you walk under trees. Branches can fall at any time of the year, even without an ice storm. If you intend to do litter pickup along the roadsides, please use common sense by not walking off the road too far when you see a lot of loose debris. As always, do not pick up any hazardous trash items. Please call me with your pre-GRD litter pickup progress, so that your efforts can be recorded onto the GRD map. Thanks.

As for the **additional workdays**, there will be some specifically targeted areas for cleanup at different times during the spring and summer, but there will only be **one official Good Roads Day**. We must all be patient and realize that the ice storm cleanup will take time...probably all year. Please contact Tim or Linda if you wish to work as a volunteer during one of the other cleanup project times that may occur before or after Good Roads Day. These opportunities to help will develop as more initial cleanup work is completed by the Temple Highway Department and other professionals. Tim has indicated that he will probably have some additional projects for us to tackle this spring. The Village Green Committee will also have some additional projects during the summer. Your volunteer efforts would be ever so much appreciated. More information will come later. Please call Linda (878-1078) if you have any questions.

Town Window Box and Garden Areas

Every spring, members of the Village Green Committee and other interested residents plant annuals in the village center and around the town buildings. These areas need to be watered and weeded between early June and mid-September.

Last year, we tried a **new** system of plant care that **worked well** and saved time for all: “ADOPT A PLANTED AREA”.

Caregivers adopted one of the planted areas listed below and took responsibility for the plants on that site throughout the growing season (or for one month each, if shared with others). The watering and/or weeding of any one of these areas ended up taking between 5 and 15 minutes, depending on the size of the site. Participants were generally able to fit in watering and weeding as needed between town errands or on their way to or from work or other activities.

Municipal building garden boxes (2)

School House No. 6 planters (2)

Church window boxes (2, on concrete ledge between doors)

Church sign garden box and surrounding flowers

Chapel half-barrel and upper-lawn garden urn

Library window boxes (2, along wall at covered entrance)

Memorial garden bed (rectangular, approx. 4 ft X 14 ft)

Front monument garden boxes (3)

Monument bushes (2, one at each end)

Back monument strip garden (approx. 12 ft long)

Municipal building sign area (tried first time last year, maybe again)

The test year showed that this system is indeed more efficient for both the volunteers and the plants. If you are interested in adopting a planted area---or more than one---please call Linda at 878-1078. This is a **truly wonderful way** to get involved in **keeping our town beautiful**. Thank you.

The Hillsborough County Conservation District is currently holding its annual Tree and Shrub Sale. We are offering a variety of top quality evergreen and deciduous trees, wildlife and landscaping shrubs and fruit plants. Most of the plants are native to New Hampshire and were chosen for their hardiness, wildlife and landscape value. All are offered at wholesale prices. **Deadline for orders is Friday, March 27th.** The District is also including flower bulbs in its offerings this spring! Choose from various types of lilies, dahlias, peonies and other unique bulbs in many colors. They're all fresh, top-size bulbs that will add a glorious display of color to your landscape. All of the proceeds from the sale will benefit conservation efforts in Hillsborough County. Thus, in addition to improving your landscape, you are helping fund conservation projects in your local community. For more information or to receive an order form, contact the District office by phone at 673-2409, e-mail kerry.rickrode@nh.nacdnet.net, or go to our web site at www.hillsboroughccd.com.

Temple Conservation Commission

The Commission has responded to the ice storm damage in 2 ways:

- A. Seeking FEMA grant for work clearing the approximately 2.5 miles of trails on town lands.
- B. Arranging a workshop conducted by UNH Cooperative Extension Service experts on storm clean-up in the woods. This free program, entitled **“Ice Storms: Ecological Effects, Tree Health, and Decision Making for Landowner,”** will be on 26 March at 7 pm in the Town Hall. Presenters will be Jon Nute, Hillsborough County Forester, and Karen Bennett from UNH. Please attend and learn from the State’s experts, the best management practices for the ice storm damaged trees in your backyard, wood lot or managed forest. This includes tips on preventing forest fires and promoting forest health. This workshop is co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension, the Monadnock Conservancy, and the Commission.

Looking for a way to both contribute to Temple and support conservation of its water and open space resources? The Conservation Commission is looking for 2 alternate members. Meetings are twice a month, on 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7 pm, in Town Hall Annex meeting room. In addition to the events above, the Commission is planning hikes/walks, working with the State on possible water resources project, and talking with landowners about ways to protect land for future generations.

All Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public. Please come to any meeting or contact Lincoln Geiger (554-6536) or Bruce Kantner (654-2523) for information.

Report on School Board Activities - Gail Cromwell 878-1284

The School Ballot has three important warrant articles, the Budget, the CVEA contract, and a Bond issue. Information is available on all at the Library, at Temple Store, and at the Town Offices. Call me if you have questions.

Congratulations to Temple School on the latest NECAP scores. Reading improved over last year with 85% of the third and fourth graders testing proficient, compared to 76 % last year. (Tests aren’t given below those grades.) The District average was 81% and the State average, 75%. The math scores slipped a bit, from 84% to 77% this year, but were well above the District average of 65% and the State average of 64%. Temple Elementary is consistently one of the top schools in the District. At South Meadow School, reading, writing and math all improved substantially over the preceding year and are well above the state averages. Getting ALL students to a higher level of proficiency has been the major concern of our new Superintendent. Changes are being made to upgrade the curriculum, especially with a new math program for the elementary grades. Two programs were tested this year and the District teachers recommended going with the one that Temple was piloting. This is going to be a very effective program.

I have been working on the Food Service Program, which has been running a considerable deficit for several years. Prices were increased in January to reflect higher costs. Students in the elementary school now pay \$2, the middle schools, \$2.50, and the high school, \$3. These meals are excellent bargains for parents and conform to an incredible array of nutrition standards, e.g., whole grains, zero trans-fats, calories, etc. The entire vending machine operation for the District has virtually disappeared because sodas and candy are no longer sold. My committee is concentrating now on possible cost savings. I welcome any comments from parents and /or anyone with ideas.

Parents should know that there is a special free or reduced price (40 cents) lunch available if you meet the income guidelines. This is a totally confidential application, and children are not identified in any way. Please apply if you think you might qualify.

Graduating seniors: There is a Souhegan Lions Club scholarship available to local students. Ask Joe Cournoyer for details about applying.

Temple Trustees of the Trust Fund Bicentennial Scholarship Fund

Scholarship awards are given once per year to Temple residents graduating from high school and continuing their education at a post-secondary educational institution. Only Temple residents are eligible. The scholarships are typically awarded near the end of the students last year in high school, in June. Applications for the scholarships are submitted to the Temple Trustees of the Trust Funds from March to May. You may obtain applications by:

Contacting Iphi Hatt, Trustee of Trust Funds,

PO Box 198, Temple, NH 03084; or by email at this address: iphihatt@worldpath.net Completed applications must be mailed to Mrs. Hatt.

The Scholarships are paid directly to the post-secondary educational institution after the successful completion of the student's first semester; or postponed by request.

The student must forward a copy of the first semester transcript to the Trustees of the Trust Funds at the above address in order to initiate payment of the scholarship. The scholarship is paid directly to the college to be credited to the student's account. Scholarship amounts may vary year to year.

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 .

The NEW Temple Business Listing Booklet

This streamlined version of the Temple Business Booklet made its debut at the end of November 2008. With the new format, the information is easier to access and maintain within the program, enabling more frequent updates.

The next update will occur by **May of 2009**. As always, spot checks for changes in the information listed will be made by phone prior to the next update. However, please contact Linda (878-1078, PO Box 129) if you have critical edits to your business entry that must appear in the next issue.

Business **forms are no longer needed** to make a new entry. Just leave a note at the store or call/write to Linda with the following essential information: (1) name and type of business, (2) your name and phone number, and (3) confirmation that you live in or do business in Temple. If you wish, you may also include your address, email, fax, website, and a description of your business (no longer limited by the number of characters).

If you borrow a booklet from one of the viewing sites, please keep it for only a week or two, and then return it to the same site from which it came. Thank you.

For **your convenience**, copies of the TBLB are now **available at more locations**, including the Temple Municipal Building, Temple Store, Friendship Hall, Temple Town Hall Annex, Mansfield Library, Birchwood Inn/London Tavern, and Temple Elementary School.

Let's all make an effort to support our local businesses and save on gas at the same time.