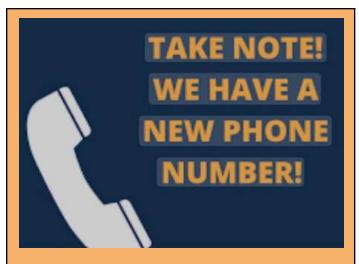


Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents
April 9, 2025



Weare Fire Rescue modernized its phone system and has a new phone number: **603-602-0000**.

The old number, 603-529-2352, will no longer work as of April 21.

The department is staffed 24/7 and can be called any time with questions.

For emergencies, call 911.

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Transportation Is Coming to Weare

By Ben Herbert, Regional Mobility Manager

Since 2008, <u>Community Volunteer Transportation</u> <u>Company</u> (CVTC) has been working to address unmet transportation needs in the 34 towns within southwest New Hampshire. The wonderful news is that along with New Boston, Weare will be the next town added to CVTC's service area region, starting in July.

This eastward expansion into New Boston and Weare will provide opportunities for both communities to coordinate efforts both in informing potential new riders of the service, as well as recruiting new drivers through CVTC.



How did this happen? Multiple agencies and stakeholders were involved. This included community champion, Heleen Kurk from Hand in Hand Senior Center. All parties worked

together to ensure process, agreements and funding requirements would be met. As Heleen says, "It's neighbors helping neighbors. It's reaching out and doing a kind deed for someone in need. It's rewarding because you're truly making a difference."

This initiative started in 2023 after Hand in Hand reached out to SNHPC and RCC Region 8 for assistance in bringing transportation to the community. After establishing both a need for transportation and a potential pool of volunteer drivers through a transportation needs survey, the search for solutions began. Initial requests for area volunteer driver programs to consider expanding were met with hesitation. Fortunately for all involved, CVTC's new management found other options and were willing to continue towards implementation.

Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director from SNHPC, shared that this is a fantastic opportunity for those who are looking to give back to their community by becoming a **See TRANSPORTATION**, page 2

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volunteer driver. "We hear it all the time, how volunteer drivers find it completely rewarding to provide needed rides for those who cannot drive. It enables others to get to medical appointments, the pharmacy, grocery stores, or to the library. Creating connections is a cure to isolation and now Weare residents have that within their grasp."

Heleen asks, "Retired and looking for a worthwhile cause? Want to feel gratified that you've made a difference in the life and well-being of another? Join me in becoming a driver in our new Weare drive-share program."

On March 24, the Weare Board of Selectmen unanimously endorsed this grassroots initiative to recruit volunteer drivers and provide rides to residents, all at **NO COST** to local taxpayers.

To learn more about scheduling rides with CVTC, or to become a volunteer driver, visit cvtc-nh.org, call 877-428-2882 x5, or email info@cvtc-nh.org.



Ron Gilman, left, and Randy Dixon, far right, were both appointed as full members to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ray Lemay, center, was appointed as an alternate to the Planning Board (Tom Clow photo).

Board Appoints New and Returning Members to Town Committees

By Tom Clow

There were three new appointments to boards and commissions approved by the Weare Board of Selectmen at its March 31 meeting (see photo above). According to a new policy recently adopted by the board, new members appointed to committees, boards and commissions are still interviewed by the BOS, while reappointments no longer require an interview, only a letter of recommendation from the respective committee chairs.

Following the new policy, the following people were reappointed to committees. All appointments are for three-year terms unless otherwise noted.

Cemetery Advisory Committee: Tom Flaherty, Sherry Burdick. Mike Zienkiewicz

Conservation Commission: Steve Najjar, Sherry Burdick

Parks and Recreation Commission: Kyle Cleveland, Matt

Planning Board: (alternate) Dani-Jean Stewart

Zoning Board: Matthew Urie

Library Trustees: (alternate) Kate Blume (one year) **Trustees of Trust Funds:** (alternates) Terry Knowles (one

year), Tom Clow (one year).



Three bored history students stumble into a mysterious time portal that whisks them back to 1780. Their 21st-century attire and belongings lead to one student being accused of spying and another of witchcraft. They learn their lesson in more ways than one! Free to attend.



Dems Route 114 Cleanup April 26

The Weare Dems will conduct the next cleanup of its sponsored portion of Route 114 as part of the N.H. Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program on **Saturday April 26 from 9-11 a.m.** (rain date Sunday, April 27, same time, same place). We'll gather at the Center Woods Elementary School upper parking lot to have our usual pre-cleanup briefing.

As always, safety vests and bags will be provided. Please bring gloves, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and work boots are recommended.

If you plan to come and help, please contact the Weare Dems at WeareDemCom@comcast.net.

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School News



New date and time!



Weare Developmental Screenings

Are you concerned about your child's development?

Would you like your child to attend the Center Woods Elementary School Developmental Integrated Preschool?

Developmental screenings for any Weare resident and Preschool screenings for those who would like to apply to be a part of the 2O25-2O26 preschool program are available.

To sign up for a screening slot on April 25, 2O25, please email Kelly Yelle: kelly.yelle@sau24.org.

Full Preschool Registration Packet must be returned prior to April 24, 2025.

WMS & Weare Friends PTO Present SCIENCE NIGHT

Friday, April 11, 6-8 p.m. at WMS

Science action, Astronomy, Raptors, STEAM opportunities!



The **WMS Choir** visited the State House last week to sing for New Hampshire Hill Day for "Music in Our Schools Month." About 100 WMS students from grades 4-8 participated along with singers from 12 other schools, according to music teacher Serena Gorham. WMS students sang "Seize the Day," from "Newsies," "Be Who You Are," by Ryan Main, and the grades 6-8 choir sang "May It Be" from "The Lord of the Rings." This was the WMS choir's third consecutive year performing, Gorham said, and the third consecutive year that WMS had the largest attending group. *Photo: The WMS Choir sings in front of the N.H. State House on New Hampshire Hill Day.*



The N.H. Athletic Directors Association and the N.H. Interscholastic Athletic Association on April 1 recognized 30 scholar athletes from JSRHS in a ceremony at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. Scholar athletes must be in their senior year, be an active member of at least two sports and earn a varsity letter in those respective sports, and maintain a B+ or better grade point average. They are expected to exemplify strong leadership qualities, serve as a positive role model at school and be active in community service. The 30 JSRHS scholar athletes are Natalie Lawson, Jillian Fredette, Haley Stafford, Rio Calle, Ryann Telgen, Joel Douzanis, Ava Rivers, Emily Fredette, Joey Dykstra, Cedar Beaupre, Ayris Beliveau, Chase Philibotte, Alexis Boudreau, Kira Linstad, Amanda Leonard, Kaycie Rhodes, Cam Carpenter, Brennan Champagne, Evelynn Tagliaferro, Sam Kinsey-Turner, Ethan Veilleux, Ryan Kerr, Jacob Winn, Darien Foote, Hayden Pond, Alex Descoteau, Noah Redman, Jackson Lochmandy, Chris Gagnon and Isabella Mann.

Students in a WMS eighth grade advisory put their



artistic skills to work in recent weeks, crafting toys for local shelter dogs. Jodie Antoine, Library Media Specialist, and fellow teachers Holly Wilson and Susan Spezeski combined their advisory groups in the

effort, Antoine said, "as everyone can relate to a rescue or finding the right pup for your family." Students used various fabrics to braid toys in the two-day project, which will benefit the Pope Memorial SPCA in Concord. Photo: "Mr. Nick," a paraprofessional, and students Cam Lansford and Brayden Flanders work together on their toys.



WMS Music Teacher **Serena Gorham** was named National
Teacher of the Month by Music
and Arts for the month of April.
The award was based on
parents who wrote
nominations to Music and Arts,
Gorham said, followed by
committee selection. Gorham
teaches regular classes – plus
leads band and choir at WMS –

and also teaches clarinet, flute, saxophone and voice lessons at Music and Arts in Manchester.

Local Scholarship Opportunities

Weare Garden Club

Are you interested in pursuing a degree (major or minor) or certificate in one of these fields? Agricultural botany, controlled environmental management, agriculture, entomology, environmental science, food science, horticulture, landscape architecture, landscape design, nature preservation, permaculture, plant biology, plant genetics, molecular biology, plant pathology, propagation and breeding, plant science, science teaching, soil science or sustainable agriculture?

The Weare Garden Club offers a scholarship of \$500 to an individual from John Stark Regional High School or an individual from Weare attending college. The student must have an interest in a field related to gardening and plants and be registered for a course or be accepted at a college.

Applications are available upon request in the JSRHS guidance office or from the Weare Garden Club at gardenclubweare@gmail.com

This award is based on character and commitment to the field of endeavor and is not need-based. The Weare Garden Club may interview finalists. The deadline for applying is April 30.

Campbell Fund

The Power of One: Campbell Scholarships

By Chris Hague

"I am only one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do."- Edward Everett Hale

Through years of reviewing scholarship applications, the Scholarship Committee of the Eleanor A. Campbell Charitable Fund has discovered many aspiring young people who have decided on that "something" they can do, and need help preparing themselves to do it. Right now, students are applying to schools, and filling out scholarship forms as they look ahead to next year. For many, scholarships and grants are essential in the face of rising tuition costs.

The Eleanor Campbell Charitable Fund is accepting scholarship applications until **April 15**. A committee of twelve volunteers will read submissions from students in towns served by Hillsborough-Deering and John Stark Regional High Schools. Through a fund begun by Dr. Eleanor A. Campbell and sustained by contributions from the community, scholarships will be awarded later this spring.

Dr. Campbell knew she could not do everything. Like today's students, she became focused, and through her own education, stepped forward in the 1920s to meet a great need for medical care for women and children, opening clinics in Manhattan, where she lived, and Deering, NH, where she summered.

Her friends shared her care and concern for others, helping her establish a foundation which has since become the public charity named for her. The Eleanor Campbell Scholarship Committee has awarded over \$90,000 in scholarships in its history. As one student wrote, "Eleanor is one of the many women I look up to...for the kind of impact I want to make in my life." Another said, "Your investment in my education inspires me to strive for excellence and contribute positively to the community. I am deeply honored and appreciative of this opportunity." A student who earned the fund's maximum of two scholarships said, "My continued work would *not* be possible without the support of my community, and for that I am continuously grateful."

One person's charity still makes an impact 100 years later.

Scholarships are available to graduating seniors and those already in college who reside in the towns served by the two high schools, including public, private and home-schooled students. Applications are available through high school counselors or https://example.com/here.

Weare Public Library



Spring is here! Get a start on the planting season. When you stop by the library, choose from our collection of vegetable, herb, and perennial flower seeds at the "Seedbrary." Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Weare Public Library Events

PokeMondays (kids). <u>Mondays, 2:30-4 p.m.</u> Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

Mother Goose Storytimes (ages 0-2). <u>Tuesdays, 10:30-noon</u>). Simple rhymes, stories, and songs for infants and little ones!

Cards! (adults). <u>Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-4:30 p.m.</u> Meet and play pinochle or cribbage with other card game enthusiasts in the Paige Room.

Anime & Manga Club (ages 10+). 1st <u>& 3st Tuesdays of the month, 2:15-3:30 p.m.</u> Stop by after school to talk about manga and watch your favorite anime shows!

Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5). Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy longer stories, movement and songs followed by a simple craft or related activity.

Afterschool Gaming (ages 6-18). <u>Wednesdays, 2-4:30 p.m.</u> Challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation and other game systems.

Ruff Readers (ages 5-11). <u>Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.</u> Emerging readers get to read with one of our visiting therapy dogs. Call us to sign up.

Craft Group (adults). <u>Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.</u> Relax and craft and learn something new.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup (ages 0-3). <u>Fridays, 10:30-noon</u>. An informal gathering for young children and their caregivers. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, & music.

Friends of the Library Spring Bake Sale (all). See ad below.

Book Group (adults). Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. We're reading and discussing "The Librarian of Burned Books" by Brianna Labuskes. Call to reserve your copy.

The passes below are made possible by the Friends of the Weare Public Library! Double click on the icon to explore.







BINGO

OSBORNE HALL

16 Deering Center Road, Weare

The third Saturday of the month now through October

Next: April 19

Doors open: 5:30 p.m. Games begin: 6:30 p.m.

Age 18+ only.

All proceeds benefit the maintenance and restoration of

Osborne Memorial Hall.

To rent for your event, call 603-529-7282.



HEARTS & TAILS ANIMAL ALLIANCE

It's going to be a great day for our furry friends! \$1/ pint sold donated directly to them!

12 p.m. Bluenose Pitmasters Texas Style BBQ

2 p.m. Dog Adoption & Pageant

Register Your Dog

3-5 p.m. Music by Ben Harris



Rabies Clinic for Dogs & Cats

Thursday, April 15 6-7 p.m. Old Weare Town Hall 16 N. Stark Highway

Cost is \$10 per animal This clinic serves both dogs and cats. It would be helpful to know your pet's age and weight.



Lion's Club Kite Day

Saturday, April 26 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Old Concord Road Soccer Field 199 Old Concord Rd., Henniker

Weare Pink Ladies

By Lily Tang Williams

We will have a brunch potluck on Saturday,

April 19 at 10:30 a.m. One of our ladies has graciously offered to host it at her house in Weare. We chose a Saturday especially so that working women in our community can come and make friends. There is no agenda. We just get together to relax and support each other. Please RSVP if you are able to come so that we can give you the location information.



Forgot to Shop?

No worries. Hand in Hand Senior Center can take deliveries for donated items. No special instructions are needed. Feel free to use Amazon, Target, Walmart, Sam's Club or other such services. The delivery address is 33 North Stark Highway, Weare. Phone 603-529-4263.

Needed items include small cans of meat (chicken, pork, beef), low-sodium vegetables, fruit (packed in juice), peanut butter, small containers of jelly, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, and containers of Chef Boyardee. THANK YOU for your support.



HAND IN HAND



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. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

603-529-4263 / www.facebook.com/hihsc.org

With a lot of excitement, Hand in Hand Senior Center is beginning a rideshare program. You're asking yourself, "Wait, what is this?" It is a community program with neighbors helping neighbors. Through a donation from Hand in Hand, the Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC) will coordinate transportation for those who are unable to drive themselves to non-emergency medical and social appointments with volunteer drivers. Learn more on both becoming a volunteer driver and letting us know if you are in need of a ride. Go to: cvct-nh.org or call 603-821-0569. You can also contact Hand in Hand at 603-529-4263 to talk about this opportunity. It will be a fulfilling experience for all involved. Please consider checking into it.





Starting July 1st, 2025, Community Volunteer Transportation Company will expand their service area to include the town of Weare!

For more information, visit cvtc-nh.org, call 603-821-0569, email info@cvtc-nh.org, or scan the QR code!





Need help getting to appointments?

Have a few hours each month to help a neighbor?

Schedule a free ride with CVTC!

CVTC provides "no-fee" transportation for those who are unable to drive themselves.

Volunteer drivers give rides based on availability to non-emergency medical or social service appointments and to the grocery store, bank, post office, or pharmacy.

CV COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Become a CVTC Volunteer Driver!

As a driver, you choose which rides you would like to do, based on your availability and area preference.

You'll receive staff-supported enrollment and orientation, calendar reminders via email, monthly mileage reimbursement, and <u>laads</u> of appreciation.

Helping our neighbors in the Monadnock Region stay healthy and independent

one ride at a time.

The Center would like to offer activities that appeal to you. Whether you are Generation X, a Baby Boomer or from the Silent Generation, let us hear what you're interested in. Stop by the Thrift Shop and put your ideas in the box marked <u>Great Ideas for Hand in Hand</u> or leave us a message on the phone. We're growing and would like you to grow with us. Building community makes for a healthier environment.

This month's movie is "Julie & Julia." Show time is Tuesday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at the Center. Enjoy refreshments during intermission.

Special thanks to the wonderful bakers that delight us every week with wonderful bread and desserts. You make life so sweet!



Join us for lunch every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dine in, take out, or free delivery.

April 9: Roast beef sandwich with golden French fries.

April 16: Beer batter chicken sandwich with chips

April 23: TBD

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available. Donations are graciously accepted. All are welcome to stay and socialize, play games, and work on crafts.



Yes, You Can Save a Life

By Sharon Czarnecki

On March 28, our local senior center offered a tutorial on how to maintain and use an AED — Automated External Defibrillator. Bill Wood from our N.H. Department of Safety was kind enough to explain that if there is one of these devices nearby when someone has a heart attack, any of us can follow the device"s instructions and become "first responders."

MOST IMPORTANT:

To save a life, the device has to be in working order.

Visually check it once a week! Maintain supplies!

*AED devices will only work on cardiac arrests involving ventricular fibrillation (97% of cases)

STATISTICS:

*There are 200+ adult cardiac arrests per month in New Hampshire.

*97% of these are due to ventricular fibrillation.

*Every minute of CPR/AED delay results in a 10% loss of heart muscle.

*911 calls in New Hampshire average 1,200 per day.

*As of Dec. 2024, there were 7,500 AED devices registered in the state.

*In New Hampshire, the "save" rate from the use of these AED devices is 13%. Nationwide, it is 3%.

*The most perfectly administered CPR is only 35% as effective as the heart muscle itself.

REDUCED PRICE: The N.H. Department of Safety is making a great effort to put as many of these devices out into communities as possible. If your organization would like one at a reduced cost, please contact Bill Wood (info below).

MAINTENANCE: All units have an indicator light which should be green. Visually check the unit at least once a week and make a note on an index card which is kept with the device.

<u>BATTERIES</u>: The batteries on the AED devices are lithium with a 4-7 year life span (or 200 shocks) depending on the model.

<u>PADS</u>: These have only a two-year shelf life. AED pads are sensitive to high and low temperatures. Be aware of this if you have the unit in a vehicle.

LEGAL: Organizations and INDIVIDUALS using AEDs in New Hampshire have liability protection PROVIDED THE UNIT IS PROPERLY MAINTAINED. AEDs are required to be registered with the department of safety: 603-271-6911 or at: https://aed.new. Once registered, the department will alert the owner when the device needs new pads or battery. AED devices are regulated by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

GOOD TO KNOW: V-fib is very unstable. The patient can revive and then revert very quickly. Once applied, do **NOT** remove the pads from the skin.

In case you are wondering, the AED devices now in use provide a much less violent shock than when they were first introduced. Once the pads are applied, the device measures the depth of the chest wall and applies a shock calibrated to that particular individual. If you need to administer multiple shocks, the AED will tell you. (Be aware that one NH resident was shocked 12 times and survived with no residual heart damage.)

THE PROCESS: Have someone call 911. There may be a small red pouch with the defibrillator device which contains scissors to remove clothing quickly, a razor to shave chest hair since pads must be on <u>bare skin</u>, gloves and a few other items. Remove clothing. Shave chest hair, if needed. Apply pads as indicated by the device. Do not touch the patient while the device does its initial analysis. The device will instruct you to do CPR for two minutes. Then, it will advise you if a shock is needed

and if so, remind you not to touch the patient. Continue to follow the instructions of the device until public safety responders arrive on the scene.

<u>CPR</u> is also a crucial part of the lifesaving process. If you are not CPR trained, do not worry. The 911 operator will talk you through that process. Also, compression-only CPR is now the preferred method. (Breathing is no longer a requirement since air is adequately circulated due to the pumping activity on the chest itself.)

MORE INFORMATION: Bill Wood, 603-223-4228, NH AED Direct Purchase Program, William.H.Wood@dos.nh.gov



Looking for Something to Do?Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki

Don't forget, links to items previously featured here can now be found at: <u>Looking for Something to Do</u>



POETRY CORNER

Y Tai Chi

Feeling stiff as old timber And the need to feel limber Feel hale, hardy and strong,



Becoming more supple Not stuck in a bubble And let out my inner song.

Some years ago, when I took tae kwon do, I worked hard to learn things right not wrong That all stopped for me when I injured my knee My spirit no longer felt strong.

The years went by, some with songs, some with sighs And I looked for a way just for me,
Then one day a surprise passed in front of my eyes
When I saw news of a class that was free.

Went to class on a day that was cold and was gray And then I stepped into tai chi.

I learn, moving slowly, that this art is not lowly Each breath makes me strong in my Qi And when I lose my way, I go back to a day When I learned why tai chi is for me!

- Diane Padilla



This poem was Inspired by the preface to <u>On Freedom</u> by Timothy Snyder and a conversation at the bookstore with Marge Burke.

On Freedom

Freedom to:

love, grow and express,

these are the blessings

we possess,

Not when we

tear down every wall,

but when we build friendship,

community and hope for all.

-David Erikson

Winter Sky

It is spring, yet winter sky prevails aloft, overcast days, or cloudy ones, heavy with moisture ready to descend, chilling air with no sun, grass ungreen, sometimes white when errant snow flakes fall, it is time for spring sky to take over, let warming sun shine down, hasten earth's awakening.

-Marge Burke

Impetuous River

Exuberance personified, freed from its winter ice coat, flowing at marathon pace, swirling with delight, splashing sounds, hopping over river bed rocks, so full from winter runoff tributaries appear, moving energetically to keep pace with the main river, later they will become one as water level lowers to normal height.

-Marge Burke

Job Opportunities



Weare Parks and Recreation

Director: This individual will be

a member of PaRC and will be required to attend monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. Duties include, but are not limited to, responsibility for overall operations of PaRC facilities, coordination of PaRC programs and events and making recommendations to PaRC for improvements. An annual stipend is provided. Applications available: www.weare.nh.gov. All inquiries can be directed to PARC@WeareNH.gov.

PaRC Commision Volunteers: Please fill out a form on the town website: www.weare.nh.gov. From the front page, click on "Find It Fast" and then "Volunteer Program Form" fill it out and submit it to nbolton@wearenh.gov.

Mark your Calendar

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting 7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

Thursday, April 10
7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting

7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

Wednesday, April 16

7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

Thursday, April 17

3:45 p.m. - Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting 6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Friday, April 18

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, April 21

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

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