

# The Tuftonboro Times

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## Construction is underway at the Tuftonboro Free Library

Library Construction Update: Site work will be well underway by the time you receive this issue. Watch the library's website and Facebook page for date and details of the official groundbreaking ceremony and for opportunities to leave your handprint in the cement or sign the sheetrock for posterity.

Community groups that currently use the Hamel Meeting Room will continue to have access through July. After that, and at least through the end of this year, local groups can contact Karen Koch at the Town Office (569-4539 x10) to schedule meeting space at the Town House, or the Tuftonboro Fire/Rescue Department (569-3381) to schedule space at the Central Station. Both options are free, but some restrictions apply for Central Station reservations.

Please note that due to space and construction constraints, the library cannot accept donations of used books, CDs, DVDs, or puzzles until further notice. Alternative local options include the All Saints Church Summer Fair (drop off at the Parish Hall



**A large excavator behind the library is starting on the site work necessary for the construction and renovation of the building.**

before July 20), or the Huggins Hospital Street Fair (drop off at donation barns, 65 Pine Hill Road before July 31). There are also Discover Books donation boxes at the Conway Humane Society, 223 E. Main

Street, at NAPA Auto Parts in Sanbornville, and in Tamworth at the Bear Camp Valley School. Many thanks to all for your cooperation!

**Christie V. Sarles, Director  
Tuftonboro Free Library**

## Community Swap Shop open again at the Transfer Station

The swap shop at the Transfer Station reopened on July 2, 2019. An ad hoc volunteer committee was put together to convince the Selectmen to reverse their earlier decision to close the shop. The committee came up with a mission statement: "Expand recycling and reduce the solid waste stream by reusing or repurposing usable items promoting an outcome that will benefit our environment and economy which is consistent with the best practices for transfer station recycling operations in the State of New Hampshire."

The committee met three times and came up with hours of operation, volunteers to work two-hour

shifts, proper signage, location, and an insurance release form for volunteers to sign. John Levesque donated his time and supplies to make the signs. Gina Lessard put together a brochure that has all the rules for a successful swap shop.

Philip Hunter, as Chairman of the Swap Shop Committee, presented the plan to the Selectmen at their June 24 meeting. He provided all information the Selectmen had requested for them to reconsider the previous decision. The Selectmen, with Transfer Station Manager Clay Gallagher, felt everything had been addressed, and they then voted to reopen the Swap Shop.

The hours the Swap Shop is open are Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. When the shop is closed nothing can be dropped off or it will be thrown away. Also, residents will not be allowed to leave anything at the shop unless they have a Tuftonboro Transfer Station sticker -- available at the Transfer Station or the Town offices.

Residents are encouraged to get a brochure and read all the rules before they visit the shop. Brochures are available at the Melvin Village Post Office, the

Center Tuftonboro Store, the Town Office and the Transfer Station. This Swap Shop can and will be successful with the cooperation of all who use it.

Jackie Rollins wrote: "There were about 18 people; there were three open meetings for any and all. Different people came at different times all with ideas and probably more than half looked into different things. There are another 20 people who have signed up for two-hour voluntary shifts. It was truly a community effort."



**Members of the volunteer committee came on July 2 to open the Swap Shop.**



**The Swap Shop is shown empty but ready for useable repurposed items**

# A letter from the President of the Tuftonboro Association

June 27, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This issue of the *Tuftonboro Times* kicks off the Tuftonboro Association's primary fundraising effort for the year. Donations are the only means of support the association receives. For those who have not donated this year, now is the time. The Tuftonboro Association is a registered 501(c)3 corporation with the IRS so all donations are fully tax deductible.

Since 1965 the Tuftonboro Association has been dedicated to working with members of the Tuftonboro community who are concerned with, and interested in, the welfare of the town. Its interests include the conservation and preservation of the natural beauty and resources in Tuftonboro, and the Association supports projects with a charitable and civic purpose. Major, ongoing activities include:

- Great Meadow Wetlands Trail - A recent special mailing highlighted the association's efforts, working with the Selectmen and the town's Conservation Commission, to open public access to the Great Meadow via Sodom Road.
- *The Tuftonboro Times* - Published four times a year and distributed free to every Tuftonboro mail recipient. (Note: First Class mailing to any non-Tuftonboro address is available free on request.)
- Candidates' Night - A forum typically held in February that provides residents with the opportunity to interact with candidates for local offices.
- Town wide roadside cleanup - Typically held in late April to help clean up local roads after the winter thaw and before summer.
- Tuftonboro Old Home Days - This year we will be sponsoring a speaker from the NH Audubon Society and will have a booth at the town picnic.

If you have questions or would like to become involved, please contact Mark Howard at 539-2001 or email [mark.howard.nh@gmail.com](mailto:mark.howard.nh@gmail.com). All activities and projects are funded only by membership and donations. As the cost of publishing and distributing the *Times* continues to increase, many of our supporters generously provide additional contributions to assist with the expense.

For those who are active on social media, the Tuftonboro Association now has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/tuftonboroassociation](http://www.facebook.com/tuftonboroassociation). Please consider bookmarking and liking the page. Thank you.

**Mark Howard, President  
The Tuftonboro Association**

# Commission update on the Great Meadow Wetlands trail

Around 2001, Conservation Commission members Ann Hackl and Kris Kenison were completing a Natural Resource Inventory for Tuftonboro. This inventory showed that the Great Meadow area was the highest priority conservation project in town, and several lots in the area were already owned by the town. For the next several years, Chairman Ann Hackl, Vice Chair Kris Kenison, and commission members Nat Crane, Dave Durham, Win Wood, Lee White, Jerry Light, Dave Jeffers, and Mike Phelps worked hard to protect this wonderful resource. Tuftonboro resident and Wetlands Specialist, Irene Garvey, provided expertise and advice on how to acquire funding. Later the Commission was successful in brokering a grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program to do a Natural Resource Inventory for the Great Meadow area. They hired Rick Van de Poll, a well know New Hampshire Ecologist from Sandwich to conduct the inventory. Rick provided a wealth of information from geology to wildlife habitats. This report is available on the town website under "Conservation Commission, Additional Links."

Fast forward to today and you will find the Conservation Commission still working on projects in the Great meadow area. Fifty-Six acres of wetland

and surrounding uplands were acquired in 2017 from Sarah Fabian who wanted the land to be conserved. The TCC is currently concluding a purchase of 150 acres in heart of the Great Meadow which is being funded by LCHIP and ARM Fund Grants. Once again Rick Van de Poll was instrumental in helping us obtain the grants.

A few years ago, while the TCC was conducting a field tour for some of our Great Meadow supporters, someone said, "Wouldn't it be nice if there was a trail here so that more people could enjoy this resource?" That "seed" has germinated and grown into a full-scale plan. The Commission has designed a trail that can bring people through the old-growth forest to the meadow edge where the full natural beauty can be observed. A lot of the work would be accomplished by volunteers, but there were a few funding issues to solve first. A parking area is needed for people to safely get off the road and on the trail, and a network of boardwalks is needed as is an observation platform to keep hikers' feet dry while protecting the wet soils. That's when the Tuftonboro Association stepped in with funds for the parking area. Then a Special Edition of the *Tuftonboro Times* launched a fund-raising effort to finance the purchase of materials for a kiosk and

the trail.

The Conservation Commission anticipates that the parking area construction will begin this July, possibly before this Summer Edition of the *Times* is published. Once that is completed, the old road where the trail begins can be opened and used to transport trail building materials closer to where they are needed. The commission will also be able to brush out the remainder of the trail location. Progress beyond that point will have to depend on how much material we can afford as a result of the current fund-raising campaign.

Since announcing the effort, a lot of people have contacted us volunteering their time and skills to build the trail. Everyone is excited and eager to get started, and progress should be as steady as funding will permit.

The resulting trail will be all about quality rather than quantity. It's not going to be a long or difficult trail, but it will be packed with opportunities to learn about the natural world, take great photos, and see natural wonders. To cap it off, there will be a great view of this fantastic resource, the Great Meadow.

**Steve Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

## Summer Concert Series returns to 19 Mile Bay Pavillion

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission will again be organizing Thursday evening concerts at the 19 Mile Beach Pavilion beginning on July 11. All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, however voluntary donations are gratefully accepted. The proceeds benefit the Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund.

Concession stands will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, popcorn, chips, fruit cups and soft drinks. Seating is on the lawn or the Town Beach. Please bring your favorite chair or blanket.

The following is a list of performances: On Thursday, July 11, the band Granite Planet will perform at the Pavilion. They specialize in upbeat, danceable rock and pop, ranging from the 60s to today.

On Thursday, July 18, the Big Picture Band from Berwick, ME will bring cover rock, pop, blues, and soul to the beach. Thursday, July 25, will feature Wolfeboro's Wooden Nickels Band doing what they truly love, making people dance and sing.

Thursday, August 1, will feature Not30, a few

kids out to change the world with punk rock. The Summer Concert Series will finish on Thursday, August 8, with another local Wolfeboro band, the popular Carolyn Ramsay Band. With roots in rock and folk music, their soulful style is well-known throughout Central New Hampshire.

The concerts are sponsored by the Meredith Village Savings Bank.

**Dennis Zilembo, Director  
Parks and Recreation**

## Stockman retires, passes the torch at Spider Web Gardens



**Bill Stockman purchased Spider Web Gardens from his grandfather in 1980.**

As of this writing, Bill Stockman has retired from Spiderweb Gardens, having sold the business to his nephew Adam Stockman.

Gardener extraordinaire, Tuftonboro born and raised, past Tuftonboro Selectman, and a founding member of the Conservation Commission, Bill has been a friend to all, and generous with his time and his knowledge. Who hasn't needed to ask a question about how to grow this plant or that one, asked for suggestions for their particular location, or fallen in love with a plant they just had to have, but had no clue how to keep the plant, happy and thriving?

Thank you, Bill, for all you have done for our town. We will enjoy seeing you around and may still ask a question or two.

**Joan Magrauth**

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# Gina Lessard recognized by LRPC for community service

The Lakes Region Planning Committee held its Annual Meeting on Monday June 24 at The Preserve at Chocorua in Tamworth. Sixteen people from Tuftonboro were there to support Gina Lessard as she was presented with the "LRPC Community Service Award." This award is given to "individuals who have made exceptional and sustained contributions to their community and/or the economy of the Lakes Region."

Gina received this award for her many years of dedicated service on the Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission. She was first appointed to the commission in 2010 and became Chairman in 2015. Gina served eight years until 2018. The Tuftonboro 5K Run and the Summer Concert Series at 19 Mile Bay Beach Pavilion are examples of extremely popular events started by Gina Lessard. Both events benefit the Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund. Here are a few of the many events/programs/ improvements

that were either created or enhanced under Gina's leadership:

- Installed lifeguards at 19 Mile Bay Beach.
- Rebuilt Davis Ball Field to make it regulation size; also renewed the surfaces and installed lighting.
- Replaced playground equipment.
- Re-established Tuftonboro Old Home Days and Town Picnic.
- Cleared area around the school butterfly garden, put in a path and installed a granite bench in memory of a beloved teacher.
- Planted flowers at two of the town's triangles.
- Installed picnic tables and trash receptacles at Central Park.

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Tuftonboro, we thank you for all your hard work, time, and effort. Well done Gina! Congratulations!

Carolyn Sundquist



Gina Lessard is shown receiving the LRPC award for community service.

## Third graders wide-eyed at historical "phones with wires"

After a quiet but cold winter, the Tuftonboro Historical Society's 2019 season has started. On June 7, the Society hosted the third grade from the Tuftonboro Central School. Nancy Piper and Sue Weeks walked the children through some of the history of Tuftonboro. The telephone switchboards and phones were a big eye opener for them. On June 26 members watched a video of "The Concord Coach" A New Hampshire Legacy. There are only a few of these coaches remaining in New Hampshire, one of which is at the Olde Country Store in Moultonborough, and another one is in Sandwich.

Every Tuesday in July, starting on July 2, the Society will again be having trivia in the barn, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Bring your own team of four or

be assigned to a team. This is back by popular demand with Mindy Jones as the questioner. An informal fun evening with prizes and snacks.

Tuesday's in August there will be cribbage: same time, same place. Play is a round robin, so one plays with someone different each game. There is a fee of \$5.00 per person for any Tuesday in which one participates.

Saturday, July 20, August 24 (Old Home Days weekend) and September 21 there will be a barn sale. There are donated items, baked goods, or you can rent a table and sell your own wares. All monies raised go towards the maintenance and expenses of the Historical Society's buildings.

On Wednesday, July 24 the program will be "A

History of Native Burial Looting, Destruction and Protection in New Hampshire," a New Hampshire Humanities program presented by John and Donna Moody. The presentation begins at the Museum at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum "The Story of Hannah Dustin" will be presented by Richard Dickey.

The Museum is open Wednesday and Friday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by appointment. The summer display is vintage clothing. We hope you can stop and visit and see what you are missing.

Jackie Rollins, President  
Tuftonboro Historical Society

## Libby Museum needs to preserve and restore its building

Efforts to save the 107-year-old Libby Museum are underway. Opened in 1912, The Libby is the oldest natural history museum in New Hampshire and has been listed on the national historic register for its architecture and contribution to education. Rare displays of birds and animals have survived a century in the self-ventilating hollow walled building designed by Dr. Libby and then renowned Boston architect C. Howard Walker in the late 1800s. It's a treasure we need to save.

Since 1956, The Museum's care has been Wolfeboro's responsibility. Uninsulated and unheated, the years have taken a toll on the collection and the building, and the long, wet winter of 2018/19 caused damage. On June 5<sup>th</sup> fundraising efforts were endorsed to begin to preserve and restore the main building. Temperature control will also make it possible to accept a gift of 200 North American mammals from a Wolfeboro resident.

Tuftonboro readers may be chuckling, after all

this treasure was originally in Tuftonboro before the line moved in the 1800s, and was built by a son of Tuftonboro born on The Neck (Dr. Libby, 1850-1933). Many of our artifacts are from Tuftonboro families, and our displays honor Tuftonboro places including Ernie Piper's store. Drop in and see taxidermy by Steve Berry of Union Wharf, and buy a charming historic mailbox/bank crafted by Tuftonboro's Chuck England.

Alba Architects won the contract for the technical design for restoration and to determine the full cost. The work will not impact the iconic front façade, or the much-loved open vista across the Lake to the Belknap mountains. Design work is generously supported by an anonymous donor and resources from the estate of the late Betty Schroth. We'll be sharing the full plan in the autumn.

A leading NH Preservationist, reporting on the building to The State, described The Libby recently as "an exceptional gem that must be saved". Please

consider supporting this piece of our local history. Contributions can be made through the Town of Wolfeboro, and The Friends of The Libby Museum (Box 2062, Wolfeboro or on-line).

The Libby Museum will be hosting the following events this summer:

### Art Classes:

Wildlife sketching, Saturday, July 27  
(10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), \$40.00

Landscape (oil & palette), Saturday, August 10  
(10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.), \$50.00

Sign up at [www.thelibbymuseum.org](http://www.thelibbymuseum.org)

**LIVE animal shows:** Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.  
(July to mid-August) FREE

**Art Exhibit:** Mimi Wiggin Oil Paintings  
August through Columbus Day

**Young Explorers:** Ages 5-7, Tues-Wed-Thurs  
(July until August 9)

Alana Albee, Director  
The Libby Museum

# Fire-Rescue Department puts new Engine 2 in service

With a long cold winter and a rainy spring, it's hard to imagine that summer is in full swing. And with summer comes more pedestrian and bike traffic. Please try and pass these folks in a safe location and allow them 3 feet of room if possible. We would like everyone to arrive alive at the end of their adventure. If you enjoy a walk on the roads please walk facing oncoming traffic, wear brightly covered clothes, and give way if you can safely do so. Our country roads are often narrow and winding making it difficult for drivers to see what's coming.

The Town's new fire engine is due to be in service by early July if all goes as planned. The new truck will double the amount of water that was carried by its predecessor, have improved lighting for nighttime operations, and have modern safety features such as occupant air bags, ABS and roll over prevention just to name a few. The department is excited about this new piece of equipment and its increased capability to serve the community.

If you are out enjoying the water please do so responsibly. Obey the applicable boating laws, wear your Personal Floatation Device (PFD), and never operate under the influence. Every year someone on the big lake loses their life by making poor decisions. Remember, if you find yourself uttering these words "Hey, watch this," then you should think twice before attempting whatever it is you were thinking about. Those three words are probably shouted 90 percent of time before an injury or accident occurs in the young

(or young at heart) population. We want you to have fun, but we want you to keep having fun for the entire summer and beyond. (The author of this article has more than one scar to prove his theory after a life well lived on and around the water!)

Please make sure your properties are well marked with a reflective house number. I know this sounds like a broken record, but time and time again the department responds to emergencies and non-emergencies to houses that are not marked, or the numbers can't be seen from the road. This delays the help you or your loved ones need. In the event of a stroke or heart attack, seconds truly count for a positive outcome. There are many homes that are off of winding country lanes that have no directional numbers with arrows or numbers at all on the gates or homes. And because of the narrow driveways and small turnarounds, it takes time to back up or turn around once committed to a driveway. So before you ask "What took you so long," ask yourself "If I didn't live here, could I find this house quickly the first time in the middle of the night?" Please do a simple thing and mark your property! If you need help contact the Town Office or the department and we can help you out.

The Tuftonboro Fire Rescue Department is in its 81<sup>st</sup> year. I would like to thank all of the past and presents members and their families for their dedication and service to their community. It's great to hear from the members that served on the department



**New baby photo of the replacement for Engine 2, taken at its birth place at Toyne Fire Apparatus in Breda, IA. June of 2019 (pre delivery)**

over the years. Although the times have changed, and the volume and complexity of calls has changed with it, the basic need to help has stayed the same. The motto the department has adopted, "Service and Pride," stands the test of time. The past members can be proud of how the department has adapted to meet today's challenges, and how the solid foundation they laid has been built upon to serve the community. Today's members are proud of the department's history and strive to continue the high standards of professionalism established by our predecessors. There is a great history of the department located at the Historical Society building in Melvin Village. Also, on the department's web page on the Town web site [www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org).

I hope you all enjoy a great summer! Stay safe.  
**Caleb Pike, Captain**  
**Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue**

## Police Department will hold another National Night Out

Summer is upon us and hopefully residents will be able to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. On Tuesday, August 9, the Tuftonboro Police Department will be working with the Parks and Recreation Commission to hold another National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Tuftonboro Old Home Days are also coming up on the weekend of August 23-25.

Another important event that will occur in August is Officer Abbi Gillis will graduate from the 179<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Police Academy. Everything is going well for her at the academy. At the time of writing this, she is nearly halfway through the program. After she graduates, she will have a few more weeks of field training and evaluation before being able to work on her own, without another officer. That is expected to occur at the end of September.

Many people have noticed the radar sign around

town. Thanks to Road Agent Bean and his crew, the department has three of these posts set up. The sign will be moved around between these posts and perhaps additional locations. Such a sign cannot be put on the State controlled roads due to the Department of Transportation regulations. But if the signs are successful on the town roads, the department may look to add another one that can be co-located with an existing speed limit sign at a location where the speed limit changes.

Meetings have been held with the Selectmen and Alba Architects regarding possible sites for the police station. After reviewing previous studies, present and potential future space needs, and visiting each site, it appeared that the best location was across from the library on Middle Road. It would be the least costly location on which to build, allows for future needs, and has the least impact on existing Town services. They used one basic floor plan in considering three

locations: the present Town Offices, across from the library, or adjacent to the fire station. The study concluded that expansion in place at the Town Office would be nearly as expensive as building a new facility and not provide for all program needs. Such a plan would also interfere with other services at the Town Offices.

Please remember that we all must share the roads with pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles. The laws pertaining to bicycles require that they obey applicable traffic laws such as stop signs and travel on the right side of the road. Motorists are required to be several feet away whenever they pass a bicyclists on the road.

Have a save and fun summer. We hope to see you at the National Night Out and the Old Home Day events.

**Chief Andrew Shagoury**  
**Tuftonboro Police Department**

## Tuftonboro Grange to hold penny sale, potluck suppers

Members of Tuftonboro Grange #142 are excited about the Penny Sale to be held July 20 at the Tuftonboro Grange Hall at 157 Middle Road. Preview and ticket sales begin at 4:00 p.m. and drawings will begin

at 6:00 p.m. There are multiple items and gift certificates from local businesses. Prices remain the same at \$3.00 per coupon sheet or 2 for \$5.00.

On September 13 there will be an Open Grange

Meeting at the Grange Hall. All are welcome. Potluck dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at

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# Selectmen urge residents to get out and enjoy resources

Summer has finally arrived after a long, wet spring, and the Board of Selectmen encourage all of you to get out and enjoy the resources and opportunities that the Town of Tuftonboro has to offer.

The Selectmen have and will continue to maintain your access to the lakes in our town, including beaches at 19 Mile Bay, Melvin Wharf, Lake Road, Lower Mirror Lake, and Cow Island. There are boat launching opportunities at 19 Mile Bay, Melvin River, Lower Beech Pond, and Mirror Lake.

The Selectmen, in conjunction with the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission, continue to maintain open lands for hiking and viewing of our flora and fauna as well as specific sites like the viewing platform at Copp's Pond where beaver and many bird species can

be seen in their natural habitat.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has events scheduled throughout the summer. The swimming programs will start in July.

The Selectmen's vote to close the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station earlier this Spring prompted a spirited response from the citizens. A petition, with over 100 signatures, was presented by a committee determined to bring the Swap Shop back. After several meetings and significant organization, that committee presented a plan for operating the Swap Shop that all agreed should work. The Selectmen voted on June 24, 2019 to reopen the Swap Shop on July 2, 2019.

This public involvement reinforces the need for participation by our citizens in the operations of our

government. We have been and will continue to be calling on you to volunteer. Whether it is the Parks and Recreation Commission or Agricultural Commission or the more involved Planning Board, Board of Adjustment (ZBA), Conservation Commission, Budget Committee or Capital Improvement Committee, there is a need for your involvement. So step up and volunteer. Do your part to keep Tuftonboro great. Please contact the Town Offices at (603) 569-4539 x10 if you would like to volunteer. Have a great Summer!

**Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen**  
**William Albee, Chairman**  
**Lloyd P. Wood**  
**William J. Marcussen**

## Island Days and Hazardous Waste Days happen in July

Recycling procedures at the Transfer Station are the same this year as last year. The latest word on mixed paper recycling is that it looks to be 10 - 12 months for some technology changes to occur, and for the re-tooling of current processing machines in paper mills, to handle contamination rates produced by single stream recycling that are too high for current machines to process. Clay Gallagher will keep the public informed about when residents will once again be able to recycle mixed paper.

For now, all mixed paper (newspaper, magazines, paper, cereal boxes, 12-pack boxes, etc.) are to be discarded with normal household trash in the compactor.

Corrugated cardboard will still be turned into the recycling center for recycling.

Glass collection is no longer in the recycling building. Glass will still be recycled, but collection is now outside the end corner of the recycling building by the loading dock. Residents will drive up next to the sign "GLASS ONLY" at the 30-yard container and then dump their glass only (no plastic bags or boxes) directly into the container. This change eliminates hazardous glass dust from the compactor, eliminates the noise pollution inside the building, and makes it easier to dispose of large amounts of glass rather than lugging across the inside of the building.

Upcoming events of interest are Island Day and

Hazardous Waste Collection days.

Island Day will be on 20 July at 19 Mile Bay from 8am to 12 noon. This collection is for island residents of Tuftonboro only and is not for normal trash or hazardous waste items. Island day collection is only for construction debris, large bulky items, stoves, fridges, mattresses, tv's, etc. Normal transfer station fees will apply for items brought. More info will follow as the date gets closer.

Hazardous Waste Collection days will be on July 27 and August 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. July 27 the drop off will be in the Meredith Public Works garage, and the August 3 drop off will be at the Center Ossipee Town Highway Garage. These two dates are when Tuftonboro residents can drop off 10 gallons of material free of charge. All Tuftonboro residents may also drop hazardous waste material off at the Wolfeboro hazardous waste facility at their own expense from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the third Saturday of each month from May thru October.

Controlled medications collection dates will be published as soon they are available. Collection will be at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station by the Police Department and usually occurs twice during the summer and fall.

Transfer Station Stickers 2019-2020 are available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The current stickers are orange in color

with black lettering and they are \$5 per sticker. Please make sure you have the current sticker displayed on the front window of any vehicle you drive to the Transfer Station. This helps us ensure that only Tuftonboro residents are using the facility and that our taxpayers are only subsidizing Tuftonboro solid waste.

Many families are recycling which shows an awareness in our residents of the benefits of recycling both in "direct revenue" increases, and in "avoided costs." Our total cash revenue for 2018 (not including avoided costs) was \$94,386. Avoided costs, or the money we saved from recycling commodities in various ways at a lower cost than getting rid of it thru solid waste compactors, was \$28,780. Our total net worth to Tuftonboro community is the sum of cash revenue collected plus the total avoided costs. For 2018 our net worth was \$123,166.

Please join us and assist in reducing all our taxes by recycling (plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, and cardboard). Residents that continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are just throwing tax dollars down the drain and costing everyone more money in taxes. The more material we keep out of the household waste compactors, the more tax expense we avoid.

**Clayton Gallagher**  
**Transfer Station Supervisor**

## Abenaki Tower and Trail Association annual meeting

Melvin Village's very own Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is holding its 93rd annual meeting on Saturday, August 10 at 10:00 am at the home of Susan Schuur, 17 Old Pasture Road, Tuftonboro.

The public is invited to come and enjoy this annual meeting and social hour.

The meeting consists of a brief business session with input and highlights about the development of the new Abenaki Tower and Trail website. Also, ideas

on a new roadside kiosk display to encourage additional visitors and raise interest in the preservation of the Tower will be discussed.

Old Pasture Road is a narrow road, but there are ample places to park beyond the Schuur residence. Dock space is available to tie off small boats if one prefers to arrive by water.

As always, the not-for-profit Abenaki Tower and Trail Association welcomes members and visitors.

Great strides are being made in accumulating funds for the Tower Replacement Fund. Sadly, the association has lost some long-standing members and would like to meet and welcome new neighbors. The future of the tower depends on support from the community. New members and donors are needed to continue to grow the Tower Replacement Fund and keep the

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# Library to continue regular program during construction

Special events for kids of all ages continue in the Hamel Meeting Room on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. through July 26. Coming up on July 19: a Comic/Cosmic Juggling Show, featuring amazing tricks with Chinese Meteors, the Rings of Saturn, Flying Saucers, and more. On July 26 kids will make the magic happen at a very special Magic Show. Assist the Magician and win a wand! And on Saturday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m., join the gang for the Grand Finale, complete with prize drawings for the Great Summer Reading Raffle.

Saturday mornings in July and August are reserved for Freestyle Family Crafts. Drop in any time from 9:00 a.m. to noon and make something fun to take home. There'll be various craft options every week, for kids (and their parents and grands) of all ages and abilities.

Rainy day? Hey, it happens in the best of summers! Beat the blues with Family Movie Matinees at 10:00 a.m., repeated at 2:00 p.m. if it's still raining. These programs will feature G-rated films, with popcorn and lemonade for all. Please note: Available only through August 10.

And of course, there's always reading for pure pleasure! TFL's Summer Reading Program for kids, *Food for Friends*, matches youth readers with adult sponsors who pledge to donate one item per book read to the Lakes Region Humane Society. Readers and sponsors can still sign up for the program at the circulation desk. Kids get a bookmark, a reading log, and a pencil to track what they read. Sponsors get an LRHS-approved list of needed items at the shelter, and a huge thank you.

Kids who sign up for *Food for Friends* are also eligible for the Great Summer Reading Raffle. They'll receive one free raffle ticket for signing up, and one for each book they check out through the first week in August. This year's cool raffle prizes: Pop Arty Jewelry Kit, Keva Maker Bot Maze, Tic Tac Toss Game, and Jumbo Catch Discs. The drawing will be

held on Saturday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m., when we will also pack up all the shelter donations for delivery to the pets in need.

Preschool Story Hour will resume in mid-September, date, day, and time to be announced.

The Readers' Choice Book Group will continue to meet throughout the summer, on the third Wednesdays from 10 to noon:

July 17 -- *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

August 21 -- *There There* by Tommy Orange

September 18 -- *Shoeless Joe* by W.P. Kinsella

The History Book group gathers on the last Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.:

July 31 -- *Heirs of the Founders* by H.W. Brands

August 28 -- *Empires of the Sea* by Roger Crowley

September 25 -- *Conquerors: How Portugal Forged the First Global Empire* by Roger Crowley

All books for both discussion groups are available to read in advance, and new members are always welcome. Please use the Hamel Meeting Room entrance for evening programs and be aware that program venues may change as construction progresses. Call the library at 569-4256 for confirmation.

There's still time this month to stop in and observe artisan wood turner Nicholas Moore's new exhibit, "West Coast East Coast," featuring wood species indigenous to the West coast, including California Redwood, Pacific Madrone, Olive, Bay Laurel, and California Walnut, and Native New Hampshire species including Apple, Maple, Oak, White Birch, Poplar, and Cherry. The collection includes hand turned bowls, vases, platters, and free form art pieces that have originated in some unlikely places, from construction scrap heaps to forest foraging. Every piece is finished to highlight unique grain patterns, colors, and textures. Most pieces are available for sale. And touching is not only allowed but encouraged!

August brings the return of the popular annual

ing on numerous field trips. Mrs. Reed's Fourth Grade students explored Strawberry Banke and Remick Museum (Farm to Table Day). Some of our intermediate students were able to go to Kingswood Arts Center for the District Spelling Bee and for the Kingswood Regional Middle School Rock Concert. Fifth Grade student Ayden Bernier placed third at the District Spelling Bee. Sixth Grade students started the month of May at the Red Sox STEM day, and Richard Piper was able to drop his egg drop contraption from the Green Monster. Students were able to learn about different careers in STEM, and two of the world's LEGO Master Builders presented to the crowd. It was a great event. We finished the month of May with our Memorial Day Service and Bike Safety Day. Larry Gil was our guest speaker at the Memorial Day Service, and he

Local Arts & Crafts Raffle. One-of-a-kind treasures -- quilts and wall hangings, paintings, photographs, antique prints, and so much more -- will deck the walls and display case. Tickets are 3/\$10, 9/\$20, and 27/\$50. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 7 at the FOL Annual Gala at the Todaro Center. Winners are not required to be present, but that event will be lots of fun -- see below for details! If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please contact Christie.

In September, long-time painting partners and first-time TFL exhibitors Ilona Train and Kristiina Sakai will showcase their original paintings, and Deb Allen will display an amazing collection of her hand-carved and decorated chicken, goose, and ostrich eggs, including a one-of-a-kind pocketbook!

House guests or grandchildren to entertain? Call or email to reserve free and reduced price passes for local and area museums and attractions, including Castle in the Clouds, the Wright, Boat, Libby, Currier, Remick, Fine Arts, American Independence, Children's, and Farm museums, many NH State Parks, Seacoast Science Center, Canterbury Shaker Village, and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Something for everyone!

On Saturday, September 7 the Friends of the Library will host their annual Gala Fund-raiser at the Todaro Center, featuring very special guest Elin Hilderbrand, author of 28 bestselling novels set in Nantucket and St. John, U.S.V.I. The evening begins at 5:30, with live music, hearty hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, delicious desserts, and final ticket sales for the Arts & Crafts Raffle. Elin's presentation begins at 7:00, followed by the raffle drawing. Books will be available for sale and signing, courtesy of The Country Bookseller. Tickets for this event will be available after August 1. Proceeds will benefit the Library Building Fund.

**Christie V. Sarles, Librarian/Director  
Tuftonboro Free Library**

## Central School ends 80th year with a flurry of activities

Tuftonboro Central School had an excellent 80th year! In April as we approached Earth Day, we were able to work with the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission learning about bird habitats and coordinating the placement of bird boxes throughout the town of Tuftonboro. Thank you to the Tuftonboro Conservation Committee for this great experience for students. We will place the map in the school, and students will be able to monitor the bird habitats throughout the year. In April, the PTCO put on Family Fun Night with the help of parents, grandparents, and Camp Merrowvista staff. The Tuftonboro Central School PTCO is an important organization that supports regular classroom needs, fundraisers, and field trip adventures. We are thankful for all the help! May was a busy month. Students continued to work on academics while adventur-

did a fantastic job. For my first Bike Safety Day, it was a smooth operation, and a lot of the success came because of the support from Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue and Tuftonboro Police. They were there to support our students or stop traffic when we needed it. Thank you to the officers and volunteers who helped on this day.

At the end of June, our intermediate students were able to attend Camp William Lawrence for a whole day. Thank you to the camp for letting this happen. Students and staff had a great time! Sixth Grade Promotion, Field Day, and Awards Day were a success. The Tuftonboro Central School wishes our Sixth Grade students the best of luck as they transition to the middle school next year. Have a great summer!

**Ryan Gilpatrick, Principal  
Tuftonboro Central School**

# Iconic church building at Mirror Lake is 150 years old

*Editor's Note: Five years ago, in the Summer Edition of 2014, this newspaper celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Second Christian Church of Tuftonboro. This year the Mirror Lake Church is celebrating the sesquicentennial of its iconic church building, erected in 1869. The following is excerpted from "A Historical Sketch 1864-2004" researched and written by Richard M. Frye.*

The Mirror Lake Community Church, located on the narrow strip of land between Mirror Lake and Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire's largest lake, was founded just after the Civil War. It is adjacent to the site of prehistoric campsites dating back some 8,000 years and near where Tuftonboro's oldest known homestead was located.

The [church] building is essentially the same as it was when it was completed in 1869, but a basement has been added and modern facilities installed. The religious program has evolved from one of strict interpretation of Biblical passages according to the Christian Church denomination to the ecumenical approach of a community Church aspiring to serve all Christian faiths. There are no requirements for full membership other than at least one attendance at a church service. During its first 50 or 60 years the Church held worship services year-round, with a full-time minister presiding. Today, the services are limited to about 14 Sundays during the summer months when most of its membership are at their vacation homes or visiting the area.

The land which includes most of present day Tuftonboro was granted on December 11, 1750 by the Colonial Governor Benning Wentworth to Col. John Tufton Mason. It was Mason's son-in-law, Peter Livius, who built the first house in Tuftonboro, located at what later became known as the community of Mirror Lake.

Livius also had construction started on a sawmill here to be powered by water flowing through a canal he had dug connecting the smaller body of water, then

known as "Levius Pond," with "Winnepissiokee Pond." Being a Tory, Peter Livius had to flee the country at the outbreak of the Revolution, and his house was burned down. Colonel Mason reportedly bought the premises and built a house on the old foundation on which the Livius house had stood. It is also understood that the Colonel had the sawmill completed and in operation, although the water supply only permitted its operation during part of the year.

In the main part of the mill there was an up-and-down saw which cut rough boards and timbers. This operation was later expanded to make shingles and laths. Shoe cobbling and woodworking shops were housed in other rooms. One of the last jobs performed at the mill was to saw out the rough boards and timbers used in building the Mirror Lake Church.

In 1812, an itinerant minister, Elder Mark Fernald of Kittery, Maine, organized a Christian Church in Wolfeboro; and, some eight years later, Mr. Fernald helped to form the First Christian Church in Center Tuftonborough. This church attracted independent and free-thinking Protestant yeoman farmers and drew its membership from residents of all districts and villages of the town, but primarily from those who lived in or near Center Tuftonborough. And, it was from this free and independent church that the church at Mirror Lake was formed.

The first meeting of the Second Christian Church of Tuftonborough was held on November 12, 1864 at the schoolhouse on Tuftonborough Neck with 25 members present. They chose Elder Daniel Wiggin to be their pastor. For the first five years of its existence, the Second Christian Church held its services alternately at the schoolhouses on Tuftonborough Neck and South Road (now Governor Wentworth Highway) near Mirror Lake. Meetings were also held in private homes, including the Wiggin Farm located at the junction of Chase Road and Governor Wentworth Highway (Route 109).

From this beginning of the "Society," the desire

was strong for a permanent meeting-house, so on September 26, 1868, at a meeting held at the home of Joseph Kimball, a building committee of five was named: Charles G. Edgerly, A. Wiggin, James Piper, J. L. Morrison, and Daniel A. Wiggin.

The Society was active; land was obtained, and a building was erected within a year's time. At the time of dedication, all construction costs had been paid and no mortgage ever was placed upon the building. The funds needed for the project came mainly from the sale of pews at prices ranging from \$45 to \$81.25. (A framed photocopy of the handwritten record of purchasers hangs in the Church fellowship room today.) The sale yielded the sum of \$2,240.00, which apparently was the cost of the project.

Very little is known about the actual construction other than the rough lumber and boards came from Dishwater Mill, which was just across the road. The land on which the building was erected was deeded to the Society by a member of the Church, Mr. Charles Kimball, through a deed recorded in January 1870. Mr. Kimball was the son of Joseph Kimball, who in 1840, had purchased, from the heirs of Colonel Mason, the property formerly owned by Peter Livius, one of the earliest settlers in the Mirror Lake area.

The meetinghouse was dedicated on August 8, 1869. Almost all the local population turned out for this prestigious event, and there were many more people from other communities. Horse carriages were everywhere. At that time, the Church was clearly visible from far up the extended tip of Lake Winnepesaukee's Winter Harbor, and the bay was full of moored boats. Many had to listen from outside through open doors and windows as The Reverend Dr. Justin D. Fulton, Pastor of the Tremont Temple in Boston, delivered the dedicatory sermon. Elder Edward Edmunds of Boston Christian Services gave the dedication prayer.

**Dick Frye, Researcher and writer  
Ginny Cole, Editor**

## Melvin Village church fair and auction to be on July 13

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." 1 Peter 4:10

The Melvin Village Community Church welcomes you to join us Sunday mornings for an authentic gathering of young and old to experience and share in music, fellowship, and a positive encouraging message to inspire your faith journey. See what we are all

about. The service begins at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

MVCC is a community-minded fellowship of believers who give back in a multitude of ways. We help those in need through the FEET FOR FUEL program. If you are a neighbor in need of fuel assistance, please call the church at (603) 544-9661. If you would like more information about the church or upcoming

events, please visit our website at [www.mvccnh.org](http://www.mvccnh.org). Please contact the church at (603) 544-9661 or email us at [mvcc@tds.net](mailto:mvcc@tds.net).

Come find a treasure at the annual Fair and Auction on Saturday, July 13, starting at 9:00am!

Blessings,

**Rev. Kevin Van Brunt  
Melvin Village Community Church**

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6:00 p.m. At the meeting on October 11 at the Grange Hall the Tuftonboro Grange will be awarding the 2019

Citizen of the Year Award and member longevity awards. All are welcome; come support your community and congratulate the Citizen of the Year. Potluck

starts at 5:00 pm and the meeting starts at 6:00 pm.

**Joy Perkins, Secretary  
Tuftonboro Grange #142**

# The Hikers are off and running raising funds for charity

“Nothing is more memorable than a smell. One scent can be unexpected, momentary and fleeting, yet conjure up memories of a childhood summer beside a lake in the mountains...” - Diane Ackerman.

The Hikers is a philanthropic organization of local women who have dedicated themselves to scholarship, service, and hospitality. The Hikers began in 1924 with a small group of women in the Melvin Village district of Tuftonboro who gathered informally in their homes, but, whereas they had no cars, they had to “hike” to their meetings, hence the name “The Hikers.” By 1930 the group became formally organized with By-Laws and Elected Officers.

Today, The Hikers is a 501(c)3 organization, and, through a variety of annual fundraising events, such as our very successful Italian Dinner, Holiday Open House, fall BBQ and Auction, and other scheduled fundraising events, the organization has provided scholarships to many area children and has contributed to several area charitable organizations.

For the continued support of our generous community, the Hikers thank you!

We started the summer with our Annual Meeting hosted by Morrissey’s Steakhouse at the Kingswood Greenside Tavern, and the induction of a new slate of Officers. As has been the case in the past, the enthusiastic membership has already formed committees and begun organizing plans for the 2019-2020 Season. It is gratifying to see so many women invested in volunteerism and committed to providing educational opportunities to our area children, as well as support to our community.

On Saturday, June 29, the Hikers had their annual Bake Sale at Geez Louise, in Melvin Village and offered a wide variety of delicious homemade baked goods. Thank you for your donations and participation!

On Thursday, July 11 the Hikers will be offering a “Repurposed Barn Tour” benefitting The Hikers Scholarship Fund and featuring six area barns that will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets and

maps are available for purchase for \$25.00 at Blacks Gift Shop & Paper Store in Wolfeboro, or Geez Louise in Melvin Village, and you are invited to tour the featured barns at your own pace. A brown-bag lunch will be available for an additional \$5.00 at the Tuftonboro Town House.

The Hikers are already making plans for our fall and winter programs and fundraising events, which will include a Barbeque and Auction on September 20, our Fall Rummage Sale on October 18-19, and the Holiday Open House and Luncheon on November 8-9. Updates on these events will follow.

In the interim, The Hikers would like to wish everyone a memorable summer in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

The next scheduled Hikers meeting will be on Thursday, September 5, after a brief summer hiatus. If you would like additional information on becoming a Hiker, please contact Faye Friedrich at 978-835-7431.

**Faye Friedrich, President  
The Hikers**

# Agricultural Commission awarded grant for composter

The members of the Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission (TAC) have been busy moving the composting demonstration project to a location within the Community Garden that is visible and accessible to all the gardeners. The intention is to show the community various compost methods and constructions you can build at home. In addition to the different types of composting bins, a large food waste composter has been added. Small black buckets have been distributed from the Town Office for those that wish to participate. (If you are interested in participating, please contact TAC.) We have also added a shed to house various tools and equipment used by TAC.

The food waste composter is manufactured by Jora and has been awarded to the TAC by a grant from the Northeast Recycling Center (NERC). In addition to the Jora composter, TAC is also receiving training and other help from NERC to promote community composting, especially food waste composting, which is separate from garden waste man-

agement. Tuftonboro was one of three towns in the state to share the grant.

TAC has purchased a wheelbarrow for gardeners to use to move their weeds and green matter to the compost area. *There are no longer barrels for weeds or trash.* The commission is now asking that gardeners, “Pack out any trash that they packed in.” Instructions will be sent to all community gardeners explaining the use of the community wheelbarrow and where to deposit weeds and other green material in the compost area. TAC is counting on everyone’s help with the composting project. If everything goes as planned, there should be plenty of compost to share back to the gardeners next spring.

It is hoped that by August a workshop will be scheduled for anyone interested in participating in garden and food waste composting. An announcement of the date and time will be sent to community gardeners and will be posted on the town website.

Food waste composting is a good way to reduce

the amount of material that ends up in our transfer station as well as providing additional nutrients to compost. It is the ultimate recycling process. John Chester, a documentary filmmaker and advocate for biomimicry in agriculture, said “I think composting is the seat-belt, no-smoking, recycle mission of this decade.”

Make sure to stop by and look at the community garden. Despite the rainy start to the season, gardeners have been busy weeding, preparing and planting. The area is starting to look like a well-kept garden. Also, stop by and look at the pollinator garden in the garden’s left-front corner, next to the parking lot. This garden is maintained by TAC and contains perennials that will attract pollinators throughout the growing season. Anyone who has home perennials they are willing to donate to this garden and support the effort, please contact TAC.

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# Camp Sentinel celebrates 70 years service in Tuftonboro

A lot has changed since Camp Sentinel first opened in 1949, but the reason for being here has stayed the same. Its mission is to create a welcoming environment for Christian relationship building and spiritual renewal. Within the stillness of God’s creation and through the guidance of the staff, people are moved from discovery into authentic relationships with others and with Jesus Christ. Sentinel is mission first, so all are welcome!

On Saturday, June 29 the camp hosted a celebration with the community friends, alumni, and first-

time camper families to the grounds for a celebration with food, camp stories, and a silent auction to help the scholarship fund. In honor of 70 years, Sentinel is raising funds for a 24 x 40 deck “look out” next to the Wigwam Chapel and memorial Adirondack chairs. This will be a place for all to enjoy looking out to the mountains and waterfront. Those who contribute \$100 or more receive a 70th Anniversary commemorative T shirt! For more information or to donate please visit [www.campsentinel.org/celebration](http://www.campsentinel.org/celebration).

Camp Sentinel is a community mission in Tuf-

tonboro. We provide scholarship assistance for campers and never turn away a Tuftonboro resident for the inability to pay. The cabins are ready, and the staff are excited to see you again, or to meet you for the first time. Check out the website for more details at [www.campsentinel.org](http://www.campsentinel.org) or call the main office at (603) 539-4839. We look forward to hearing from you.

We love being in the Tuftonboro community! See you on the mountaintop.

**Kevin Van Brunt, Director, Camp Sentinel**

# How the Great Meadow wetlands evolved in Tuftonboro

If we were here around a million years ago during the Pleistocene Epoch or the Great Ice Age, Tuftonboro was covered by a huge sheet of ice, often a mile thick. While being formed, this huge area of ice was expanding and moving from north to south. As the ice sheet moved, it plowed over mountain tops, ground up rock formations, and gathered up and moved huge quantities of rock and soil. Some locations like the Great Meadow area were scraped clean down to solid ledge.

Around 14,000 years ago, the ice was in full retreat, melting from south to north. During this era, there were climate variations for hundreds of years, sometimes plunging back to extreme cold. In these interludes, glaciers reformed for a period causing additional grinding and mixing. When the ice was melting there were torrents of water often carrying some of that rock and soil that had been plowed up thousands of years before.

As the ice retreated from the barren landscape, it released a load of soil particles and rocks that ranged from fine clay, sands, gravel, and rocks to boulders. Often the rushing melt water organized this material according to how well it could be moved by the water. Large rocks and boulders dropped right out of the ice and stayed in place. They can be found today on or below the soil and water surface. Smaller rocks and gravel are often found in old river channels. Coarse and fine sands are found where the rivers spread out into deltas as the water velocity dropped. Clays settled in depressions like old lakes and ponds where the water flow stagnated. Some of these old lake bottoms are now sources of clay for brick making, and the deltas are where we find sand pits that are excavated for today's construction projects.

The Great Meadow aquifer, just south of Rt. 171 (Mountain Road), began as a lake. The ice melted so that a great deal of sand and gravel flowed in, filled the lake, and built up some of the surrounding

landscape. The portion below the water table was coarse material that could hold a lot of water between the particles. This is called a stratified drift aquifer. These places are considered very valuable sources of pure drinking water. This aquifer has its deepest portion near the junction of Sodom Rd. and Rt. 171. It tapers off toward the east, traversing under the transfer station and south toward the junction of Sodom Rd. and Rt. 109A (Middle Rd.). Most of the area above the aquifer is rolling terrain, often with sand deposits. The center area is the Great Meadow wetland with the Melvin River running through it.

After all the glacial action was over, the Great Meadow wetland area would have been a shallow lake covering the top of the aquifer. It slowly transitioned into a wetland as soils eroded and moved in from the surrounding slopes and organic matter from aquatic vegetation built up. Shrubs and trees tolerant of very wet soils would have tried to encroach but regular flooding by beavers and their harvesting for food would have kept the area open over time.

Before European settlement, open wetlands were important to native Americans. They trapped fish in narrow portions of the river and hunted beaver, waterfowl, and moose who used wetlands as important habitat. Native Americans also harvested foods and medicinal ingredients from the wetland vegetation. Blueberry plants were common along the tree-lined edge. Many succulent plants could be harvested from wetlands in the spring before any other food plants were available. Migrating waterfowl could be hunted in spring and fall.

European settlers quickly learned the value of the marshes and fens along the seacoast as sources of fodder for their animals. As settlers moved inland, they also learned to value wetlands in the same way. New Hampshire soils are acidic and low in nutrients. These soils grew trees well because the trees regularly dropped leaves to provide organic matter and a fresh

source of nutrients. After clearing all the trees, farmers found that the soil became depleted from growing crops and pasturing animals. The wetlands, however, stayed green the entire growing season. As summer progressed and pastures dried up, the water level went down in the wetland allowing farmers to harvest "hay". While this was called "haying" the product was actually wetland sedges. These are grasses that can thrive on wet soils. They are tough to eat but are highly nutritious. After "haying," grazing animals could be released into the wetland to clean up any green plants left behind after harvesting. Grazing also kept the invading woody vegetation in check.

As the industrial revolution evolved and subsistence farming declined, the value of wetlands changed. Now we buy our food from the supermarket and get our energy from hydrocarbons. We aren't required to work the land to survive, and there are better places in our country to grow crops. For a while, the Great Meadow was a resource for trappers of beaver, mink, and otter as well as a source of meat for hunters taking deer and a few moose. That activity is less intense now. The value of the sandy eskers around the Great Meadow and over the aquifer has increased greatly. New sand pits are being developed as some old ones are being reopened.

As we subdivide and develop more and more land, the Great Meadow is becoming an island of wildlife habitat along with the Ossipee mountain range. It is also an important source of storm water storage. Regardless of how one feels about climate change, that change is real. The North East is receiving increased amounts of rain resulting from increasingly intense storms. This rain fall contains many byproducts (waste) from burning fossil fuels. The wetland area holds, purifies, and slowly releases that increased storm water.

**Steve Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

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grounds "freely and considerably used by the public."

If you have any questions or need directions, feel

free to contact Christopher Burnett, Association President, at (401) 862- 4713. Alternatively, write to Post Office Box 222, Melvin Village, NH 03850 or like us on Facebook. You can also contact us at the newly cre-

ated web site [www.abenakitower.org](http://www.abenakitower.org).

We look forward to seeing you.

**Gary Burnett, Secretary  
Abenaki Tower and Trail Association**

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Many have wondered what is growing on the two open sides of the community garden. In the past, corn or sunflowers have typically flourished. This year, the area has been planted to a cover crop of oats to keep the weeds down.

Lastly, the commission appreciates the individual gardener's weeding. It is only through such efforts that we can be proud of a well-maintained community garden.

TAC is always looking for those interested in contributing as a member of the Agricultural Commission. If you are interested in joining, or have ques-

tions, please contact Sue Wingate ([swingate0447@roadrunner.com](mailto:swingate0447@roadrunner.com)) or other members of the commission. TAC Magistrates are Sue Wingate, Ron Sundquist, Joan Magrauth, Geoff Blackett, Mike Heager, and Kim Reed.

**Sue Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## July

11	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Repurposed Barn Tour for Hikers Scholarship Fund - call 393-3025	Various
17	10:00 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Club - <i>The Goldfinch</i> by Donna Tartt	TFL
18	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Summer Concert Series - Big Picture Band	19MB
20	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Market Day at the Barn	THS
24	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	"A History of Native Burial, Looting, Destruction & Protection in NH"	THS
25	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Summer Concert Series - The Wooden Nickels Band	19MB
27	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Turkey Dinner - Please call 569-2097 to confirm	TUMC

## August

1	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Summer Concert Series - Not Thirty Band	19MB
6	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	National Night Out at Davis Field; sponsored by Tuftonboro Police	DMF
8	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Summer Concert Series - Carolyn Ramsey Band	19MB
21	10:00 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Club - <i>There, There</i> by Tommy Orange	TFL
22	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Potluck Supper - Program: "60 Years in the Life of Tuftonboro"	WWH
23	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Chicken Teriyaki Cookout; Please call 569-2097 to confirm	TUMC
<b>23,24,25</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>Tuftonboro Old Home Days See town website for details</b>	<b>Town Wide</b>
24	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Crafts & Bake sale at the church	TUMC
24	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	NH Audubon Society presentation on "State of NH Birds"	TCS
28	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	The Story of Hanna Dustin	THS

## September

18	10:00 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Club - <i>Shoeless Joe</i> by W.P. Kinsella	TFL
20	Evening	Hikers Annual BBQ & Auction, call 393-3025 for more details	Camp Belknap
21	8:30 AM - Noon	Market Day at the Barn	THS
28	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Roast Pork Dinner - Please call 569-2097 to confirm	TUMC

## Ongoing

NOTE: From July through October the Library will be under various stages of construction and renovation. Please consult the Library's web page for updates. [www.tuftonborolibrary.org/](http://www.tuftonborolibrary.org/)

Every Monday night	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Knit Wits	TFL
Tuesdays	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam Session	OWC
Every Tuesday night in July	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Trivia in the Barn/ Cribbage in the Barn in Aug	THS
Every Tuesday night in July	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	55+ Singles Group	TFL
Last Wednesday of the month	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	History Book Club meeting	TFL
Wednesdays July & August	2:00 PM	Live animal shows	Call Libby Museum for Details
Saturdays	10:00 AM - Noon	Saturday Writers Group	TFL

## KEY

DMF - Davis Memorial Field	OWC - Old White Church	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library	TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society	TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	TUMC - United Methodist Church
TWS - Town Web Site	WWH - Willing Workers Hall	TTH - Tuftonboro Town House
19MB - 19 Mile Bay Pavilion		



**The Libby Museum as seen in 1912 when Dr. Libby's museum first opened. It is the oldest natural history exhibit in New Hampshire and is listed on the national historic register. Plans to restore and renovate the building are currently in design.**

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