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Preserve and Protect Our Night Sky

BY JULIE RIZZO

Daily life in Dublin is filled with awe-inspiring gifts of nature: spectacular views of Mt. Monadnock, the clear deep waters of Dublin Lake, the ever-changing colors, and wildlife in the fields and roadsides around us. Even at night marvels abound, as fireflies hover, blinking magically, and stars spill across the night sky.

Residents in Dublin and surrounding towns are fortunate to be part of the remaining one-third of U.S. population that can still see the Milky Way. Approximately 67 of the 88 constellations in our solar system are visible in New Hampshire, with about 45 visible at night at any given time of the year.

Dublin's night sky is not just stunningly beautiful, it is also an important part of the ecosystem that sustains local insects, birds, animals, trees and even humans. As development continues and density increases, increasing artificial light-pollution risks disturb the light/dark balance that is essential to the life cycles of all these inhabitants.

Light pollution is the inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light, and takes the form of glare (excessive brightness), skyglow (brightening of the night sky over inhabited areas), light trespass (light falling where not intended or needed), and clutter (bright, confusing groupings of light that reduce visibility). Light pollution is primarily caused by exterior and interior building lights, streetlights, and illuminated outdoor venues. In a residential community like Dublin, outdoor lights can be intrusive and detract from our shared ability to enjoy the night sky.

Day/night rhythms are encoded in the DNA of plants and animals, governing reproduction, nourishment, sleep, and protection from predators. The croaking and breeding rituals of frogs and toads are



disrupted by light, with negative impacts on their populations. Birds migrate and hunt by moon and starlight, and artificial light causes them to wander off course, or migrate too early or too late. Trees know what season it is by the number of hours

of night. Insects are fatally attracted to artificial light, impacting the species that depend on them for food. Fireflies communicate and procreate with their blinking lights, which become less visible when competing with artificial light. Even human health is affected, with increased risk of sleep disorders, depression, obesity, diabetes and some cancers linked to light pollution.

According to Erik Schmitt, Director of the Perkin Observatory at the Dublin School, skyglow occurs when light from the ground bounces off particles in the atmosphere and is amplified by humidity. Paradoxically, the energy-saving shift to LED lighting exacerbates skyglow's impact at the Observatory, as LEDs emit light across a broad spectrum of colors so that they can't be filtered out like the sodium lighting they have replaced. "Of course, the energy savings are a good thing," says Erik. "Fortunately, Dublin's skies are still pretty clear relative to other parts of New Hampshire, but we get skyglow from Nashua and Keene, which means students at the Observatory must make adjustments to get clear data from the telescopes."

Light is wasted when it is inefficient, overly bright, poorly

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Learn More about Light Pollution

For more information about light pollution and artificial lighting designed to minimize it, visit International Dark-sky Association website at www.darksky.org.

- Video of IDA speaker Susan Harder at the Harris Center in August 2020: "Shining a Light on Light Pollution," found at <https://bit.ly/33LcR0n>

- Video of speaker Avalon C.S. Owen for the Harris Center for Conservation Education: "Living Light: Fireflies, Light Pollution & What You Can Do To Help," at <https://bit.ly/3q3f69B>

- Perkin Observatory at Dublin School: Hosts public and private group events featuring real-time images from their telescopes. To be placed on a mailing list for these events, email Erik at eschmitt@dublinschool.org.



Photo credit: Lucy Walton, Dublin School '22

Credit to International Dark-sky Association

Dublin Public Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

The Dublin Public Library is open once again to walk-ins and no longer requires appointments! Throughout the summer we will continue to limit capacity for indoor programming and ask that masks be worn inside the building at all times. Outdoor programs and events are mask optional. Starting in July, our meeting spaces will be available to outside groups. Please contact the Library, 603-563-8658, if you would like to use the multipurpose room meeting space.

Summer Reading Programs are now happening! We have lots of activities, programs, and events throughout the summer, so come on in, check out some books, and see what's new. You can still register for Summer Reading and be eligible for prizes. All programs and events are free and open to the public. Each week we'll have Pajama Storytime, Outdoor Painting, Music Time, Family Game Night, and Make n' Take Crafts. Some of our events will include a Stuffy Sleepover, NH Humanities Presenters, Rep-



tile Shows of New England, Harris Center Campfire with Susie, a Dance Party, and much more! Visit dublinnhpubliclibrary.org to check out the programs calendar and Summer Reading schedule.

We continue to offer discount museum passes to all our patrons. Currently we have the NH State Parks Pass, which covers your day-use/parking pass for almost all NH State Parks, and the Currier

Museum of Art at a 50% discount for up to two adult patrons and all youth family members. Stop by or call to make your reservations. Museum passes are provided by the Friends of the Dublin Public Library.

In addition to Museum Passes, the Friends of DPL have purchased a telescope for circulation! We are now the proud owners of an Orion StarBlast 4.5" Telescope, which patrons are able to take home for their own moon-exploration and stargazing experiences. Staff will give you a brief demonstration on how to use the telescope and how to travel home with it, and you will be free to use the material and machine at your leisure from the comfort of home. Come check it out!

The Library will be closed July 3 through 5 for Independence Day, and will reopen Tuesday, July 6.

RACHAEL LOVETT is Director of the DPL.

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targeted, improperly shielded, or unnecessary. The International Dark-sky Association (IDA) estimates that 30% of the energy used for night lighting in the U.S. is wasted, spilling up into the sky at an annual cost of \$3.3 billion and 21 million tons of carbon dioxide.

The first step to mitigate light pollution and protect our night sky is to assess each exterior light around your residence or business, making sure that:

- the light fall only falls where needed
- the light is fully shielded (pointing downward)
- the light is only on when needed (using timer or motion sensor if necessary)
- the light is no brighter than necessary
- the light source minimizes blue light emissions (2300-2700 Kelvin is ideal)

Next step: Replace, remove, or repair fixtures as necessary! Our night sky is a precious natural resource that is well worth preserving.

JULIE RIZZO is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Celebrate Dublin's History

The Dublin Historical Society became 100 years old in 2020. We could not celebrate the Centennial then — but now we can!

Join us at the 1841 Schoolhouse Museum on Saturday, August 7, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Take a tour of the museum, see the summer and winter hearses, enjoy refreshments, and hear music by renowned fiddler Randy Miller.

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DWC Beach Opens for the Season

Membership is available to anyone living in town.

BY JUDY KNAPP

The Women's Club Beach on Dublin Lake opened for the season June 21. We could not have done it without the 20 people who showed up on June 5 to help get the beach ready for the summer. What they accomplished in just two hours was truly amazing.

Last summer we did not open due to the COVID pandemic. This summer we will be opening with restrictions. There will not be swim or sailing lessons, limited access to the boathouse, and the only guests will be family members. But there will be life-guards, docks and rafts, and porta-pots.

The picnic tables are in the picnic area, but since there will not be any trash cans, it will be a carry-in, carry-out policy for any food or beverage containers. In addition, there are other rules.

Membership in the Club, which includes beach privileges, is available to anyone living in Dublin. Members who use the beach must sign an acknowledgement of risk form as a requirement of our liability insurance carrier. We ask that you return the form enclosed with your invitation as soon as possible.

Dues are \$125; scholarship assistance is available to individuals or families who need it. If you need an invitation or financial assistance, please call Nancy Campbell (563-8480) or Judy Knapp (563-8176).

The Club thanks those people and organizations who generously responded to our annual appeal to help defray the costs of running the Women's Club Beach. It is due to the generosity of Dublin citizens that we are able to keep membership costs down.

We look forward to a sunny and safe summer.

JUDY KNAPP is Chair of the Dublin's Women's Community Club. Other board members include Nancy Campbell (treasurer); Margaret Blackburn (secretary), Shauna Arpin, Connie Ceroni, Judy Edelkind, Laura Elcoate, Janice Moore, Rebecca Oja, Sarah Sangermano, and Jeanne Sterling.

Fireworks on Dublin Lake Friday, July 2, at dusk

Please follow all posted parking signs to keep traffic moving on Rte. 101.

Rain date: Monday, July 5.



Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office Reopens

BY JEANNINE R. DUNNE

For vehicle renewals with no changes, and for property taxes, we are still encouraging townspeople to pay online, by mail, or by drop box. When paying online, it's only an additional \$1.50 per vehicle as well as the \$1.50 service fee if you pay by ACH. The cost to pay by credit card is about 3% of the total paid, plus the \$1.50 service fee.

If you would like to pay by check, you can find your amounts online, or we can give you the amounts to mail or drop in our drop box next to the back door of Town Hall. Please include a note with month(s) of expiration, year, make and model of each vehicle, and a phone number, just in case.

We normally mail the renewed registration(s) with decals to the mailing address that the DMV has for you. If you would like to pick your registrations up instead, please specify that you would like to be called when they are ready.

When you need to come in person, you can use the front door to the Town Hall during our regular office hours: Mondays - 9 am to 4 pm & 6 pm to 9 pm; Tuesdays - 9 am to 4 pm; Wednesdays - 9 am to 5 pm; Thursdays - 9 am to 4 pm.

Please arrive at least 20 minutes before the office closes or call ahead to arrange a time to come in. Please continue to wear a mask when you come to the Town Hall. Thank you!

JEANNINE R. DUNNE is Certified Tax Collector and Certified Town Clerk, PO Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444; (603) 563-8859, Fax: (603) 563-9221. She can be emailed at townclerk@townofdublin.org.

Notice from the Town Administrator

BY KATE FULLER

The Town Administrator's office will be open limited hours from July 21 to July 28.

KATE FULLER is Town Administrator, Town of Dublin, PO Box 277, Dublin, NH 03444; 603-563-8544, 603-563-9221-fax; townadministrator@townofdublin.org, www.townofdublin.org.

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Lake Road Parking

An update from the BOS.

BY SUSAN PETERS

You may have noticed there are new signs at either end of Lake Road and at the intersection of Lake and Old Marlborough Roads. Following a public hearing and input from many residents, the Select



Board made some adjustments to the Lake Road parking regulations - effective on a one-year trial

basis. The goal is to balance three important community values: public access to Dublin Lake and the Pumpelly Trail; safety and emergency access; and environmental considerations including shoreline integrity and water quality.

Drivers parking on Lake Road are asked to observe posted parking signs, and the following general rules:

- No parking along the shoreline side of Lake Road;
- No parking facing traffic;
- No overnight parking;
- No parking within 20 ft. of either side of a driveway.

Dublin Lake and the Pumpelly Trail are amazing shared community resources. So many of us have treasured memories of time spent on the lake and climbing the mountain. Accommodating parking in a responsible way helps lay the groundwork for present and future generations to continue to enjoy our natural resources.

SUSAN PETERS is one of three members of the Select Board. The others are Chris Raymond and Carole Monroe.

What to Know about the School Budget

And its effect on your taxes.

BY ALAN EDELKIND

Your first tax bill for the new school year (2021-2022) has been mailed. You're probably going to look at it and be pleasantly surprised that your taxes did not go up as much as you expected. Don't smile until you read the facts below:

1. The budget that was voted on in March is for the school year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Warrant Article #1 (which did pass after a recount) represented the whole budget, not individual items.
3. Individual items were only voted on if they were specified as their own warrant articles.
4. The school board can vote to not fund a particular item after the budget is passed.
5. All of warrant articles that were not specified as "will not be raised by taxation" are added to the Budget in warrant article #1 to come up with a total budget.
6. Approximately 2/3 of the total budget is raised by "district assessment." The district assessment is how much needs to be raised by the ConVal district towns, in total, to fund a large piece of the budget.
7. The funding formula apportions the actual amount of tax a town must raise by the school tax that is on your tax bill. The funding formula uses the number of students in a town as a percentage of the total as one part of the equation. The second part of the equation is the assessed total taxable property in a town as a percentage of the whole.

8. The entire budget must be collected regardless of individual items. There cannot be any "picking and choosing."
9. The budget amounts are collected twice a year with a tax bill issued in July and December of the budget year.
10. These two tax bills are calculated as a rate per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The rate they use is different.
 - a. The June tax bill uses last year's tax rate (2020-2021) since the new tax rate has not been calculated yet. To give the taxpayer the opportunity to pay the bill in two installments and to have funds available for the school year, the old rate is used.
 - b. The December tax bill is calculated based on the new tax rate which will allow for 100% of the district assessment to be collected.

More information on this topic can be found on the ConVal website, ConVal.edu, or on our Facebook group "Dublin/ConVal."

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

"Monadnock Community Hospital held its first COVID-19 public vaccine clinic in the Medical Arts Building parking lot.

"The three-hour drive-through clinic was held in partnership with the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network. ... A second clinic is scheduled for July 10 from 8 to 10 am; depending on the interest and appointment numbers more clinics may be scheduled."

SOURCE: www.ledgertranscript.com/Monadnock-Community-Hospital-hosts-first-vaccine-clinic-41074343

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DCF Awards Scholarships

BY JEFF OJA

Dublin Community Foundation (DCF) has recently completed its funding for 2021. This year the Foundation provided funding to assist Dublin youth and families in the following programs: DCS students attending Camp Takodah, Dublin Community Preschool (Harris Center programs), Dublin Women's Club Beach, hats and tee-shirts for the students at DCS, Dublin Baseball Boosters, the Dublin Community Center, Dublin Community Church, and bug shirts for the little DCS gardeners.

Five Dublin residents who are graduating seniors were also awarded higher education scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each: Florence Colantino, Forman School in CT, attending Flagler College in the fall; Gabrielle Oja, ConVal High School, attending Wheaton College in the fall; Jason Bergeron, ConVal High School, attending UNH in the fall; Owen Armstrong, ConVal High School, attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall; Michael Post, Fairwood Bible College, attending Florida College in the fall.

DCF would like to thank the many Dublin residents whose generous donations made these contributions possible.

JEFF OJA is the president of the Dublin Community Foundation. Other board members include Jane Keough, Holly Macy, May Clark, and Tom Warren.

Tips for Zero Waste

Regardless of where you are in your own mission to reduce waste, here are some tips for keeping the zero waste dream alive: www.thespruce.com/15-tips-for-reducing-waste-at-home-right-now-5083455.



Many thanks to the Memorial Day Committee for organizing the brief, meaningful ceremony for townspeople to show our support for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

More Graduates to Congratulate from Dublin

CONVAL GRADUATE



I'm **Nicholas Patrick**. I'm from Dublin and graduated from ConVal this year. While I was at ConVal I participated in the ConVal for Climate Club and soccer. I will be attending

Nichols College in Dudley, MA, this fall majoring in Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Hi everyone! My name is **Grace Wirein**, and in May I graduated from Saint Anselm College in the Honors Program, earning my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to go to a great school, and my education at Saint A's has most certainly prepared me

for the next part of my academic and career path.

This fall, I will be attending Boston College for my Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling, where I'm aiming to do research in adolescent and multicultural psychology, specifically in the area of Asian mental health. Afterwards, my long-term goals are to earn my Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, become a licensed psychologist, work in private practice, and teach psychology courses at the college level.

I can't wait to start my next degree and work more in my chosen discipline and increase my passion for academia, psychology, and social justice.



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Olympic Studies 2021 at Mountain Shadows

Dublin students at Mountain Shadows participate in Olympic Studies every spring, along with other students from the Monadnock Region. Every student chooses a topic to explore and is paired with a mentor, with whom they map out a plan for the in-depth study, illustrating what has been learned over the course of several weeks, sharpening academic skills through research, and expressing their individual creativity. Finally, the students gather to display what they have learned.

Ender Mulverhill studied Painting



Nakoa Kalvaitis studied Skateboarding



Connor Mulverhill studied Baking



Milo Miga studied Jazz Composition



Adelia Aldrich studied Octopuses



Levi McLean studied Paper Airplanes



Nampreet Landis studied Seaweed



Dashiell Brooks studied Abstract Art



Quinten Boyle studied Chemistry



Calvin Aldrich studied Magic



Miles McLean studied Wilderness Survival



Surasa Kalvaitis studied Longboarding



Governor of New Hampshire Recognizes DCA Teacher

For 40 years of service and 20 distinct courses.

BY BETHANY PAQUIN

In May, NH Governor Chris T. Sununu commended Janice Roberts of Dublin for four decades of service at Dublin Christian Academy (DCA). "Janice has demonstrated outstanding commitment as a faithful teacher, and a caring mentor to the students of Dublin Christian Academy," Governor Sununu wrote, "Her exemplary work ethic and personal attention has helped countless

students reach their full potential and she has inspired students to fulfill their civic duties and invest in their local communities."

Besides being DCA's longest-tenured current faculty member, "Miss Roberts" is an alumna of the academy's Class of 1976. While researching college majors as a DCA student, she read the description of the secondary education major at Pensacola Christian College and recognized her calling. Looking back, Roberts says she had an inclination toward education from a young age, and always enjoyed tutoring and helping fellow students.

She earned her undergraduate degree in secondary education (concentrations in history, English, and mathematics) from Pensacola Christian College in 1980. The same year, Roberts returned to DCA to teach, and completed her master's degree in 2001.

Over the 40-year span of her career, Roberts has taught 20 distinct courses in English, history, and mathematics to students in grades 7 through 12. Although U.S. History is one of Roberts' favorite courses to teach, she says she most loves whatever classes she is currently teaching. For Roberts, education is an opportunity to share what she loves. The joy of seeing her students learn how to put knowledge and facts to use has kept her in education.

Outside the classroom, Roberts enjoys baking, and has become famous among DCA students and alumni for her classic cream scones and other baked goods. Roberts loves politics and has been involved with the Dublin Area Republicans for many years. She is a long-time member of Mountain View Bible Church in Dublin.

BETHANY PAQUIN (bpaquin@dublinchristian.org) is Director of Development at DCA (dublinchristian.org). She can be reached at 603-563-8505 ext.140.



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The Old Farmer's Almanac Partners with Cornucopia Project

To help support student farming and culinary programs that encourage health and wellness.

To expand garden and culinary opportunities for students in New Hampshire, the Dublin-based *Old Farmer's Almanac* has partnered with Cornucopia Project, a nonprofit in Peterborough focused on educating kids from preschool through high school; the majority of its programs are within the Monadnock Region.

"Cornucopia is a natural partner for the *Almanac*," said Sherin Pierce, publisher of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, "with their focus on healthy living, self-sufficiency, and community. *The Old Farmer's Alma-*

nac is a name known throughout the country, but we are proud of our New Hampshire roots and are always looking for ways to support 'local.' This is why we are so enthusiastic about working with Cornucopia and helping to enhance their already great work. People are recognizing more and more the importance of fresh, locally grown, nutritious foods," added Pierce, "and the need to educate our children about the role that they play in health and overall wellness. Cornucopia Project helps to fill this essential need."

The *Almanac's* financial support will help the organization's student programs, which are held at school gardens (mostly in the ConVal school district) or at Cornucopia's 2-acre educational farm in Peterborough, where produce is grown to support the organization's food and culinary programs.

Ed. Note: Dublin volunteers water the DCS vegetable garden throughout the summertime for the fall harvest.

NH Gave on June 8-9!


In just 24 hours of online fundraising devoted to supporting nonprofits throughout New Hampshire, NH Gives, which is sponsored by the NH Center for Nonprofits and the NH Charitable Foundation, yielded a total of \$3,863,379 donated for 584 organizations from 14,342 donors. Quite a few of the recipients are in the Monadnock Region. Visit NHGives.org to find out more about this amazing effort.

SOURCE: www.nhcf.org/what-were-up-to/nh-gives-breaks-all-time-fundraising-total-for-the-second-year-in-a-row/

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Cornucopia Project's mission is to plant seeds for a lifetime of healthy eating through garden, kitchen, and farm education. Rooted in public health, it approaches nutrition holistically, from farm to fork, with hands-on learning for the community. Cornucopia Project is a co-leader of the Monadnock Farm to School Network and a grantee of USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Farm to School.

To find out about its collaborators, visit CornucopiaProject.org.



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Scott-Farrar truly is a loving and caring community to call home. When my late husband Tom needed more care and support, we moved from independent living to assisted living. Making this move not only gave me peace of mind, but our family as well. During his time in assisted living Tom was so well cared for. The kindness and compassion provided by the wellness team made us feel safe and it warmed our hearts.

Cindy Mariner, Resident at Scott-Farrar since June 2019

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Girl Scouts and Monadnock Conservancy Protect Land and Water in Dublin

Sale will keep the land open for hikers and benefit Girl Scout programs.

Woodlands in Dublin are being preserved for future generations through the sale of 132 acres by Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains to the Monadnock Conservancy, a land trust founded in 1989 dedicated exclusively to 39 towns of the Monadnock Region.

The wooded parcel abutting Howe Reservoir has been owned by the Girl Scout Council, serving girls in New Hampshire and Vermont since about 1961. Historically, the property was occasionally used by Girl Scouts and the community for hiking and nature exploration, as well as for the Council's training classes in advanced outdoor skills. As there is no entry by vehicle, one must hike in from an access point off Route 101, taking the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail.

Ryan Owens, executive director of the Conservancy (www.MonadnockConservancy.org) said, "Partnering with the Girls Scouts on this land transfer meets both organizations' goals of maintaining the land's undeveloped character and keeping it as open space for the public's benefit. We're especially glad to be a link in protecting the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail."

The property, which has no buildings, includes a half mile-plus of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway and part of Wight Pond.

Patricia K. Mellor, CEO of the Girl Scout Council, said the sale will "benefit the council's land and property funds, which are used to ensure the maintenance of Council property to enable safe and high quality outdoor experiences for girls. We are excited that the property will continue

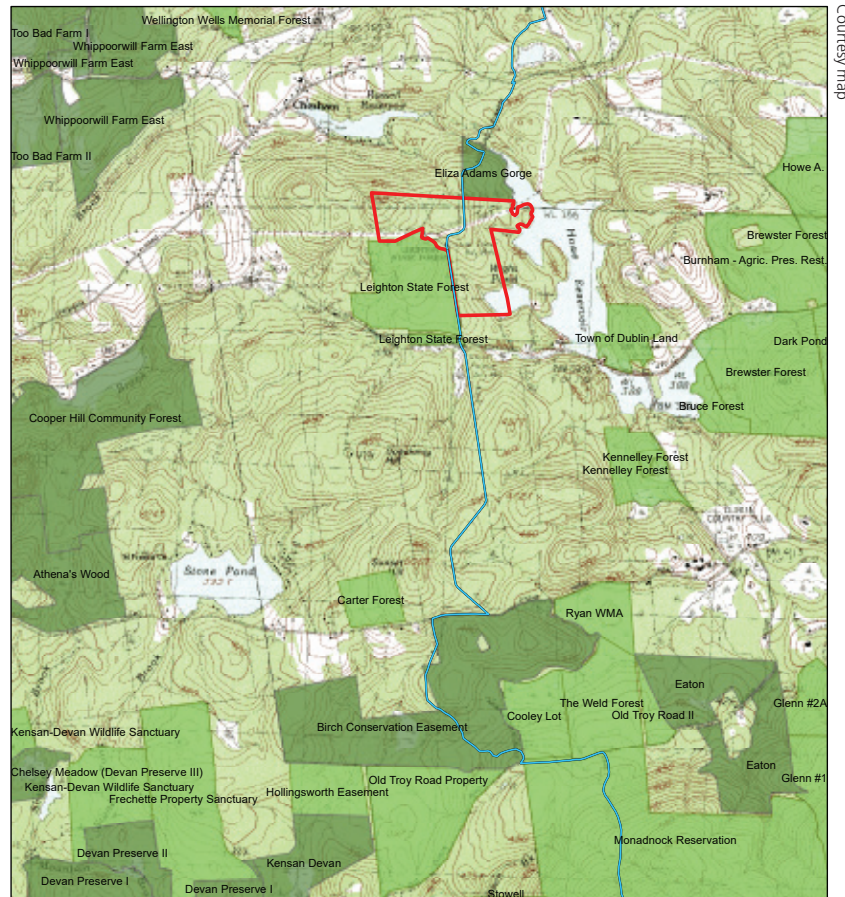
to be accessible to the community and allow everyone to enjoy the beauty of the out of doors."

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains (www.girlscoutsgwm.org) is recognized in New Hampshire and Ver-

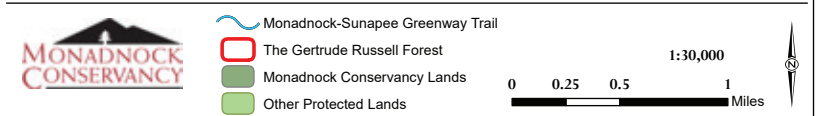
mont for its leadership development program where Girl Scouts discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together.

SOURCE: www.sentinelsource.com%2Fnews%2Flocal%2Fmonadnock-conservancy-local-land-purchase-secures-public-trail-access

Girls Scouts of the Green and White Mountains sold 132 acres of land (outlined in red) to the Monadnock Conservancy. The Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail cuts through the property, and will remain protected for hiking.



The Gertrude Russell Forest, Dublin



Courtesy map



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Goodness in Our Community

Signs of recovery and progress from the ups and downs.

BY GRACE O'BRIEN

It has been 15 months, 15 months since we have been thrown out of our normal schedules, normal outings, and regular lives. Even though the Coronavirus Pandemic has easily changed our lives, it has also given us many outlooks that we wouldn't be able to see through if we didn't go through the last 15 months.

From remote learning, mask wearing, video calls from the dining room table, and much more would not be something that any of us would ever be exposed to. The type of exposure that forces you to find the good — forces everyone to relate more to each other, and value every moment of 'normal' we are given. Although we all go through each day differently, the importance of good people in our community should never be overlooked.

Some general stores are adapted to the outdoor lovers around them, or the regular early coffee runs. Others may have seasonal traditions that everyone raves about. One thing that all local storefronts have in common is their motivation to keep everyone together and continue to regenerate back to the community. Local storefronts

are so important to acknowledge and support. They are each unique to their community; special to any visitor.

We now know our local store owners better because when we walk into their storefronts we have a sense of familiarity. It can sometimes be as simple as stepping into the same environment, and knowing the same good people that we all know and love even before the pandemic started.

We are starting to see examples of recovery. Recovery is meant to be valued, even though some steps are small. An example of recovering for me would be my upcoming graduation. Due to Covid we were only allowed to bring the limited four people to graduation. As my mom and I figured out who would go, I imagined graduation without Covid. Without numbered grids for each party, and without specific protocols. I realized that this situation was similar to the relationship we have with our general store. Although we see mask-covered faces, and physically distancing signs, the experience that



takes place is the same. I enjoy the time I have with my community members and peers even more than ever because when I see them I see recovery and progress.

As we continue to recover from the pandemic, we continue to see the ups and downs. I believe that with all the negativity and disbelief

in the world around us, there are good people just like ourselves that see through the roller coaster. See what real progress looks like. See that we aren't as different as we think we are. People that don't think hard about our differences, but appreciate what we have all gone through together.

No matter how much, or how little, the pandemic has impacted you, it has expanded all perspectives, ones that you thought a general store was just a general store, could have turned into general stores becoming your sense of community. Even though the pandemic put everyone through a lot, positive outcomes will always follow us.

GRACE O'BRIEN is a lifelong resident of Dublin, who just graduated 8th grade with high honors. She will be attending ninth grade at ConVal next year. She says, "I am currently writing a book about the importance of small businesses, and the general stores in our area. My end goal is to brighten peoples' perspectives on how important these small storefronts and good people are to our community."

Project Home

The family is eager to take a next step toward more independence.

BY DAVID BLAIR

In 2019, a group of neighbors and community members from the Monadnock area gathered to create a humane response to the crisis of asylum seekers detained in crowded detention centers for many months. The gatherings led to the formation of Project Home, a network of concerned volunteers committed to supporting three families and two individuals in host homes in our area while they await an asylum hearing. Rosemary Weidner of Dublin and myself are among these volunteers.

I serve as the leader of the

team supporting the first family of five from Mexico who came to New Hampshire in February 2020. Since their arrival in the middle of their first snowstorm, the children have thrived in the safe environment of a host home in Keene. They are doing well in school. Their parents are learning English and settling into their community, while Project Home's legal team has been

compiling the paperwork to allow them to seek employment as they wait to receive asylum.

Project Home is now reaching out to local church communities and organizations to help locate a low-cost rental housing situation for this family as of September 1. This could be a caretaking position for a summer home after Labor Day.



Luis lends a hand tagging a calf at a neighbor's farm.

Project Home will continue to support the family as they move towards financial independence over the next year.

In response to the support he has received since coming to the Monadnock area, the father of this family responded by saying, "Thank you Project Home. It's too short that word...how thankful I was for meeting you...we love you...it's not just about the money. It's about feelings, heart. You are the greatest people."

The Project Home experience for the more than 60 volunteers offering support to the three families and two individuals now living in our area has been equally rewarding. Whether offering a ride, or teaching a young mom how to drive, or helping with French or Spanish translation, there are many in the Monadnock Region are who express their concern for the issues that Project Home is addressing.

Please visit ProjectHomeNH.org.

DAVID BLAIR lives just over the line in Harrisville.

Photo by David Blair

July Events at the DubHub



Coffee & Conversation Moves Outdoors

Coffee & Conversation sessions will be held in the Garden Sanctuary of Dublin Community Church on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon. In case of inclement weather, sessions move inside. For more information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Knit with Nancy on Fridays

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

Song Circle on Sunday

Song Circle will meet on Sunday, July 11, at 3 pm in the Garden Sanctuary behind Dublin Community Church. Musicians, listeners and singers are welcome at this informal session of folk, pop, blues and original music. Bring a lawn chair, your own beverages and snacks. For info email Bruce Simpson at bruce_simpson@msn.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive on July 17

The Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the DubHub from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, July 17. For information, contact the Red Cross at www.redcross-blood.org, search under 03444. You may need to "load more results."

Stories and Poems

Stories and Poems: An Evening of Spoken Word will be held in the Garden Sanctuary behind Dublin Community

Church on Saturday, July 17. Doors open at 6 pm and the program begins at 7 pm. This event will feature stories and poems read or told by local neighbors: Paul Tuller, Tim Clark, Traceymay Kalvaitis, Swift Corwin, Leaf Seligman, Gwir Huddleston Llewellyn, and Volkert Volkersz.

Guests are urged to bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper starting at 6 pm while Frank Rizzo plays the keyboards.

Community Center board members will be providing hors d'oeuvres, dessert items, and additional beverage options. Admission is by donation to benefit both the Dublin Community Center and Dublin Community Church. There is no need to reserve a spot, just show up and park at Yankee Publishing or the Town Hall. (Rain date is July 18 at 3 pm, music at 2 pm.)

Community Lunch July 20

The DubHub will be firing up the BBQ on July 20 and offering free hamburgers, veggie burgers, fruit salad and cookies. Pick up your meal by the main entrance of the Hub between 12 and 1. Feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy music by Bruce and Paul Simpson in the Garden Sanctuary.

Making Herbal Syrup with Katherine Gekas

Learn how to make herbal syrups to use in drinks, as an ice cream topping, or to take by the spoonful to keep you healthy! We'll cover making syrups out of flowers (lilac, rose, elderflower), berries (elderberries, sumac berries), barks and roots, even pine needles and twigs! We will make a

syrup and each participant will go home with a handout to use as a reference at home. Come Thursday, July 22, at 7 pm. Sign up at KatherineGekas2@gmail.com. Cost is \$20; proceeds benefit the DubHub.

Classical Guitar & Flamenco with Duo Nouveau

The DubHub features an evening of classical guitar, a fusion of Rumba flamenca, Latin jazz, traditional flamenco, and a touch of rock and roll, performed by Duo Nouveau (Colin Isotti & Andrew Szmauz) on Saturday, July 24, at 6 pm (doors open at 5 pm). The concert will be in the Garden Sanctuary behind Dublin Community Church. Please park at Yankee Publishing or the Town Hall. Rain date is July 26 at the same time. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic supper. The DubHub will provide hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets are \$10 each, available at <https://duo-nouveau-in-dublin.eventbrite.com>.



Cosy Sheridan (right) performed last month to a large crowd.

Open Stage on July 25

The Open Stage will be on Sunday, July 25, at 3pm, in the Garden Sanctuary behind Dublin Community Church. All styles of music and spoken performance are welcome. Performers are encouraged to reserve a slot by emailing info@dublincommunitycenter.org. All attendees may bring lawn chairs, beverages and snacks.

July 30: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Project Shakespeare presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Friday, July 30, at 6 pm in the Garden Sanctuary behind Dublin Community Church. \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 & under. Reservations requested: projectshakespeare@gmail.com. (Rain date is July 31, 6 pm.) For information, visit projectshakespeare.org.

A Local Farmer's Market

BY MARY LOFTIS

The Peterborough Farmer's Market, in front of the Community Center on Elm Street, is small but mighty! Open every Wednesday during the summer from 3 to 6 pm, local farmers and craftspeople offer baked goods, craft beer, locally grown produce and vegetable plants, frozen meat and sausage, cheese and yogurt, perennial plants – as well as homemade soaps and accessories. A truck selling cooked Thai food is also on hand.

Two of my favorite booths on Wednesday afternoons sell delicacies from Hilltop Farm in Mason and Lone Wolf Cheese in Harrisville. Hilltop Farm specializes in meat from heritage breeds: Wagyu Beef, Horned Dorset Sheep, and Heritage Hogs. It is USDA inspected and sold frozen – and unquestionably delicious!

Lone Wolf Cheese from Harrisville sells a variety of cheeses and yogurt, all made from the milk of one beautiful, brown Jersey cow named Heidi. As you enjoy a slice of tangy cheddar, it's nice to think of her bucolic life in the neighboring town.

Fashion accessories for humans and



dogs are also for sale at the Farmer's Market: you can purchase a handmade mask for yourself and a matching bandana for your pooch!

Unlike farmer's markets in bigger cities, you can make the rounds of the Peter-

borough Farmer's Market in 20 minutes, which even gives you a chance to chat with the nice people offering things grown and made by hand, right here in the Monadnock Region.

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Emmanuel Church Opens for In-Person Services

All are welcome to the 133rd summer of Episcopal services in Dublin, beginning Sunday, June 27 through Sunday, September 5 at 9 am. Both Priests-In-Residence are returning. The Very Reverend Gideon Pollach will preside in July and Reverend John Branson will preside in August and Labor Day Sunday.

Services will be in-person. Please call the Rectory to find out current protocol on mask wearing at 563-8328.



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Living on Turtle Time

BY BRETT AMY THELEN

It's turtle time. On warm afternoons, painted turtles bask on sun-drenched logs, slipping back to the safety of the muddy pond bottom when cloud cover or the shadow of a passing canoe interrupts their light. When that mossy boulder you spy in the lake slowly submerges itself and swims off, you may realize that it is, in fact, a snapping turtle.

From mid-May through early July, roads offer another opportunity for turtle viewing, as female turtles must leave the protection of the water to search for loose, well-drained soil in which to lay their eggs. Most of our local turtle species don't travel far – snapping and painted turtle nests are typically located within 100 feet of the water's edge – but they often select nest



Photo by Meade Cadot of the Harris Center

Painted turtles line up on a log, soaking up the warmth of the sunshine.

- Roads near lakes, ponds, and wetlands can be particularly turtle-y places in spring and early summer. Whenever you're approaching water, slow way down, and be prepared to stop for turtles.

- Always move turtles in the direction they were heading when you found them; they know where they're going – and it might not be the water, especially if they've yet to lay their eggs.

- Never interrupt a turtle in the midst of digging a nest cavity or depositing eggs.

- Never hold turtles by their tails, as this could cause serious injury to the very animals you're trying to protect. Instead, pick small turtles up around the center of their bodies. Large snappers, as their name suggests, require special care, but can be moved with shovels or dragged gently by the rear of their shells.

- Never take turtles home with you. Along with habitat loss and road mortality, the pet trade is a major threat to turtle populations worldwide. Wild turtles belong in the wild.

I always get a little thrill out of seeing a turtle, especially when I've moved it out of harm's way. This year, though, I think they might have something even more to offer us – something existential in nature: Turtles have changed little over the last 200 million years, earning them a distinction described by one *Smithsonian* writer as "creatures who are entitled to regard the brontosaurus and mastodon as brief zoological fads." They are also slow-growing and

remarkably long-lived: if they make it past their first few years without becoming heron food and are fortunate enough to evade the car tire after that, snappers may live more than a century. In northern climates, female snapping turtles don't even reach reproductive maturity until 15-20 years of age. Along the way, they spend a great many hours regulating their body temperature by basking – "lying around in the sun." It may look lazy, but it's not; studies have shown that basking aids in both digestion and egg development.

In other words, at scales both evolutionary and quotidian, turtles take their time. As we grapple with the discomfort of having our own lives slowed to a crawl – and, all of a sudden, sped back up again – and of emerging from the narrow radius surrounding our own metaphorical ponds, what can we learn from the dinosaurs outside our door? Can we trade in our to-do lists for the simplicity of afternoons spent basking in the summer sun? Can we trust that we too are still growing, even if it's at a pace too slow to see, as we make our way, unhurried, through the mire?

BRETT AMY THELEN is Science Director at the Harris Center for Conservation Education based in Hancock.

This article first appeared in the "Backyard Naturalist" column of the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* in May 2020. It has been edited and reprinted with permissions all around.

Photo by John McPeake



Dubbed Guardian of the Turtles by next-door neighbor John McPeake, Tim Clark accompanies a snapper back to her pond.

sites along sandy road shoulders, bringing them into contact with humans, and with our cars.

Over the years, roadkill has taken a considerable toll on turtles. If you see one attempting to cross the road, consider doing a good deed: if it's safe for you to stop – and *only* if it's safe – pull over, turn on your blinkers, and help that turtle across the road.

A few tips for aspiring turtle crossers:

Peterborough Players Announces Summer 2021 Grand Restart

Peterborough Players is thrilled to feel the arts springing back to life in-person and to share the Summer 2021 Grand Restart lineup! For the first time, the entirety of the lineup will be performed outdoors in bold, fresh, and safe ways: the classic, Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, August 4–15 (Wednesday-Sunday at 5:30pm); *Beehive: The 60s Musical*, August 18–29 (Wednesday-Sunday at 4:30pm), a musical of hit songs from the 60s with heart and relevance created by Larry Gallagher; and a new Canadian play making its U.S. Premiere, *Where You Are* (Wednesday-Sunday at 4:30pm) by Kristen Da Silva, September 1–12.

The need to connect with, and be part of the healing of, the community inspired the location for *Our Town* – it will be performed outdoors, onsite in downtown Peterborough. (*Our Town*, downtown, in our town!) An incredibly generous donation has allowed the Players to renovate their rehearsal hall and create a new outdoor stage on the grounds of the Players, dubbed Elsewhere Stage, where *Beehive: The 60s Musical* and *Where You Are* will be performed.



The experience of dealing with the pandemic cannot be mentioned without highlighting the unending support of the Players' patrons, donors, and family of artists, for which they are extraordinarily grateful.

The Players is pleased to announce that there will be 20 Pay-What-You-Can tickets available to every performance this summer through *Players Gives*. *Players Gives* aims to lower the barriers to access

for shows at the Players. The Players gratefully invites anyone who feels they need assistance in accessing shows to partake of Pay-What-You-Can tickets. They must be reserved ahead of time by calling our box office at 603-924-7585, starting July 16.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Players! Single tickets on sale July 16; all single tickets \$47. Visit www.peterboroughplayers.org or call 603-924-7585.

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Monadnock Arts X Tech Opens in Town

Working with clay right here in town.

In the Makerspace's new site in the Dublin Village Park (1127 Main St., Dublin, NH), classes have begun. Be among the first to sign up (info@monadnockartxtech.org).

Ceramic Garden Sculpture (\$80) began Friday, June 18 & 25, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Rachel Montroy taught techniques to create your own sculptural piece for your garden.

Chill Clay Night (\$70) to be held on June 26 & July 3, from 5:30 pm to 8 pm, will focus on building vessels out of slabs, exploring texture in organic and geometric forms. Perfect for the beginner or experienced clay user. This class is outdoors, under tents.



Beginner Wheel Throwing (\$150) by Lauren Morrocco is on Saturdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, from 10 am to 12 pm. Beginners learn the fundamentals of wheel throwing. Those with basic skills can refine their technique and learn more complex forms. This class is outdoors under tents; clay included.

All Abilities Wheel Throwing (\$150) is offered by Kerrie Mitschmyer on July 15, 22, 27 and August 3. Learn the basics of centering, opening, pulling, and shaping. Mug making, tall bottle forms, and closed forms will be explored. Students from all levels of experience are welcome to join.

Advanced Wheel Throwing (\$200) is taught by James Mitschmyer from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm: July 20, 22, 27, and August 3. Students will work on advancing throwing skills. From large forms to surface techniques. Precise measurements, combining multiple parts, and controlling challenging forms. The class will be held outdoors under tents. Clay is included.

Beginner Handbuilding (\$150) by Kerrie Mitschmyer is taught on July 6, 8, 13 and 20 from 2 to 4 pm. Students will explore creative handbuilding techniques including but not limited to pinching closed vessels, coil building on forms, and soft slab jars and vases. Glazing techniques will be covered.

To sign up for classes, email sharingarts@maxtmakerspace.org.

Monadnock RSVP Helps You Help Others

Volunteers are needed more than ever.

BY JAZMIN BELCOURE

This past year has illustrated the importance and power of community. Like so many during this pandemic, our Monadnock RSVP volunteers rolled up their sleeves and asked, "What can I do?"

Some stayed with the agencies they were volunteering with, some volunteered in new ways – making masks or grocery shopping, and many turned their attention to friends, family, and neighbors. As pandemic restrictions ease, agencies are ramping up their services again, and volunteers are needed more than ever.

If you would like to lend your services, Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center can help. We conduct personal interviews with each of our perspective volunteers to help find a rewarding activity. Whether it's volunteering one to two hours a week as a friendly visitor with Neighbors-In-Deed, helping students in a classroom learn to read with America Reads, or finding a role with one of our partner agencies to drive, tutor, garden, deliver meals – we have any number of other possibilities.

Let us help you help our community, call 603-357-6893 or email RSVP@mfs.org.

JAZMIN BELCOURE is Program Coordinator at Monadnock RSVP (www.monadnockvolunteercenter.org), a program of Monadnock Family Services in Keene, (603) 209-4247.

Take-Out Supper for All

On Tuesday, July 27, the Dublin Community Church is offering a free Community Take-Out Supper. Pickup begins at 5:30 pm. It will include meatloaf, potato salad, cole slaw, and dessert. Reservations are necessary. Please call Laurie Jameson at 876-5003 by Friday, July 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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Ending 68 Hours of Hunger in the Summer

The traditional End 68 Hours of Hunger model is to send food home from school with food-insecure kids – a model that doesn't work so well in the summer when there's no school!

So, in summer we switch over to leaving food bags in totes outside ConVal district schools, including DCS, for parent pickup.

If you know a food-insecure child who

would benefit from receiving these bags, please encourage the family to text 724-7938 to sign up to pick up food each week.

Also, if you'd like to continue the wonderfully generous tradition of Dubliners leaving food donations at the Dublin Community Church, we'd especially welcome full boxes of nutrition bars, as well as Ritz, Saltine, and Club crackers. Thank you so much!

Keene Vac Site Moves

BY OLIVIA BELANGER

Effective June 1, Keene's vaccination site moved from Krif Road to the former Peerless Insurance building on 62 Maple Avenue, now owned by Cheshire Medical Center. Signs will direct people where to park and to the building's entrance.

SOURCE: www.sentinel-source.com/news/local/keene-vaccination-site-moving-to-maple-avenue/

Hundred Nights Shelter Wish List

Here are some items that Hundred Nights is in need of at the moment: powdered or liquid coffee creamer, jams and jellies, pop-top cans of heat and eat meals, sturdy plasticware, paper plates and bowls, paper towels/napkins, bottled water, toilet paper, tarps, tents, sleeping bags, and rope.

If you can help, please bring any items to the Resource Center in the former St. James Thrift Store location in Keene between 8:30 am and 5 pm, or you may drop them off at the west side entrance at the Dublin Community Church.

Thank you so very much!

Two Shows on Juneteenth, A New National Holiday

NPR Editors' Picks (www.npr.org/series/631875330/editors-picks)
June 18, 2021 5:21 AM ET

Songs For Freedom: A Juneteenth Playlist From Pianist Lara Downes

"Special thanks to David Haberstick at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History for his photo research" (www.npr.org/sections/pictureshow/2021/06/18/1007389777/songs-for-freedom-a-juneteenth-playlist-from-pianist-lara-downes)

To Celebrate Juneteenth, Listen to a Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation: (one.npr.org/?sharedMediaId=1007632122:1008039125&utm_source=npr_newsletter) NPR • Jun 18, 2021

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Amos Fortune Forum 2021 Season

The Amos Fortune Forum lectures are held on Fridays promptly at 8 pm in the Meetinghouse located in Jaffrey Center, two miles west of downtown Jaffrey, NH.

July 9 Francelia Clark: Seeking out the Settlers at Monadnock, exploring local life in the 18th century.

July 16 Courtney Banghart: Competitive Leadership: Strive, Thrive, and Advance.

July 23 Greg Cunningham: A View from the Front Lines of the Climate Crisis.

July 30 Will Torrey: Your Health Matters: Improving Access to High-Quality Psychiatric Care.

August 6 Francie Von Mertens: Wild Bees, the Pollinator Pros, and How We Can Help Them in Backyards and Beyond.

August 13 Ted Widmer: Lincoln on the Verge, Thirteen Days to Washington
Lectures are also livestreamed online at amosfortune.com, where you can find further information as well.

Monadnock Summer Lyceum Welcomes All

In July of its 52nd season, the Monadnock Summer Lyceum introduces four outstanding speakers who continue our mission "to inform, engage, and inspire."

Our 2020 programs had more than 3,600 views! Our success with live-streaming the presentations last summer, allowing people to join us from near and far, continues into 2021. In addition, these sessions will be recorded and available in audio and video format for you to enjoy whenever you choose.

Visit www.monadnocklyceum.org for the live Zoom link Sundays at 11 am.

On **July 4**, Hanz Araki will present An Introduction to Kinkō Ryū Shakuhachi;

sponsored by Electric Earth Concerts.

On **July 11**, Heather Cox Richardson will speak on What Can History Tell Us About the Present? Sponsored by RiverMead.

On **July 18**, Joseph Nye will discuss Do Morals Matter in Foreign Policy? Sponsored by the Verney Foundation.

And on **July 25**, Ellen Stofan will speak about Searching for Life Beyond Earth: Moving from Science Fiction to Science Fact. Sponsored by McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

For further details, please visit www.monadnocklyceum.org.

Walden School is Back at Dublin School

This summer the Walden School is once again in residence at its summer campus, the Dublin School. Offering collaborative musicianship and composition since 1972, its programs enable young, creative musicians to make music in all its forms using composition, improvisation, performance, and singing. The Executive Director is once again Seth Brenzel.

Through Walden's unique approach, students study music theory, composition, literature, computer music, and chorus from composers, musicians, and educators. Many faculty members were students at Walden before going on to study at some of the finest colleges and universities in the country.

Please visit waldenschool.org or call (603) 563-8212.

Two Electric Earth Concerts

Jaffrey: Electric Earth Concerts (ElectricEarthConcerts.org) will present Hanz Araki, Celtic flute and Shakuhachi on Sunday, July 4, at 4 pm at the First Church in Jaffrey. As the sixth generation of his family to bear the title Araki Kodo, Hanz (short for Hanzaburo, his great-great-grandfather's name) first worked to master the Japanese end-blown bamboo flute.

A master of both traditional Japanese flute and Irish traditional, Araki brings virtuosity without borders to this July 4 homage to music's power to transcend even the greatest cultural and geographic divides. Alden Robinson, violin, will perform with Hanz for this concert. Admission is \$30, payable online or at the door.

Peterborough: Electric Earth Concerts (ElectricEarthConcerts.org) will present the Horszowski Trio on Wednesday, July 14, at 7:30 pm in Bass Hall, Monadnock Center for History and Culture, in Peterborough.

The Horszowski Trio, among our most popular artists, make their annual appearance with a program of great music for piano trio. Two-time Grammy-nominated violinist Jesse Mills performs with cellist Ole Akahoshi and pianist Rieko Aizawa in a program of dazzling music for piano trio.

Admission to Bass Hall is \$30. Or bring a chair or a blanket, sit outdoors, and listen from outside enhanced by an excellent sound system for free.

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Vehicular Traffic & Public Ways Ordinance – Revised 06-09-2021

To promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the community; the following ordinance is hereby enacted by the Selectboard of the Town of Dublin pursuant to the authority listed in RSA 41:11.

92-001 Definitions: Terms used in [these] sections relating to traffic shall be construed in accordance with the definitions found in State Law unless a different meaning is clearly apparent from the language or context, or is otherwise inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Ordinance . . .

92-002 Authority to Install Traffic Control Devices: The Highway Department shall install and shall maintain traffic control signs and devices when and as required under the Ordinances herein to make effective the provisions of said Ordinances and may place and maintain such additional traffic control devices as the Police Department may deem necessary by reason of traffic conditions or applicable Ordinances or Statutes, or to guide or warn traffic. All traffic control devices shall be installed in accordance with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Standards.

92-003 Obedience to Traffic Control Devices: The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the Traffic Ordinances of the Town, and applicable State Statutes, unless directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in State Statutes.

92-004 Prohibited Areas: It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions unless otherwise directed by a police officer:

- On a public sidewalk
- On a public crosswalk
- Within 30 feet of an intersection
- Within 20 feet of a public or private driveway, whether on the same side of the street as the driveway entrance or on the opposite side, if it inhibits use of said driveway
- Within 15 feet of a Fire Hydrant or Standpipe (Dry Hydrant)
- On the apron in front of the Fire Department
- Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such parking will obstruct traffic
- At any place where official signs prohibit parking or stopping
- Within any designated fire lane
- On the road side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of any street (no double parking)
- On a roadway lined or designated for two-way traffic, where the vehicle is parallel parked, closest to and facing the opposite direction of designated travel (Left Wheels to Curb Prohibited - Facing Traffic)
- On a roadway designated as one-way traffic, where the vehicle is parked facing opposite the designated direction of travel (Facing Traffic)

- On the travel portion of any roadway so as to obstruct the movement of traffic in the travel lane
- On a public way when any wheel of a parked vehicle is beyond the painted lines in the roadway
- In any posted zone on Town Property
- In zones designated loading or unloading zones
- In zones designated for handicap parking
- Within 15 feet of a crosswalk

92-005 No Parking: No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid a conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, in any of the following:

All Town Roads:

- No overnight parking
- No parking during, or within 8 hours after a winter storm

Lake Road:

- On the lake side of the roadway along the entirety of Lake Road
- Within 25 feet of the Pumpelly Trailhead
- Between house #97 and house #105
- From the intersection of Old Marlborough Rd north to pole # FP21-5-228-6
- Between McFarland Lane and #343
- Between #397 and Route 101/Main Street

Mauran Lane:

- The southern side of Mauran Lane known as the Mauran Lane Fire Lane
- On either side of Mauran Lane after 120 feet west from Lake Road

Old Troy Rd:

- Old Troy Road on the south side for a distance of three-hundred (300) feet east and three-hundred (300) feet west of the Public Parking area for the Dublin Trail (Adopted October 7, 1993).

92-006 Enforcement Practices: In order to ensure compliance with parking regulations the Town is authorized to use or install mechanical or physical devices such as gates, lines, signs, or issue tickets to control those persons and vehicles using the public parking spaces or areas. A person parking a motor vehicle in a public parking space or area anywhere within the Town of Dublin is deemed thereby to have consented to the placing of violation notification upon the vehicle being operated by that person for purposes of ascertaining compliance of parking regulations.

92-007 Owners Responsibilities: A person shall not allow, permit, or suffer a vehicle registered in his/her name to stop, stand, or park in violation of any Ordinance of the Town of Dublin. Controlling the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles and the owner or person in whose name the vehicle is registered shall be held responsible for such violations. For purposes of these sections, any vehicle defined herein, operated within the Town of Dublin, NH shall be presumed to be operated or caused to be operated by the registered owner thereof, unless the actual operator is known. Such presumptions shall be evidence of the identity of

the operator of the vehicle in prosecution regarding an alleged violation of said section.

92-008 Parking Fines and Forfeitures -

Penalty: Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-Five (\$25) Dollars or more than Two-Hundred Fifty (\$250) Dollars for each offense, except that the optional procedures set forth in 92-009 may be used in lieu of court proceedings.

92-009 Procedure for Payments and Forfeitures: The operator or owner shall within ten (10) days of the time when a notice of violation of Parking Regulations was attached to the vehicle pay to the Dublin Police Department by mail or in person a fine according to the schedule below:

- Twenty-Five (\$25) Dollars for each violation
- In the event payment has not been made within ten (10) days of the notice of violation, the operator or owner of the vehicle shall pay an additional payment to the Dublin Police Department, an additional fine according to the schedule below.
- Twenty-Five (\$25) Dollars

In the event that the operator or owner of the vehicle fails to make payment within an additional five (5) days, a summons shall be issued to the owner, who shall be charged with a violation under NH RSA625:9 and shall be subject to a fine of not more than One-Hundred (\$100) Dollars plus Court fees and costs.

Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance relative to Fire Lanes shall pay to the Dublin Police Department a fine of Fifty (\$50) Dollars.

Violations of Handicap Parking shall pay a fine of Two-Hundred Fifty (\$250) Dollars to the Dublin Police Department.

The Police Department is authorized to remove and tow away, or have removed and towed away by a commercial towing service, any abandoned vehicle, or any vehicle illegally parked, or in a place where it creates or constitutes a traffic hazard, blocks the use of a fire hydrant or dry hydrant, blocks the use of a driveway either public or private, or obstructs the movement of any emergency vehicle. Vehicles towed for illegal parking shall be stored in a safe place, and shall be restored to the owner or operator upon payment of all fees for towing and storage, as well as the parking regulation fines.

92-010 Parking Fines and Payments: All fines and payments for violations of parking restrictions shall be deposited into the General Fund.

92-011 Speed Limits: It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on a town-owned public way in the Town of Dublin at a speed greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour unless otherwise provided by subsections of this chapter.

Twenty-Five (25) Miles per Hour Speed Zones:

- Old County Road between Rte 101 intersections to the east and west of its entirety
 - Lake Road – In its entirety
- (Adopted 12, June 1995)

Signed

Christopher Raymond Selectboard Chair,
Carole Monroe Selectboard Member,
Susan Peters Selectboard Member

The House Wren

BY TOM WARREN

House Wrens are among the best-known song birds in North America, preferring open, shrubby areas and backyards where the males chatter from dawn to dusk and females are easily attracted to nest boxes, including gourds, which can be nailed or hung to a house or tree.

They are the most studied of all birds because they tolerate human activity. From 1921 to 1939 Charles Kendiegh initiated studies of the House Wren, which now cover 100 years.

The small bird, about the size of a chickadee, is brownish-gray, and arrives in Dublin in early May. The male arrives a few days before the female and stuffs several bird houses with sticks. If the female disapproves of her mate's efforts, she will toss out most of the sticks and build her own nest.

They produce 4-8 eggs, pinkish white with reddish brown spots, in the normal



A House Wren hard at work.

clutch that will hatch in 13 days; the young fledge at 17 days.

The nest, made of hundreds of small twigs and sticks that form the foundation in a hemispherical depression; the nest cup is then lined with grass, bark strips, hair, fur and small feathers. The female does most of the nest construction. Twigs with thorns protrude from the nest hole to keep predators or cowbirds away.

Wrens eat spiders, beetles, leaf hoppers, small flies, caterpillars, crickets, grasshoppers, and land snails, probably used as grit and a calcium supplement.

While the males do help with feeding young birds, they are not perfect mates. Males will often have another mate in a nearby bird house. Supporting two females during breeding season and as many as 15 young, perhaps explains the relatively short life span (less than two years) of the House Wren – a little like Ernest Hemingway's short story "The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber."

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

Photo by AnneMarie Warren

Scott-Farrar Reopens for Tours & Families

Masks are required during visits of the community.

Scott-Farrar at Peterborough has resumed providing tours of their community to prospects and family members interested in learning about senior living options, in accordance with NH Department of Health's updated visitor guidance for long-term care facilities last March.

To keep everyone safe and healthy at Scott-Farrar, all visitors are being screened upon arrival and wearing masks is required during visiting.

Scott-Farrar at Peterborough is a charitable, nonprofit retirement community, nestled in a spectacular natural setting, surrounded by lawns, gardens, woods, a walking trail and the Nubanusit Brook; all within walking distance to downtown Peterborough.

Whether in Independent Living, Assisted Living, or Memory Care Assisted Living, all apartments are spacious, bright, and beautiful. The community frees

residents of the burden of home ownership and maintenance. Scott-Farrar offers housekeeping, maintenance, executive chef-prepared meals as well as assistance 24 hours a day in Assisted Living and Memory Care. Its social, recreational, and cultural programs are designed to enrich and enhance a lively lifestyle.

To learn more about Scott-Farrar (11 Elm Street, Peterborough), contact Toby Cummings at 603-924-3691, or visit scott-farrar.com.

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A photograph of a white sign with black text for Simpson Landscape Co. The sign is placed in a snowy field with a stone wall in the background. The text on the sign includes the company name, website, and phone number.

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