

# TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Prepared and edited by the TVFDA

## MARCH-APRIL 2006

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FREE - Please Take One

**Fire Station:** 878-1972

**Police Station:** 878-3474

**Emergency:** 911

**Temple Town Clerk:** 878-3873 **Tax Collector:** 878-3873

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am - 2 pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am-2 pm

**Secretary to the Selectmen:** 878-2536

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am-12:30 & 1:00-5:00 pm

**Selectmen Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday's at 7 pm

**Mansfield Library:** 878-3100

Monday & Friday 1:30-5 pm; Tuesday 10 am-5:30 pm;

Wednesday 1:30-5 pm & 7-9 pm; Saturday 2-5 pm

**Wilton Recycling Center:** 654-6150

Tuesday 7:30 am-5 pm; Thursday 1 pm-5; Saturday 9 am-5 pm; Sunday 8 am-12 pm

### Snap Shoot of Coming Events

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| March 2  | Candidates Night                | March 27 | Con Com Meeting            |
| March 3  | Community Potluck               | March 29 | Ecumenical Service-Temple  |
| March 4  | Christian Book Group            | April 1  | Ladies Aid Rummage Sale    |
| March 4  | FTTH Meet                       | April 1  | Christian Book Group       |
| March 6  | TVFD Meeting                    | April 3  | TVFD Meeting               |
| March 7  | Ladies Aid                      | April 4  | Ladies Aid                 |
| March 8  | Library Trustees Meeting        | April 5  | Ecumenical Service-Ashby   |
| March 8  | Ecumenical Service-Mason        | April 6  | Lions Meeting              |
| March 9  | Lions Meeting                   | April 7  | Community Potluck          |
| March 10 | Souper Luncheon                 | April 8  | Easter Egg Hunt            |
| March 11 | St. Patrick Dance               | April 8  | Con Com Hike               |
| March 13 | Con Com Meeting                 | April 8  | Good Roads Day             |
| March 14 | Elections                       | April 10 | Con Com Meeting            |
| March 15 | Ecumenical Service-Sacred Heart | April 17 | TVFD Drill                 |
| March 17 | Full Cold Moon Performance      | April 18 | Historical Society Meeting |
| March 18 | Town Meeting                    | April 22 | Lions Meeting              |
| March 20 | TVFD Drill                      | April 24 | Newsletter Deadline        |
| March 22 | Ecumenical Service-Greenville   | April 24 | TVDFFA Meeting             |
| March 24 | Souper Luncheon                 | April 24 | Con Com Meeting            |
| March 25 | Lions Meeting                   | April 26 | Alpha series               |
| March 25 | Halcyon Performance             | April 28 | Souper Luncheon            |
| March 26 | TVFD Maintenance                | April 29 | Half Marathon              |
| March 27 | TVFDA Meeting                   | April 30 | TVFD Maintenance           |

## **Fire Department Auxiliary**

The Auxiliary is a group of men and women of all ages who are interested in supporting the Fire Department. You don't need to be related to a firefighter to join. The Auxiliary supports the Fire Department with fundraisers (Flea Market, Rummage Sale, etc.) and provides support and refreshments at large incident scenes. The TVFD Auxiliary welcomes new members to join our group. The Auxiliary holds its monthly meeting on the **fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.** at the Fire Station. Come join the fun, learn what we are all about and support your local fire department heroes. Give as much or as little time as you can, it all helps your community. Any questions, please contact Sandra at 878-4320.

## **Temple Volunteer Fire Department – Celebrating 55 Years of Service**

Flea Market- July 8<sup>th</sup> After taking a year off to let the Friends of the Town Hall and The Mutts and Men have all the fundraising attention the TVFD Flea Market is back! We need fleas! Any useable items and saleable items are accepted. Power and hand tools, house wares, furniture, odds and ends you name it. Contact Will Wildes for donation information. 878-4320.

Rescue Refurbish- The TVFD is asking for \$25,000 at town meeting to upgrade and restore the 27 year young Grumman Rescue Truck, "Rescue Rosie". This truck was donated to the Town of Temple with money raised at the TVFD 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display. When "The Greatest Fireworks Display in New England" simply got too big to handle in the 80's the TVFD spent the fireworks money to purchase this rescue van. Last year we formed a New Truck Committee to replace Rosie. The best used truck we found in our search was little better than Rosie and cost over \$35,000. New trucks start at over \$75,000. We put Rosie on a lift looking for rust and wear. The aircraft quality aluminum underbody looked new. Body mounts looked strong. The Chevy 350 motor, Saginaw sm465 transmission and Corporate 14 bolt rear end are bullet proof and go-kart simple. We priced rebuilding them all, plus adding "911" air pack seats, proper seat belts, safety cage, and exterior compartments for rescue equipment. If you approve the \$25,000 restoration, all work will be put out to a minimum of three local bidders with as much work done by Temple volunteers as possible. Federal grant money is an option if we buy a new truck. With the federal government's generous donation to the Temple Town Hall project, thermal imager, forestry equipment, global war on terror and hurricane Katrina relief, a local effort seems more appropriate. Think globally act locally.

Auto extrication- The TVFD extricated a driver trapped under the dashboard of his van after a violent crash on 101 this past weekend. Heavy snow contributed to the crash and would not allow a requested Life Flight Helicopter to respond. TVFD firefighters using sawzalls and the Jaws of Life removed the driver's door and the vehicles roof to free the trapped driver.

"I have fallen and I can't get up!" This term of ridicule has prevented some in need from calling for help. Please don't hesitate to dial 911 or call any TVFD volunteer for help with lifting or mobility assistance. A friend in need is a friend in deed!

Interested in learning about the Fire/Rescue Department? Come to our meeting held on the **first Monday** of each month at **7:00 p.m.** at the Fire House. Drills are held on the **third Monday** of the month also at **7:00 p.m.** Maintenance is the **last Sunday** of the month at **8:00 a.m.** at the Fire House.

Fire Chief  
Michael Connolly 924-7289

e- mail TVFD 50c1@templefire.org  
P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084

## **Fire Warden**

With snow rapidly disappearing, fire permits are mandatory for any open burning. The state law says **NO** open burning between 9:00 am & 5:00 pm and written permits are necessary. Any question. Permits are obtained from Fire Warden Joe Cournoyer 878-1479.

## Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the May-June 2006 issue is April 24th**. Typed or handwritten copy is accepted. Please E-mail an electronic file, saved in any major Windows-based word processing file format, to **maryeamsden@peoplepc.com**, or drop off a typed or handwritten copy at the store. Keep in mind when writing, that it's important for submitted articles to be appropriately written for the general public. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information for upcoming events and pertinent information regarding community organizations. While some editing might take place, all items are subject to editing for length (if greater than 250 words) or inappropriate content. Also, personal or commercial advertising is available for a fee.

### \*\*\*NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS\*\*\* RENEWAL NOTICE

#### Newsletter Subscriptions

The Fire Dept. Auxiliary is offering subscription service to the newsletter again this year. If you don't want to miss a single issue (6 per year) subscribe today. Newsletter subscriptions also make great gifts for friends and family here locally or out of state. To have the newsletter mailed to you, please mail \$5.00 for a subscription, along with your name and address to: P.O. Box 80, Temple, NH 03084. **All subscriptions expire at year-end.** Make checks payable to the Temple Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

#### Newsletter Donations

Donations are always needed to help the Temple Newsletter to pay for production costs. Any organization in town that uses the newsletter for communications is asked to consider making a donation. Donations from individuals are also welcome. Please make checks payable to the Temple Fire Auxiliary and mail to P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084. Thank you for your support.

#### Town Clerk Notice to Dog Owners

The dog licenses for 2006 will be available on **January 3, 2006**. All dogs must be licensed per RSA 466:1. New dogs may be licensed after January 3<sup>rd</sup> with proof of rabies shots and proof of neutering. The due date for formerly licensed dogs is **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. Any questions, please call 878-3873, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9:00 to 2:00.

#### Tax Collector

The Tax collector will soon begin the lien process for unpaid 2005 taxes. To avoid this process, 2005 taxes must be paid by March 9, 2006. The actual lien will occur April 10, 2006 and will then be recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds in Nashua. Once a lien has been recorded at the Registry, it will appear on a taxpayer's credit report. Please beware.

Taxpayers with unpaid 2003 liens may want to begin payments of those. They will be in the deeding in August. I can accept partial payments. You do not have to pay it all at once if you begin early.

I hope all taxpayers will vote on March 14<sup>th</sup> and attend the Town Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. These events affect our tax rate and your tax bills.

#### Recreation Department

Temple Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Temple Elementary School. Rain or shine.

Ages 1-4 at 9:55 am, ages 5&6 at 10:25 am and ages 7-9 at 10:50 am. Bring your own basket to collect eggs.

Animals to pet, the Easter Bunny (of course). Donations of baked goods appreciated. The Recreation Commission needs help for this project. If anyone is able to assist, please contact Joe Cournoyer at 878-1479.

Cal Ripken Baseball registrations will be March 11, 9 am to 11 am at Friendship Hall. Forms are available at the Temple Store. Deadline for registration is April 1, 2006. Please call Josh Sirois 878-1758 with any questions.

#### Potluck

The first Friday of each month is COMMUNITY POTLUCK NIGHT! Bring a hot dish or a salad and join us for good food and great fellowship at 6:30 PM on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & April 7th in Friendship Hall. Bring a dinner plate and silverware. This is a community affair and all are welcome.

## **Ladies Aid**

We meet the first Tuesday of each month (during the winter months) at 7:30 PM in Friendship Hall. We will be planning our spring RUMMAGE SALE to be held on April 1st in Friendship Hall. We are also putting together Welcome Wagon baskets for new Temple residents. We welcome new members.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Under the sponsorship of the Ladies Aid, the Congregational Church has begun a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Each shawl, lap robe or afghan we make begins with a prayer for the person who will receive our handmade gift. As we knit or crochet we continue to keep that person in our prayers and when the shawl is completed it is dedicated at our Sunday worship service. The shawls are then delivered to the individuals for whom they were made. The shawls are meant to give support and comfort to someone who is experiencing an illness or difficult times. We also are making them for joyous occasions such as the birth of a child or wedding. We meet at the Friendship Hall most Tuesdays, if you would like to join us or if you know of someone who would be helped by receiving a shawl, please call the church office at 878-4177.

## **Congregational Church**

March and April bring all sorts of events for all sorts of people. Souper Lunch is on the second and fourth Fridays 11:30 - 1:00; in Friendship Hall, as is our Christian Book Group, on the first Saturday.

March brings Ecumenical Lenten Services, Wednesdays at 7:30.

March 8 @ Mason

March 15 @ Sacred Heart

March 22 @ Greenville Community Church

March 29 @ Temple Congregational

April 5 @ Ashby Congregational

In April we are offering a fun time for kids 3d grade and older. Rick Davis will teach Circus Arts 3-5pm on April 7th, 15th, 21st, and 28th; the series will culminate with performances on Sunday April 30. Call 878- 4177 or 878-3076 for more details.

Later in April, starting on Wednesday the 26th, we will be offering the Alpha series. This is an interesting, non-threatening way to explore faith. It is low key and fun. The evening begins with a meal (which we cook). Then we view a presentation, after which we have the opportunity to share our views and impressions. Topics include, "Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?", "Who Is Jesus?", "How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?", and others. The series is designed for people who are curious, who are seeking answers and a way to make faith work in their life. Childcare will be provided. Feel free to call the church 878-4177 for more details.

God Bless You!

## **Temple Playgroup**

The Temple Playgroup was set up for children ages 5 and under. During the "school year" the playgroup usually meets on the **first and third Fridays** of each month in the Friendship Hall. Due to a lack of attendance, there will not be any Playgroup during March and April. If anyone is interested in getting together during this time please contact me, **Sandra Wildes at 878-4320** and we can meet at my home or if there is an overwhelming interest I'll contact David about using the Friendship Hall again. Right now I am thinking that for May and June the Playgroup will be every Friday, depending on weather, at the playground by the ball field. There are swings, slides and a play structure as well as the ball field area for ball playing and kite flying. It's a good place to let the little ones run around.

## **Temple Community Preschool**

Now is the time to enroll your child in preschool for the 2006/2007 school year. We offer a three day program for three year olds and four day program for four year olds. Come in now to view a class and take a tour or ask any questions you may have. Kindergarten is less scary when you get to go with all your friends from fun preschool days. Call Trish MacLaren today to save a spot for your child 878-3782.

## **Library News**

March 8 Library Trustees meeting 7:30

March 21 Book Discussion, "And Quiet Flows the Don" by Mikhail Sholakhov at the home of Carolyn Myrick

April 25 Book Discussion, "Dogs of March" by Ernest Hebert at the home of Sydney Thomas

## **Recent Acquisitions**

Memory in Death, Nora Roberts

Sea Change, Robert B. Parker

Crimson Snow, Jeanne M. Dams

Death Dance, Linda Fairstein

Malpractice in Maggody, Joan Hess

Morgue Mama, C.R. Corwin

The World Is Flat, Thomas Friedman

The Mature Mind: The Positive Power of the Aging Brain, Gene Cohen

Weird New England, Joseph Citro

The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell, Lilian Braun

The Hostage, W.E.B. Griffin

Deadly Corruption, Jeffrey Ashford

Just Rewards, Barbara Taylor Bradford

The Life All Around Me By Ellen Foster, Kaye Gibbons

The Pale Horseman, Bernard Cornwell

Nothing But Trouble, Michael McGarrity

Wrong Place, Wrong Time, Andrea Kane

All Night Long, Jayne Krentz

Red Lily, Nora Roberts

The 2006 What Color is Your Parachute? Richard Bolles

The Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs, 2006

Fritz Wetherbee's New Hampshire

Roots and Branches, Carolyn Myrick

Grace at Low Tide, Ruth Hart

Nail Biter, Sarah Graves

On the Run, Iris Johansen

Turning Angel, Greg Iles

Straight Into Darkness, Faye Kellerman

The Driving Book, Karen Gravelle

## **For the Younger Reader**

The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow, Kaye Umansky

Baby Mouse, Queen of the World & Baby Mouse, Our Hero

Skybreaker, Kenneth Oppel

Whatever, William Bee

Caramba, Marie-Louise Gay

Sleep Tight Little Bear, Martin Waddell

Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs, Andrae Giles

Buzzy Jellison, the Funeral Home Cat, Audrey White

Joe Louis, America's Fighter, David Adler

Go Figure, Johnny Ball

Flabby Tabby, Penny McKinlay

Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs, Kathleen Kudlinski

Bella Baxter and the Itchy Disaster, Jane Mason

A Room With a Zoo, Jules Feiffer

## Selectmen's Office

Between power outages, illness, snowstorms, public hearings and town meeting preparations, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) has been extremely busy.

Much of the **January 12** meeting was postponed due to the lack of a full board. We did however, sign a couple of building permits and briefly discuss the Historic District Ordinance.

The **January 24<sup>th</sup>** meeting we reviewed a number of letters, received a petition for voting on SB-2 and met with Fire Engineers to discuss refurbishing of the old Rescue Truck. We voted to accept a donation of granite for the Town Hall addition and discussed a new roof for the old section of the Town Hall. We also agreed to wait on making appointments to open positions until after the March elections.

The **February 7<sup>th</sup>** meeting brought more petitions for warrant articles. Petitions received were:

- change the Land Use Change Tax distribution to 50% Conservation Fund, 50% General Fund
- place the Chris Weston Conservation Area into a permanent conservation easement
- elect members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- require expenditures from the Conservation Fund be approved at a Town Meeting.

We also accepted a donation of \$4,414.00 from the Friends of Temple Town Hall to relocate the chimney on the addition of the Town Hall. We sent a letter to the Historic District Commission to review removal of 2 trees in front of the library. We discussed warrant articles:

\$20,000 for repairing the Municipal Building roof

\$10,000 to continuing developing the new cemetery

\$6,500 for bleachers at the Little League field

\$25,000 for refurbishing the Rescue Truck

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** was the Budget Hearing where the budget was discussed in detail and suggestions made to the BOS.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** the BOS signed 4 certificates for occupancy, reviewed correspondence and heard a request from FTTH for a fund raising "cocktail party". We received a finance worksheet showing donations to the Town Hall project from Knight Foundations and Tim Fiske Landscaping. We discussed the changes in the police budget from Temple only, to the Co-op and how to report this to the town.

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** the BOS signed the warrant and MS-6 Budget form for the State. We also held a non-public session to discuss legal matters.

Minutes from meetings are available on the Temple Web Site at [templenh.info@verizon.net](mailto:templenh.info@verizon.net)

The BOS would like to thank all the people who volunteer to hold positions in town for their efforts. Especially the following people, who are running for office.

### Select board (one seat)

John Kielely

Steve Andersen

### Trustee of Trust Funds

George Ruppel Jr.

### Moderator

Bruce Kullgren Jr.

### Supervisor of the Checklist

Lynda Connolly

### Cemetery Trustee (one seat)

Barbara Harling

Richard Beringer

### Library Trustees (three seats)

Elizabeth Humphrey

Maureen Petro

### Fire Engineer

Richard Beringer

### Planning Board (two seats)

Honey Hastings

Bruce Kullgren Sr.

William S. Wildes

### Budget Advisory Committee (two seats, three years)

John Pierce

Benjamin Tirey

Brian Kullgren

### Budget Advisory Committee (one seat, one year)

Grinnel More

Thank you for being willing to help make Temple the good community it is. BOS meetings are the **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** **Tuesday's** of the month at 7:30 p.m. and open to the public.

### **Temple Drama Club**

Well, spring is in the air again, and your local actors are gearing up for the annual production in May. This year the TDC plans to present three one-act comedies as in recent years. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact Steve Cullinan at 878-2872. See you at the show!

### **Souhegan Lions Club**

Souhegan Lions Club serving the communities of Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich & Temple

We will be doing an eye screening in Greenville in March. We screen children at pre-schools and kindergartens in the area towns. We are always looking for new members. If you think you might be interested, please contact Dick Benotti at 878-2297 or Nancy Woods at 878-1312. We meet for dinner at the Friendship Hall on the second Thursday of the month and our business meeting is on the fourth Saturday. Don't forget our Mother's Day breakfast in May.

### **Temple Bicentennial Scholarship Fund**

Bicentennial Scholarship Fund awards are given once per year to Temple residents graduating from high school and continuing their education at a post-secondary Educational institution. Only Temple residents are eligible. The scholarships are typically awarded near the end of the students last year in high school, during the month of June. Applications for the scholarships are submitted to the Temple Trustees of the Trust Funds from **1<sup>st</sup> of March through May 15th.**

Contacting Iphi Hatt, Trustee of the Trust Funds, in writing at: PO Box 198, Temple, NH 03084 or by email at this address: [iphihatt@worldpath.net](mailto:iphihatt@worldpath.net) you may obtain applications.

The Scholarships are paid directly to the post-secondary educational institution after the successful completion of the student's first semester. The student must forward a copy of the first semester transcript to the Trustees of the Trust Funds at the above address in order to initiate payment of the scholarship. The scholarship is paid directly to the college to be credited to the student's account. Scholarship amounts may vary year to year.

### **Halcyon to Perform, Temple Town Hall, Saturday, March 25, 7:30pm**

The concert will benefit Katrina victims, and will feature new and traditional songs and poetry about women. The centerpiece will be the debut of a wonderful work for four equal voices *a capella* by the internationally acclaimed composer, Frank Wallace of Antrim. Wallace is a 2006 recipient of the coveted Artist Fellowship Award from the New Hampshire Council on the Arts. This is his second fellowship award from the Council. Commissioned by Halcyon, the new piece is set to the words of the nursery rhyme **Betty Botter**. It sets a lighthearted tone for the concert, which blends humor and dramatic touches with exquisite part singing. The poems of two of the group's members, Kate Dean of Temple, and director Nancy Knowles give the concert a personal touch.

### **Second Annual Temple Half Marathon**

Keep those running shoes laced up for Temple's next running event! This year's scenic half marathon is scheduled for Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. The course has been modified a bit from last year to ensure 1000+ feet of climb – this could become one of the area's most challenging events! Included for 2006 is a vigorous 4-mile village walk. As always, proceeds from the race will benefit the Temple Town Hall Restoration Project.

Registration forms will become available on **February 1<sup>st</sup>** at [GotEndurance.com](http://GotEndurance.com) or [TempleTownHall.com](http://TempleTownHall.com). Participants are encouraged to register early for special t-shirts and guaranteed entry – registration is limited to 250. For more information call John at 878-4173 or email [TempleHalfMarathon@yahoo.com](mailto:TempleHalfMarathon@yahoo.com).

### **Harvest Festival**

Planning has begun for the 2006 Temple Harvest Festival, which will take place on Sunday, September 24. This annual community event provides an outstanding selection of great food, arts and crafts, and family fun activities, interesting booths hosted by local community organizations and crafters, a Temple Band concert, and contests and games for all ages. There are no parking or entrance fees.

Info on this year's special exhibit coming soon! Please visit our website at [www.TempleHarvestFestival.org](http://www.TempleHarvestFestival.org). If

you have any comments or suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Harvest Festival Committee Chair, Vivian Nicholl at 878-5033.

## **Temple Historical Society**

Our annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Friendship Hall. There will be election of officers and all committee reports. Program to be announced. Annual membership dues are payable at this time.

Plans for the year will be made. These include: Open House at #6 School House on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Temple's Memorial Day, and on Harvest Festival Day. Also there will be a clean-up day at #6 in May and at the Glassworks Site in August or September – at members' convenience.

An inventory of the old barns in Temple has been started over the winter. Hopefully, a committee will be named to get this project off the drawing board. As always, volunteers are needed for these activities. There are openings for treasurer and secretary, as these officers are retiring after many years of service. When the nominating committee calls, please consider doing your part.

## **Conservation Commission**

**Walks/Hikes** - The regular Commission walks and hikes are continuing. The next event is a hike Sunday, 8 April at 1 pm. Meet at the Town Hall for a hike from there to the top of Whitcomb Peak with great views of Temple.(Come join your neighbors in enjoying the out-of-doors!) For more information, contact John at 878.1220.

**Conservation Fund** - The Commission has proposed a Warrant Article to put 50% of any Land Use Tax (LUCT) into the Conservation Fund. This tax is collected when land is removed from current use status (usually for development). With the 50% formula, if more land is removed from current use status, there will be more money for conservation. If less land is removed from current use status, less money goes into the Fund. In the last few years, the Select Board voted to use the Conservation Fund to protect 3 historic farms in Temple from development. This was done through land preservation agreements with the landowners.

**Proposed 34-Unit Development** - The Commission has sent a letter to the Planning Board, expressing its concerns about the proposed "Tamposi" development which would be located off the west end of Old Revolutionary Road. Over recent months, Commission members have continued to attend the Planning Board hearings on this project. (The hearings are on-going. The next date is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.)  
**Maps** - The Commission is working with the South West Regional Planning Commission to get maps of Temple that will assist both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission in their work.

**Information-** The public is invited to the Conservation Commission's meetings, generally 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7 pm, at the Library. The agenda is posted the prior Friday at the Municipal Building and Store. Minutes are posted at [templenh.info](http://templenh.info) and are available at the Municipal Building.

**Soil Tests** - Available through UNH Cooperative Extension. Find out what fertilizers or organic supplements your lawn, vegetables, or flowers need. The necessary form and further information is available from Hillsborough office 641-6060 or <http://ceinfo.unh.edu/Agric/AGPDTS/SoilTest.htm>.

**Current Use Workshop** - Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m. UNH Cooperative Extension Office, Goffstown. Find out: Would the Current Use program be appropriate for your land? Information from Jon Nute or George Hamilton at 641-6060.

**Pruning Fruit Trees** - Monday, 10 April, 4-6 p.m. Shieling Forest, Peterborough. Workshop on pruning apple and other fruit trees. Contact Jon or George at 641.6060.

**Tree Seedlings** - The state sells seedlings of many types of trees and shrubs for reforestation, erosion control, natural landscaping, and wildlife value. Early orders receive priority. For information: [www.nhnursery.com](http://www.nhnursery.com) or 271-2214.

The **Hillsborough County Conservation District** is currently holding its annual Tree and Shrub Sale. We are offering a variety of top quality evergreen and deciduous trees, wildlife and landscaping shrubs and fruit plants. Most of the plants are native to New Hampshire and were chosen for their hardiness, wildlife and

landscape value. All are offered at wholesale prices. Deadline for orders is Friday, March 31st. The District is also including flower bulbs in its offerings this spring! Choose from various types of lilies, iris, fern and other unique bulbs in many colors. They're all fresh, top-size bulbs that will add a glorious display of color to your landscape.

All of the proceeds from the sale will benefit conservation efforts in Hillsborough County. Thus, in addition to improving your landscape, you are helping fund conservation projects in your local community. For more information or to receive an order form, contact the District office by phone at 673-2409, ext. 4, or e-mail [kerry.rickrode@nh.nacdn.net](mailto:kerry.rickrode@nh.nacdn.net), or go to our web site at [www.hillsboroughccd.org](http://www.hillsboroughccd.org).

### **Report on School Board Activities**

Information on the Laptop Initiative will be presented on Thursday March 9 at the Town Hall, 7 p.m. I encourage everyone to attend.

**Old Issues:** The School Calendar issue has been delayed, primarily because changes must be worked out jointly with Mascenic and Conant, the reason being that the three high schools share classes offered in the Tech Center. Any change would become effective year after next, i.e., 2007-08. The question of the credit requirements to graduate from high school will be decided next fall. A committee at the high school is to report recommendations at that time.

**Accreditation:** Every high school must renew its accreditation every 10 years. This year CVHS has been placed on warning and has two years to make the required changes. One straightforward change required: make the girl's locker room handicapped-accessible. More difficult is to address the problems with the high school's mission statement and fulfillment. The mission chosen by the high school is "Learning, Thinking, Growing." The accreditation committee doesn't comment on the chosen statement, it focuses rather on whether or not the school is able to tell if it is succeeding in its mission. For CVHS the answer is no. The Report notes many good things about the high school but also many things that are not quite right. If you have a child in or approaching the high school, you should read the report in its entirety. A copy is in the Temple Library, and you can also download it on the school website: [www.conval.edu](http://www.conval.edu). (Go to CVHS, then to Directory for the NEASC Report.) One of the problems noted in the report is whether the high school has adequate computers. The Board has asked the HS to come up with a plan for the optimal use of computers and an evaluation of their current stock. One of the problems has always been that high school students take a computers/health course which requires the use of most of the available computers for just that one class. A year ago the Board voted to move the computer requirement to the middle schools to free up those computers. This has yet to happen.

The Board has been spending a lot of time lately on possible changes in the Tech Center. There are a number of Certificate Programs, generally requiring 4 credit courses. The cost of providing these courses is considerably higher than the cost of other high school courses, mainly because the enrollment is low. For example, math credits cost around \$300 per student; the tech center courses cost \$675. Even science classes, which are small and have expensive labs, average only \$475 per student. So it is very important to have relevant courses offered in the Tech Center. Adding an EMT program is under consideration as well as cosmetology. I am very interested in hearing from parents and recent graduates on how well the Tech Center has served their interests. Gail Cromwell at 878-1284

### **Friends of the Temple Town Hall**

The FTTH invites all current, past, and would-be members to the annual **Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 4 at 10 A.M. in the Town Hall.**

Highlights of the meeting will include remarks by our featured speaker, Bill Banks, and a tour through the new addition. Observing progress on the cupola and the Town Hall addition has provided a certain amount of entertainment for us townspeople this winter: now we will all have the chance to observe progress on the inside. Since the February 18 power outage forced cancellation of the Valentine's fund raising dance in the Town Hall, we have rescheduled the event for **Saturday, March 11 at 8 P.M.** in the Hall. So mark your calendars for an evening of socializing and dancing to the area's wonderful **Temple Dance Band**. Refreshments and soft drinks will be served. BYOB. Admission is \$10 per person.

On **Friday, March 17th at 8 P.M. the Celtic group, Full Cold Moon** will perform in the Town Hall. The group is donating all proceeds from the evening to the Town Hall restoration fund and we are grateful for their generosity.

Each of these fund raisers adds revenue to the more than \$400,000 the FTTH has raised to date to restore our proud old Town Hall. Your continued support will bring us all that much closer to the celebration of its completed renovation. We envision the Town Hall as the heart of our community where townspeople will come together for dances, parties, receptions, weddings, meetings, and community events we have yet to imagine. Please help us make this happen. Visit [www.templetownhall.com](http://www.templetownhall.com) for information on fundraisers or to make a donation.

### **Good Roads Day 2006**

This year's community cleanup effort will take place on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, rain date for May 6<sup>th</sup>. All participants are asked to meet in **Friendship Hall at 8:30 am** to enjoy some breakfast snacks, including coffee provided by the Ladies Aid, and to go over the projects for that day. Even if you do not need tools and supplies, please plan to come to the meeting to get the information, especially regarding the litter pickup roads. Some tools are provided along with gloves, tarps, and plastic bags. But, more tools are always needed. Please bring whatever you can and **label everything** with your name. We use yard rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows, clippers, flat shovels, garden trowels/forks, yard buckets, and small tarps (we have big ones already). We will work all morning and then stop around 12:30 or so for the community meal in Friendship Hall. Lunch and desert will be provided by Niki and Steve McGettigan, the Temple Elementary School, and the TPO. Town organizations and individuals will share the cost of drinks, miscellaneous food, and general supplies for the day. We need people to serve as work site leaders with cell phones for communicating with the work center at Friendship Hall. (walkie talkies don't work, too many hills in town!) We also need truckers (truck and driver together is the optimal situation), trucks to borrow, and willing drivers for the hauling of debris to the dumpsite. If you are interested in any of the above jobs, please contact Linda at 878-1078.

The families of Brownie Troop 898 will be taking charge of the Common cleanup. The families of the Temple Little League will be cleaning up the ball field (field conditions permitting), and a group of village center volunteers will tackle the cleanup around the town buildings. Other work site efforts and special projects will certainly develop as we approach spring. Please call in your project ideas and group plans.

If you intend to pick up litter along roadsides or at a given worksite, please contact Amy Burnham at 878-9817. She will be serving as litter pickup coordinator again this year. A map of the Temple roads being handled by groups or individuals will be made available at the morning meeting on Good Roads Day. But, for the map to be accurate, we need to hear from you, so please call in your intentions.

If you can take care of the trash you pick up, please do so. Otherwise, please drop it off at the town dumpster. Linda and Tim will be contacting the Wilton Recycling Center to make a special request for the center to handle additional materials and oversized or dangerous litter that may come in. We will have more information and special instructions on the morning of Good Roads Day. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call Amy or Linda.

Please do mark these dates on your calendar and come if you can to share in this special Temple tradition. It is an awesome feeling to work together to cleanup our town and then to enjoy the accomplishment all year long.