2018 IMPORTANT DATES

**February 2** - Last day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy with Town Clerk until 5:00pm

- Selectmen - Two (2) 3 year terms
- Town Moderator - 2 year term
- Town Treasurer - 1 year term
- Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term
- Water Commissioner - 3 year term
- Planning Board - Two (2) 3 year terms
- Supervisors of the Checklist - 6 year term
- Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 year term, 2 year term
- Trustees of the Tucker Free Library - Two (2) 3 year terms, 1 year term

**February 6** - Last day to petition the Selectmen to include an article on the warrant

- Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget at the Community Center 6:30pm

**March 13** - Town Elections 7:00am-7:00pm

- Henniker Community School Cafetorium

**March 17** - Town Meeting 1:00pm

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**April 15** - Deadline for filing for Exemptions and Credits with the Assessing Department

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ASSESSING DEPARTMENT DEADLINES

- Now until March 1 - Deadline for filing Abatements and Tax Deferrals
- Now until April 15 - Deadline for filing for Exemptions and Credits

The annual PA-28 Inventory Form will be arriving in the mail in February. The deadline to return the PA-28 Inventory Form is April 15.

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HENNIKER DOG OWNERS

**DOG TAGS FOR 2018 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

Please 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

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2018 RABIES CLINIC

The Henniker Rotary Club will hold its annual Cat and Dog Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 14, 2018 Henniker Fire Station 2:00-4:00pm.

Vaccinations will be administered by the Veterinary team of the Henniker Veterinary Hospital under the direction of Dr. Robert Acoustic Café Successful Debut

Acoustic Café successful debut - Henniker's Community Concert Committee held its first Acoustic Café on Sunday, January 28th and it was AWESOME! Co-sponsored by the Town of Henniker and New England College to kick off Henniker's 250th Anniversary celebration year, the first session featured Picket Hill and lots of local musicians vying for the Open Mic slots. It was standing room only in the New England College Pub as everyone enjoyed the variety of music presented by our featured band and a variety of local musicians. We quickly filled up all the available Open Mic slots and the music flowed effortlessly throughout the 5-7pm time period.

- **Open Mic Performers**
  - The Cold River Ranters
  - The Cold River Ranters combine an American-rootsy feel with dashes of third world seasonings. Blood ‘n guts vocal stylings fuel the band’s high energy repertoire, balancing original inspirations with traditional roots. The melodies reflect various cultural traditions - Appalachian, Irish, Celtic, British, African, even South Asian - but the band’s original lyrics are one-of-a-kind.

- Hugh Kirland
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- Brian Blanchard
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A ROTARY ANNOUNCES THE JANICE H. MCIBRORY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Rotary Club of Henniker is pleased to announce the second offering of a district wide scholarship in memory of Janice H. McIbrory, who served as Rotarian District 7870 Governor in 2011-2012 and was instrumental in securing a Rotary International grant of $412,000 to help southern Vermont rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Irene. This scholarship is made possible due to the International grant of $412,000 to help Governor in 2011-2012 and was McElroy, who served as Rotary District 7870

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White Birch Center Presents

White Birch Center and Banner Tours & Travel are happy to announce that we have planned the following trips for 2018. Please note that there are a limited number of available rooms for rent in town, so if you are planning on having friends and family come and do not know that many people are coming from out of town for this event, so if registering for this year’s big event which will take place on August 3rd, 4th and 5th!”

White Birch Center

Washington, DC Tour & Cherry Blossom Parade
April 12 - 17, 2018
Daffodil Days at Blithewold Mansion
Bristol, RI Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Boston Duck Tour & Old North Church
Wednesday, June 20, 2018
Rhode Island Lighthouse Cruise
Wednesday, July 18, 2018
Norman Rockwell Museum
Stockbridge, MA Wednesday, May 23, 2018

members of the quartet and their musical contributions include:

**Skillet Ranter** who plays a 1932 National Steel Guitar that famed-studio-engineer Mitch Everphat plucked out of a dumpster in Niagara Falls in 1962 when he was but a lad. The guitar had purportedly been picked up there by the jilted girlfriend of a philandering blues musician living in the same projects. **Marek Bennett** plays the banjo bass harp, fiddleless banjo, fiddle, and toy piano. When he’s not Ranting, he’s drawing comics, playing antebellum banjo tunes, and tending his kale patch in Henniker, NH. [www.marekbennett.com]

**Nattie Carroll** plays accordion, washboard, and bodhran. She also provides all our poultry sound effects. She lives in an old museum in Keene, NH. Tom Jawbone plays banjo, bass harp, jawbone, wooden spoon, and about a zillion other musical implements. He’s a teacher and novelist from Keene, NH.

Recently the Ranters have performed at Mole Hill Theatre, Roots on the River, Popoloc, Pleasant Valley Brewing, Keene Public Library, Hopkinton Town Library and Henniker Community Market. They prefer performing in the round and inviting other musicians to sit in with them in an Open Mic format.

Join us for an evening of not-so traditional roots music, an Open Mic (sign up when you arrive), libations and snacks (for sale) in the Pub. There is no fee to attend the Cafe but for the musicians are gratefully accepted. The Acoustic Cafe series is funded, in part, by a donation from the Angela Robinson Music Fund, NH Charitable Foundation. For more information on the series, contact hennikerconcerts@henniker.org

AZALEA PARK RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

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In the meantime these are things that you can do:

**Purchase a souvenir** - We have several items for sale. Glass Christmas ornaments with the 250th seal are being sold at - Hometown Gifts, Decor, & More (Bradford rd. Henniker) and the Christmas ornaments with the 250th seal are being sold at both - Hometown Gifts, Decor, & More (Bradford rd. Henniker) and the Christmas ornaments with the 250th seal are being sold at both - Hometown Gifts, Decor, & More (Bradford rd. Henniker) and the Christmas ornaments with the 250th seal are being sold at both - Hometown Gifts, Decor, & More (Bradford rd. Henniker) and the Christmas ornaments with the 250th seal are being sold at both - Hometown Gifts, Decor, & More (Bradford rd. Henniker) and the Christmas ornaments with the 250th seal are being sold at both - Hometown Gifts, Decor, & More (Bradford rd. Henniker) and the Christmas ornaments with the 250th seal are being sold at both - Hometown Gifts, Decor, & More (Bradford rd. Henniker) and the Christmas ornaments with

**Secure housing** - Another thing that people need to consider is that many people are coming from out of town for this event, so if you are planning on having friends and family come and do not have room in your house, you may wish to reserve rooms soon. Due to the limited number of available rooms for rent in town, securing one of them should be a priority in the next few months.

**Make a donation** - All of the events taking part over this three
alarms CO in your home and learn more and your family by reducing and monitoring amounts can prove fatal. Protect yourself produced when heating fuels are not burned (CO).

THE HEALTHY HOME THIS YEAR

5 RESOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHY HOME THIS YEAR

Whether you’re continuing practices or starting new ones, there’s never a bad time to get serious about health in your home. Follow the tips below to take some first steps toward a healthier home in 2018.

1. Install Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms on every level of your home. CO is an invisible and odorless gas produced when heating fuels are not burned completely. In low doses it produces flu-like symptoms and long-term exposure or high amounts can prove fatal. Protect yourself and your family by reducing and monitoring CO in your home and learn more here.

2. Change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Smoke alarm batteries should be switched out annually, so what better time to take some first steps toward a healthier home.

J OHN STARK STUDENTS TAKE 38 ART AWARDS

John Stark students received 38 NH Scholastic Art Awards in four categories: ceramics & glass, drawing & illustration, painting, and mixed media.

Henniker Rotary to Host Local Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest for High School Students

Clear, confident public speaking and high ethical standards are two of the most important attributes looked for in successful business professionals and community leaders. Rotarians are dedicated to these principals. They are also committed to Youth Development and preparing future leaders to be forthright in all that they think, say and do.

That is why Rotary Clubs around the world annually sponsor a 4-Way Speech contest for high school students. The 4-Way Speech Contest asks students to develop a 5 - 7 minute speech on a topic of their own choosing using the principles of Rotary’s ethical standard: the 4-Way Test. Is it the Truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Henniker Rotary Club will host its annual contest on Sunday, April 15, 2018, Henniker Community Center at 1:00 PM. Cash awards will be presented to the top participants, with the top presenter invited to compete in the District 7870 Rotary Semi-Finals, also being held in Henniker. The top two winners of the Semi-Finals will be invited to present their winning speeches at the annual Rotary District Conference, June 1-3 in Burlington, VT. The public is invited to join us to listen to and encourage the youth as they deliver their speeches.

According to Henniker Rotary member John Capuco, who coordinates the local contest and works with the district committee to plan the semi-finals, “the messages the students give are always creative and showcase the values of Rotary in a very direct and clear way. In recent years students have wrapped the principles of the 4-Way Test around a variety of subjects.”

The 4-Way Speech Contest is promoted in high school language arts and public speaking classes. The students who participate receive incentive awards, with cash prizes being awarded to the winners at each level of competition by the local sponsoring Rotary club. Over $1,000 in scholarships will be awarded to the winner of a local contest who goes on to win the semi-final and final contest. There are over 60 clubs in District 7870 and the contest attracts 30 - 40 entrants from high schools in southern New Hampshire and Vermont. Applications for this year’s contest are available in the guidance departments at Hillsboro-Deering and John Stark High Schools or by contacting John Capuco, j.capuco@connet.com.
Rich history. Changes have become significant parts of its story. Rather than being detractions, many of the changes have been seen as improvements. For instance, the Town Hall has undergone many changes since it was built in 1787 as the Meeting-House on the 100 acre "Senter Lot," the building was extensively renovated in 1887. The ground floor only was renovated again in the 1970's. It has undergone many changes.

3. Test your water. Water from private wells can contain arsenic, radon, and other contaminants known to cause serious illness. To prevent poisoning from these often tasteless, odorless, and colorless contaminants, test your well water every year. For more information and testing resources, visit the Department of Environmental Services Well Testing Site.

4. Get serious about pest control. On top of being constant annoyances, rodents and insects can trigger asthma attacks and make life harder for those with respiratory issues. Avoid chemical-heavy pesticides this year and instead resolve to keep your home naturally unfriendly to pests by removing all open food and water sources, sealing cracks in your home, and keeping surfaces clean. Learn more about Integrated Pest Management (IPM) here.

5. Upgrade your lightbulbs. Trading out old lightbulbs for LED or compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs with the ENERGY STAR label can improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs in your home. Switch your bulbs to start this New Year with a lower energy bill! If you need help with energy reduction in your home, check out the NH Weatherization Assistance Program. Source: NH Healthy Homes Click for more information.

HENNIKER HISTORY

At Henniker's 1975 Town Meeting it became official. The Town Hall was designated as a historic building and a historic district encompassing the area from Circle Street to Route #114 was established. In the following year the adjacent burial ground was added to the district.

A committee, called the Historic District Commission was appointed by the Selectmen to guard the historic integrity of the Town Hall and the surrounding areas, the common and the cemetery.

From 1973 through 1976 the building had gone from the verge of being a vacant derelict to newly renovated housing for town government and the district court. The "Space" committees had met many times and the pros and cons of saving the building had been debated with passion. Finally, under the leadership of Dr. William Mandrey, Henniker had chosen an active Town Hall which qualified and was accepted for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

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The Historic District Commission is in need of members. If you would like to join the Commission to help preserve Henniker's Historic District please call 428-3221 x1 or email secretary@henniker.org.

BEE SEASON

at Henniker Community School

The Henniker Community School just completed their Spelling and Geography Bees and are proud to announce Lauren Meade as our Spelling Bee winner. Lauren will head off to the State Bee at the Capitol Center for the Arts at 1:00pm on Saturday, February 24.

Congrats also go out to our runner up spellers, Eleanor Girardet and Owen Jones.

Grace Caplan is our Geography Bee Champ and will now take a qualifying geography test. The top 100 students on qualifying test go on to State Bee in April. Helen Connor took second place and Owen Jones took 3rd place in our school Geography Bee.

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY

Enjoy LapSit Story Time for babies! Thursdays at 10:30 AM for babies 0-2 years old and their adult caregiver. This 30 minute program, which is tailored for the developing attention span of your baby, will include songs, rhymes, finger plays, movement and reading followed by free play time.

February 11 @ 12:30 - 1:30pm Winter Puzzle Exchange! If you bring a puzzle to the exchange you can take a new one home!

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February 25th @ 2pm
“What's Behind that Door?!” Join the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library for “off the beaten path” tours of the Tucker Free Library.
Like us on Facebook to see what's happening at your local library!

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