FEBRUARY 2017

** NOTICE **
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The Henniker Town Clerk’s office will not be able to process motor vehicle transactions on Friday, February 17th through Tuesday, February 21st.

The NH Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles will be implementing a new computer system during those days, only allowing the town clerks to issue extensions for late renewals. No other motor vehicle transactions will be possible during those days.

If you have a new registration, a temporary plate or your registration renewal is due during the month of February, please make sure you are aware of the interruption and plan accordingly. Please feel free to visit the DMV website at www.nh.gov/dmv for updates concerning this implementation.

Throughout this process, the Town Clerk’s office will be open for other transactions not related to motor vehicles.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

sponsored by the Henniker Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, February 16, 2017 - 7:00pm
Intervale Pancake House

TOWN OF HENNIKER
Sally Creighton

Sally Creighton is a native of New England but spent 14 years in North Carolina before returning to New Hampshire in 2009. She is a proud member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She came to the Henniker Police Department March 2014 through a State program while working at the Governor’s Commission on Disability in Concord. At the conclusion of the program in October 2014 she returned in November to the police department as a volunteer. In January Sally was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Chief Matthew French and the department for volunteering 1,034 hours between November 2014 and December 2016. Sally also enjoys gardening, baking and spoiling her grandchildren.

The Only Henniker On Earth is turning 250 years old

To mark this special occasion we are not just planning one event, we are planning several and here are some ways that you can help:

(1) Join our planning committee.

(2) Make a donation. We will not receive funds from the town for any of these events.

(3) Have your business or group sponsor and plan out an activity during that year. To make sure you receive our full support all planned activities should be presented to our group no later than Oct. 10th 2017.

*Mark your calendars because the main events and largest celebrations will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3rd, 4th and 5th 2018

If you have any questions or concerns or just want to make a donation, contact me (Terri Trier) at: hennikers250th@tds.net

Follow our Aug. 2018 - Henniker’s 250th Anniversary page on Facebook.

There is a 250th Anniversary Committee meeting on Monday, February 13th 5:30-6:30 at the Grange

HENNIKER SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 2017 Calendar

HCS:
Feb. 9: Artist in Residence: JAPAN Burlington Taiko and Amherst Karate perform with Henniker 6th Grade students at 6:30pm in

Henniker, New Hampshire
Legion Post 78 in Henniker warmly invited to participate in reactivating American Legion Post 78 in Henniker.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Now is the filing period for Tax Exemptions/Credits, Current Use Applications is now open until the deadline submission date of March 1.

February 7 Public Hearing on 2017 Municipal Budget
February 7 Last day to submit Petitioned Warrant Articles
March 14 Town/School Elected Officials 7:00am-7:00pm HCS Gym
March 18 Town Meeting 1:00pm HCS Cafetorium

**DOG OWNERS**

DOG TAGS FOR 2017 ARE AVAILABLE

All dogs over four (4) months old MUST be licensed by their owners or keepers with the Town Clerk's office prior to April 30th. RSA 466:1. You must bring in a valid rabies certificate at the time of licensing. A $25.00 forfeiture will be assessed if not licensed by June 1st. RSA 466:13

**AMERICAN LEGION**

Local area Veterans are warmly invited to participate in reactivating American Legion Post 78 in Henniker.

**TUCKER FREE LIBRARY**

Feb. 8: 8th Grade Parent Night at John Stark Regional High School. Parents and students from the Henniker Community School and the Weare Middle School should attend 6:30pm.
Feb. 9: Principal's Coffee, 7:30pm, Principal's Office. Topic for discussion, Program of Studies.
Feb. 9: John Stark School Board Meeting, 6:30pm in the school library. Deliberative Session, 7pm in the Café.
Feb. 27-March 3: NO SCHOOL. Winter Break.

**Henniker School Board Reduces Proposed Budget by $263,000 at Budget Workshop**

Several cost saving measures were presented at the Henniker School District's Budget Workshop session on January 17 by Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore. The measures brought forth for consideration would decrease the previous budget proposal by more than a quarter of a million dollars. The first idea presented would be the creation of a multi-age classroom. The second proposal would be for the school to establish a Special Education Program that would be run within the school, reducing current costs for out-of-district student tuition payments and transportation to those schools. An increase in class size at some grade levels was also presented.

Superintendent Tacconi-Moore noted that she had worked with both Principal Karen Raymond and Assistant Principal Matthew Colby to study class sizes and trends to come up with the plan of one multi-age classroom. Increasing class size and creating a multi-age classroom allows for a reduction of three certified teachers with a potential savings of $263,000. The concept of an in school program to serve students whose needs cannot be met within the regular education program at the Henniker School was crafted by the Superintendent and Director of Student Services Sandra Pickering. This program would not additionally reduce this year’s budget, but the dollar amount to run this in school program would be on par with the current cost of out-of-district tuition and transportation.

"The cost of the in house program matches the current costs we incur in out-of-district placements," said Superintendent Tacconi-Moore. "As we move forward, it could provide budget relief. If we could accommodate more students in this program than we need to serve Henniker, we could tuition students from other districts. Every Superintendent I meet with in the State of New Hampshire is looking for placement for this type of student," she concluded.

Additional new cost saving measures in the proposed budget were also made on January 17. One was the use of expendable trust monies for computer replacements, a new internet firewall, and a paving project. Principal Karen Raymond also removed another $12,300 from the newly proposed budget during the meeting.

The Henniker School Board was unanimous in their acceptance of the revised proposed budget, which brings the school's request in as nearly flat. The increase over last year’s request is $8,500. Board Chair Deb Urbaitis did note that currently the teacher contract negotiations between the District and the Henniker Teachers are at an impasse and heading into mediation.

In addition to Chair Deb Urbaitis, the Henniker School board is served by Zach Lawson, James McElroy, Peter Flynn and Ellen Fioretti.
Meetings will be held at the Community Center at 7 pm on Wednesdays, February 1st and 15th. We have convened enough charter members to begin the 6-month process of reactivating the Post. We have also begun to appoint temporary officers during the interim while we stand up the Post. Not all positions are filled, and each member has a voice. We are forming our goals and creating our mission statement. Post 78 will not have a canteen and we will continue to hold our meetings in the Henniker Community Center. Come join us and American Legion Post 78, make it your Post as well!

### ANNUAL PA-28 INVENTORY FORMS

Annually, in February the Inventory of Taxable Property form PA-28 will be mailed out to every property owner complete with instructions. *Once property owners have completed and signed form PA-28 it must be mailed or delivered to the Town of Henniker on or before April 15th annually to avoid a penalty (1% of the total tax for the year; not less than $10 or greater than $50).

The purpose of this annual inventory is to maintain the accuracy of the assessment data of all taxable properties in town and to provide a more cost effective approach to the revaluation cycle.

The PA-28 Form allows the Town to perform statistical updates every other five years instead of a full revaluation every five years.

*Note that if you own multiple properties a

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Several families participating in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program are very close to achieving their goal! To find out how to strengthen the parent-child bond, develop language, and give your toddler a great foundation for a successful school career stop by the circulation desk at the library - its not too late to start!

Preschool Story Time - Come Warm Up With A Good Story Wednesdays at 10:30am - Stories, Songs, & Crafts
- February 1 - Listening to Letters
- February 8 - Love, love, love
- February 15 - Dig those dogs
- February 22 - Ways of winter

Sundays at the Library Family Edition
Kick-off February Vacation Week with a visit to the library!
- February 26, 2017 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
  - Diane Kordas, Puppeteer, entertains kids and kids at heart with her wonderful puppets, storytelling, puppet theatre. Kids will be talking about the puppets for weeks after the show! She makes her own puppets and can provide puppet making workshops and demos after the show.

COME EARLY FOR A GOOD SEAT! This promises to be as much fun as our friendly magician program.

Sundays at the Library adult edition TINY HOUSES
- January 29, 2017 @ 2:00 pm
  - Isa Bauer of Tiny House Northeast will be at the Tucker Free Library to share her expertise on tiny house living. Bauer, a tiny house resident and builder will share the basics of planning for and owning a tiny house! Isa offers unique insights on "how much" to "where to live" as well as options for general design, heat, hot water and electricity choices. "Compact, economical - elegant!"

- February 12, 2017 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
  - JOSE LEZCANO: The Guitar in Latin America: Continuities, Changes and Bicultural Strumming
  - Cuban-born guitarist, composer, educator, and folklorist Jose Manuel Lezcano has captivated audiences on four continents. His programs of traditional and South American guitar repertory, and his own solo, concerto, and chamber works, have taken him from Carnegie Recital Hall in New York City to major venues and festivals in the US, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, China, Spain, Greece, Germany, and the Czech Republic, appearing as recitalist, collaborative musician, concerto soloist, and composer.

TED TALKS AT TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
- Thursday, February 1, 2017 @ 11:00 am
  - Join library staff and White Birch Seniors for a spirited discussion of issues of importance. This month we will listen to two speakers; one a certified "WRONGOLOGIST" and the other an "EMPATH."

All programs are free and open to the public. No pre-registration required. For more info call 428-3471 or check out our website [www.tuckerfreelibrary.org](http://www.tuckerfreelibrary.org).

HENNIKER CONCERT COMMITTEE
We received a note recently from 4 Ever Fab, the Beatles group that played for us last summer that we wanted to
AZALEA PARK RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

2nd ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 26th
3:00pm - 5:00pm

DANIEL'S RESTAURANT
Henniker Brewery Beer
Tasting and Hors d'oeuvres

Unveiling of plan for Park Entrance

Auction of LL Bean Kayak, Fishing Gear, Azalea Park Painting

Tickets $25.00/$20.00 for seniors

Please support our efforts to restore this historic park

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Henniker Historical Society and Museum will be closed until further notice while a remediation plan is being implemented to remedy a furnace blowback episode that occurred during the holiday season. If you would like to donate a historical item, please call 428-6267 to arrange a drop off time.

HENNIKER HISTORY

Dr. William H. Mandrey organized a Henniker Historical Society, in order to publish a continuing record of town events which occurred after 1880. That was the printing date of Leander W. Cogswell’s "History of the Town of Henniker."

After the death of Mandrey and Francis W. Child’s, who had been keeping an extensive account of Henniker histories, all of their accumulated information was donated to the Henniker Historical Society. Whereas, the

share it with all of you:

During our 2016 summer concert series season, we asked the various city/town concert organizers if we could place a fundraising bucket in the audience. We called it our "Buck in the Bucket" campaign. The purpose of this campaign was to raise money for the families of two officers who died in the line of duty earlier in 2016. Officer Ronald Tarentino of the Auburn Police Department was shot in the back during a traffic stop on March 16. Trooper Thomas Clardy was killed on May 22, also during a traffic stop, when a car operated by a driver allegedly under the influence of drugs, slammed into the trooper's SUV. Trooper Clardy lived in Hudson.

We chose to help these families because we had already been selected by both Hudson and Auburn to play in their summer concert series and it seemed a fitting gesture.

It took a while to arrange for the actual donation, but on Thursday, January 5, 2017, we had the honor of presenting a check for $2,780.79 to Reisa Clardy, wife of the fallen trooper. The presentation was made at Avidia Bank in Hudson, MA because they hold the children's trust fund.

The original intention was to split the monies raised between the two families. However, because other fundraising events surpassed the goals set for the Tarentino family, it was suggested that we give all of our donation to the Clardy family. We want to thank you for allowing us to place the bucket at your event. We literally could not have done this without your kindness and the generosity of your audience.

Having served as a career police officer for thirty years before my "4EverFab life", I keenly appreciate the constant dangers officers face and the sacrifices their families have to make. Your generosity holds a special place for all of us in 4EverFab. Together, we supported the family of Trooper Clardy in a demonstrable and significant way. Mrs. Clardy wanted to pass along her gratitude to everyone who helped.

The total donation was $2,780.79. I include the "cents" portion because it underscores that this money came mostly from spare change and dollar bills. Your audience didn't know we would be asking for anything, so their donations were spontaneous and heartfelt. (The Henniker audience donated $158.26 - 5% of what we raised. Very impressive!!)

Once again, we thank you so much for your support and Happy New Year! Fran Hart - 4EverFab

WHITE BIRCH CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING

Active Living, Active Giving

White Birch Center was recently the fortunate recipient of a generous donation from the Henniker Chamber of Commerce. Johanna Michie, Henniker Chamber President, presented a check for $500.00 to Marc McMurphy, White Birch Center Executive Director. The donation will support the Active Living Program and the film licensure required for movie socials. Seniors in the Active Living Program enjoy regular movie get-togethers and, beginning in February, the Early Learning Program at White Birch will be joining the seniors for an intergenerational movie social on a monthly basis.

"The Henniker Chamber of Commerce is delighted to make this donation to White Birch Center - an organization that does so much more for the community at large than most realize," noted Michie. She explained that this contribution not only recognizes the important work White Birch does across generational lines but also offers a way for the Chamber to give back to the community through the direct local efforts of White Birch.
In addition to the donation to White Birch, the Henniker Chamber is involved in numerous other charitable initiatives including offering a local scholarship fund, hosting a golf event and food drive to support the food pantry, and sponsoring a local toy drive program. **The Chamber and White Birch Center share a commitment to community. To learn more about the Chamber please visit [www.hennikerchamber.org](http://www.hennikerchamber.org).** 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.

To learn more about these programs and services, please visit [www.whitebirchcc.org](http://www.whitebirchcc.org) or call 603-428-7860.