MARCH 2018

NOTICE OF ROAD POSTINGS

All Class VI roads in Henniker are posted and closed to heavy trucking.

Class V roads are posted for 6 ton limit.

No transportation of logs will be permitted until further notice.

If you have questions regarding trucking on a particular road please contact interim Road Agent, Justin Johnson at 428-7200.

2018 ELECTIONS and TOWN MEETING

Town Elections
March 13 - 7:00am-7:00pm
Henniker Community School Cafetorium
Note: The Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s Office will be closed on Tuesday, March 13th for Elections

Town Meeting
March 17 - 1:00pm
Henniker Community School Cafetorium

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT DEADLINES

March 1 - Deadline for filing Abatements and Tax Deferrals
April 15 - Deadline for filing for Exemptions and Credits
April 15 - Deadline to return the PA-28 Inventory Form

WATER BILLS ARE DUE MARCH 9TH

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session March 3, 2018 11:00-11:30am at the Henniker Town Hall for additions and corrections of the Checklist. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until election day.

HENNIKER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Henniker Fire Department would like to announce the retirement of three long time members. The three members Steve Burritt, Joe Gilbert, and John Margeson combined had 113 years of firefighting experience.

Joe Gilbert joined the department in 1969 and served in many capacities including Deputy Forest Fire Warden and Assistant Deputy Fire Chief.

Steve Burritt joined the department in 1978 and while a member he served as Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden from July 2014 until January 4th, 2018.

John Margeson joined the department in 1991 and served in many rolls including Assistant Deputy Fire Chief and Deputy Forest Fire Warden.

Their departures will be noticed and we thank them for their service to our community.

Jim Morse has taken over as Fire Chief and looks forward to serve Henniker.

The Henniker Fire Department is made up of citizens of the Town of Henniker who respond from home or work. We thank each and every member of our department for sacrificing their own time to protect and save the lives of those around us. Missing sleep, missing meals, missing family events, and being at the ready for our citizens visitors or guests does not go unnoticed.

THANK YOU

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

"Out of the Ordinary"

An Exhibit by the JSRHS Photography Club at the Weare Public Library through April 14th

This year’s exhibit by the JSRHS Photography Club, “Out of the Ordinary,” incorporates works other than photos and includes glassworks, prints, drawings, and paintings.

UNIQUE GUITARIST/VOCALIST TO CAP HENNIKER ACOUSTIC CAFÉ SERIES
funds to pay for their lodging. These will be the site of the 11th Annual Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest, Sunday, August 19 at Pats Peak Ski Area.

Members of the Rotary Club's Chili Committee, under the leadership of Marc McMurphy, CCC (Chief Chili Czar), are planning a really exciting event this year and encourage all organizations and individuals to enter their favorite chili in the Amateur Division for cash prizes and all the local restaurants to compete in the Professional Division for bragging rights. The KidZone, Car Cruise-In and Craft Vendors will return and live music will be provided throughout the day. A few other surprises are in the early stages of being planned and will be announced soon. Applications for vending and chili makers are now available on the website for this summer celebration of Henniker's 250th anniversary with a splashy weekend of activities August 1-3, but will be the site of the 11th Annual Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest, Sunday, August 19 at Pats Peak Ski Area.

We are also pleased to announce that we will have some visitors from England who have been immensely successful drawing standing room only crowds including local musicians from Henniker and nearby towns.

Senie Hunt has a unique approach to performance. He originally came from Sierra Leone where his passion for music began when he was very young with West African drumming. Adopted by a NH family, Senie moved to Warner, NH and began to teach himself guitar. "As a self taught musician, I was forced to be creative in the styles I perform, including the percussive techniques I apply on guitar."

Senie has been performing around New England at Open Mills and in local bars including Fireworks Restaurant, Monadnock, Keene Music and Pumpkin Festivals and Harlow’s Pub. He recently released his first studio album. Currently living in Concord, NH he came to the attention of local music radio host and newspaper columnist, Rob Azevedo, who featured Senie on his WDKL AM program, Granite State of Mind. Senie describes his music genre as percussive guitar/folk and features both his original music and covers in his performances. This will be his first performance in Henniker.

His set will be followed by an Open Mic session with local musicians. The Only Henniker on Earth Acoustic Café has been a collaboration between the town of Henniker Community Concert Committee and New England College as part of the 2018 celebration of Henniker's 250th anniversary. Funding for the series was made possible by a grant from the Angela Robinson Music Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation.

In a few short months, the Henniker Community Concert Committee will unveil its 2018 outdoor summer series at its 4th annual Preview Concert, Saturday, May 12th in the Congregational Church featuring The Tall Granite Big Band. The committee has been hard at work for several months previewing potential performers for the summer series. For more information email hennikerconcerts@henniker.org.

2018 CHILI FEST PLANNING UNDERWAY

Henniker Rotary selects Granite State Dog Recovery as 2018 Rabies Clinic Beneficiary

Every year the Henniker Rotary selects a worthy animal related cause to receive proceeds from its Rabies Clinic. This year the organization selected is Granite State Dog Recovery - "Reuniting Lost Dogs With Their Families", an all-volunteer 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization founded in 2011. GSDR works in conjunction with police departments, animal control officers, animal shelters, animal rescues and veterinarians to help reunite lost dogs with their families and bring stray dogs to safety. Operating solely on donations, the group also does not charge for its services. Donations the group receives goes towards equipment (leashes, collars, satellite cameras, trail cameras, humane traps and kennels, dog food and animal medical care).

GSDR assists families via social media, telephone, and/or in person but perhaps their best efforts are through social media which spreads the word of lost dogs in the states of NH and Vermont. Lost dog owners are asked to complete a "Lost Dog Form" on its website, which is turned into a lost dog poster and uploaded to its Facebook page so all can share. With a Facebook following of over 160,000, the organization has helped reunite thousands of dogs in its seven years of existence. The group's website shares tips for people on how to handle a found or stray dog. (where to take them, who to call). They also offer tips on lost dog prevention. They add organization has helped reunite thousands of dogs in its seven years of existence. The group's website shares tips for people on how to handle a found or stray dog. (where to take them, who to call). They also offer tips on lost dog prevention. They also information to start the process of recovering lost dogs as well as links to organizations who help lost dogs in other states. Check out their FB Page lost@granitestatedogrecovery.com.

The annual Cat and Dog Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018 Henniker Fire Station from 2:00-4:00pm. Vaccinations will be administered by the Veterinary team of the Henniker Veterinary Hospital, under the direction of Dr. Robert Brust, Veterinarian and Rotary member. Cost for the Clinic is $12.00 each for the first two pets, $6.00 for each additional pet. The Henniker Town Clerk will be on hand to provide 2018 dog licensure for local residents. Please bring all dogs on leashes, all cats in covered carriers. If your pet has previously been vaccinated against rabies, bring the receipt with you to qualify for a 3-year vaccination. You do not have to be a resident of Henniker in order to bring your pets to the Clinic. Free gifts will be distributed to all cats and dogs registered for the Rabies Clinic. The Clinic is made possible by local sponsors including: Altus, A Precious Pet Resort, The Matt Hut, Ayer and Goss Fuels, Henniker Farm and Country Store, Hoftman Photography, Hooker & Associates Real Estate, Diamond Pet Foods and media partner, Granite Quill Publications. For more information contact: nbrax@comcast.net.

Get ready for our 2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Party!...
Save The Date: Saturday May 5, 2018

Kentucky Derby Party

Venue: Pats Peak/Valley Lodge, Henniker NH

Get a little Louisville excitement right here in Henniker! Experience delicious hors d’oeuvres and classic race-day cocktails while enjoying live music from the ever-popular “Nick’s Other Band”. Derby-goers dressed in style can take a chance on some fun contests and exquisite raffle items. Will you win one of the coveted Derby Hat titles this year? Get together with friends and join in the thrill of catching the Race for the Roses on the big screen. Proceeds from this signature event benefit White Birch Center, a local nonprofit dedicated to enriching life and strengthening community.

Stay tuned for information on party details, ticket sales, and sponsorship opportunities at www.whitebirchcc.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Henniker Community School

7: Henniker School Board Meeting, 6:15pm school library
12: Henniker PTA Meeting, 7pm school library
13: VOTING DAY IN THE SCHOOL GYM 7am-7pm. Please enter through the front doors of the gym (Western Avenue side). There is no access to voting from inside the school building.
16: “Got Talent,” Henniker PTA fundraiser and talent show, 6:30pm in the Café
22: Early Release Day

John Stark Regional High School

14: John Stark School Board Meeting, 6:30pm school library
15-18: Seussical the Musical the JSRHS spring theater production. This family-friendly musical is entertaining for the whole family. Show times: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday, March 18 at 1pm. All shows are in the John Stark Regional High School Café. Admission is $5.00 for students and senior citizens and $7.00 for adults. Tickets are available at the door or by calling the main office at 603-529-1601.
21: SAT testing for all juniors and PSAT testing for sophomores. Winter Sports Awards, 6pm
22: Early Release Day
28: Paying for College, 6:30pm in the Café. This program is for seniors and their families to help understand financial aid award packages and financing options and will be presented by the Center for College Planning, part of the NHHEAF Network.
29: Spring Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting, 7pm

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 ideals. 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 1:00pm. 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 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...”
The John Stark School Board has been at work for more than two years to determine the best way to update the John Stark High School infrastructure while keeping a close eye on the tax impact for residents of Henniker and Weare. Article 5 on this year’s Warrant is the result of the Board’s research and study on how to best replace the heating system (originally installed in 1987) and increase energy efficiency throughout the building. The article would provide for installation of a wood chip boiler, insulation and LED lighting, through a lease agreement that would be tax neutral. The lease would be paid for by the savings in oil and electricity costs that the District now incurs.

“The State is requiring us to replace the current oil lines to the oil tank this year,” said John Stark School Board Chair Zach Lawton. “When we looked at that cost, which is $55,000, and the fact that the boiler itself and oil tank are 31 years old, we knew we needed to look at the entirety of the building infrastructure. It wouldn’t make sense for us to tear up the oil lines and replace them only to discover a year later that another fuel source would be the better way to go,” continued Chair Lawton.

After reviewing the options with a variety of companies, the Board decided that partnering with Energy Efficient Investments (EEI) and ENE Energy Advisors offered the best solution for John Stark. The partnership will allow John Stark to pay for the energy infrastructure improvements for up to 20 years from the energy savings that the school will see annually. EEI guarantees these savings will be realized.

“It’s more than likely that the savings we will see in reduced energy costs from increased efficiencies will be greater than the $119,719 annual lease payment,” said Chair Lawton. “We may be able to pay off the lease early or make additional energy updates to the building.”

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AMERICAN LEGION

POST 78 OFFICERS
Commander: Gregg Chaplin
1st Vice Commander: Doug Paul
2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
Adjutant: Eric Harding
Finance Officer: Maria Harding
Service Officer: Vacant
Chaplain: John Coburn
Sgt. At Arms: Adam Burritt
Historian: Derick Pignone
Judge Advocate: Dave Currier
Immediate Past Commander: Jon Hilyard

MEETING DATES
All meetings are held at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street at 7:00pm the Third Tuesday of the month.
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

BECOME A POST MEMBER
Those who are members of other posts outside of town can very easily transfer to their new Home Town Post, by contacting Post Adjutant Eric Harding at 748-2723 for a form.

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY

Story Time with Miss Erin!
Join us for stories, songs & crafts. A new theme each week! Wednesdays at 10:30am
March 7 - Super senses
March 14 - Swing into Spring
March 21 - First the chicken?
March 28 - Eggs everywhere

Enjoy Lap Sit Story Time for babies!
Thursdays at 10:30am 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.

April 4 - 31st Amy Cheney Beach Traveling Exhibit!
Mark your calendars for a series of events to celebrate the 150th birthday of pianist and composer, Amy Beach. Born in Henniker, NH in 1867, Beach became an internationally renowned performer and was the first American woman to write a symphony.

Tucker Free will present the UNH exhibit entitled A Brilliant Life: The Musical Career of New Hampshire’s Amy Beach.

March 12th @ 2pm Sundays at the Library Present: An Afternoon of Music with Two Old Friends
Emery Hutchins & Jim Prendergast deliver a unique combination of Celtic and American country music with plantation ballads, foot-stomping shanty tunes, soaring instrumental solos, traditional Irish tunes, and story-telling. Truly something for everyone!

March 15th @ 11am Senior Hour with White Birch - Conversation & Comradery! This month we will explore the history and traditions of St. Patrick’s Day. Discover why we eat corned beef and cabbage or drink green beer.

March 18th @ 2pm Sundays at the Library Present: Marie Harris Celebrates Amy Beach!
Accompanied by Adi Rule who will provide live music to the narration. A show celebrating the 150th birthday of Henniker native, pianist and composer, Amy Beach! Like us on Facebook to see what’s happening at your local library or check out our great website!
"We are hoping for additional savings on this upgrade to the John Stark building as we have applied for State rebates as well," commented Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore.

The Public Utilities Commission reviewed the school's grant in February and will make its recommendations to the Executive Council after reviewing all submitted projects. It would then go to the Governor. "We won't know until after the March 13 vote if we were successful in securing a State grant, so all figures presented for the project are based on receiving no grant money. Any grants received will mean even greater savings than we have projected," she concluded.

Henniker was the site of New Hampshire's first sit-down strike for more pay. Twenty-nine men, workers at the handle factory, stopped working on March 24, 1937, demanding a 10% wage increase. Miss Violet Philbert, the only female employee, refused to join the men. Henry W. Cogswell, plant manager, refused to deal with the group collectively. Pay ranged from 25 to 40 cents per hour for the five 9-hour days worked each week. All workers were prevented from returning to the shop on Thursday and Friday, but the factory reopened the following Monday with all of the workers returning to work without any pay increases.

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