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Preserving Dublin Lake from Trailhead Runoff

Dublin School students help avert stormwater by restoring entry to the Pumpelly trail.

BY KATY WARDLAW

It takes a village to preserve the health and beauty of Dublin Lake, which is why I found myself, on October 24th of last year, standing at the base of the Pumpelly trail on Lake Road, waiting for a group of Dublin School (DS) students to arrive. Expecting around eight students, I was surprised to see about 20 teenage boys come marching up the road, carrying an assortment of tools over their shoulders.

Dublin School Admissions Counselor Jackie Kenney introduced me to the residents of boys' dorm Wing and Hollow and I explained what needed to be done. We were here to make improvements to the trailhead that would prevent stormwater runoff from making its way down the trail and into Dublin Lake. Wielding shovels and pickaxes, the crew sprang into action with enthusiasm. After a few moments of energetic chaos, Jackie divided the students into two groups and, with additional instructions on tool safety and proper spacing, order quickly ensued.

Dublin Lake is an oligotrophic lake, meaning it is deep with clear water and low nutrient concentrations. Stormwater runoff is raising nutrient levels in the lake, resulting in increased plant growth on the lake bottom and more frequent cyanobacteria blooms during the warm summer months.

In 2017, the Dublin Lake Preservation Committee (DLPC) commissioned a study (funded by the Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association) to address the runoff problem. The study, done by civil engineering firm Comprehensive Environment, Inc. (CEI), identifies lakeshore areas vulnerable to erosion and outlines solutions to keep stormwater runoff out of the lake.

The restoration of the Pumpelly trailhead is the first of several CEI recom-



mended projects the DLPC hopes to implement in the coming years.

The students were not the first workers on the trail that day. Dublin Selectman Chris Raymond had placed three boulders on either side of the trail entrance that morning. The purpose of the boulders is to funnel foot traffic to the center of the path where the ground is solidly compacted.

The first group of students set about collecting large branches and sticks and piled them up behind the rocks in order to keep hikers from stepping over or around the boulders. In addition to keeping people on the trail, the branches catch leaves that wash down the hill during rainstorms. The sticks and leaves form a barrier that slows and filters runoff, keeping dirt and gravel from washing onto Lake Rd. and ending up in Dublin Lake.

Meanwhile, the second group of students began digging out the waterbar farther up the trail. A waterbar is a low barrier — typically a line of stones or a log

— which is laid diagonally across a trail in order to prevent erosion by channeling water off the path. The existing waterbar was a large log that had become buried by sediment over the years, resulting in runoff flowing over the log and out onto Lake Rd.

After digging the log out and seeing that it was still sound, the boys raised it above the grade of the path and secured it in place with dirt and stones.

Almost five months later, the improvements made last October are functioning properly and the Pumpelly trailhead is no longer a source of stormwater runoff into Dublin Lake.

Many thanks to Chris Raymond and the students of Dublin School for providing the manpower for this important project.

KATY WARDLAW is a member of the Dublin Lake Preservation Committee (DLPC). Co-Chairs are Tom Warren and June Brening. Other members include Phil Gammons, Eugenie Silverthorne, Jerry Bird, and Connie Cerroni. (When this project took place, Felicity Pool was the DLPC Chair. She just stepped down and Hank Campbell's term also recently expired.)

Dublin Public Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

Easter is happening at the Dublin Public Library! Our annual indoor Easter egg hunt is now an outdoor egg scavenger hunt. You can come to the Library *anytime* to look outside the building and grounds for hidden Easter egg images. We'll have a fun activity sheet associated with the egg hunt and you'll be able to pick up Easter-themed craft bags and goody bags in the curbside pickup area during open hours.

We will have a virtual Story Time posted on Facebook, and we have an opportunity to get the Easter Bunny photoshopped into your own family photos!

For adults, on April 10, we'll have a virtual program via Zoom, "In the Evil Day: Individual Rights, Town Government, and the Crime that Stunned the Nation," presented by Richard Adams Carey. The program discusses Colebrook, NH's 1997 murders of state troopers. Register at www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org.

April is National Poetry Month. Join us for a virtual workshop by NH laureate, Alice Fogel, on April 17 at 10 am. She will walk you toward understanding and appreciating the elements of poetry. To sign-up, visit www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org.

In April, Book Buddies will continue virtually on Tuesday afternoons at 4 pm, via Facebook Live. Head over to our Facebook page, @DPL03444, to view the livestream and video.

Please stay tuned regarding re-opening hours and browsing appointments – all of which are coming soon with the ability to use outdoor meeting spaces. Curbside services remain in place.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. For updates on hours, questions about your library account, or finding material, please call us at 563-8658.

RACHAEL LOVETT is the Director of the DPL.

Concerning visits to the Town Hall, we will continue to keep them at a minimum to protect our workers, so please call ahead for appointments. There is a drop box at the back of the Town Hall and all payments can be made online. If you need documents, please call ahead and we will be happy to mail or email them to you. If you have any questions, please call the Town Offices at 563-8544. Thank you.

FDPL Plans Book Sale Next Month

Are you just longing for the snow to melt to get out in your garden or to start a new garden? The Friends of the Dublin Public Library will have a huge gardening book sale on May 22, with books for kids and adults, covering almost anything you will need to make your garden grow!

There will be books on flower gardens, vegetable gardens, farming, herb farms, preserving and canning, garden structures, fence building, flower arranging, and much more.

We are accepting donations of gently used gardening books. You can drop them off in the Library foyer. Please contact Rachael Lovett with questions.

Recycling Reopens April 14

The Transfer Station will be accepting recyclables beginning Wednesday, April 14, 8 am to 5 pm. A successful reopening can only happen with your help.

Please do not come to the Transfer Station if you have any of the following symptoms: cough, congestion, runny/stuffy nose, new loss of taste or smell, have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or if you have been asked to self-quarantine. Masks and 6-foot social distancing will still be required.

When you drive in to the Transfer Station, please wait for the car in front of you to finish before you unload. Please pre-sort your recyclables so that your time at each window is minimized and please keep your conversations to a minimum so others do not have to wait.

On May 1, due to Town Meeting, open hours will be 1 to 5 pm.



Town Meeting: May 1 at 9 am

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Two Public Hearings

The Select Board is inviting you to two scheduled Zoom meetings.

TOPIC 1: SB2 OFFICIAL BALLOT – PUBLIC HEARING

Join Zoom Meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86238904504?pwd=NUYxUE80SFIOVnZzM0xMOHhIViY5dz09>

Meeting ID: 862 3890 4504 Passcode: Dublin

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TOPIC 2: DUBLIN LAKE PARKING – PUBLIC HEARING

Join Zoom Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87449641712?pwd=aFFqBFRRUW1BTDFhZTM3dXIKSlpsdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 4964 1712 Passcode: Dublin

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Meeting ID: 874 4964 1712 Passcode: 836428

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87449641712?pwd=aFFqBFRRUW1BTDFhZTM3dXIKSlpsdz09>

The links above will also be listed on www.townofdublin.org under “News and Public Notices.” Any questions, email Kate Fuller at townadministrator@townofdublin.org or call 603-563-8544.

Pre-Town Meeting: April 27 at 7 pm

The virtual meeting's Zoom link is below.

BY JUDY KNAPP

The Dublin Women's Community Club will be continuing the tradition of having a pre-town meeting. However, due to the pandemic, there will be a couple departures from tradition. This year, please provide your own refreshments as we will be holding the meeting via Zoom, in our various living rooms, instead of being able to meet in person.

The virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, at 7 pm. After our brief Women's Club meeting, our moderator, Tim Clark, will take over and review the warrant articles one at a time. As usual, questions are welcome and will be addressed by our Select Board and/or department and committee heads.

We hope that you will join us in this Zoom meeting as you prepare for the Town Meeting that will be held outside the following Saturday, May 1, at 9 am at Cricket Hill Farm (Antique Engine Field on Route 101 across from Old Peterborough Rd.).

You can join the Zoom Pre-Town Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88987301807?pwd=Z0UyU3Fld2dOd245dHhFRzNNQStZZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 8730 1807. Passcode: 171340 or by phone at: +1 929 436 2866. All are welcome.

JUDY KNAPP is chair of the Dublin Women's Club. Members include Shauna Arpin, Margaret Blackburn (Secretary), Nancy Campbell (Treasurer), Connie Cerroni, Judy Edelkind, Laura Elcoate, Janice Moore, Rebecca Oja, Sarah Sangermano, Jeanne Sterling.

Photos of Dublin Wanted for Town Site

BY PAMELA COX

Hopefully many of you have visited our new Town of Dublin website (www.townofdublin.org) and have noticed the slideshow on the homepage. We would like to feature more photos of “around our town” and are asking for your help.

If you have any photos of Dublin featuring landscapes / buildings or our wonderful wildlife that you are willing to share, please send them to me at gmacox@gmail.com and include “Dublin Photos” in the subject line. Thank you.

PAMELA COX is Assistant Town Administrator.

New Town Officers from March 9 Vote

For final voting tallies go to www.townofdublin.org/news.

- **Select Person:** Susan W. Peters
- **Library Trustees:** Julie Rizzo, William B. Gurney
- **Budget Committee:** Judith A. Knapp, William B. Gurney
- **Cemetery Trustee:** Brian Barden
- **Planning Board:** Steven Baldwin, Bruce Simpson
- **Trustee of Trust Funds:** James C. McLean



TOWN OF DUBLIN, NH Weight Restriction on Town Roads

Effective March 8 to May 15, 2021

In accordance with RSA 231:191, the Select Board, on advice from the Road Agent, establishes the maximum seasonal weight limit of 6 tons, effective March 8, 2021, for all Town of Dublin roads to prevent unreasonable damage. Exceptions to the 6-ton weight restriction may be granted by the Road Agent by calling 603-398-8546 between 7 am and 3 pm, Monday through Friday.



Thank Our Poll Workers

BY JUDY KNAPP

The Dublin Moderator, the Town Clerk, the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Select Board, and the Town Administrator all worked to make the town election as safe as possible. In the end, however, it was successful as a result of the Dubliners who volunteered to work the polls on March 9.

Just a year ago, we had our last “normal” town election. This year, we all had masks, used hand sanitizer, social distanced, received our own pencil, voted in a newly disinfected booth, and entered and exited from different directions so we didn’t cross paths with other voters. As the adage goes, “What a difference a year makes.” I have great hope that our next town election will be nearly back to the way we remember them to be.

Sarah Sangermano, Megan Suokko, and I extend our gratitude to everyone who worked as a ballot clerk, greeter/disinfector, or ballot counter and, again, extend our special thanks to Hank Campbell who put away all of our supplies from the general election and set up the booths, tables, and the voting boxes for the town election.

Because of the volunteers, we were able to disinfect the booths between voters, ensure that voters entering the polling place had used hand sanitizer, and limit the ballot clerk shifts to three hours.

For those used to seeing Peter Cerroni work as a ballot clerk and instead were greeted by Connie, let me explain. The Sunday night before the election, I received an email from Peter asking to be excused as he was going to be working as a volunteer vaccinator at the Keene COVID vaccination site that day. When you run

into him in town, please be sure to thank him for his service.

We all owe these individuals our thanks for making this a safe election for the people of Dublin: Shauna Arpin, Megan Bird, June Brening, Nancy Campbell, Connie Cerroni, April Claggett, May Clark, Christine Clinton, Pam Cox, Laura Elcoate, Lisa Foote, Bruce Fox, Judy Gannon, Bill Gurney, Andy Hungerford, Nancy Jackson, Traceymay Kalvaitis, Peter Kenyon, Grisel Levene, Jesse Marcum, Carole Monroe, Sharon Murray, Karen Niemela, Janice Roberts, Elaine Sanford, Christine (Kiki) Sangermano, Lucy Shonk, Celeste Snitko,

Dubliner Giving Vaccines in Keene

Some Dubliners have enjoyed seeing a familiar face at the COVID vaccination site in Keene: Peter Cerroni is volunteering by giving shots to willing citizens. Thank you, Peter!

Tim Suokko, David VanEtten, Susie Vogel, and Kyle Wilcox.

When you see any of these people around town, please be sure to thank them for all that they did on March 9.

JUDY KNAPP, Sarah Sangermano, and Megan Suokko are Supervisors of the Checklist.

Dog Licenses during the Pandemic

Plus it's a NH state law (RSA 466:1).

As we all focus on staying healthy, it is just as important for dog owners to keep their pets’ rabies shots current, and to get their annual dog licenses from the Town Clerk’s office.

The deadline for renewing dog licenses is April 30 and you can do this by mail, online, or drop box (next to the back door of the Town Hall, at the lower level). Please call us to see if we have a copy of each dog’s rabies certificate already on file.

To pay for your dog license online, go to www.townofdublin.org. Click “Online Payments,” and then “Dog Licensing.” You will need last year’s dog license number to search for your dog’s information. There is a \$1.50

fee to pay online. To help with your pet’s safety, a numbered tag and license will be mailed to the address that we have on file.

Regardless of when the license is obtained, the license is effective from May 1 to April 30. The fees for dog licenses are: Male and Female: \$9.00 each; Neutered Male: \$6.50; Spayed Female: \$6.50; Owner over 65: \$2.00; Puppies (3-7 mos.): \$6.50.

Please notify the Town Clerk’s office if you no longer have your dog. Thank you for your cooperation.

JEANNINE R. DUNNE is Dublin’s Certified Tax Collector and Certified Town Clerk (townclerk@townofdublin.org). You can mail your checks to PO Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444; or call (603) 563-8859.

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DCS Students Awaiting Spring

BY NICOLE PEASE

This year has been filled with lots of changes. Despite the fact that school might be different in some ways, there are many ways it is the same! Staff and students develop strong connections through Morning Meeting, which is the start of the school day. Our staff also focuses on planning instruction that will engage their students.

Deb Quinn, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Teacher, has developed an integrated unit of study about space. Her students have created paintings, posters, and presentations about an aspect of space of their choosing — culminating in a virtual presentation for families that includes students' audio recordings.

Our 2nd Grade Teacher, Heather Fletcher, recently focused on rainforest and desert animals with her students. Through this work students researched a particular animal and created beautiful shadow boxes



with virtual help from the District's Art Integration Program and Jeannie Connolly.

The Grade 1 classroom, with Teacher Deb Lang's guidance, participated in an integrated study of vertebrates that included a close-up study of a weasel and an otter. Kindergarten Teacher Susan Ellingwood extended her students' understanding of how rainbows are formed with videos and by making bubbles and drawings.

Teachers also continue to use special days of the year as a source of learning.

The 100th day of school included various activities that helped our younger students count to 100. St. Patrick's Day is always exciting with a visit from Lucky the Leprechaun. In honor of the day, Heather Fletcher's classroom wrote about "Who is Worth More than Gold to You." Susan Ellingwood's students became detectives to find out that Lucky had taken all the green pencils and crayons from their classroom, and they kindly asked for them back. Deb Lang's students read Irish folktales and kept a close eye out to see what mischief Lucky might cause.

One thing that never changes is the support we receive from our community and for this we are very thankful. We are hopeful that the future will allow us to reconnect with our special town in various ways.

Kindergarteners are wanted. If you know of a child that will be 5 years old before September 30, please have the parents contact our school. All are welcome to stop by and visit. We love to have the community see what is going on in our school; please just give a call first at 563-8332.

NICOLE PEASE is Teaching Principal at DCS.

Congratulations to All 2021 College Graduates

The May issue of the *Advocate* focuses on your graduations from technical school or college. Share with your neighbors where you will graduate from, plans if you wish, and a photo of your face. Please send all your material to DublinAdvocate@gmail.com by April 15.



Dublin Christian Academy (DCA) students planned, prepared, cooked, and delivered meals to more than 80 seniors in Dublin and Jaffrey on March 18. Every student had a part in the meal, which included an entree of home-raised turkey pot pie, fresh-baked rolls, homemade chocolate chip cookies, and hot cocoa cones. DCA (dublinchristian.org) is located at 106 Page Road, Dublin; 603-563-8505.



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Update from Our School Board Representative

Recount March 18 switched vote to passing the budget.

BY ALAN EDELKIND

Spring Sports. Good news! The school board unanimously approved the ConVal administration's proposal for spring sports. "All ConVal High School spring sports programs will participate in a competitive limited regional NHIAA sanctioned schedule, with interscholastic competitions beginning April 12, 2021. Family and other household members that are also members of the ConVal school community will follow their normal plan for in-person learning or instruction."

This is for all spring sports, including baseball, lacrosse, softball, tennis, track and field and unified track and field. There are rules and regulations to follow, as is natural in the COVID environment we live in, but those are the exceptions. What a welcome step forward.

The Budget. The original votes showed that the budget failed by a narrow margin of 4 votes. A recount was petitioned and was completed Thursday, March 18. The recount determined that the budget PASSED by a 7-vote margin.

This narrow margin has been certified and there will be no further recounts.

The School Board will be meeting to discuss the budget impacts, as our focus prior to the recount was on the default budget, which would have been in place if the budget had not passed.

The default budget would have been \$51,065,984 while the budget is now \$52,583,177, a difference of \$1,517,193.

Dublin had only 1 vote switch from a yes to a no vote (196 yes votes; 189 no votes).

There will be a lot more information coming out on the impact of this budget in the next few weeks. Please visit the "Dublin/ConVal" Facebook group for updates.

Physical Distancing In Schools. There was a large study done of 251 school districts, including more than half a million students and nearly 100,000 staff, on the effect of lowering physical distancing from 6 feet to 3 feet. The outcome of the study was that lower physical distancing requirements can be adopted in school settings with mask mandates without negatively affecting student or staff safety. This will be something for us to consider moving forward.

In Closing. There is a lot of information coming through that is time-sensitive. I have set up a Facebook group for Dublin residents where I can post pertinent information. The group is for Dublin residents and for non-residents that have students at DCS. The group is "Dublin/ConVal" – search on name or link here (www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dublin%2Fconval). Join if you would like to. If you are not on Facebook, please do not hesitate to drop me an email with any thoughts/questions you might have at AEdelkind@ConVal.edu.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board, SAU 1.

Farmer's Market Opens April 7

"Eat fresh, buy local."

The Peterborough Farmer's Market, which has already lined up 18 approved vendors for the 2021 season, will open April 7, and continue on Wednesdays from 3 to 6 pm through December.

The Farmer's Market is committed to finding the best growers and artisans in the area to bring the best quality food and goodies for us and our families.

For newcomers who may not know, this Farmer's Market is located outdoors at the Peterborough Community Center on Elm Street April through October and moves indoors October through December.

Over the next few weeks, on Facebook, they will be spotlighting favorite vendors and introducing new ones.

Vendors & farmers are Ten Talents Farm, Beyond the Horizon Farm, Pup's Cider, Partners' Gardens, Ledge Top Farm, Calcite & Comfrey, Stonegate Farm & Flowers, Bike Path Berries, Quarter Moon Farm, Averill House Vineyard, and more!

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DCF Accepting Scholarship Applications

BY JEFF OJA

Dublin Community Foundation (DCF) welcomes scholarship applications from 2021 graduating high school seniors who are residents of Dublin. A limited number of scholarships is available for students who plan to continue their studies at a college, university, technical, or business school.

The due date for completed applications is May 15, 2021. Notification of awards will be made by June 15.

Applications are available from guidance counselors at Dublin Christian Academy, the Dublin School, and Fair-

wood Bible Institute. ConVal students may submit ConVal's Scholarship Common Application form.

DCF also welcomes applications from Dublin students who have been home-schooled. Those students may email us at dublincommunityfoundation@gmail.com to request an application.

Completed applications can either be mailed to DCF at PO Box 1036, Dublin, NH 03444, or emailed to dublincommunityfoundation@gmail.com.

JEFF OJA is the president of the DCF. The other members of the board are Jane Keough, Holly Macy, May Clark, and Tom Warren.

DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rummage & Yard Sale Outdoors

Friday, April 23, 1–6 pm

Saturday, April 24, 8 am–noon

Rain date: April 30 & May 1, 1–6 pm
both days



DTTF Offers Scholarships

The Dublin Trustees of the Trust Funds (DTTF) offers \$1,000 scholarships to Dublin residents who are continuing their education beyond secondary school.

Places like Dublin can thrive when, on a daily basis, people care about and engage with their community. Therefore, civic engagement, as well as academic merit and financial need, are the criteria the Scholarship Committee will use to determine the 2021 scholarship recipients.

Applications can be obtained from local schools as well as from the Town Hall. Applicants should submit a current transcript, the

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the most recent FAFSA form, two current recommendations, and a statement (no more than 500 words) addressing past, present, or future engagement in civic life.

All materials must be typed and received by May 1, 2021. Please mail all materials to The Trustees of the Trust Funds, PO Box 127, Dublin, NH 03444. Winners will be announced after May 21, 2021.

Email questions to Balmeet Lasky at lasky.balmeet@gmail.com. Mary Loftis and Erin Moore are also members of the Scholarship Committee.

Ending Hunger in Our Towns

If you know a child who is food insecure, please encourage the family to help themselves to a weekend food bag from End 68 Hours of Hunger. The bags are located just inside

the west-side entrance to the Dublin Community Church and are free for the taking — no questions asked.

It's one bag per child, so families with multiple children are welcome to grab multiple bags.

The Church entrance is also the location for your food donations to End 68 Hours of Hunger. Dubliners have been incredibly generous, and that's so appreciated! This month we're especially looking for boxes of nutrition bars; any contributions would be a big help. Thank you so much!



Take-Out Dinner for All

On Tuesday, April 27, the Dublin Community Church is offering a free Community Take-out Dinner. Pick up begins at 5:30 pm. It will include baked pasta (vegetarian and meat options available), salad, bread, and dessert. Reservations are required.

Please call Laurie Jameson at 876-5003 by Friday, April 23, to reserve a meal and give her your phone number. You will get directions when you call for a reservation.



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Broadband in Dublin

BY CAROLE MONROE

It's amazing, fiber installations to our homes have begun to happen! A year ago we approved the bond at Town Meeting. The Bond funds became available in mid-August and six months later the first customers have been installed.

Yes, we've had a few issues, mostly centered on communication; i.e., installer not showing up without a call from Consolidated, contract installers not familiar with Dublin and the project, and whether you can keep your copper landline. These issues are being resolved. Your concerns are being addressed with the Consolidated project and support managers. They are now reaching out to you directly to resolve outstanding concerns.

Here are some recent concerns:

"My upload/download speeds are not what I'm signed up for." The best way to check your speeds is from a computer that is directly connected to your router using an application like Speedtest.net. If you have signed up for the highest service, you want to make sure your devices can actu-

ally receive gigabit service. Many computers older than three (3) years are limited by their hardware; for example, both of my laptops are limited to 100 Mbps and my iPad and phone are limited to around 800 Mbps, older ones would be less. When checking your speed on a wireless connection there are a host of other issues, such as how far from the wireless router you are, the construction in your home, how many users are on the wireless simultaneously, etc. Devices that are "on" all the time are using the network even if you are not actively using the device.

"The underground conduit is frozen."

I wish it were warmer but unfortunately this has been a very cold winter. If there was moisture in the conduit the pull string or existing copper may be frozen in place, making installation of the fiber in the conduit impossible. Consolidated has been flexible and at the request of the homeowner, agreed to do the install through the woods, on the ground, or through the trees, — not an optimal situation and will require a second trip once the weather is warmer. The fiber is fairly fragile and susceptible to wind, weather, and animal damage. My install is scheduled for the end of March

and if my conduit is frozen, I'll reschedule. We don't want to worry about fiber when mowing the grass.

"Telephone service" It is true that once you switch to the fiber broadband service your phone will be moved to phone service over the fiber, also called Voice over IP (VoIP) service. Unlike a copper line, fiber does not carry electricity, therefore without a battery back-up (UPS) or a generator connection, your phone will not work in a power outage. An uninterruptible power supply (UPS) can be purchased through Consolidated, or for more reasonable prices, at Staples, Best Buy, or Amazon. There are a few exceptions including accessory apartments on a separate billing or those with medical-device monitoring that require a copper connection.

All those signed up should be connected by mid-May. For all with a direct buried telephone line (no conduit), spring will soon be here so it's time to schedule your conduit installation. Once again, do not hesitate to email me with any concerns or questions at cdmonroe@myfairpoint.net.

CAROLE MONROE is a Select Person; other Select Board members are Chris Raymond and Susan Peters.



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Vaccine News from CDC

This message includes updates on the COVID-19 response from CDC. The COVID-19 outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html).

Health equity is when everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put many racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19.

To stop the spread of COVID-19 and move toward greater health equity, we must work together to ensure resources are available to maintain and manage physical and mental health, including easy access to information, affordable testing, and medical and mental health care. For more information, visit COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/community/health-equity/index.html).

- Facebook COVID page, with a focus on Cheshire County: www.facebook.com/coronavirus_info/?page_source=page_integrity_inform
- For the latest NH COVID-19 information, resources, and guidance, visit www.nh.gov/covid19/ for tips and resources.

Our village flag flies at half-mast to honor more than half a million people who have succumbed to the virus in the last year in this country alone.



Nonprofits Serving Dublin Residents

Addressing a variety of needs.

BY MAY CLARK AND LUCY SHONK

This past year, each of the eleven agencies (nonprofit) listed here served many of our Dublin residents at associated total costs of \$276,377.00.

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At the Dublin Town Meeting on May 1, we will vote on Warrant Article 9, which

amounts to \$7,890.00 for all the agencies.

We strongly believe that the benefits to our Dublin residents far outweigh the investment the town makes to these agencies – all of which “provide advisory health and welfare services and whose programs have a public purpose” (Article 9).

Here is a summary of services rendered to Dublin residents for 2020 and the agency funding attributed to Dublin residents.

MAY CLARK and LUCY SHONK are Dublin residents who are retired from several decades in their careers in human services and education.

Agency	Number of Dublin Clients	Costs associated	Requested 2021
Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)	8 children	\$14,400	\$500
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	16 children served by Jaffrey Court*	\$1,460	\$500
Southwestern Community Services (SCS)	146 units of service	\$44,128	\$500
Monadnock Family Services (MFS)	198 appts, 7 adults, 8 children	\$11,085	\$1,996
Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS)	635 nursing appts, 160 PT appts, 137 OT, 15 hours medical / social work visits, 229 home health aide visits	\$194,675	\$1,690
The River Center, Family and Community Support	9 residents, 23 times	\$2,300	\$500
Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC)	3 residents, 6 rides, 235 miles; 4 drivers in town	\$2,101	\$500
100 Nights Shelter	81 visits to Resource Center	\$882.90	\$500
Keene Community Kitchen	9 residents accessed 423 meals throughout the year	\$704	\$500
MCVP: Crisis & Prevention Center	9 survivors served with 57 services	\$2,041	\$204
Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center	2 cases of child abuse	\$2,600	\$500

*Due to privacy issues, Dublin numbers are not separated from those served by the Jaffrey Court.

SB2 Warrant Article at Town Meeting

Ballot voting proposed for all warrant articles.

BY JOHN MORRIS

Dublin Town Meeting currently has two parts. Part One is the Official Ballot – the slate of town elective offices and zoning ordinances which are voted the second Tuesday in March. This is where voters go to town hall any time during the day and vote in the voting booth, or vote via absentee ballot. Part Two is what many think of as Town Meeting. It is where voters attend in person, usually in the school gym, and discuss and vote on each warrant article, such as the town budget. It is usually the Saturday following the Official Ballot voting but this year it has been rescheduled to May 1.

This year you will have the opportunity to vote on SB2 at Part Two of the Town Meeting. SB2 is an abbreviation for Senate Bill 2, which permits towns to put all matters to be voted on the Official Ballot.

The main advantage of SB2 is it allows people who are currently unable to attend the Saturday morning session to vote on everything on the Tuesday or by absentee ballot. For instance,

people who work Saturday mornings or anyone who has to travel out of town that day for work, or military service, or health care, recreation, etc., can still vote on *all* of the issues before town. Under the current system there is no way to vote absentee for the Part Two session. So, even during the current pandemic, voters must show up in person on the Saturday to vote on this and other warrant articles.

SB2 does not do away with the Saturday Town Meeting. Under SB2 what is now the Saturday Town Meeting would be held approximately one month before the Official Ballot voting, thus it would occur on a Saturday morning in February. Everything at Town Meeting would be the same as today. The gathering of people and discussions of warrant articles would be held and amendments could be made and voted on. Warrant articles that do not deal with expenditures could be brought from the floor. The only difference under SB2 is that no final vote would be taken. Instead, that final vote would be done on the Official Ballot.

Switching from or to SB2 voting (yes, the town can switch back via warrant article if so desired) requires a 60% super majority vote to pass. Thus if you usually don't attend Saturday Town Meeting and you want to switch Dublin to SB2, plan on attending this year to make your voice heard.

JOHN MORRIS is a Dublin resident.

About SB2

In-person voting enables discussion.

BY MAY CLARK

The law familiarly known as SB2 allows towns to take care of all town meeting business by ballot vote, instead of the traditional public discussion. It allows more people access to voting, and they don't have to sit through a long meeting. It seems like a good idea. In my experience, it is not.

I was on the ConVal School Board when the district moved over to ballot voting on budgets and contracts, and I saw the results firsthand. The way SB2 works is that there is an informational meeting before the vote, called the informational session, or Session 1, which sounds like the traditional town or school district meeting. All warrant articles are brought up for discussion and possible amendment. Warrant articles may be amended, but no final vote on the article is taken. All articles, as amended, are put before the electorate on election day.

For this reason, there is little incentive for people to attend Session 1. Attendance is pitifully low at the first meeting, especially this year during the pandemic; reported attendance at Session 1 meetings averaged about one half of one percent of total voters.

To see which articles are recommended (or not) by the Select Board and Budget Committee, see the full Warrant online at www.townofdublin.org/select-board/files/town-warrant-2021.

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Thus, a budget, or other proposal, no matter how complex, that has been studied and prepared over many months, can be changed by a handful of voters.

When voters finally go to the polls, most of them have missed the informational session, and may not even be aware that some of the articles on the ballot are not those originally proposed. Nor have they heard any debate on the merits or shortcomings of those articles, or any articles. In the voting booth, there is no one to explain what they mean.

New England town meeting is the last surviving example of direct democracy. If you vote to change Dublin to an SB2 town, our town meeting as we know it will no longer exist.

MAY CLARK is a Dublin resident.

Nonprofit of the Year: CVTC

Community Volunteer Transportation Company received a 2020 Spirit of Excellence Award for Nonprofit of the Year from the former Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce. A few of our volunteer drivers were able to gather outdoors when the award was presented.

If you know of someone who needs a ride to an essential appointment (vaccine, doctor, pharmacy, groceries), send them to CVTC. Plus, we arrange for wheelchair vans if needed. If you need a ride, call 821-0569.

CVTC volunteer drivers drive at their own convenience and can be reimbursed at \$0.56/mile. For details, visit cvtc-nh.org.



Dublin Rotary Park

Join us for a tour of the park.

BY JERRY BRANCH

The Dublin Rotary Park is truly a Dublin treasure. The park, which formally opened in August 2011 on property owned by the Town of Dublin, is managed by the town's Conservation Commission. It is a site where Dublin and Monadnock Region residents can go to get outdoors, exercise

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on the trails, and paddle on Howe Reservoir, which borders the park.

Views of the surrounding area including Mt. Monadnock and the waters of Howe Reservoir create a beautiful setting. One of our objectives is to provide a place where residents, young and old, can go to enjoy nature. Toward that objective, student classes led by Harris Center personnel have been conducted here. In addition to the educational benefits provided by the Park, it plays an important role in the uplifting of our mental health.

The Conservation Commission is proposing a warrant (Article 7) at this year's Town Meeting May 1. Our goal is to fund much-needed maintenance for the park. Included are improvements to the access road, removal of dead and dying trees in the walking and picnic areas, new picnic tables, and signage. We hope that you will support our efforts to improve the park.

We're expecting warmer weather very soon. You may want to get out, shift gears, and just enjoy a hike in the woods. You may also have suggestions regarding the park. You can contact me at the email below with comments.

We want to continue our resident volunteer work on projects to further enhance the Park. If you would like to join the group, contact me at jerrybranch2@gmail.com.



com. I will notify you when projects are scheduled. The more volunteers, the bigger the party.

JERRY BRANCH is a member of the Conservation Commission. Other members include Jay Schechter, Chair; Katie Featherston, Denise Frankoff, Felicity Pool, Rusty Bastedo (alternate), Wendy White (alternate); and Susan Peters is the new rep from the Select Board.

The Dublin Conservation Commission will be offering tours of the Park on Saturday, April 10, from 2 to 4 pm with a rain date of April 17. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like a map, you can make copies from the Dublin Rotary Park website: **Printable Maps of Dublin Rotary Park | Grand Monadnock Rotary Club** (grandmonadnockrotary.org/SitePage/dublin-rotary-park-maps/printable-maps-of-dublin-rotary-park).

Grants Available for Humanities-based Programs

All Monadnock-area nonprofits are encouraged to apply for funds for humanities-based projects.

New Hampshire Humanities (NHH) Community Project Grants provide grant funds to support public humanities programs across the state.

The public humanities bring the insights and knowledge of humanities disciplines to bear on public life. Public humanities programs offer people the opportunity to interpret, question, and debate new ideas while learning about the world in which we live.

NHH invites all New Hampshire nonprofit organizations to submit proposals for humanities-based community projects. Funding is available throughout the year. Mini Grants provide up to \$2,000 in funds and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Major Grants provide up to \$10,000 in funds; proposals are accepted on a quarterly basis.

View Community Project Grants on www.nhhumanities.org for 2021-2022 deadlines, guidelines, and templates.

- Regarding the Mini Grants of up to \$2,000: Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. We recommend applying at least six weeks before your program begins. We do not require a draft proposal, but we do encourage you to contact Agnes Burt, Program Manager—Community Project Grants (contact information below) before submitting your application.

- Regarding Major Grants of up to \$10,000: Proposals are

accepted quarterly. We require that your organization submit a draft proposal at least one month before the final application. Deadlines for 2021-2022 are listed below.

Major Grant draft proposal due

March 15

June 15

September 15

December 15

Major Grant final application due

April 15

July 15

October 15

January 15 (2022)

For more information, please contact Agnes Burt, Program Manager—Community Project Grants (aburt@nhhumanities.org) or visit www.nhhumanities.org/grants.

For almost five decades, New Hampshire Humanities (117 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301; 603-224-4071, ext. 116) has provided the people of the Granite State with opportunities to cultivate curiosity, connect across cultures, examine beliefs, practice civility, strengthen community bonds, and engage in civic life. Last year New Hampshire Humanities sponsored 496 free programs reaching 54,951 residents in 92 communities, in partnership with 343 organizations.

Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

Christine Kelly, 1924-2021

Christine Kelly, age 97, passed away peacefully on March 6, 2021, at her son's home, in Dublin, NH. She was born on January 9, 1924, in Mobile, Alabama, to Robert and Myrtice Shackelford. A Southern belle in all respects, she enriched our lives here in 'the North' with her grace, beauty, and warm-hearted ways.

Christine married Edmond Kelly on May 22, 1944, when he was stationed at the Navy airfield in Pensacola, Florida. Ed, a pilot who served in the Pacific during World War II, met Christine on a blind date in Mobile, set up by her closest friend. Christine's parents had a summer house on the beach in Gulf Shores, AL, and they would tell stories of Ed buzzing their house with barrel rolls in his fighter plane when he was out on training. Such was their early romance.

After Christine's marriage, she moved north to a profoundly different life, with Ed finishing his education at Trinity College, the birth of her children, and an illustrious and very full family life in Fitchburg, MA, where Ed joined the family



paper manufacturing business, Crocker Burbank Company.

After retirement, Christine and Ed moved to a new home in Dublin, to be near family and many old and new friends. 'Chris' was a devoted wife and mother, and an enthusiastic and generous soul, who cared deeply for her family and community. Well known for her service work with the United Way, Meals on Wheels, and other volunteer charitable work, she uplifted the lives of the many who knew

her. She was President of the Garden Club of Dublin from 1983 to 1984 and cultivated beautiful gardens wherever she lived.

Among Chris's family and close friends, she was known for her love of playing bridge, music, dancing, tennis and golf and, when her children were young, she and Ed derived great pride and joy in ensuring that they were also well-versed in these arts.

Christine is survived by her children, Charlotte, Ed, Mitch and Robert, nine grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren whom she loved, inspired, and supported in so many ways. She will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held this summer where she will be buried next to Ed at the Dublin Cemetery.

Earth Day

Join thousands of organizations as we call on the world to come together for "Three Days of Climate Action," April 20-22, 2021. Learn how we can restore our earth. Can't wait until Earth Day? Here are 51 actions you can take today. Source: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>

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Arnold A. Pinney, 1936-2021

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Arnold A. Pinney, 84, a longtime resident of Dublin, passed away on Jan. 3, 2021, in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 28, 1936, in New Boston, the son of the late Joseph and Edythe (Collins) Pinney. He was raised in Dublin, where he attended area schools. Following his schooling, Arnold served his country in the U.S. Army. On May 24, 1967, Arnold married Madelene Daigneault.

Arnold had been employed as a plumber, heavy equipment operator, construction worker and worked for the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Dublin for many years. For the last 30 years he was a caretaker for close friends. He was always involved within the community of Dublin, which he loved greatly. He had served as the Chief of Police, he was a Selectman, and had been the Supervisor of the Checklist.

Arnold was a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed tending to his gar-



den. More than anything, he cherished time he was able to spend with his family, especially with his grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered for his kind and thoughtful nature.

Arnold will be dearly missed by his wife of more than 53 years, Maddi Pinney, of Dublin; his children: Michele "Mikki"

Regan; Shelly Pinney; Todd Pinney and his wife, Rosemary; Scott Andrew Pinney; Scott Allen Pinney; Robin Vaughan; and Michael Pinney; his sister, Sheila Van Blarcom (Jim Gibbons); his sisters-in-law: Helen Pinney; and Justine Mark (Terry Mark); his brothers-in-law: Joseph Daigneault (Ruth Daigneault); and Tom Daigneault; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and his special friends, Jay and Bunny Healy, of Dublin.

In keeping with Arnold's wishes, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Arnold A. Pinney's name to a charity of one's choice.

To express condolences or to share a memory of Arnold, please visit www.FletcherFuneralHome.com.

SOURCE: www.sentinelsource.com/news/obituaries/arnold-a-pinney/article_85fe9e56-b13b-5518-a14e-941917451a9b.html

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April Events at the DubHub

Some events may be held outdoors. Stay tuned!



Grace Aldrich was one of three presenters at the DubHub's first "Complex Conversation" session via Zoom in February.

Coffee & Conversation Continues via Zoom

These DubHub sessions via Zoom will continue on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 am. Check the weekly Hubbub for login information or email Volkert at info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Knit with Nancy

Knit with Nancy meets via Zoom every Friday at 10 am. Contact Nancy Cayford at npcayford@myfairpoint.net for an invitation.

Complex Conversation: Mental Health & the Pandemic

The topic of our second "Complex Conversation" via Zoom is "Mental Health and the Pandemic." It meets on April 15 from 7 to 8:15 pm and features panelists

Ed Walker, Phil Wyzik, Dennis Calcutt, and Louisa Howlett. This free event will be hosted by Balmeet Lasky. Please pre-register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/complex-conversation-series-mental-health-during-the-pandemic-tickets-148237270667>. The link will also be online or by email from info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Community Lunch To-Go

Community Lunch To-Go will be on Tuesday, April 20, from noon to 1 pm. The menu will be chicken soup, egg salad sandwich, and brownie. Pick up your meal by the main entrance of the DubHub. For those unable to get out due to weather or



Valentine cupcakes were a popular item at the February Take-Out Community Lunch at the DubHub.

COVID concerns, please contact Mary Loftis at 831-6641.

Song Circle/Open Stage

Song Circle & Open Stage will meet at 3 pm on Sunday, April 25. If the weather is warm (50 or above) and dry, the session will be held in the Garden Sanctuary behind Dublin Community Church. Bring a lawn chair, a snack, and your own beverage. Musicians, poets, storytellers, actors all welcome. In case of inclement weather, we will Zoom. Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org with questions.

Follow the DubHub with the Hubbub and on FB

Links to virtual events are provided in the weekly Hubbub newsletter, and can be found on DubHub Facebook pages. For information email info@dublincommunitycenter.org. Once the DubHub resumes public events, it will update its online calendar at dublincommunitycenter.org.

DubHub Wi-Fi Access

Wi-Fi is accessible from the Hub's parking lot. Look for NETGEAR28-5G_EXT. The password is ancientpond703 (all lower case). Once the DubHub moves to Broadband, the new password will be posted by the main entrance.



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DubHub Keeps Lunches Coming

Despite the pandemic.

BY DENISE FRANKOFF

One year ago we realized that many things were about to change. Fortunately, some aspects of life in Dublin would not change. Residents would still enjoy Dublin's natural beauty. The Dublin General Store would be open. Social distancing would be easier here than in less rural areas. There was another aspect of Dublin life that would not change — the Dublin Community Center's commitment to keeping the community engaged.

Many of us were missing the delicious lunches served monthly at the "DubHub" through its community lunch program. This program began when the center opened in 2014. Nancy Cayford, Karen Yates, and June Brening envisioned a sit-down lunch so that people could come together. Every month they prepared delicious meals where 40-50 people gathered. They also delivered lunches to people who were homebound.

When the pandemic hit, the center knew that gathering inside was not an option. To keep this tradition alive, the DubHub



Nancy Cayford hands lunch to a drive-through customer.

decided to offer lunches through a take-out program. To help support the program, the center obtained grants from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) Community Crisis Action Fund and from the Thomas P. Wright Fund of the NHCF. The Center is grateful for their generous support.

Beginning May 2020 DubHub board members and a cadre of dedicated volunteers planned menus and carefully prepared and assembled 40 lunches. On the warmer days people picked up

their lunches and sat outside, where they enjoyed live music played by Volkert Volkerz, DubHub Program Director; Bruce and Paul Simpson; and other musicians in the community. We also delivered lunches to town offices and to people who were homebound. In view of such positive feedback from the community, we continued the program throughout the fall and winter months. It has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces.

Mark your calendars: DubHub community lunch, third Tuesday of each month, 12-1, take-out until further notice. We look forward to the future months where we can sit outside and, when possible, gather indoors again.

Many thanks to the Town of Dublin and our community for their continued support of this vital program.

In the words of M.F.K. Fisher, renowned food writer, "It seems to me that our three basic needs, for food and security and love are so mixed and mingled and entwined that we cannot straightly think of one without the others." (*New York Times* obituary, June 24, 1992).

DENISE FRANKOFF is on the board of the Dublin Community Center, and on the staff of the *Advocate*.

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The Poster Project Explained

BY NEIL SANDFORD

In 2019 during one of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meetings, Susan Phillips-Hungerford, who is the chair, noticed a state poster on the wall at Town Hall that lists what procedures must be followed when you want to do certain things. "We should have one like that for town procedures as well!" she commented and requested that the secretary put something together. That was the beginning of a project that has been in the works for some time. It was held up at one point because some thought that the Selectmen are the final authority for everything, but when it comes to interpreting Dublin's ordinances, the ZBA makes the final decision, not the Selectmen.

So the poster was developed and approved and is now available on the

town's website. It helps you know to whom you make application and which application is needed. Most questions should start with the Code Enforcement Officer to determine what is needed based on what you want to do. He will tell you what boards to contact, and what approvals are needed, along with the appropriate application(s).

The chart also has a footnote that explains which items require a public hearing with a notice published in the paper and all abutters receiving a certified letter. Some applications, like for new driveways and signs, are decided at a regular meeting of the Planning Board and do not require a public hearing.

NEIL SANDFORD is Secretary to the Planning Board and ZBA. He is also Dublin's Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector.

What is needed in Dublin		
Prior To:	The Process: (include payment of appropriate fees)	What approval is needed & who grants it:
Any Activity that is not allowed under Dublin's Ordinance	**Get Routing Slip from Code Enforcement Officer & File **Variance Application **Notification and Public Hearing	**Variance from Zoning Board of Adjustment
Any Activity that is allowed in the Dublin Ordinance as a Special Exception	**Get Routing Slip from Code Enforcement Officer & File **Special Exception Application **Notification and Public Hearing	**Special Exception from Board of Adjustment
Disagree with any ordinance interpretation decision by the Code Enforcement Officer, Selectmen, Planning Board (except whether or not to enforce)	**File Appeal from Administrative Decision Application **Notify Officiaries and Public Hearing	**Final ruling from Zoning Board of Adjustment
Built within setbacks or in wetland buffer zone	**File Waiver of Dimensional Requirements Application **Notification and Public Hearing	**Waiver of Dimensional Requirements from Zoning Board of Adjustment
Subdividing property that creates more than three new lots	**Get routing slip from Code Enforcement Officer & File **Major Subdivision Application with Checklist **Notification and Public Hearing	**Major Sub-division Approval from Planning Board
Subdividing property that creates three or fewer lots	**Get routing slip from Code Enforcement Officer & File **Minor Subdivision Application with Checklist **Notification and Public Hearing	**Minor Sub-division Approval from Planning Board
Changing the Use of a Property to a Non-Residential Use	**Get routing slip from Code Enforcement Officer & File **Site Plan Review Application **Notification and Public Hearing	**Site Plan Review Approval from Planning Board
Changing the Lot Lines between properties but not creating a new lot(s)	File **Lot Line Adjustment Application **Notification and Public Hearing	**Lot Line Adjustment Approval from Planning Board **File plan on regular with Registry
Combining Multiple Properties into one	File **Voluntary Merger Application	**Voluntary Merger approval from Planning Board **Notification to Registry
Adding a driveway or Changing your driveway	Read Driveway Ordinance & File **Driveway Application	**Driveway Approval from Planning Board
Putting up a new sign or enlarging an old one	File **Sign Application	**Sign Application Approval from Planning Board
Project that encroaches the 100 foot wetland buffer zone	Request a Waiver from the Planning Board & Planning Board will notify the Conservation Commission	**Waiver from Planning Board
Excavating Soil or Gravel for sale	File Excavation Application **Notification and Public Hearing	**Excavation Approval from Planning Board
Erect a Telecommunications tower	File **Telecommunications Conditional Use Application **Notification and Public Hearing	**Telecommunications Conditional Use Permit from Planning Board
Cutting trees along a Scenic Road	File **Scenic Road Hearing Application	**Approval from Planning Board
Build a commercial Solar Energy System or other energy producing system	File **Alternate Energy Application	**Approval from Planning Board
Erect a new building over 200 square feet or demolish an old one	File **Building Permit with Code Enforcement Officer & Electrical & Plumbing & and Fireman Permits (as needed)	**Occupancy Permit from Code Enforcement Officer & Chief (as needed)
Making Renovations to a building other than regular maintenance	File **Building Permit with Code Enforcement Officer & Electrical and Plumbing Permits (as needed)	**Approval from Code Enforcement Officer
Moving or Removing a stone wall	File **Stone Wall Application	**Approval from the Selectmen

Welcome to Many New Families

According to the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* (3/16/21, p.10), real estate listings show that in the last 12 months, 35 homes have sold in Dublin. Welcome, to 35 new families in town! Email DublinAdvocate@gmail.com if you would like to introduce yourselves in these pages.

For Neil's full document, go to www.townofdublin.org, select Forms & Documents, scroll to ZBA, and click on "What form do I need?"

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BY RAMONA BRANCH

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at woodworking – build a bookcase or an end table? Maybe you have always wanted to learn to sew but just never found the time. Or perhaps the new 3D printing has caught your attention. MAxT Makerspace can help get you started.

The Makerspace is a community non-profit workspace of 9,000 square feet. It is located at 49 Vose Farm Road in the business park in North Peterborough. Currently the center has work spaces and equipment devoted to woodworking, metalworking, jewelry making, sewing, laser cutting, 3D printing, and electronics. Each craft has a volunteer manager who sets up the work center and teaches classes on the craft specialty.

The organization was started on a



totally volunteer basis in 2015 in the Monadnock Shopping Center. In 6 years the Makerspace has tripled its space, hired an Executive Director, Roy Schlieben, a membership coordinator, marketing coordinator, and a bookkeeper.

The organization is financed through three levels of membership, fundraising events and rental of studio space. Membership levels include a Basic Membership which includes access to the building and training on the equipment. The Plus Membership includes a storage space for the members' projects and discounts on classes. A family membership allows the entire family to participate. They also offer a wide range of classes, trainings and events where members can learn and have fun. To assist the new craftsperson, there is a growing library of tools, technology and books.

"We have around 150 members now," explained Schlieben, "with a goal of expanding to 200. We are now working on a paint booth where members can paint their various projects and woodworkers

can finish their furniture. We also want to add a tool library, where members can check out hand tools."

One feature at the Makerspace of high interest to the public is the Repair Café open the second Saturday of the month, 10 am to 2 pm. Here folks can take small appliances, furniture, lamps and other trea-



sures to be repaired. There are no set repair fees but donations are gladly accepted.

If you think you might be interested in Makerspace (www.maxtmakerspace.org), you can schedule a tour via email (info@monadnockartxtech.org) to get acquainted and see all that they offer. Due to COVID, members must reserve a time to work, wear masks, and follow CDC guidelines for distance and safety.

RAMONA BRANCH is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

The Four Way Test: A Speech Contest

GMRC offers prize money to high school students.

The Rotary Four Way Test is recognized around the world as the basis for interactions in the personal and professional lives of Rotarians.

On April 27, Grand Monadnock Rotary Club (GMRC) is sponsoring a local Four Way Test Speech Contest among high-school students in the ConVal School District, including private school and home-schooled students. The contest introduces a new generation of youth to this effective guidance for building ethical and honest relationships.

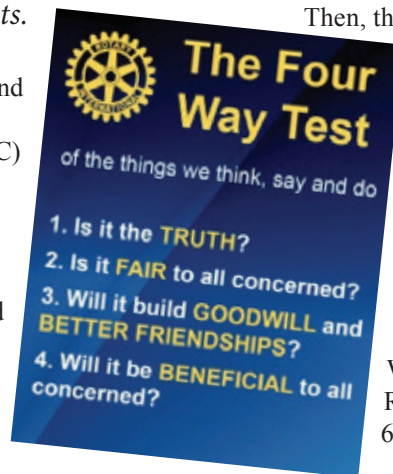
This year's Four Way Test Speech Contest will be held over Zoom on Tuesday, April 27, starting at 7 pm. Contestants have 5 to 7 minutes to present an

essay on the ways the Four Way Test can be applied to situations they see in life.

Then, the top three contestants will give their speech again on Tuesday, May 4, at 7 pm at a special meeting of the GMRC. Winners will receive final prizes of \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

Interested students may enter the contest and view the rules at GrandMonadnock-Rotary.org. The registration deadline is Sunday, April 11, at midnight.

For questions please contact Harry Wolhandler, president of Grand Monadnock Rotary Club at harry@accelara.com, or call 603-827-3139 or 603-852-8026.



Humanities To Go, via Zoom

All discussions open to the public; registration required.

In cooperation with the Frost Free Library in Marlborough, “Jennie Powers, the Woman Who Dares,” by Jenna Carroll is via Zoom on Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30 pm.

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early 20th century. She was known across the country as “The Woman Who Dares,” cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America.

This presentation by Jenna Carroll introduces Jennie’s life story, the work of humane societies at the turn of the 20th century, and the politics of the Progressive Era (1890s-1920s) from a local perspective.

Registration is required at www.nhhumanities.org/programs/317 or call the Pillsbury Free Library at 603-456-2289 to get the Zoom link.

This Humanities-to-go program is cosponsored by Pillsbury Free Library and Warner Historical Society, with funding from New Hampshire Humanities and National Endowment for the Humanities (www.facebook.com/PillsburyFreeLibraryevents).

Bears Awaken Hungry

Remove birdfeeders when bears get active.

Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they’re very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears, particularly in springtime.



Wild black bears are normally shy of humans and will stay away from people and their residences. However, readily accessible birdseed “rewards” bears for overcoming their natural fear of humans and makes them likely to return.

Even if a bear can’t reach your feeder, the sight and smell will still attract them. Bears have been seen sitting under

feeders for hours, trying to figure out how to get them down. While they’re thinking, they may look around to see if there’s anything else interesting at your place. Be vigilant and make sure you’ve bear-proofed your home, garage, and property.

SOURCE: <https://bearwise.org/six-bearwise-basics/remove-birdfeeders/>



Salamander Crossing Brigades

COURTESY OF THE HARRIS CENTER

“As the earth thaws and spring rains drench New Hampshire, thousands of amphibians migrate to vernal pools to breed. Many are killed when their journeys take them across roads. Every year, the Harris Center trains community scientists to serve on Salamander Crossing Brigades at amphibian road crossings throughout the Monadnock Region. These heroic volunteers move migrating amphibians across roads by hand during one or more “Big Nights” each spring, keeping count as they go.”

The online training was in March, but the Harris Center can help you learn more about the remarkable spring amphibian migration — at harriscenter.org/events/salamander-crossing-brigade-workshop or harriscenter.org/programs-and-education/citizen-science/salamander-crossing-brigades.

Permits to Kindle a Fire

If you want to have a cooking/campfire in your backyard, you need a permit and there are restrictions — unless it is a gas or charcoal grill.

The fire must be contained within a ring of resistive material or a portable fireplace.

- Category 1 fire is 2 ft. or less in diameter, at least 25 ft. from structures, and can be kindled anytime weather permitting.
- Category 2 fire can be no greater than 4 ft. in diameter, at least 50 ft. from structures, and can only be kindled from 5 pm to 9 am unless it is raining.

Seasonal permits can be issued for Category 1 and 2 fires.

For more information or to obtain a written permit, please contact Brian Barden, Forest Fire Warden at 398-8546; Tom Vanderbilt, Fire Chief at 562-6960; or Joe Sangermano, Deputy Fire Chief at 563-8760.

BE INFORMED ABOUT OUTDOOR FIRES

- Fire permits required unless snow: NHfirepermit.com
- NH Division of Forests & Lands: www.nh.gov/nhdfl

Visit firewise.org for ways to prevent wildfires from reaching your home. A few pointers include clearing gutters of pine needles and leaves, leave green space around your home, and remove flammables. Recycle responsibly.

Consult Keene Hazardous Waste Management for the best days to drop off your hazardous materials. Call 352-5739 for more information, or go online at <https://ci.keene.nh.us/public-works/household-hazardous-waste-schedule>

Nesting Owls

BY TOM WARREN

The first birds to begin their families in our area are the owls, the Barred and Great Horned Owls. By late February they reestablished their territory and their hooting calls increased.

The Great Horned Owl rarely builds its own nest, but selects an old hawk, crow, or Great Blue Heron nest, usually in heavy timber with large white pines, often near a stream or pond. It often uses the nest of Red-tailed or Red-shouldered Hawks that are located anywhere from 10-90 feet high in the tree. The female may line the nest with her own breast down or other bird feathers.

The normal clutch is 2-3 eggs, which are laid in New Hampshire between March 11-23. The incubation period averages 28-35 days by both sexes. There is one brood.

This owl will drive all comers away from its nest including eagles, coyotes, and dogs. Once a large collie was struck by the claws of a Great Horned Owl, probably attracted by the dog's white patches,



similar to a skunk, the owl's favorite food. Beware of wearing a white hat in winter for this reason. People have been attacked and their hat lifted from their head.

During incubation in March, the male will often bring a skunk to the female. If cross-country skiing in March and you smell a skunk, be certain to search the nearest white pine for a nest. You may see a skunk draped over the nest edge for a snack for the incubating female.

The eggs hatch in 28 days and the young remain in the nest for another 30 days, leav-

ing the nest around May 13.

The owl is especially active at dusk and on moonlit nights.

The Barred Owl, our most common Dublin owl, is especially fond of wet, swampy habitats. This owl also rarely builds its own nest, but usually uses a hollow tree to make the nest difficult to locate. It is best to wait until April and May when you can hear the young calling for food at night and thereby locate the nest.

Barred Owls will often use a birdhouse constructed with appropriate dimensions and lined with sawdust or bark chips. Their eggs

hatch in the same time frame as the Great Horned Owls.

A member of the Monadnock Rotary was having a "mouse problem." A newly constructed Barred Owl house was the answer to his problem. A Barred Owl raised a family and the mice disappeared.

Jerry Branch, of Monadnock Rotary, built an owl house for the local school a year ago. Just last week at dusk I saw a Barred Owl fly across Route 101 right over the school. Maybe that house is being used.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

Barred Owllet by Anne Marie Warren



Morning Star Maple

BY KAREN KEURULAINEN

Hello Spring! Mud Pond is open, the ducks and geese are back, and the sap is flowing. It looks like winter has finally let go of its icy grip.

It is sugaring season here at Morning

Star Maple. February proved too cold for sap flow so we are off to a late start but are hopeful March will bring us a full crop.

We are thankful to be celebrating our 23rd year in our Dublin location. We would like to thank all of our faithful customers for helping us get through this challenging year. If you haven't been in yet, please stop

by on Route 101 and see our vast selection of maple products as well as other locally made products we have for sale.

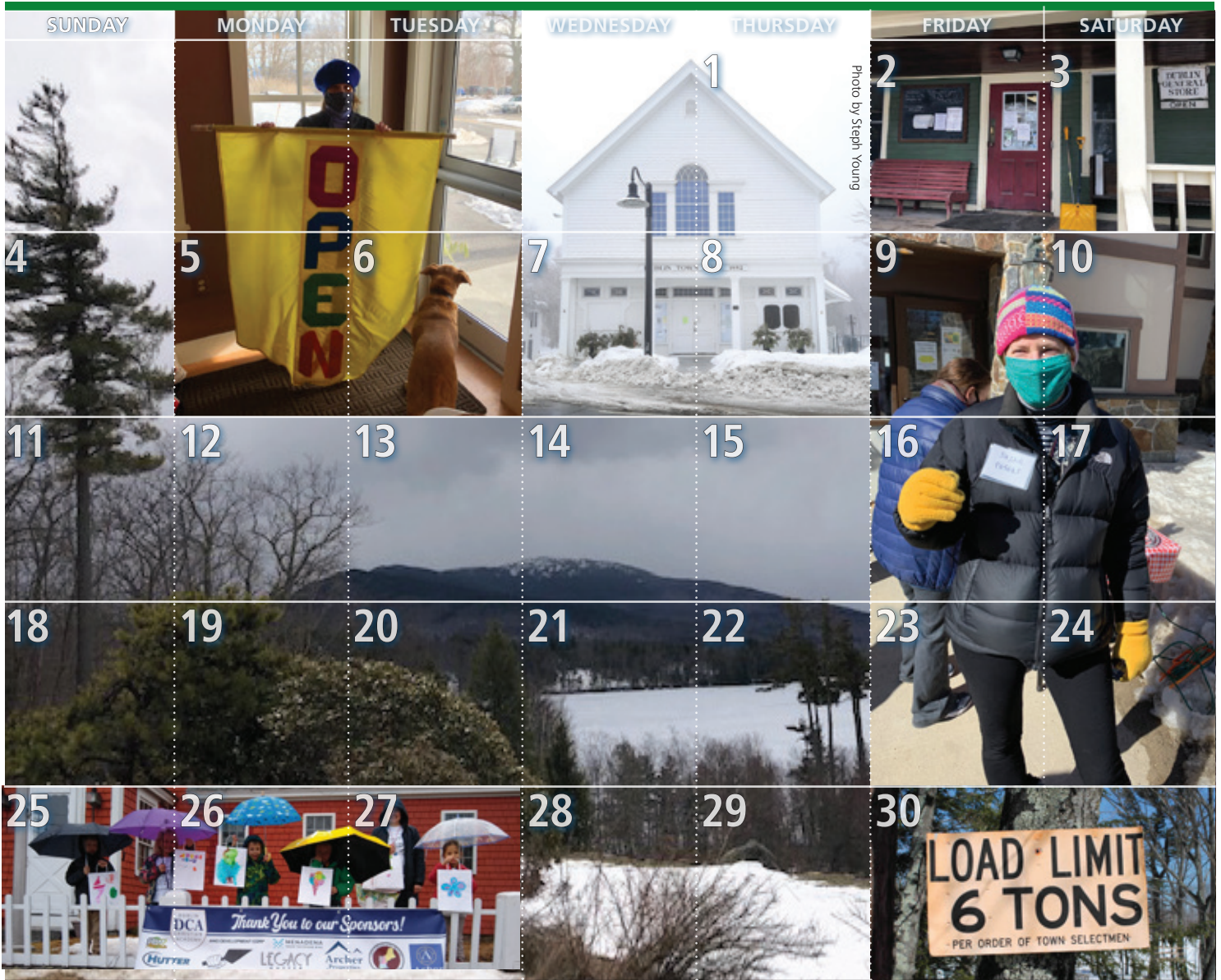
KAREN KEURULAINEN is co-owner of MorningStar-Maple.com with her husband, John. Inquiries, call 563-9218.

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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