The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 10th for Training and will not be open for Saturday hours during the month of May.

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

Mother's Day

**Ladies Tea**

Saturday, May 13th 10:30am

Please join us at the Congregational Church of Henniker or light refreshments and a fashion show

**TOWN OF HENNIKER**

**Douglas Howard**

Doug Howard was hired as a seasonal part-time snow removal sidewalk plow driver. He started working full-time for the Highway Department in January 2017 as a truck driver/laborer. Doug has lived the majority of his life in NH. He currently lives in Hillsborough and has a 13 year old daughter. He really likes working for the Town of Henniker and with the Highway Crew. Doug loves the outdoors, hiking, mountain biking, and walking and is an avid traveler who has been to 137 countries!

**HENNIKER COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN UP DAY**

**ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017 10am-1pm**

**SPONSORED BY HENNIKER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Henniker Chamber of Commerce...Bridging Business and Community

The Henniker Chamber is looking for businesses, organizations and residents to help with the clean up. If this is something that you can help with, please email RSVP@hennikerchamber.org with your company/group name/family name and number of people attending. The Chamber will donate $100 to the team/group with the largest number of people to check-in and check-out as a team/group.

Volunteer Check-In starts at 10am at the Henniker Community Center for assignments, trash bags and gloves. Volunteers are encouraged to wear a t-shirt with their organization's name on it and to bring their own gloves, hat, sunscreen and safety vest, if possible.

Following the clean-up efforts will be a FREE barbeque for all participants on the lawn at the Henniker Community Center with food provided by the Henniker Chamber of Commerce.

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The Henniker Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote the area and its businesses, promote Henniker's growth & prosperity through membership participation and community leadership, provide educational opportunities to its members and welcome visitors and newcomers.
Henniker Community School’s Val Dyer Nominated for Teacher of the Year

Val Dyer, who currently teaches second grade, has been teaching at HCS for 31 years.

Mrs. Dyer of the Henniker Community School is pictured above with the NH Dept. of Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut at the celebration for nominees that was held on April 13th. A selection committee will review the 18 nominees and make a determination for the 2018 Teach of the Year in the fall.

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce is accepting memberships. Membership into the Chamber provides many networking opportunities. Chamber Members will receive recognition as a Chamber Professional on the Chamber website, www.hennikerchamber.org, with a direct link to their business, in newsletters along with other publications. The Chamber will also keep members up to date with ongoing regulations affecting their business.

If you would like more information on the Henniker Chamber of Commerce or to get more involved, please email membership@hennikerchamber.org. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view. Henniker Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 885, Henniker, NH 03242, www.hennikerchamber.org.

Registration and Tryouts for next season are in full swing.

The HUSKIES have openings for players - check out www.HYHA.com for registration details and deadlines

HYHA is a family-friendly, co-ed, travel hockey program that is open to all players from all towns. Travel teams play from mid-October to early March.

Summer Concert Series

Your Summer Concert Committee is planning a great season of Tuesday performances this summer (and even a Wednesday and Friday) beginning on June 13 and continuing through August 22. Ten weeks of concerts and eleven shows are planned this summer at the Angela Robinson Bandstand in Community Park.

But first, plan to attend our spectacular salute to the Big Band Era with a Saturday, May 20th concert featuring the Tall Granite Big Band at the Henniker Congregational Church beginning at 7:00pm. This show is sponsored by the new dentists at Henniker Family Dentistry, a general dental practice with a strong focus on prevention, education, and high-quality care for you and your family. Be the first to hear about the plans for the summer season and get your listing of all the concerts. Following
WANTED: CHILI MAKERS AND VENDORS

The weather is finally warming up and it's time to get your applications to enter the Henniker Rotary Club's 15th Annual Fire on the Mountain Chili Contest. Chili maker and vendor applications are available on the website www.chilinewhampshire.org or from a Rotary member.

Once again this year, the first place judges' winner in the Amateur Chili Making category will take home all the beans - a $1,000 cash prize.

The Club is busy planning this year's event - live music, car cruise-in, concessions, catering and kid's activities are all being scheduled for August 20, 2017 at Pats Peak Ski Area. More details to follow in the coming weeks. Like our Facebook page and check out the website for breaking news.

HENNIKER ROTARY CLUB NEWS

The Rotary Club held its 28th Annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 8th with Drs. Alyssa and Bob Brust and the staff of Henniker Veterinary Hospital vaccinating 142 cats and dogs. The Town Clerk's office was on hand to provide 2017 licensure for dogs and The Mutt Hut once again offered nail trimming to dogs for a small donation. Henniker Farm and Country, TD Bank and Diamond Pet Foods offered a smorgasbord of pet treats to all participating animals.

A portion of the proceeds from the Clinic will be donated to Becky's Gift, an Equine Relief organization.

Directed by saxophonist Joey Placenti, the 18-member Tall Granite Big Band debuted in Concord in 2014 and has quickly gained notice for its unique Swing, Latin, and blues sound stemming from its stylistic roots on the Texas Gulf Coast. The band is somewhat unique in including four area clergy and is featured at popular monthly dances at Pitman's Freight Room in Laconia. It has twice accompanied the eminent jazz trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis and is delighted to have the opportunity to be a part of the Henniker Summer Music Series in 2017.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The 39th Army Band is back with a special concert in honor of our nation's birth on Wednesday, July 5th. The concert will begin promptly at 7:00 pm with a reading of the Declaration of Independence followed by the performance. Stay in town and celebrate Independence Day with your friends, family and neighbors.

In order to create a celebratory mood that evening, we are inviting up to six (6) local non-profit organizations (on a first come, first served basis) to set up food vending tables that evening prior to the concert, with "typical" 4th of July fare like hot dogs/hamburgers/hoagies, coffees or non-alcoholic beverages, ice cream, popcorn, or in general foods with a summer picnic theme. Email Milli Knudsen, milliknudsen@gmail.com and she will send you an application to complete and send back to her. We will be accepting applications after June 1. There is no fee to participate and you get to keep the proceeds for your organization while concert attendees get a fun celebration with some "extras" that night. The application includes complete instructions on set up and managing your vending area. Vending will be set up by 6:00 pm so concert goers can come early and purchase your items for their picnic.
that has helped hundreds of horse owners care for and keep their animals in times of illness, financial crisis or other stressful situation.

The club would not be able to conduct this yearly clinic without the support of the community and local volunteers, in addition to club members. In all, 30 volunteers were on hand to help with registration, assisting owners with multiple pets and, in general, help the animals remain calm throughout the afternoon.

Thanks to our Clinic underwriters: A Precious Pet Resort, Ameriprise Financial, Ayer & Goss Fuels, Henniker Farm & Country Store, Jean Hooker & Associates Real Estate, The Mutt Hut, TD Bank, and Granite Quill Publishers. And a special thanks to Chief Burritt, Rocky Bostrom and the entire Henniker Fire Department for their help every year in providing their wonderful facilities to conduct the annual Clinic.

We are grateful to the Henniker Veterinary Hospital staff for donating their time every year to conduct this very important and valuable community project in cooperation with the Henniker Rotary Club. Rabies remains a huge threat in our area to companion pets and their owners. By offering this low cost clinic, we are able to protect residents' pets from contracting this deadly disease.

Thank you to all.
Ruth Zax, Clinic Chairperson

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY

Preschool Story Time continues Wednesdays at 10:30. You are invited to join us for stories, songs, and a craft. A new theme each week:

- May 3 - Take time for turtles
- May 10 - Mother/Father Matters
- May 17 - Wild, Wet, Weather
- May 24 - Pond pals

The 4th Annual Tucker Free Library's Summer Reading and All-Around Henniker Scavenger Hunt begins Tuesday, June 20th, and runs for 5 weeks through July 21st. By reading and exploring Henniker children can earn up to 2 tokens that can be exchanged for rewards at local businesses. Watch for more details or contact Erin at the Tucker Free Library, 428-3471.

Olivia Peterson is a 1000 Books Scholar!
The goal is to read 1000 books before Kindergarten to give children a head start on literacy. Olivia proudly holds her prize for having reached this great achievement! This is an ongoing program open to all preschoolers.

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 and wifi! 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.

Tucker Free Library Phone: (603) 428-3471
31 Western Avenue Email: tuckerfree@comcast.net
PO BOX 688 Henniker, NH 03242

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, April 29th
Step off: 10:00am from the Henniker Community School.
Route of march: center of town, around Town Hall, back through the center of town to Community Park on Main Street.
All Veterans are urged to march. If a Veteran needs a ride in a jeep...
250th anniversary, would you like to see people in period dress? Do you like to sew? Know someone who does?

After doing some online research, it was apparent that Simplicity Company has a much larger variety of vintage patterns than McCall's/Butterick or Kwik Sew, though all three companies have patterns that would be appropriate for our celebration.

For a list of Simplicity, McCall's/Butterick or Kwik Sew pattern numbers, you can look online under the specific pattern company or feel free to call Milli at the Congregational Church at 428-3747 and she will email or mail a list to you.

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**TOWN WEBSITE**

Stay informed daily! [www.henniker.org](http://www.henniker.org)

Join Our Mailing List!

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**HENNIKER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**May 2017 Calendar**

**May 29:** NO SCHOOL. Memorial Day.

**May 30:** LATE ARRIVAL DAY. School begins at 10:15am.

**Henniker Community School**

**May 4:** PLEASE NOTE, this is a new date. Meeting THURSDAY, May 4, 6:15pm, school library.

**May 17:** Kindergarten Information Night, 6:30-7:30.

**John Stark Regional High School**

**May 10:** Principal's Coffee, 7:30am in Principal Corkery's office. Informal discussion for parents and community members with the Principal.

**May 10:** School Board Meeting, 6:30pm, in the school library.

**May 18:** EXPO. Come view all the JSRHS senior capstone projects showcased inside and outside the building, 5:30-8:30pm. You can have dinner in the Café during EXPO. It's a fundraiser for the JSRHS Amnesty Chapter.

**May 20:** JSRHS Prom, Adventures in Wonderland, to be held at Mt. Sunapee Resort.

**May 23:** Spring Concert, 6:30pm in the Café. Come and enjoy a variety of music performed by chorus, select chorus, concert and stage band. Suggested donation, $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for students and seniors. Tri-M will have refreshments at intermission.

**May 30:** Performing Art Awards. Annual music and theater award ceremony and induction of Tri-M Honor Society members at 6pm in Café.

Coming in JUNE...JSRHS concert chorus, select chorus & stage band will be performing on June 13 for Henniker Concert Series on the green.

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Students of Caroline Morono and Stephanie Crowe in the Henniker Community School's fourth grade have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) class each week for an hour. The class and activity are planned in conjunction with Technology Integrator Leanne Chauvette and the STEM curriculum and standard. Here the students are working cooperatively to build a roller coaster using recycled materials. The objective was to move a marble from one side of a three foot square to the other side.

Photo: Tess Mosher, Charlotte Furness, Jewles Fowler and Makayla Murphy Plunket.

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Students from the HCS Amateur Radio Club recently participated in the American Radio Relay League's School Club Roundup, earning top score for New England. During the week long contest, Henniker students Ryan Flaherty (7th grade), Justin Whittier (8th grade) and Brady Labier (5th grade) made radio contacts from the school's station and also took a field study trip to the Henniker home of Dale and Michele Clement. The Clements, who are members of the Contoocook Valley Radio Club, made their own radio equipment available for the students to use. This equipment, which is much more extensive than what the school has, allowed more and further radio contacts. When the results were tallied at the end of the week, the students had talked with hams in forty-one states and nine other countries. In addition to earning top place in New England, their score was high enough to earn fourth place among all middle schools in the country.
U.S. and Canada.