

TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2007

FREE – At the Library & Temple Store

FREE - Please Take One

Fire Station: 878-1972

Police Station: 878-3474

Emergency: 911

Temple Town Clerk: 878-3873

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

Tax Collector: 878-3873

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 10 am to 4 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 3 to 8 pm;

Saturday 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Wilton Recycling Center: 654-6150

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

Snap Shot of Coming Events

Jan 1 Lions Peanut Butter Chip Chase

Jan 5 Community Potluck Supper

Jan 7 ConCom Walk

Jan 8 ConCom Meeting

Jan 9 Ladies Aid

Jan 9 School Budget Meeting

Jan 10 Library Trustees' Meeting

Jan 11 Lions Meeting

Jan 12 Soup-er Luncheon

Jan 13 Firewood Workshop

Jan 15 Historic District Com

Jan 15 TVFD Drill

Jan 22 TVFDA Meeting

Jan 22 ConCom Meeting

Jan 25 Historical Talk

Jan 26 Soup-er Luncheon

Jan 27 Lions Meeting

Jan 28 TVFD Maintenance

Feb 1 Fireside Tales

Feb 2 Community Potluck Supper

Feb 2 & 3 NH Farm & Forest Expo

Feb 5 TVFD Meeting

Feb 6 Ladies Aid

Feb 8 Lions Meeting

Feb 8 Fireside Tales

Feb 9 Soup-er Luncheon

Feb 11 ConCom Hike

Feb 12 ConCom Meeting

Feb 15 Fireside Tales

Feb 19 Historic District Com

Feb 19 TVFD Drill

Feb 22 Fireside Tales

Feb 23 Soup-er Luncheon

Feb 23 Newsletter deadline

Feb 24 Lions Meeting

Feb 25 TVFD Maintenance

Feb 26 ConCom Meeting

Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is a group of men and women of all ages who are interested in supporting the Fire Department.

You do not 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. Any questions, please contact Sandra at 878-4320.

Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the March-April issue is February 23rd.** 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 is 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 offers subscription service to the newsletter. If you do not 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.

Temple Volunteer Fire Department

Rescue Van Refurb- Rescue Rosie is back in service and better than ever! Seating for eight, with seatbelts. Three are Self Contained Breathing Apparatus seats that allow a firefighter to safely prepare for an interior fire attack on the way to the fire. A powerful auxiliary heater in the passenger compartment should be able to thaw an ice covered firefighter at the inevitable below zero structure fire or warm auto accident victims extricated from a frozen February snow bank during a snowstorm. A safety cage now separates the crew compartment from the large, well laid out equipment storage and scba refilling station. The scba refilling station is now equipped with an armored shrapnel containment "Boom Box". Should an air pack fail (think violent explosion) during refilling the Boom Box directs the failure safely down through the floor of the van. Till now we have been checking for bottle failure with an ungloved hand feeling for cracks or uneven heat build up.

The "spacious", well lit interior easily holds all of our equipment. For the next few weeks we will be experimenting to find the best and most efficient placement for everything.

The TVFD thanks Steve Anderson for his creativity, enthusiasm and care, he has given to this project.

Christmas Thanks- As we enter a new year the TVFD wishes to thank everyone who has been so supportive of all our efforts to provide fire and emergency medical services to our neighbors. Thanks to your generous donations we have purchased a ground monitor nozzle used on the biggest of fires and propane emergencies. It is capable of flowing over 500 gallons per minute with a safety feature that shuts the water off automatically if

the nozzle becomes unstable or unsafe. We have also ordered a stair chair used to help transport sick or injured persons out of their home especially where a stretcher would not fit.

Our most ambitious project is to have a defibulator to any cardiac emergency in Temple within four minutes. A volunteer firefighter equipped with a defib in four corners of town should accomplish this. The four new defibs cost around \$3200. The trained volunteers ready to respond when seconds count is where we really could use your help. **We need to find a way to get you to help your neighbors.** We need to get you trained at cardio pulmonary resuscitation and willing to use it. We need some of your precious time now.

If you would like to join the TVFD fire and rescue efforts please call Fire Chief Mike Connolly 924-7289. 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
TVFD, P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084

e- mail 50c1@templefire.org

Fire Warden

Due to heavy wind conditions and falling leaves, this **is not** a good time to issue burning permits. When snow is **covering** the ground, written permits are not required. Permits and regulations may be obtained by contacting Fire Warden Joe Cournoyer 878-1479 or Deputy Warden /Fire Chief Mike Connolly 396-9137.

Christmas Decorating

The Christmas greening and lighting committee would like to thank everyone who helped decorate the center of town. A wonderful experience was had by all! The Temple girl scouts and brownies really came through with much needed help. We would also like to thank all the members of the village greens committee who participated, and the Temple Band. Also a special thank you to the Wildes family for continuing to donate the town Christmas tree. This will be my last year facilitating the town tree lighting. If anyone is interested in helping with this fun filled activity, please call Ken Carpenter at 878-0616 or Laura Shields at 878-4220.

Ladies Aid

Our regular meetings are held in Friendship Hall on the first Tuesday of each month (except summer months) at 7:30 PM. January's meeting will be on the 9th. The Christmas Fair held on December 9th by the Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church was most successful. Many people supported us by attending and finding lovely crafts, baked goods, stocking stuffers, jewelry and white elephant items for purchase. We do extend a big "thank you" to all and especially those who baked for us. The Christmas train made by a Temple lady was wonderful and did not take long to sell. We will continue to make craft items throughout the coming year for next year's fair. If you like to do this sort of thing, come and join us. We also will continue knitting our prayer shawls, baby hats and mittens. Keep your eyes out for publicity about our Rummage Sale in the Spring. We may also have other events throughout the winter. Questions may be answered by calling 878-2297, 924-6030 or asking any member of the Ladies Aid.

Congregational Church

Sometimes New Year's Day seems a bit like a birthday, where you do not feel a whole year older, in fact, you are only one day older than you were yesterday. On the calendar, January 1 marks the start of a new year. I suppose they have to start somewhere. In the old days, years used to start on March 21, the first day of spring. That makes a certain amount of sense when you think about it. Having said that, the start of a new year is a good time to envision what you would like to do and become in the upcoming year. Many resolutions concern diet and exercise, those two dreaded words in modern society. After a December of eating all sorts of treat, most of us have plenty of room for improvement here. However, this year why not consider making spiritual or emotional resolutions. Why not try to become gentler, kinder, more giving and forgiving. Why not try to see the bright side, try to be optimistic and hopeful. Why not make a point of encouraging people and telling them what you like and appreciate about them. Developing good "habits of the heart" goes a long way to transforming your life. Try and you will see. If you happen to stumble, and we all do, keep trying. If you have run out of steam by the middle of January, all is not lost. With God, every day is a new day. On each day that you have life, God offers you a chance to start all over. Do not give up or beat yourself up. Start over. Let God be there with you. God wants you to live a happy life of joy and service to others. Trust me, God will help you. See you in church!

Potluck

The first Friday of each month is POTLUCK NIGHT! Bring a hot dish or a salad, your eating utensils and a hearty appetite and join us for great food and fellowship. This is a community affair and ALL are welcome. Friendship Hall at 6:30 PM.

Soup-er-Luncheon has started up for the season -- we have luncheon every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from October to June, (except Nov. 24th & Dec. 22nd) at Friendship Hall, Rt. 45, Temple (next to the church). Homemade Soups, Rolls by Ruthie, Desserts and Beverage, all for only \$5.00 is served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Try us and enjoy lunch out every 2nd and 4th Friday. We can always use help, if you would like to work on a team or donate soup or dessert please call Ruth Runge at 878-2690.

Temple Community Preschool

Now is time to enroll your child in preschool for the 2006/2007 school year. We offer a three-day program for three year olds and a four-day program for four year olds. Please contact Trish Maclaren at 878-3782 for details. Call today as space is limited.

Temple Historical Society

The Temple Historical Society is presenting a talk by Edie Clark on Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 PM at Friendship Hall. It is free of charge and open to all. It is presented with the support of the NH Humanities Council. Snow date is Wednesday, January 31. Edie Clark, Yankee Magazine editor & writer will speak on "New England: Myth or Reality?" Is the New England of Thoreau, Frost, and Rockwell the real New England? Their images have brought tourists and transplants to New England for decades at times to the advancement and at times to the detriment of its indigenous citizenry. The six New England states have been romanticized for more than two hundred years. Layers of myth-making in both art and in literature have created such a distinct reality that even the current inhabitants of the region have a hard time knowing whether what they see all round them is real or imagined.

Library News
NEW HOURS

Beginning Jan. 2—Monday & Friday 10-4, Tuesday & Thursday 3-8. Saturday 10:30-1:30

Jan. 10 Trustees meeting

Jan. 15 Closed, holiday

Jan. 23 Book discussion "Acts of Faith" at the home of Carolyn Myrick

Feb. 1 Fireside tales, 6:30

Feb. 8 Fireside tales, 6:30

Feb. 15 Fireside tales, 6:30

Feb. 19 Closed, holiday

Feb. 22 Fireside tales, 6:30In a holiday fog

Feb. 27 Book discussion "The Sparrow" at the home of Maureen Petro.

Everyone is welcome to fireside tales during Feb. Bring your teddy and favorite grown-up.

During inclement weather, we will probably be closed if the schools are. Please call before coming out.

New Acquisitions

Farewell Summer, Ray Bradbury

A Safe Place for Dying, Jack Fredrickson

The Light of Alexandria, James Maynard

Empire, Orson Scott Card

Capital Crimes, Jonathan Kellerman

H.R.H., Danielle Steel

The Long Night of Winchell Dear, Robert James Waller

The Hidden Assassins, Robert Wilson

Limitations, Scott Turow

Christmas Letters, Debbie Macomber

A Christmas Secret, Anne Perry

Grave Surprise, Charlaine Harris

The View From Castle Rock, Alice Munro

The Road, Cormac McCarthy

Ines of My Soul, Isabel Allende

Murder at the Opera, Margaret Truman

The Thirteenth Tale, Diane Setterfield

The Audacity of Hope, Obama Barack

Mysteries of the Middle Ages, Thomas Cahill

Bleeding Hearts, Ian Rankin

For the Younger Reader

The End, Lemony Snicket

Here There Be Dragons, James Owen

Wintersmith, Terry Pratchett

Water Street, Patricia Giff

Cross, James Patterson

Andrew Carnegie, David Nasaw

The Greatest Story Ever Sold, Frank Rich

Wild Fire, Nelson DeMille

The Rising Tide, Jeff Shaara

Into the Storm, Suzanne Brockmann

Born in Death, Nora Roberts

Lisey's Story, Stephen King

Black Girl, White Girl.Joyce Carol Oates

Love and Louis XIV, Antonia Fraser

What Came Before He Shot Her, Elizabeth George

Thunderstruck, Erik Larson

Hundred Dollar Baby, Robert B. Parker

All Mortal Flesh, Fleming Spenser

State of Denial, Bob Woodward

The Life & Times of the Thunderbolt Kid, Bill Bryson

The Collectors, David Baldacci

The Bancroft Strategy, Robert Ludlum

Dear John, Nicholas Sparks

The Echo Maker, Richard Powers

Mommy, Maurice Sendak

The Adventures of the Dish & the Spoon, Mini Grey

New DVD's and Audio CD's

Temple Historic District Commission

We invite and encourage anyone interested to attend these public meetings and stay informed about the activities of the THDC. The HDC meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. Visit the Temple NH website also for a link to more information about the HDC including minutes from meetings, the ordinance, Commission and District members, and additional updates..

Members of the Board are:

Randy Burnham – Chairman

Dan Cournoyer

Phyllis Mazza – Vice-Chairman

John Kieley

Vivian Nicholl – Secretary

Mary Nutting

Sarge Collier

The meetings are open to the public

Souhegan Lions Club

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

The Souhegan Lions Club has placed eyeglasses collection boxes in the communities that they serve. Please drop off your used eyeglasses (no loose lenses or cases please).

We invite all service minded people to visit us at any one of our meetings to learn what Lionism is all about. The second Thursday of each month a catered dinner meeting is held. On the fourth Saturday morning, a business meeting is held at 8am. For more information, please call Pete Von Sneidern @ 878-2519 or Nancy Woods @ 878-1312.

Report on School Board Activities

The main concern at this time of the year is the school budget. The Administration has proposed an increase of 7.8% to \$42 million. The Public Hearing on the Budget will be on Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m., at the SAU Office. If you have concerns about the budget, this is the meeting for you. The Board has not yet accepted the proposal.

The other big issue is the proposed change in the number of credits to obtain a high school diploma. Here is what you need to know to understand this issue. The State requires a list of 14 courses and 6 electives to get a HS diploma. These courses are: 4 in English, 3 in Mathematics, 1 each in Physics, Biology, US History, and PE. A half-course in each of: Art, Technology, Civics, Economics, Health, and some sort of World History or Geography. Those total 14, and a student is to select 6 electives of their own choice. Each of these courses must be passed with at least a D grade. A student can take more courses and many do.

Conval had a very similar requirement for most of its 30 years of existence. For the last 7 years, however, beginning with 2000, graduates have been required to take all of the 14 specified courses, plus an additional 12 electives, not just 6. There is some evidence that this has not been useful, that students fill up their schedules with courses they can pass whether they are interested or not, and do minimal work. It has also made it more difficult for a student who would do better in another setting, such as one of our community technical schools. It has been proposed to the Board that Conval return to a 20-credit diploma, but with the addition of 2 more courses to add to the basic 14. One would be a course in Consumer Education. Students would learn the essentials of personal banking, credit cards, mortgages, car loans, job skills, etc. Some of those topics are covered in math classes but a focused course could be an improvement. The second change would be to make the Health and World Studies requirement each a full credit, not just a half credit. Those two changes, a new Consumer Education course, and an expanded Health and World Studies requirement, would make the required list 16. Then a student would select at least 4 more electives. Many students, especially those going on to college, will continue as they do now, with 26-28-even 32 credits. However, this change will give greater flexibility to students who are planning to attend a community college or go to work sooner rather than later.

In addition, there would be a new focus on Career Education. This has to begin in the Eighth Grade with more information on careers, the education required, extensive guidance, use of internships and more flexible learning opportunities. The Board will be voting on this soon so if you have concerns or thoughts, please let me know immediately. Thank you. I will make a presentation to the town on the budget when it is finalized, so please watch for a date on that. Gail Cromwell 878-1284

Selectmen's Report

We would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy new year.

With our work for 2006 behind us, we are well into planning for 2007. We were just advised that Temple is on the top tier of Towns to receive a grant for the vast majority of the cost of developing a FEMA required Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are waiting to hear about similar funding for the development of an Emergency Operations Plan that will also contribute to overall public safety and position Temple for public funding in the event of an emergency.

At the Selectmen's meeting on January 9th at 7:00 PM the Monadnock Conservancy and the State Legislators who have sponsored the bill to purchase the former Temple Mt Ski Area will make a presentation regarding the project. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Please put Tuesday March 13 and Saturday March 17, 2007 on your calendars. Tuesday is of course Town Election Day and Saturday starting at 10:00 is our annual Town Meeting. There will likely be several hotly contested positions and warrant articles to vote on. Following are a list of elected positions that will be open:

Fire Engineer	Town Clerk	Town Tax Collector
Library Trustee	Supervisor of the Checklist	Selectman
Cemetery Trustee	Trustee of Trust Funds	Planning Board
Road Agent	Town Treasurer	Budget Advisory Committee

If you have an interest in running for any of these positions, you will need to register with the Town Clerk's office between January 24 and February 2 (5:00 PM).

Immediately after the Town Meeting the Board of Selectmen will be considering appointments to the Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Recreation Commission, Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer and Capital Improvement Plan Committee. Should you have an interest in any of these positions please send a letter of interest to the Selectmen's office in mid March.

Other key dates include:

Deadline for filing a warrant article by petition....February 6th

Town Budget hearing.....Saturday February 10th at 10:00 AM

The question has come up recently as to where residents can get copies of important Town documents such as zoning ordinances, master plan, natural resources inventory etc. Hard copies are available for viewing at both the Selectmen's office and the Library. Copies can be made at the Selectmen's office for a nominal charge. Additionally these documents are available on the Town web site (www.templenh.info) from which you can print a personal copy.

The Town will be selling the old safe in the rear of the Town hall. It measures 6'10" by 4'6" by 2'8" and is quite heavy. Anyone interested should contact the Selectmen's office at 878-2536 or Sherry Fiske at 878-2743.

The work to restore the windows in the Town Hall will be starting in early January. One question yet to be decided is the color that the exterior of the windows themselves should be painted. Please send any thoughts along to either the FTTH building Committee (Connie Kieley, Dick Benotti or Dave Repak) or the Selectmen's office.

Temple Conservation Commission

The first 2007 Conservation Commission outing, on Sunday 7 January, is a walk on Mary Jane Wolbers' Hill Road land. The Con Com is considering a proposal for an easement on 12.75 acres on this parcel. While there are not trails, this walk is suitable for older children. There is a brook and varied trees and shrubs - a pleasant winter walk. To view the land before the public hearing, or just enjoy the beauty of nature, please meet at the Town Hall at 1 pm. If questions, call John at 878.1220.

The February hike is on Sunday, the 11th. The plan is for this to be a snowshoe hike, if there is enough snow cover. The route will include the Heald Tract. Some commission members have extra snowshoes, or they may be rented at EMS Peterborough (924.7231). Meet at the Town Hall at 1 pm. For more information, contact Dave at 878.3114.

On 8 January (the day after the Wolbers' walk), there will be a hearing to get public input on the idea of an easement on the Wolbers land. The land adjoins several hundred acres of other protected land. Maps and photos of the land will be available at the hearing. Please attend and ask questions and make comments. After the hearing, the Conservation Commission will vote whether to recommend that the Select Board vote "yes" on this proposal. Only the Select Board can decide to use Conservation Fund money to protect or purchase land. The Conservation Commission hopes to work on these areas in 2007: **a.** Easement/land agreement work for protecting open space. **b.** Physical maintenance of properties under TCC management. **c.** A professional study of Temple's water resources. **d.** New maps for conservation planning. **e.** Records and resource storage-retrieval improvements. **f.** A regional conservation commission meeting.

Tip for protecting trees and shrubs from winter damage - Broadleaf evergreen shrubs and recently planted evergreen trees can suffer winter injury from wind and sun. Adding shade screens or windbreaks can help. Use snow fencing or burlap stapled to wood stakes; never wrap plant in plastic. For more help, call UNH Cooperative Extension toll free at 1.877.398.4769.

Workshops of interest: Cutting Your Own Firewood, workshop on 13 January at Sheiling Forest in Peterborough. Bring a hard hat and gloves. Cost -\$5. Advanced registration required; call 431.6774. NH Farm & Forest Exposition: Local Resources Providing Local Solutions. Manchester, 2 & 3 February. Exhibits and presentations for everyone interested in agriculture, forestry, gardening, and the out-of-doors. Special activities for children. For info, call 641.6060.

Commission Meetings - Second and fourth Mondays, 7 pm, at the Library. The public is welcome.