TOWN OF HENNIKER, New Hampshire

AUGUST 2017

WESTERN AVE BRIDGE GRAND OPENING

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Please join Town Officials for the GRAND OPENING of the WESTERN AVE BRIDGE

Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 11:00 am on the east side of the Western Ave Bridge, Henniker

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you a Resident of Henniker?

Are you looking to Volunteer?

There are several committees in town that need YOU!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Athletic, Budget Advisory, Energy, or Highway Safety Committee or the Historic District or Conservation Commission please call 428-3221 x1 or email executivesecretary@henniker.org to learn how.

RENEWING OF THE BOUNDS

As you know, NH RSA 51:2 requires that the bounds of the town "Shall be perambulated and the marks and bounds renewed, once in every 7 years forever." The perambulation was completed last fall and the returns were submitted to the State and were accepted. We are now beginning the renewal of the many bounds. The first of these was completed last week. The boundary marker on Western Avenue, between Henniker and Hillsboro had been broken off a number of years ago. The top of the monument was still in good shape. A new concrete base was made for the monument and it was relocated across the street, on the town line further back from the road, as the original location was very exposed. Concrete barrier blocks were put in place to guard against future vehicles accidentally hitting the monument. The monument is placed directly over a survey pin that marked the southwest corner of Henniker Town Lot #557.

Renewing all the marks and bounds will continue when the weather is a bit cooler and the bugs are less numerous. This will take a while and several more trips around the town bounds.

Bob Garrison

Please thank Bob Garrison, Jim Morse, and Tom Patenaude for their efforts in resurrecting this historic bound.

CONCERT COMMITTEE

Our Independence Day Celebration this year, with the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the incredible performance by the 39th Army Band was an overwhelming success on July 5th. The moving tribute to Vietnam Veterans by the band was only exceeded by the over 400 people in attendance rising as one and spontaneously bursting into a heartfelt version of God Bless America. The addition of food

Azalea Park Riverwalk Entrance Project

Help us restore and revitalize the main entrance of our lovely, historic park for Henniker’s 250th Anniversary in 2018!

Raffle Tickets for an Original Painting of Azalea Park

$10 Each
(3) for $25

Follow our progress on Azalea Park’s Facebook page! Donate anytime via the Park’s page on the town website
vendors for this special event was a great addition. In fact, it was such a success, we plan to do it again as part of our end of summer bash, on Friday, August 25th when Nick's Other Band will rock the night away. The same non-profits have been invited to join us again, so it should truly be a fun-filled, food fulfilling evening. That evening we will be handing out our audience surveys for your 2017 feedback. You can also go online to the Henniker.org website and fill out an online survey for any concert you attend. We look forward to seeing you at each and every concert. August brings us Swing Rocket, Club Soda, The Brad Myrick Band, Rusted Chrome and Nicks Other Band. Join us! Henniker's community spirit is alive and well - because of you.

White Birch Center was recently awarded two generous grants in support of a project to institute technology for assessment practices in Early Learning. The Bruce J. Anderson Foundation, Inc., a supporting organization of the Boston Foundation, awarded a $5,000 grant and the Henniker Rotary Club granted $3,000 to this progressive initiative.

White Birch Center

The original painting can be viewed at the Town Hall.
Contact Susan Adams (603-995-4160) for tickets or any member of the Azalea Park Committee.

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
Hey Kids! Keep on reading! By reading and exploring Henniker in the 4th Annual Henniker Scavenger Hunt you can earn a token, which can be exchanged for a slice of cheese pizza (Western Ave Pizza), or a frozen treat (Henniker Pharmacy), or a one-scoop ice cream (Sonny's). Redeem tokens by August 31st.

Story Time will be back in September! Miss Erin reads wonderful stories and presents an easy craft for all ages of children

Tucker Free Library is looking for a new Trustee to join us at our leadership table! For complete information on becoming a Library Trustee click here.

Like us on Facebook to see what's happening at your local library!

Remember - we have all the newest books and movies for free as well as computers, Wi-Fi, copy machine, scanner and fax! Check out our website and catalog.

Being a member of the library gives you free access to NH Downloadable Audio and eBooks. Find that here.

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THE "WOOF AND MOUTH" CHILI CHALLENGE

For the past four years, Henniker Veterinary Hospital 'Best Barkin' Chili has been the only non-food business to compete in the Henniker Rotary Club Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest. But, this year they face a formidable newcomer - Henniker Family Dentistry has polished up a special recipe and is entering the Amateur contest and going for the gold.

Both businesses would like your business to join them in this friendly competition. Dr. Bob at Henniker Veterinary Hospital says, "participating in the Chili Contest has given us a new leash on life". As for the new dentists in town - they are drilling down to meet the challenge of being the NKOTB (New Kids on the Block-pop reference!). Henniker Family Dentistry's Dr. Joshua Osofsky is busily polishing his 'Gold Crown' Chili entry. "We are excited
Assessment practices in education help to gather and analyze critical information about a child's development and growth for parents and families. This information also helps educators to plan appropriate curriculum, instruction, and school transitions for children. White Birch Center is implementing a multi-phase plan to integrate the formal assessment tool, Teaching Strategies Gold (TS Gold), into their Early Learning Program. This recognized assessment tool is based on objectives for development and learning, and is aligned with Common Core State Standards and Early Learning Guidelines.

"Instituting technology in a formal assessment plan at White Birch Center is truly reflective of our commitment to be a leader in high-quality early learning practices, these grants help make this possible" states Leanna Lorden, Director of Children's Programs at White Birch. The grant money awarded will enable White Birch to transition and train from the manual TS Gold system to the software system. Funds will also support the purchase and training needed for the technology hardware, including projection equipment and iPads. The new technology will enhance data collection, analysis, curriculum planning, program evaluation, information retention, and parent inclusion.

The mission of White Birch Center is to be a community leader in providing exceptional programs and services that support learning and active living for children, adults, and families. For more information, please visit www.whitebirchcc.org.

Folks, we have a real woof and mouth challenge going on and it would only get better if your business gets involved as well. Sunday, August 20 is the date. Pats Peak the place. Only $15.00 to enter the contest and have a chance to win the $1,000 cash award for Best Amateur Chili, and/or the award for Best Booth Display and bragging rights for a year. There will be lots of great activities throughout the day and proceeds benefit local charitable projects undertaken by the Henniker Rotary Club. Last year's Chili Fest helped to fuel donations in excess of $33,000 to our communities as well as students of Henniker and Hillsborough and international projects including the eradication of Polio worldwide and bringing pure water to the world.

Get your application and all the information you need to enter on the Chili Fest website chilinewhampshire.org or from club treasurer, Mary Krotzer, rskrotzer@yahoo.com. For additional information on Chili Fest, contact chairman Marc McMurphy, marcm@whitebirchcc.org.

Photo:
Dr. Joshua Osofsky, Henniker Family Dentistry, 
Drs. Alyssa and Bob Brust, Henniker Veterinary Hospital

SAVE THE DATE!
The Annual Paquette & Shaw Charity Golf Tournament to benefit White Birch Center will be held at Stonebridge Country Club on Friday, September 29, 2017. Stay tuned for more information on golf team registration, sponsorship opportunities, and event details.
ALCHEMISTS WORKSHOP

Rose Kosciuszek of Weare and Mary Armstrong of Harrisville previewed Georgia O'Keeffe's "Paints Paradise" in Peterborough last Sunday to a sold out house at the Scott Farrar Assisted Living facility before bringing the original musical by Will Ogmundson (New London) and Tom Dunn (Henniker) to New York City where it will open at The Jewell Theatre on August 4th.

This is the 5th Alchemists’ Workshop original work to be presented in NYC during the award winning musical theatre’s 17 year history. Next up for the prolific company is another collaboration between Ogmundson and Dunn titled "Willa Cather of Jaffrey" a musical about the life and work of the famed novelist and her secretive years in Jaffrey where she is also buried.

www.alchemistsworkshop.org

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for lunch at the Community Center
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month
Noon to 3:00

Bring your lunch and play
S, C, R, A, B, B, L, E

MUSIC ON MAIN ST

Saturday, September 30, 2017
(rain or shine!)
10:00am - 4:00pm
If you'd like more info

2017 EDITION OF THE OUTDOOR GUIDE to Henniker and Hillsborough

The towns of Henniker and Hillsborough hug the picturesque Contoocook River and are long known for access to great white water rafting and fishing. But these two towns offer far more in the way of outdoor recreation interests beyond the meandering river as you will discover when you pick up a copy of the 9th edition of the Henniker Rotary Club’s Outdoor Guide to Henniker and Hillsborough, now available in businesses throughout the region.

This edition, significantly larger than the 2014 publication, features 70 pages of new and updated information about the four season activities available to residents and visitors to our communities, including new trails and hikes, annotated maps, expanded directions on experiencing each destination and GPS coordinates for each trail as well as photographs taken by local photographers of special sites in Henniker and Hillsborough. The booklet has been redesigned and includes a table of contents to help the outdoor enthusiast find the range of activities easily. There are links to online maps and an interactive web site for users to post comments and changes to trailheads or other comments about their experiences on the trails (http://www.facebook.com/HennikerRotaryOutdoorGuide/).

Published by the Henniker Rotary Club, the Outdoor Guide is the inspiration of Rotary past president, Gail Hayden, who first suggested this community service project in 1996. Gail and her late husband Perry worked tirelessly to bring the first edition to press. Since then, the club has continued to expand the booklet, depending on Gail’s initial work in describing the trails. This year, in updating the material, club members had the assistance of members of the Henniker Conservation Commission, New England College students in the Outdoor/Environmental Education Program and several wildlife experts in addition to its members, and of course, Gail.

New features this year include a section on the refurbishing of Azalea Park, Rice and American White-Water Conservation Areas in Henniker, expanded Hillsborough entries, the Currier and Ives By-Way, Geocaching and Bird Watching. The guide is a great resource for residents, visitors and those thinking of moving to our area.

Rotary is able to distribute 10,000 copies of the guide at no cost to the public, thanks to generous advertising sponsorships by local businesses. Since its initial publication, nearly 60,000 FREE copies of the guide have been distributed. Residents and visitors alike eagerly read The Outdoor Guide which highlights activities in our region as well as the businesses and services nearby.

With your copy of the Outdoor Guide you can enjoy all that our Contoocook Valley Region has to offer the outdoor enthusiast. The guide is great for planning free and fun family activities. For more information or to obtain copies of the guide to hand out at your business, contact Dan DaCosta, dand3090@aol.com

The Outdoor Guide to Henniker and Hillsborough is a community service project of the Henniker Rotary Club, whose membership is comprised of business and professional leaders with an international mission of providing humanitarian service, promoting high ethical business and professional standards and making the world a better place in which to live and a local mission to offer service above self to the communities it serves.
The farmers' market is open rain or shine every Thursday, through the end of October, at Community Center Park & Angela Robinson Bandstand. The park provides lush green lawn and picnic tables for gathering with friends while you shop. The market also includes live music performances and children's games and activities.

Eat fresh and support your local farmers, food producers, and artists at the Henniker Community Market this summer!
Indulge the "wild child" inside-enter the Henniker Rotary Club Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest, August 20th at Pats Peak. Applications available at www.chilinewhampshire.org or contact mskrotzer@yahoo.com