

# **Weare in the World**

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents
July 26, 2023



# Cable Franchise Agreement Approved by Selectmen

By Tom Clow

Following a public hearing on July 10, the Weare Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a seven-year extension of the cable franchise agreement with Comcast. There were several amendments to the previous agreement, which ended in 2022. That contract called for a free hookup to unserved homes within 150 feet of the franchise's distribution cable, while the new contract extends the free attachment distance up to 300 feet, which is the Comcast standard. In addition, according to the new agreement, Comcast will prorate a refund to subscribers if the power is out for more than 24 hours.

Selectman Blume pointed out that this is a non-exclusive agreement. If another company decides they want to do business in Weare, they can approach the Board of Selectmen with a proposal.

Bryan Christiansen, Director of Government Affairs for Comcast, and Monica Thibeault were present at the hearing to answer questions for the public, as well from members of the board. One of the questions asked by the public was why people in Weare could not bundle their phone, internet and TV with Comcast. Christiansen said that Granite State Communications is a Rural Local Exchange Carrier and is protected by federal law from competition. He added that there is a mechanism to try and make an interconnection where you can exchange telephone traffic but attempts to open discussions of this have not been successful in the past.

Comcast collects a 3% franchise fee from subscribers, which is remitted to the town as revenue. After signing the new

agreement, the town will also receive a \$30,000 grant for capital expenditure from Comcast.



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#### **Eagle Scout Project**



Ben Lanier of Troop 24 came before the BOS at the July 10 meeting to explain his idea for an Eagle Scout project and to get the board's permission to proceed. Lanier's proposal is to build a new half-pipe ramp at the skateboard park near the

middle school. He said it would be built out of pressure-treated lumber and plywood. He said he wanted it to be a safe and welcome addition to the park and that he would have adult help building it. The ramp would be three feet high, twelve feet wide and 24 feet long. He would do fundraising for the project so there would be no cost to the town, he said.

He had already gotten permission from the Parks and Recreation Commission; however, board members felt the plan should be reviewed by the town's insurer, Primex, before proceeding. Above: Ben Lanier of Troop 24 presents his Eagle Scout project proposal to the Weare Board of Selectmen on July 10 (Tom Clow photo).

### **Weare Public Library News**



Paint night was a "hoot!" Thank you to Mitty Magoo for leading the would-be artists. Thank you to Helen Dutton and the Friends of the Library for supplying refreshments! (courtesy photo).

#### **ADULTS**

**Exploring East Weare Village**. Aug 5 at 1 and 3:30 p.m. Join local historian Rudy Bourget for an on-site tour of the ruins of the East Weare Village and learn about life before and after the Great Flood of 1936. Call to sign-up for the 1:00 or 3:30 tour and get directions.

Musical Memories Jeopardy: Aug 10 at 6:30 p.m. Team up with other local music fans as you test your knowledge for fun and prizes. Can you name the classic

tunes from multiple categories like the '60s, '70s, one hit wonders, and more?

**Book Group**. Aug 23 at 7 p.m. We're reading "The Road" by Cormac McCarthy. Call to reserve your copy.

<u>Pinochle and cribbage.</u> Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Meet and play with other card game enthusiasts.

<u>Craft group</u>. Thursdays at 1 p.m. A new craft every week. Space is limited. Call to register.

**Board game nights**: Fridays 5-8 p.m. Enter the Golden Age of board gaming! Meet, learn, and play with other enthusiasts. Choose from our collection or bring one of your own.

#### **KIDS and TEENS**

<u>Stories at the Lake</u>. July 26 at 10:30 a.m. Meet Ms. Karen at Chase Park for stories and songs. Ages: birth-5.

<u>iRobot</u>. July 26 at 2:30 p.m. See the cool robots from iRobot. Learn how they clean your house, and how you can code and control.

<u>Teen Smoothie Lab</u>. July 26 at 4 p.m. We'll make a variety of cool summer smoothies using a variety of delicious ingredients – for grades 5+. Call to register.

<u>Touch-A-Truck.</u> July 27 at 6:30 p.m at the Weare Middle School parking lot. Get up close and personal with trucks like police cruisers and giant snow plows. This is your chance to meet some of the incredible and powerful vehicles that make our town work.

<u>PokeMondays.</u> Mondays 2- 4 p.m. Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

<u>Movie Matinee</u>. "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971). July 31 at 4 p.m. Enjoy this family classic in the Sawyer Room with popcorn and lemonade.

**Baby & Toddler Playgroup.** Aug. 1, 10:30 a.m. - noon. An informal gathering for caregivers and young children. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, & music.

<u>Video Gaming</u>. Tuesdays 2-5 p.m. Challenge your friends with Smash Bros., Minecraft, or other games. You can even check-out many of our games and take them home! Recommended for ages 6+. In the Sawyer Room.

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<u>Scholastic Chess</u>. Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. All kids are invited to jump in, learn logic and planning skills while they play. Upstairs, in the Paige Room.

<u>Summer Karaoke Finale</u>. Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. It's time to turn in your reading logs, and celebrate a summer well read with singing and dancing. We'll provide the music and prizes. You bring the voice.

For events that require registration, call us at 603-529-2044.



**WE ARE HIRING** 

Children's Assistant Librarian (Part-Time)

Like kids? Like children's books? Enjoy arts and crafts? Want an entrance into the gratifying world of librarianship? This

may be the experience for you!

<u>Summary:</u> The Children's Assistant Librarian is responsible for general library routines in the Children's Room. He or she receives and checks-out library materials, shelves, and assists patrons. In addition, he or she assists the staff with library events and programs.

**Required Attributes:** Friendliness, flexibility, patience, and a desire for customer service.

<u>Preferred Experience</u>: Working with infants, children, and teens. A knowledge of children's literature and general computer applications.

Minimal Education: High School Diploma or GED

<u>Schedule:</u> Part-time. 2-3 weekdays for about 12 hours per week.

Starting Salary: \$13 per hour

<u>How to Apply:</u> Complete the application: wearepubliclibrary.com/employment

## HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER



The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.

33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281 Wed - Fri, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 603-529-4263 / facebook.com/hihsc.org

#### Thanksgiving in the Summer

The Board at Hand in Hand Senior Center is ever so grateful for some amazing donations received recently. The generosity of our community and beyond means our seniors can enjoy lunches, food when they need it, and friends and activities as the summer heats up.

A grant was recently received from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This year-long grant comes from the Bishop's storehouse in Worcester, Mass., and provides 9,000 pounds of food over the 12 month period. It allows the center to order muchneeded food for the senior pantry and weekly lunches, particularly providing proteins that are necessary in a healthy senior's diet. We appreciate the team from the Church that worked with us to secure this grant, which was made available to organizations like ours that are not affiliated with the Church. Their guidance and understanding will make a significant difference to the Hand in Hand Senior Center community.

Many people saw Police Chief Moore "behind bars" at Weare's Patriotic Celebration. raising money for the community. Half -- \$2,282.02 -- went to Hand in Hand Senior Center. The center is overwhelmed with the sentiment and support that this gift signifies. Frequent visits to the Center by the Chief and his staff speak to community connections and caring. We are grateful to the department for making a difference in the lives of our seniors.



Police Chief Christopher Moore presents the donation to Hand in Hand board member Shirley Higgins (courtesy photo).

Recurring donations from Cold Springs Campground, as well as an extremely generous

anonymous monetary gift, help to pay the bills and support activities that bring a sense of community for our seniors. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit. All donations are used to provide direct benefits to our seniors.

The board of Hand in Hand Senior Center & Thrift See SENIORS, page 4

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Shop is truly thankful for the interest and support it has received from the community. Learn more by stopping by the center and visiting our booth at Old Home Day on Saturday, Aug. 12.

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine in, take out or free delivery.

<u>July 26:</u> Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans <u>August 2:</u> Smothered pork chops, parsley noodles, carrots

<u>August 9:</u> Lasagna with garden salad, rolls and butter Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

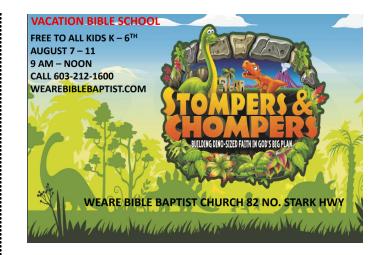
# WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?



### **SALE! BOGO Clothing all August long!**

All clothing in the shop will be buy one, get one free for the **entire month of August**. Come on in and stock up. Bring friends and family with you.





# Asked and Answered: Camping



### **Camp Grammie**

By Marge Burke

My grandchildren often came to our summer house for a few days of vacation fun when they were growing up. They called the visits "Camp Grammie." My daughter-in-law decorated baseball caps with those words, "Camp Grammie." They became quite a conversation piece.

We did all sorts of fun things that kids might do when going to summer camp, but without regular counselors, just, loving grandparents who loved to spoil the campers. We went swimming at Lake Horace, blueberry picking at several u-pick places, did crafts, met other children in town their age that they played with. We took short day trips to places like dairy farms, especially goat ones, (one grandson had a passion for goat cheese), or historic places. Blueberry pie was often served for breakfast.

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Sometimes at bedtime, homesickness would show up. Grammie's solution – pictures of their parents were placed on the bedside table. It worked.

My grandchildren are all adults now, but still share fond memories of going to "Camp Grammie."



Tell Us About: Keeping Cool! For the first August issue, we are looking for how to keep cool. Bet you have some great

photos of the kids staying cool this summer, or even the family dog. Do you have a nice family recipe for a cool drink or salad or popsicle? How about a favorite place for a cool hike or a splash in the brook? Send your items to weareintheworldnews@gmail.com.



# Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



EVERY TUESDAY EVENING - FREE – 6:30 – 8 p.m. Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, In case of rain, the event will be held in the community center.

#### Aug. 1:

THE BAND: Not Fade Away (Grateful Dead)
SPONSORS: Edmunds Hardware & Country Spirit
FOOD VENDOR: Country Spirit Restaurant

#### Aug. 8:

THE BAND: Emily's Garage Band (Pop Dance Band)

**SPONSOR:** Dunkin Donuts





July 26: Emerson Park

THE BAND: Cover Story (Top 40)

Aug 2: Emerson Park

THE BAND: Shana Stack Band (Country/S. Rock)

Aug 9: Emerson Park

THE BAND: The Bel Airs (50's & 60's)





# POETRY CORNER

#### Blue and White

Late spring, early summer, blue and white Japanese iris bloomed supreme across my yard choosing their own place to live, they made a lovely viewing vista,

mid-summer is now upon us, other plants and colors have come and gone, blue and white returned, giant Shasta daisies, bluebells, and balloon flowers, of both colors thrive among the greens,

scattered in other places
through the yard, lacey white
parasols appear, Queen Anne's Lace,
wild or weed, doesn't matter,
nice viewing vista, soothing scenes.
-Marge Burke

#### **Purple Cone Flower**

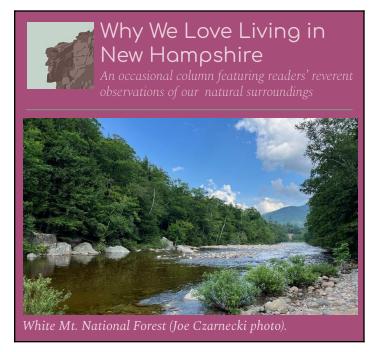
At the edge of the stone wall grew a purple coneflower, beside blue veronica, with cone of deep burnt orange, resting place for monarch butterfly, beautiful sight to pause and admire.

-Marge Burke

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#### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### Wednesday, July 26

6 p.m. - Ethics Committee meeting

#### Thursday, July 27

7 p.m. - Planning Board meeting

#### Monday, Aug. 1

7 p.m. – Weare Garden Club meeting 7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

#### Wednesday, Aug. 2

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee meeting

6 p.m. - Ethics Committee meeting

#### Thursday, Aug. 3

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

#### Friday, Aug. 4

10:30 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

#### Monday, Aug. 7

6:30 p.m. - Board of Selectmen meeting

#### Tuesday, Aug. 8

7 p.m. – Cable Committee meeting 7 p.m. – Park & Recreation meeting

#### Wednesday, Aug. 9

3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting 7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. - Weare Democrats meeting