

# TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Prepared and edited by the TVFDA

## MAY-JUNE 2009

**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**

May 1 Community Potluck Supper

May 2 Good Roads Day

May 4 TVFD meeting

May 5 Ladies Aid

May 7 Village Green Com. meeting

May 8 Souper Lunch

May 10 Lion's Mothers' Day Breakfast

May 11 Con Com Meeting

May 13 Historical Society Meeting

May 15 & 16 Temple Drama Club

May 18 Historic District Com

May 18 TVFD Drill

May 18 TVFDA Meeting

May 21 Historical Society Annual Meeting

May 22 Souper Lunch

May 24 TVFD Maintenance

May 31 Temple Memorial Day

June 1 TVFD meeting

June 2 Ladies Aid

June 5 Community Potluck Supper

June 6 FTTH Program

June 8 Con Com Meeting

June 12 Souper Lunch

June 15 Historic District Com

June 15 TVFD Drill

June 22 Con Com Meeting

June 22 TVFDA Meeting

June 26 Newsletter deadline

June 28 TVFD Maintenance

### **Newsletter Notes**

The **deadline for the July-August issue is June 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

The ice storm dropped plenty of fuel for a very busy brush fire season. Last week the TVFD helped New Ipswich extinguish a two acre fire. If you wish to burn a brush pile on your property you must first obtain a burn permit from the fire warden and that permit must be followed. If the fire department responds to extinguish a permit burn for any reason the land owner will be fined.

The TVFD is always looking for more volunteers. Extricating a trapped driver may take only minutes, extinguishing a two alarm fire may take only an hour, the resulting sore back and bruises may heal in days but the experience of saving life and property will last as part of you forever!

If you would like to join the TVFD fire and rescue efforts please call Fire Chief Mike Connolly 924-7289.

## 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

Now that spring is here, fire permits will be necessary. This may be a rough spring for burning due to the ice storm last December. 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: 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 held a rummage sale on March 28th. We have voted to change our fund raising efforts in the future. Our participation in Good Roads Day activities will include providing coffee first thing in the morning.

The group provided the Easter flowers for the church and they were then given to some of the Senior citizens in town. We continue to provide shawls through our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Our next fund raiser will be the Ice Cream Social held during the band concert on July 4 on the common. See you there!

## **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 someone were to do a cost/benefit analysis of gardening, they would find that the benefits far outweigh the costs. For the price of a packet of seeds, a dollar or so, rows of beans or hills of corn can be grown. We get produce that would cost several dollars at a grocery store and be nowhere near the quality. But what about the time spend preparing the soil, planting, weeding and watering? Factor the cost of labor, even at minimum wage, and the equation changes. All of a sudden those beans are no longer such a bargain on a cost per unit basis.

But some would say, "Assigning a monetary value to gardening misses the point. The time people put into their gardens ought to count as recreation; like reading, walking, and swimming, watching the Red Sox or some other similarly useful way to spend time."

It is true that in gardening it is silly to count the costs in dollars and cents. This is true in so many areas of life. A mother reading to her children does not punch a time-clock. People who coach softball and baseball do not expect a percentage of the future earnings if a player makes the major leagues.

I wonder if God expects to get a return from us. Since all people are God's children, God cares about each of us with the same tender concern and affection shown by the best human parents. When we flounder and struggle, God's heart aches. When we find our way, when we are merciful and kind, God rejoices. What return can we offer to God for creating this lovely world? How do we repay Jesus for his kindness, his courage, and his willingness to give up his life for us?

The Good News is that this world is God's Garden. Our lives are God's fruit and flowers. God does not expect payment in kind; God does not count the cost. Let us live lives that reflect the best we know; let us each resolve to respond to God's light and truth by bearing fruits of gentleness, service, and courage.

See you in church!

### **QM COMMITTEE -- TIME CAPSULE**

Adeline Mackensen has donated a pink "Croc" – an item now much in vogue that is sure to intrigue (and perhaps mystify) Temple residents of 2058. Another 20<sup>th</sup>-century curiosity will be a fragment of the original 1958 capsule, and additional contemporary objects and personal memorabilia are being sought.

The original, 1958-2008 capsule has been dismantled to create a Limited Edition of one-of-a-kind souvenir fragments for collectors. Each will be mounted on a plaque suitable for hanging and numbered individually, and will be accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity. The plaques can be ordered for a price of \$15 each, giving purchasers a chance to own an actual authentic piece of Temple history!

ORDER THIS UNIQUE TEMPLE KEEPSAKE TODAY! Call Vivian Nicholl, 878-5033, or go to [www.templehn.info](http://www.templehn.info).

In addition to turn-of-the-century mementoes and curiosities, Temple residents are gathering letters and other documents for the Capsule. Among other Temple town organizations and private groups, The Temple Band and the Temple Drama Club will mark recent activities and achievements with 2008 artifacts -- including the script of a play by Drama Club Director Steve Cullinan.

Historic national events that touched us all will also be commemorated -- notably, the tragic hours of the 9/11/2001 catastrophe. Rev. David Congdon is contributing the sermon he preached on Sunday 9/14, together with some personal reflections; and if sufficient material can be collected, it is hoped to build a composite of people's reactions and experiences on that fearful day. Anyone who is willing to share excerpts from personal letters, e-mails, or journal entries re 9/11 should e-mail them to Anne Lunt at [auksnest@aol.com](mailto:auksnest@aol.com), or give her a call -- 878-3443. Entries will be anonymous.

Another composite picture that the Committee hopes to build will celebrate well-known beloved Temple "unforgettable characters." Kathy Boot is collecting anecdotes and sketches of residents who will live on in Town legend and memory. E-mail her with ideas and reminiscences at [KNSAS32@aol.com](mailto:KNSAS32@aol.com), or call her at 878-2424.

As with all ideas and suggestions, final selections will be made on the basis of practicality, popular interest, and space.

In 2058, during Temple's Tricentennial celebration, the Capsule will be opened and its contents revealed.

Suggestion boxes are at the Mansfield Public Library and at the Temple Store, and a Suggestion Form can be downloaded from the Town web site, [www.Templehn.info](http://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 has been accepted, a committee member will contact the proposer to discuss criteria and deadlines.

For further information about the Temple Time Capsule, call committee chair Vivian Nicholl, 878-5033.

### **Temple Historic District Commission**

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

### **Souhegan Lions Club**

The Souhegan Lions Club will hold its annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday May 10 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Friendship Hall on Route 45. The menu will include blueberry and plain pancakes with pure maple syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast and jelly, orange juice, coffee and tea. Admission is \$5.00 for

adults, \$3.50 for children under 12, and free for children under 2. All proceeds from the breakfast go toward charitable causes in our community. The Souhegan Lions Club serves Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich and Temple.

### **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!**

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**

Every new -- or returning -- member of the Historical Society is eligible to receive a "TWO-FER MEMBERSHIP" in 2009 -- two years for the price of one. Any current THS member who signs up a new (or lapsed) member will also receive the benefit -- a unique chance to enjoy the full benefits of the Society and

participate in its worthwhile projects at a two-year discount! To sign up, call or e-mail Treasurer Arnie Thibodeau: 878-1203, [jethibodeau@aol.com](mailto:jethibodeau@aol.com).

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

Some 50 people attended the Historical Society's opening program in April, a talk and slide presentation by Prof. Martin L. Fox of the NH Institute of Art, examining documentary photographs taken during the Great Depression. Like many of the Society's programs, "Introducing America to Americans" was made possible in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities.

Before the program commenced, John Kieley made a presentation re: restoring the Colonial Town Pound. THS members attending voted unanimously to support the project. For anyone interested in visiting the 1774 Pound, located on Colburn Road, a site visit is scheduled on Thurs., May 7 at 6:00 PM. A special meeting of the Historical Society to discuss the project, including the Society's contribution, will be held in the Town Hall Annex on Weds. May 13 at 7:00 PM.

After the program, audience members enjoyed cookies and bars from authentic Depression-Era recipes including the original Girl Scout Cookie. Thanks to Dot Turini and Ruth Runge and their team of bakers, Sandi Benotti, Patty Edgerton, Ruth Quinn, and Martha Scott. A colorful collection of 1930s paper dolls decorated the table,

THS programs are free, and everyone is welcome! Upcoming programs: **Wednesday, July 8: Professor Thomas C. Hubka, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, "Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn"**  
**Sunday, August 30, 6pm (August Pot Luck): Kevin Gendron, "The Temple Glass Works: A Visual Perspective"**

### **The Temple Drama Club**

Well, Spring is finally here and it is time again for the club's annual production. As you know, last year we were unable to use the town hall due to extensive renovations. Our actors are eagerly anticipating our first show on the new stage and are desperately trying to learn their lines.

Back in 2007, the club produced a one-act play celebrating our annual town meeting that featured songs and skits about Temple life. This was so well received that the club is expanding that idea this year with an original production concentrating again on our small town and small towns everywhere.

Presented in the form of an old radio show, the club explores the town's past, present and future. Included in the show will be skits covering Lithium Springs, Man from the future, 'Twas the Night Before the Ice Storm, Temple Jeopardy, and Small Town People's Court, songs and more!

So please plan to attend. The shows are May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at eight o'clock at the town hall. Arrive early to get one of the new balcony seats. All seats are five dollars. Proceeds benefit town causes.

The TDC would like to thank Friends of the Temple Town Hall and the town of Temple for all the fantastic work that has been done on our stage. The new curtains, lighting, and great paint job should afford us an opportunity to do our most professional, polished show ever...but don't worry...we won't. Remember, we're the folks who put amateur in amateur theater and we hope that will never change.

See you at the show!!

### **Friends of Temple Town Hall**

The Town Hall Dedication series of events is now half over, with three not-to-miss evenings to come. On May 15 and 16 at 8:00 the Temple Drama Club promises two more nights of their hilariously wacky musical productions, replete with the local humor they've become famous for. Will they top their version of Johnny Cash's *Folsom Prison* from two years ago?! We'll just have to wait and see. Then, if you want to laugh some more, on June 6 at 7:30 P.M. you can welcome Rebecca Rule to Temple for a sampling of her very funny observations about life in New Hampshire. Those who've heard and seen her, report that she's a hoot. We're grateful that the New Hampshire Humanities Council is helping Temple celebrate its refurbished Town Hall by sponsoring this event.

Another successful Half-Marathon was run on April 25. Many thanks to all those who planned for it and who participated in it -- runners, walkers, and helpers, bakers and cooks! As always, the proceeds from the Half Marathon go toward benefitting the Town Hall.

You'll soon be seeing workmen scraping, priming and painting the exterior of the Town Hall and once it's finished Temple can declare its Town Hall restoration project complete! Many who have attended the Dedication series have remarked on the beauty of our Hall. How great to have a gathering place for all of the community, now and for years to come!

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.

### **Quilt Display---Temple Memorial Day**

The three quilted wall hangings, distinctly styled and lovingly made to celebrate Temple's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, will be displayed together during Temple Memorial Day on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The Temple Elementary School quilt presents a pieced 30+ square, hand-drawn description of our town from a child's point of view. The 7 X 10 foot quilt made by Polly Maynard Calistro highlights a variety of old-time homesteads and historic places throughout Temple with elaborately layered appliqué and detailed embroidery. Last, the community quilt, representing a variety of styles and techniques, pays tribute to the culture and history of our town. All three works of art may be viewed on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 11am until 4 pm in the newly renovated Temple Town Hall.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.templeharvestfestival.org).

## **2009 Good Roads Day**

Spring is here! Please come join us for the 2009 Good Roads Day effort on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** (rain date May 9<sup>th</sup>). We will meet briefly in Friendship Hall at 8:30 am for the sharing of information with a **coffee time** lovingly provided by the Ladies Aid. Work will commence by 9 am at the latest and continue until sometime between 12 and 12:30 pm. At that time, Niki McGettigan and the entire TES family (staff, parents, and students) will provide an **awesome hearty lunch** for all to share. If you go out to collect litter along the roadsides leading up to GRD, **please be careful**. It is best to avoid walking into areas with a great deal of debris and to focus your efforts **this year** on the shoulder and the 5-10 foot strip of land immediately adjacent to the shoulder rather than venturing into the wild areas further back from the roadside. For those of you who plan to rake, please bring your own-labeled tool(s) if you can. As always, some tools will be provided as well. Although some gloves are available, you may wish to bring your own for the best fit.

No one should have to worry about hanging branches as most of the broken limbs from the ice storm have been removed. Tim and his crew have been working hard to make our town safe again. Still, an extra effort to be aware of one's surroundings is recommended.

If you have any questions, please call Linda 878-1078. Thanks a bunch. Please help to make our town clean, safe, and beautiful. Your volunteer efforts will be ever so much appreciated.

## **Follow-Up on the 2009 Adopt-A-Planted-Area Program**

We now have a completed plant care schedule for the 2009 growing season. Deepest thanks to all of you who have committed to provide care to our town plants. The watering and weeding is vital to keeping the plants healthy and beautiful, and the planted areas add so much to our town. Please know that you will receive reminders in the mail during the month of May. Thank you all for your devotion and caring. We still need a few people to sub during vacations. If interested, please call Linda at 878-1078. Thanks.

## **The Hillsborough County Conservation District**

Milford, NH - The 63rd annual meeting of the Hillsborough County Conservation District will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at the Town Hall in Milford, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. The theme for this year's event is "The Attack of Invasive Pests Too Close to Home", as presented by Kyle Lombard of the NH Division of Forests and Lands. He will give a presentation on many of the invasive pests that are threatening NH's land. He will provide an overview of the various insects such as the Asian longhorn beetle, hemlock woolly adelgid, hemlock elongate scale, and emerald ash borer. An explanation of how the infestation occurs, the type of trees it is affecting, how to identify an infected tree, and where to report an issue will be presented. He will explain why we need the particular tree species that are being destroyed and what is being done to prevent these pests from coming into New Hampshire. A main point that will be addressed is that these invasive pests are controllable, but they need to be found early before the spread leads to massive devastation. Kyle will identify what the typical homeowner can do to prevent the spread of invasive insects.

The following awards will be presented: Cooperator of the Year & Teacher of the Year. Door prizes will also be given. Appetizers, Desserts and Refreshments will be served. Fee per person: \$10. Space is limited. Call now or email us to reserve your spot at the event. ALL Hillsborough County residents are encouraged to attend. Registration deadline: Friday, May 1st. For more information or to receive a registration form, contact the District office by phone at 673-2409 or e-mail [kerry.rickrode@nh.nacdnet.net](mailto:kerry.rickrode@nh.nacdnet.net).

## **Temple Conservation Commission**

On 26 March, the Commission sponsored a UNH Cooperative Extension presentation on "Ice Storms: Ecological Effects, Tree Health, and Decision Making for Landowners." Approximately 75 attended this event and learned both tree biology basics and practical tips for home and woodlot. The UNH experts recommended dealing first with trees that pose safety hazards. Otherwise, don't be in a rush to cut down damaged trees. Some hardwoods may recover from storm damage, especially if 50% or more of the crown remains. For more

information, see <http://extension.unh.edu/forestry/IceStorm08.htm>. This site includes a link to an excellent research article by USDA entitled "Tree Response Following the 1998 Ice Storm."

Do you own a special place that you want to protect for future generations? A conservation easement may be the answer. Please speak to any Conservation Commission member if you are interested or have questions. Currently the Commission is discussing easements with several landowners and is working with the Monadnock Conservancy to implement the Town Meeting vote to permanently protect the Chris Weston Conservation Area. Summer is coming and with it, mosquitoes and the diseases they carry. Humans and horses may be at risk. Two important tips: (1) Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can breed. Dispose of tires or other containers or put holes in them. (2) Wear insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. For more information, call 1.866.273.6453 (toll-free) or see <http://extension.unh.edu/News/EEEWNV.htm>.

The Commission is having the South West Regional Planning Commission update our map of Temple. Recently, the Commission received a CD entitled "The Importance of Hydroperiod in Wetlands Assessment." Commission member Bruce Kantner is attending a multi-session Land Conservation Leadership Training sponsored by the Monadnock Conservancy.

The Temple Conservation Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7 pm, at the Town Hall Annex. The public is welcome.

### **Report on School Board Activities - Gail Cromwell 878-1284**

Here is the issue that has torn up the School Board lately. As you know, all three major ballot items failed in March, the budget, the bond, and the teacher contract. At our first meeting thereafter, the Superintendent asked the Board to approve moving four items that would have occurred next year into this year, using the health insurance savings. The objective was to avoid having to cut back on desired items due to the default budget which will be in place next year.

I objected to this and the applicable RSA (the Municipal Budget Law) agrees. This money belongs to the taxpayers and should go back to them. Just about every year there is a surplus and it goes back to the towns to reduce next year's taxes. It is only the amount that is now different and the fact that some cutbacks are required next year.

Where did this savings come from? The District has about 500 employees, most of whom receive health insurance valued at \$10,000 - \$15,000 each for the year. This means that the District buys a group health insurance policy for about \$5.5 million each year. At the time the budget is prepared and voted on, the health insurance cost for the following year is not known and has to be estimated. The estimate for 2008-09 turned out to be unusually inaccurate. Instead of going up 10%, the increase was zero. In the last few years, the policy has generally gone up at least 5% to 7% each year, in some years over 10%. So 10% was not a bad estimate but it was wrong. The result is that there is roughly a \$500,000 surplus in the current 08-09 budget on the health insurance line. And so tempting in view of the Default budget.

The Default budget will be \$493,000 less than the requested budget. It is also \$173,000 higher than the current year budget. There are several new programs that the Administration does not wish to forego: a program for autistic children, a full time health teacher at Peterborough Elementary, a new administrative coordinator for special education in the elementary schools, and of course the technology upgrade for the high school that was in the failed bond. And there is a 3% increase for all employees other than teachers.

We will also be paying more for the required retirement contributions for everyone including teachers but that is a legal obligation so it is included in the default budget. Complicating everything are the considerable possibilities for obtaining stimulus money. I have found the discussion at the School Board to be totally lacking in awareness of what almost everyone outside of the school system has been going through. Losses of jobs, homes, health insurance coverage, retirement savings, have been devastating. This is a time for cutting back, not adding. For listening to the voters, not trying to get around them.

The teacher contract situation is that negotiations will resume, possibly with new teams on both sides. A proposal might go to the voters in September. This is a high priority item. As of now the teachers have no increase in salaries other than lane changes, but they will have their health insurance without the 5% cost

contribution that other school employees will be making. I welcome your thoughts and any suggestions on how to deal with these very contentious issues.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mdelaney@milford.nh.gov) .

### **The NEW Temple Business Listing Booklet**

The TBL Booklet appeared in its new format in November 2008. Since that time, a complete check of all information has been attempted. Every single business entry, except for the spot-checked entries for the November update, has been checked, or is in the process of being checked, by phone. There are still a few businesses that have not responded to phone messages, but most of the entries have been corrected and updated...about 80 % of the entries needed some change.

Once all of the changes have been typed into the program, the May update of the booklet will appear at the following locations: Temple Municipal Building, Temple Store, Friendship Hall, Temple Town Hall Annex, Mansfield Library, Birchwood Inn/London Tavern, and Temple Elementary School. You may borrow the TBL Booklet to make your own copy, or you can view the booklet on site whenever you visit one of the above locations. Let us all make an effort to support our local businesses and enjoy the convenience of products and services provided right here in our own community.

### **Calendar of Student Volunteer Opportunities**

In response to numerous requests, I have always provided a description, by phone, of Temple volunteer opportunities for **middle school students** who need to complete **community service hours** and **high school students** who wish to meet community **volunteerism requirements** for specific organizations. The opportunities are numerous and it takes a while to go over them all. Thanks to the suggestion of a sweet lady in town, I took the time to type up the list of community service potentials and arranged them by month. Please note that this calendar of Student Volunteer Opportunities is now available in writing, and I would be happy to send, by mail or email, a copy to any parent or student wishing to have the information. Please call Linda at 878-1078.

### **Temple Recreation**

The Temple Recreation Department will be hosting a music festival Aug 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the ballpark will be for the Rock N Roll. If you are in a band with family or friends or can play solo, please

come and show your talent. Program starts at 10:00. Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at the center of town, Folk, Fiddle, Bluegrass and Gospel. If you play or know someone who does, please come and play. We need participants. We are working on a web site for signing up. More information in the July-August newsletter. Admission will be bring a can good. No coolers. Bring a chair.

The Rec. Dept. will be doing all the food and drinks. (No venders please) We are planning an "Eat Local Salad Bar", and will be roasting turkeys. We are asking for donations of local veggies, eggs, homemade pickles and whatever would be good on the salad bar. Thank you.

For those who need community service hours, we are looking for help. We are looking for people to video tape the events. Sign up. Call Eb at 878-3052 or Dan at 878-1388.

### **Mansfield Public Library News**

I believe in making a big splash, so I plant shocking amounts of tulip bulbs." Tasha Tudor

As always, planting goes well with a good gardening book before and an entertaining novel after!

Tuesday, May 12 Library Trustees meet at 7pm at the Library.

May and June Book Group -TBA

Saturday, May 9 " A Circus Play Date with Rick Davis" followed by "Totally Useless Skills". Town Hall 2-4:30. Donations benefit the Mansfield Public Library.

May, Ben Kilham "The Bear Man" will be doing a presentation on bears and learning styles. Day, time and place to be determined. Look for more info!

Monday, May 25, Closed for Memorial Day

Monday, June 1 Summer Reading Program sign up begins! Our theme this year is Summertime and the Reading is Easy". Watch for more info in May on the Temple website, newspaper and posters.

### **New Adult Reads**

Teatime for the Traditionally Built Alexander McCall Smith

First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt T.J. Stiles

Fatally Flaky Diane Mott Davidson

Grand Finale Janet Evanovich

Home Safe Elizabeth Berg

Loitering with Intent Stuart Woods

Look Again Lisa Scottoline

Mounting Fears Stuart Woods

The Women T.C. Boyle

First Family David Baldacci

8<sup>th</sup> Confession James Patterson

### **Young Adult**

The Forest of Hands and Teeth Carrie Ryan

Cartwheels in a Sari: A Memoir of Growing up Cult Jayanti Tamm

Distant Waves: A Novel of the Titanic Suzanne Weyn

Leslie's Journal Allan Stratton

Why I Fight J. Adams Oaks

### **Middle and Young Readers**

Bubble Trouble Margaret Mahy

Farmer Joe and the Music Show Tony Mitton

Prudence and Moxie Deborah Noyes

Are You Ready to Play Outside? Mo Willems

Humpty Dumpty Climbs Again Dave Horowitz

Crows and Cards Joseph Helgerson

Wabi Sabi Mark Reibstein

Up and Down the Scratchy Mountains Greg Call

Heroes of the Valley Jonathan Stroud

Ways to Live Forever Sally Nicholls

DVD

X Files

Australia

Doubt

The Tale of Desperaux

Bolt

The Holiday

Bedtime Stories

The Reader

Men of Honor

Platoon

TMNT

Golden Compass

Tin Man

Twilight

When Harry Met Sally

Bourne Identity

Speed Racer

Shrek the 3<sup>rd</sup>