



Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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About this Newsletter

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Also, check us out on our new **Facebook** page! Join us for more late breaking news and events that could not make our Newsletter deadline. Connect with us and with other local friends, services, businesses and organizations.

Let us know if you have a community event or pictures that you would like to share.

Epping Farmers Market

Epping's Farmers Market will open its summer season on **Friday, June 1st** from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. It will again be located on Main Street in the parking lot next to Walgreen's Pharmacy and will be open every Friday, rain or shine, from **June 1st until September 28th**. A wide variety of fresh produce and New Hampshire made baked goods, gourmet popcorn, honey, wine, maple syrup, meats and soap will be featured.

If you would like to be considered as a vendor, visit epppingfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call Debbie Duckworth at 679-1566 for an application.

Lights Out in Epping??

It has been learned that because of a cost-saving effort by the State Department of Transportation, several state-maintained roads on the Seacoast may go dark. Epping will suffer the most impact in the Exeter area if the proposed streetlights are shut off. This is the list of streetlights in Epping that the State DOT proposes shutting off:

Beede Road – one light

Depot Road – one light

Intersection of 101 and 125 (Exit 7) – five lights

Route 125 Park & Ride – six lights

Intersection of 125 and 155 – two lights

Old Hedding Road – one light

Route 125 – five lights

NH DOT spokesman, Bill Boynton said there is no specific timetable for the streetlights to be turned off. The proposal to turn them off is a result of the slashing of the utility budget for the State DOT's Bureau of Highway Maintenance from \$1.89 million in Fiscal year 2011 to \$815,000 for Fiscal year 2013. 45 percent of that budget is for streetlights.

Boynton said the list is changing daily while officials from each of the state's Highway Maintenance Districts document and evaluate each light structure. Part of the evaluation process will be whether the removal of lights from certain intersections and ramps could cause safety concerns. He said safety is a paramount concern in the evaluation process. Communities have the option to take over the cost if they'd like or to go dark, Boynton said.

The process of determining which lights to shut off will be complicated, according to Boynton, because not all streetlights have their own dedicated controls. Many of the light systems are connected to one another, like Christmas lights.

Boynton said that state officials have not heard major complaints from concerned communities, but he added that work with utilities to discuss the cost-saving measure has just begun. He said any towns or cities affected will be notified.

Help Support Our Troops All Year

Troop flights returning from or going to the Middle East are met at Pease Air Terminal in Portsmouth, NH, by the Pease Greeters, a group of volunteers. The group has over 100 members and they have not missed greeting a flight since 2005. In addition to greeting flights, they also coordinate sending care packages to troops overseas. Packages are sent monthly and items are collected throughout the year.

You can drop anything from the following list to Joyce at the Town Hall or contact JoAnne Schottler at 772-8620 or jscatlady@aol.com

Pease Greeters Care Package Wish List

Toiletry items-8 oz. or travel size, no aerosol cans

Chapsticks	Eye Drops	Flip Flops
Hand lotion	Shampoo	White socks mid-calf
Deodorant	Inner soles	Shave gel in tubes
Tylenol	Foot powder	Sanitary items
Aspirin	Conditioner	Mouthwash
Dental Floss	Handi-Wipes	Handwarmers, etc.

Food items-individually packed to share

Cookies	Coffee -1 lb.	Dried Fruit
Nuts	Gum	Tootsie Pops, Rolls
Trail mix	Beef Jerky	Granola Bars
Pop-tarts	Hard Candy	Freeze Pops
Microwave popcorn		Slim Jims
Crystal Light, etc. – on-the-go drink mixes		

Fun stuff for the Troops

Frisbees	Yo-Yos
Dice	Playing cards
Baseballs	Small Nerf Balls
Rubik Cubes	Small card games

Items that cannot be sent

Any food containing pork
Adult books or magazines

Other ways to support our Troops

Donate your old cell phone.

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Please make a donation of your old cell phone and provide these soldiers with a much needed connection to their loved ones. There is a drop off box at the Epping Town Hall for your convenience.

If you have any questions or want more information about how you can help the troops, contact Joyce in the Town Clerk's Office at the Epping Town Hall or call 679-5441, ext. 101.

Coupons for Military Service Families

Manufacturer's coupons are much appreciated by service members and their families, as well as by civilian employees and their families, at American military bases around the world. One way

to get coupons to the troops is through Troopons, a project operated by SupportOurTroops.org (SOT). SOT does not ship coupons to individual families. Rather, bulk shipments of coupons are sent to base stores (commissary and PX) where families can choose which coupons work out for them.

Coupons can be from newspapers, supermarket dispensers, tear-off pads or mailings like Valu-Pak. However, coupons printed from Internet sites are unsuitable for this project, as are coupons from stores like Target or Shaws, from restaurants, food stamps or assistance vouchers.

Coupons can be current or outdated but not by more than 60 days. They can be for food items (anything suitable for human consumption, including chewing gum and mints), non-food items (pet food, vitamins, housewares, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaning products), or baby products (diapers, wipes). Food coupons are requested most often, followed closely by baby products, then non-food items.

To prepare coupons for the SOT Troopons program, clip each coupon individually. Do not send entire inserts. Separate coupons by category into sandwich-size or quart-size zip-top bags; don't use rubber bands or paper clips for sorting because they can break or fall off. Seal each bag, marking it with the type of coupons enclosed and an approximate total of the face values included. For "buy-one, get one free" coupons, use the highest store price (or your best guess) for its value.

Sort and bag current coupons and expired coupons separately.

Send current coupons to CouponCabin.com, ATTN: Active Troopons, P.O. Box 231, Whiting, IN 46394-0231.

Send expired coupons to CouponCabin.com, ATTN: Expired Troopons, P.O.Box 430, Whiting, IN 46394-0430.

To the Epping Police Department and the Epping Fire Department

On Thursday, April 12th, thousands came to Hampton to pay their respects to Chief Michael Maloney, the fallen Greenland Chief of Police. Flags were at half-staff all over the state and many unable to attend the ceremony watched on TV. It was a sad, but also uplifting day, as we mourned his loss. There were many moving tributes to Chief Maloney and it was very evident how many lives he had touched and the respect in which he was held. The loss of Chief Maloney and the wounding of the four other officers emphasized once again for all of

us how much we owe our law enforcement officers and fire fighters who are out there every day protecting us. The thoughts and prayers of all of us are with all of you and we are very grateful for all you do.



Epping Lions Club

"We Serve"

The Annual Lamprey River Canoe Race was held on Saturday, April 28th! This is our biggest event of the year, and it gets bigger and better each year. Registration for the morning race began at 8:00 am at Mary Blair Park. Coffee and refreshments, including hot dogs, water and chips were available at the Park for a small fee. T-shirts commemorating the event are \$10 – see one of the Lions to get one if you missed the event! Information on the race and upcoming events is available on our website, <http://epping.nhlions.org>.

Earlier this year we completed eye testing in all three schools, for a total of 353 students. We are planning to make this an annual event, as catching potential eye problems early on enables a better opportunity to help. The Lions also continue to support the eyeglass boxes, located at several locations around town, including the Epping Wal-Mart. Drop off your old eyeglasses to help others who need them.

Meeting times are posted on our web site and are generally the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Currently we meet at Checkers Barber Shop downtown. We are always looking for new members interested in fellowship and serving your community. We'd love to see you!

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Lamprey River Family Fun Celebration

Join friends and neighbors at Mary Blair Park from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on **Sunday May 20th** to celebrate the Lamprey River! The full river is marking its first anniversary in the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, an acknowledgment by the State of New Hampshire that the Lamprey is a valuable asset for nature,

history, recreation, and clean water. Also, with the removal of the Bunker Pond Dam and the completion of a fish ladder at Wiswall Falls in Durham, fish in the river can now potentially travel from Great Bay all the way to Northwood. This is the first year in about 250 years that fish can make their journey home to historic spawning grounds.

The celebration will include games, nature activities, history walks, crafts, live animals, water science, a rubber duck raffle and race, and a few other surprises.

The event is **FREE** and there will be plenty of parking. Come join in the fun and celebrate your Lamprey River!

Sponsored by the Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee, Epping Recreation, the Epping Historic Society, and the Lamprey River Watershed Association.

Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club made a few changes to our program schedule. This means that the Pharmacist from Walmart will be coming later in the year

The visit from Bob Goodrich was great! He showed us slides of the beginning to the end of brick making in Epping. Included were pictures of many public and prominent buildings in the New England area that were built with W.S. Goodrich Inc. bricks. A real treat for us oldies were the OLD photos of men who worked there long ago, but not too long because we remembered most of them. It was fun and we really appreciated Bob's time.

We did find a Sugar House in Mason known as the Parker Maple Farm. That, too, was a great day with great food. Everyone should put it on their to-do list for next year.

We wish there were new ways to say "thank you" but it's just that....**THANK YOU** to so many friends who participated in our Yard Sale, both giving and taking away. The work is always rewarding, BUT the recovery time is getting longer. This annual event may have come to an end. It's been at least ten years now and as the Sale gets bigger and better, we get older and slower. So, the doors may not open next year but thank you so much for the many years of support.

New trips are planned. One is to the Telephone Museum in Warner on **May 9th**. This should be a lot of fun for us oldies who still remember the "Party Line" – do you? Our Mystery Trip will be later this month and we'll tell you all about in the next issue because it's a mystery!

Tips from Seniors' Kitchens – DID YOU KNOW?

1. Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If left connected at the stem, they ripen much faster.

2. Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!!

3. Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

4. Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

Look for us in front of the Library on Memorial Day. A new item will be featured along with our homemade goodies, fudge and ice cold water. It's fresh hot popcorn!!!! Stop and say "hello!"

Submitted by Irene R. Cote

TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST EPPING'S TALE OF HEARTS

Over one hundred and eighty years ago, a little orphaned girl named Rowena Lawrence Thyng came to Epping to live with her uncle Samuel Lawrence and his family on Red Oak Hill. Their house, burned down by a chimney fire in the 1940's, once stood where Dan and Louise Harvey are now. Rowena grew up there, became an Epping School teacher and "the prettiest girl in town." From her many admirers, she chose George Shepard from West Epping and moved there as his bride in 1845. Their marriage endured for almost sixty years and their house still stands. As a wife and a mother, Rowena was beloved and esteemed for her deep religious faith and fortitude. She bore the terrible loss of all her children except one and almost lost her brave husband who was twice wounded in the Civil War.

Rowena's husband, Captain George Shepard, a kind gracious man, served on our School Board, in the State Legislature, was the West Epping Post Master and a land surveyor. As a Justice of the Peace he worked tirelessly on behalf of his fellow Civil War veterans. When he died in 1903, the early morning air was filled with the sound of church bells ringing all over town in his honor. The good Captain was laid to rest in West Epping in what is known as the Shepard Cemetery as he had "planned, established and given it to the public." He and Rowena were reunited when she died eight years later.

Before her marriage, Rowena Thyng and her

family were often visited here on Red Oak Hill by the already well-known Quaker poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, while he stayed with his cousins in the nearby town of Lee. Although sixteen years her senior, it has long been thought that Whittier and Rowena were more than friends. Their initials, set within joined hearts, were discovered carved on an oak tree behind the Lawrence barn. Seventy years later, in 1941, the same initials and heart design were found inside a closet door in Rowena's old room. The barn still stands, but both the tree and house are long gone with the wind, as is the true identity of the artist.

And whatever his relationship with Rowena may have been, we might do well to reconsider crediting John Greenleaf Whittier with writing the romantic poem called "The Epping Oak" in which a young lady, undoubtedly Rowena, is oddly described as "creation's loveliest 'Thyng'." The untitled poem, dated only "Lee NH 1843" and signed with Whittier's name, showed up on the breakfast plate of his cousin Jonathan Cartland in Lee, while Whittier and his sister Lizzie were visiting there. Family members have stated that it was not Whittier, but his fun loving sister Lizzie, who wrote the poem and then made one of her male cousins copy and sign it with Whittier's name. It was a joke on Jonathan Cartland, who "had been out the whole night before" and who everyone knew was "very interested in the lady of Epping." Lizzie herself later admitted she had "much teased and tormented her tall cousins" and "much regretted having done things that were naughty" while with them in Lee.

Perhaps as a reminder of her carefree girlhood days, Rowena kept a copy of the poem all of her life. It was found by a family member tucked in a small trunk taken from the attic while cleaning out the old Shepard house in West Epping long after she died.

Whittier once very positively told another family member that the only woman he had ever really loved was a free spirited and talented Quaker lady from Philadelphia whose name was Elizabeth Lloyd, but that he could never marry because his mother and his sister were dependent on him. He said he couldn't afford to marry anyone, and he never did. Miss Lloyd went on and married someone else.

We can only guess what may have inspired John Greenleaf Whittier to famously write: For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: "It might have been!" However, it's a pretty safe bet that his thoughts drifted back to his

younger days here on Red Oak Hill and to a girl named Rowena when he said that he "once had a dear friend who lived in Epping."

This is the eleventh in a series of articles

Text/ Research: Madelyn Williamson

Epping Historical Society

One key to the continued survival of the Epping Historical Society fell into place on April 20th, when the Internal Revenue Service approved the EHS application for non-profit, tax-exempt status under section 501(c)3 of the federal tax code. The EHS can now legally accept donations! This ability will allow the Society to launch and conduct fundraisers to obtain funds to maintain and improve its building and collections. The IRS approval is retroactive to September 26, 2011, when the Society restored its status as a non-profit corporation with the state of New Hampshire.

The EHS eagerly looks forward to its co-sponsorship of Family Fun Day at Mary Folsom Blair Park on **Sunday May 20th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm**. Society volunteers will be on hand to conduct guided tours of the Folsom Dam and mill site. Look for posters around Epping to learn more about this entertaining and educational day on the Lamprey River in West Epping.

The EHS proudly announces that work on its Web site (eppinghistory.org) progresses daily. The site will go live sometime in May and will provide a way for you to see some of the Society's collections from the comfort of your own home. Our Web site will also provide information about Society events and activities. We plan to make it fun as well as informative.

The collections of the late Donald Sanborn have begun arriving at the EHS. Mr. Sanborn, who formerly served as President of the EHS, amassed a vast collection of books, photographs and other memorabilia about Epping's past. The Society looks forward to making this material available to the public. Other recent donations to the Society include the diaries of the late Bud Purrington, and research performed by George Walker of Newmarket on J.B. Crieghton's days in Epping in the early 19th century.

The EHS continues to work on signs that will capture and explain the historic relevance of the now-demolished Folsom Dam. These signs should be in place sometime this summer. A brochure about the site will be available this spring.

In the wake of the Society's program with Rebecca Rule on April 26, the Society currently

plans other programs for the upcoming summer/fall season. Keep your eye on this space and our new Web site for details.

Visit the EHS on Mondays from 9:00 - 12:00 or call for an off-hours appointment (679-2944). Thank you for your continuing support of the Epping Historical Society.

The Civil War Roundtable of NH

On May 18th (3rd Friday), Mr. Dave Gurin (GMCWRT) will present his program: "The 5th New Hampshire regiment after Gettysburg."

On **June 15th (3rd Friday)**, Mr. Mike Dumont (Cape Fear CWRT, BOD New Bern Historical Society); "The Battle of New Bern."

All programs are on the nights indicated and are held in the Epping Town Hall in the main floor meeting room. We start our meetings at 7:15 pm with the business portion. It is followed by the program, which is televised live and recorded on Epping Channel 22. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The public is welcome at no charge.

2012 Meeting Schedule

May 18th

June 15th

July, August - summer break, back in September

Please feel free to log onto our website: <http://www.www.cwrt-nh.org> to check our schedule and find out more about the CWRT-NH. If you choose TO JOIN, great! We like to increase our membership, and all are welcome to be part of our group (students of all ages are welcomed).

Thank you for your interest in advance.



Epping Garden Club

The Epping Garden Club is off to a great start this spring! In March, we met for a presentation by our own Barb Helmstetter. She shared many great gardening tips and tricks that she has learned throughout the years. It was especially fun to get to know Barb better through the sharing of her gardening memories. One tidbit I especially liked was that she tucks some of her own fresh sage into her suitcase when she flies to England every December so she can use it in the Christmas stuffing she makes for her son and his family!

In addition to the presentation, the EGC also elected a new Vice-President, Marti Cunningham, and a new Secretary, Eunice Miller. Both Marti and Eunice have been tremendous supporters of the club and deserve recognition for all their energy and hard work! I'd also like to personally thank the

outgoing Vice-President, Kathy Glass, for everything she's done for us. Without Kathy and our former president, Debbie Allen, there would not be an Epping Garden Club!

Speaking of Debbie, special thanks go out to her for all her hard work supervising the wonderful crew of volunteers from the Epping Middle School who came to clean up the Library and Town Hall grounds on Community Action Day, April 10th. They did a beautiful job!

Because of the early warm weather this year, Marti and I were able to plant lots of beautiful pansies in the urn at the triangle opposite the SAU building and in two new small urns at the Town Hall as well as in the planters in front of the Library. Plans are in the works to add some more spring blooming perennials such as Basket of Gold Alyssum and Creeping Phlox in front of both the Town Hall and the Library this month. In late May, we will also plant annuals to provide color all summer long.

In the coming weeks (perhaps even before press time) the Epping Public Works Department will be dropping off a load of mulch at the Library so Club members can spread it around the Library and Town Hall. Because of the hard work Debbie and her daughter Kristie have done out back, and the work of Debbie and the EMS volunteers on Community Action Day we will be able to get the mulch spread and flowers planted well before Memorial Day.

At the Memorial Day parade, the EGC will be selling perennial plants of all sizes, member grown vegetable seedlings such as cucumbers, pepperoncini peppers, heirloom tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash and flower seedlings such as Morning Glory, Four O'Clocks and Marigolds. All proceeds of the plant sale will go toward purchasing two more cast iron urns for the DAR Park in the center of town.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, May 2nd**, at 7 pm. Please check our Facebook page and the Library bulletin board for more information.

If you would like to be added to the EGC's e-mail list to receive meeting updates, please e-mail us at: <http://www.eppinggardenclub@gmail.com>

Submitted by Mary-Jo Hinkle, EGC President

Spring Garden Fair

The Nature Conservancy is proud to host the UNH Cooperative Extension, Rockingham County Master Gardeners annual Spring Garden Fair and

native plant sale on **Saturday, May 5th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Come out and check out the booths, and stock up on native plants for your landscape at The Nature Conservancy's Great Bay Office on 112 Bay Road in Newmarket.

Perennials, herbs, and shrubs from local gardens will be available for sale. Visitors can receive expert advice and resources from UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. This event is rain or shine. Event programs include: Gardening for the Birds, Butterflies, and Bees; Herb Heaven; Oyster Restoration in Great Bay; Creative Spaces for Growing Vegetables; Coexisting with Critters in Your Gardens; Soil pH Testing (bring a sample to test); Maintaining Your Lawn Organically; Perennials on Parade; Natives, Newbies and 'Nockouts!'; and Invasives to Natives: Making the Transition.

Welcome spring and attend any or all of these fun and educational events. For more information, contact Rockingham County Master Gardeners Gale Rosenberger at eglrose@comcast.net or Nell Griffin at nellgrif12@comcast.net.



Ledd Center

The 2012 season at the Leddy Center will continue with the Broadway musical "Fiddler on the Roof," on stage July 6th through the 22nd. Mary Gatchell will return with her amazing band from NYC for "Mary Gatchell in Concert" on October 15th. "The Wizard of Oz," L. Frank Baum's masterpiece for the whole family, will follow from October 26th through November 14th. The 2012 season will conclude with the Charles Dickens Family Christmas classic "A Christmas Carol," from November 30th through December 9th.

Individual tickets are \$18 and \$16, depending on seating and subscription series are available. The Leddy Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Visit or call the Leddy Center at 603 679-2781 for ticket information or order tickets online at www.leddycenter.org.



ETV Schedule

Channel 22 - ETV - Schedule - live programs
Monday – May 7 (joint boards) 14 & 29, June 11 & 15 Selectmen - 7 pm
Tuesday – May 1, June 5 - Water and Sewer - 7 pm
Tuesday – May 22, June 26 – Fire Wards - 7 pm
Wednesday – May 2, June 6 – Recreation - 7 pm

Wednesday – May 16 & June 20 – Budget Committee – 7 pm
Thursday – May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21 - School Board – 7 pm
Thursday – May 10, June 14 - Planning Board – 6 pm
Friday – May 18, June 15 – Civil War Round Table 7:15 pm

Monday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting
Tuesday - 7 am
Wednesday - 11 am
Thursday - 3 pm
Monday - 2 am

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1/2 hour after meeting
Wednesday - 7 am
Thursday - 11 am
Monday - 3 pm
Tuesday - 2 am

Wednesday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting
Thursday - 7 am
Monday - 11 am
Tuesday - 3 pm
Wednesday - 2 am

Thursday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting
Monday - 7 am
Tuesday - 11 am
Wednesday - 3 pm
Thursday - 2 am

All dates and times are subject to change. Please consult the ETV Bulletin Board or the Town website for any changes or updates.

Always remember that Board meetings are available any time at your convenience by going to <http://etv22@pegcentral.com>. They are usually available the day following their "live" broadcast.

NEW also available is "live" video streaming. You can watch the meetings from anywhere as they are being broadcast live -- by going to: http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html.

News From the Town

The Town Reports are available and can still be picked up at the Town Hall.

Looking ahead, the last day to change party affiliation before the State Primary on **September 11, 2012** will be **June 5, 2012** at the Town Clerk's Office from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm and at the Town Hall with the Supervisors of the Checklist from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.

The Duck Race

Buy your lucky numbered duck at the Town Hall for the duck race to be held by the Recreation Department on the Lamprey River on **May 20th**. Ducks are \$10.00 each and may also be purchased at the Epping Recreation Center.

Funds raised will help Epping kids attend Epping Recreation Programs.

Brickyard Square

Marshall's, Dress Barn and PetSmart are now open. A groundbreaking ceremony has been held for the 12 screen O'Neil Cinema which is projected to open in October.

For more information, Waterstone's website is: http://waterstoneretail.com/webapp/2972913/Brickyard_Square

American Legion Post 51 Events

We serve breakfast every second Sunday of the month 8:00 to 11:00 am.

Sunday May 13th Mother's Day Come and save Mom from the clean up. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children.

Saturday May 19th 50's Dance featuring the Bel Airs at 8:30 pm. \$8.00 each or \$14.00 per couple.

Monday May 28th Memorial Day Parade

Cemetery Rounds featuring Color Guard and Firing Squad starting at 7:30 am. Please contact the Post for more information. Parade groups are to meet at the parking lot and step off at approximately 10:00 am, like in previous years.

Sunday June 10th Breakfast 8:00 to 11:00 am.

Saturday June 16th Chippy and the Ya Yas Dance at 8:30 pm. \$8.00 each or \$14.00 per couple.

Watch for future events, breakfast every 2nd Sunday and events the 3rd Saturday every month.



Scouting Around Epping

Cub Scout Pack 136

Congratulations to the Cobra Patrol

A HUGE Thank you to Craig Clough and Pat Oumansour for leading the Webelos 2 – Cobra Patrol, to get their Arrows of Light and to cross over to Boy Scouts. Congratulations to Nick Clough, Connor Jennings, Luke Marchisio, Nathaniel Marshall, Zachary Oumansour, Anthony Spinelli and Miklos Toth. These boys have worked hard to earn the coveted Arrow of Light award. Thank you to all the committee members, den leaders, parent volunteers and members of the community who devote their personal time to make scouting a success!

Past Events:

Pinewood Derby: The boys had a great time racing their cars. There were 45 boys racing and some very clever designs. Thanks to Hank for a smooth running Derby this year and the pit crew and all the volunteers who chipped in.

The Top winners were: Tigers: Brady Powicki, Wolves: Taylor Sylvain, Bears: Alex Wyatt, Web 1: Timothy Gibb, Web 2: Connor Jennings

Special Awards: Best in Show: Connor Jennings and Best Design: Christopher Sullivan

GRAND CHAMPION: Congratulations to Alex Wyatt

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May Pack meeting at the EMS café on **Wednesday, May 16th** at 6:30 pm

Family Campout Weekend: May 19th, May 20th at Camp Carpenter

Memorial Day Parade: May 28th. Starting at the American Legion at 9 am

Summer Camp: Resident Camp July 15th through the 19th at Camp Carpenter

Day Camp: YMCA in Portsmouth **July 9th through July 13th** 8 - 4 pm

Other ways to help the Scouts: Empties4cash fundraising program:

We are collecting unwanted or used inkjet cartridges. We will have collection sites at the Library, the Town Hall and possibly the Community Church. If you have unwanted inkjet cartridges at home that you can donate to the Scouts, please contact Andrea Meyer at her e-mail address at ameyer71@gmail.com

Interested in Scouting? About Scouting:

Scouting is organized into Dens by age groups: 1st grade, Tiger Cubs; 2nd grade, Wolf; 3rd grade, Bears; 4th grade, 1st year Webelos; and 5th grade, 2nd year Webelos.

The Pack consists of Dens and their families. Pack 136 meets monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Epping Middle School. Pack meetings are filled with fun and they're a way to celebrate Scouting, promote family sense of community and reward the boys for their hard work.

SCOUTING = FUN, Don't miss out!

We are looking forward to lots more fun events. Some examples of things we plan to do this school year are: Family Fun day at a corn maze, Family Bowling night out with the Pack, Attend a Monarchs game, Winter Fun Day at Camp Dion (the Webelos get to do a sleep over!), Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby race, Rain Gutter Regatta Race, Sleepover on the SS Salem, see

historic Battleships and camp overnight on a real battleship, Fisher Cats game and camping overnight on the field. It's going to be an incredible year of Scouting. The boys will all be working hard on their badges for the year.

Thank you to the Epping Community for all of your support. The Pack would like to extend a very big thank you to the Epping Bible Baptist Church for their generous assistance in providing a wonderful, handicapped accessible meeting place for the Bear Den. We would like to thank the Epping School System (SAU 14) for their generous donation of a handicapped accessible meeting place for our monthly Pack meetings!

If you can't make one of our meetings but would like more information on joining Cub Scouts, please contact our Cubmaster Craig Clough at cclough154@comcast.net or 734-2124.

Join us on Facebook and keep track of the Pack <http://m.facebook.com/group.php?gid=199059685109&fbf=r6c4d2187&refid=46> or for even further information on our Pack, please check out our website: <http://www.pack136epping.org/calendar>

Boy Scout Troop 136

The Troop was very active over the past months, completing a number of outdoor events.

This will be an exciting spring and summer Scouting season. If your son is 12 to 17 years old and wishes to join Scouting in order to learn values and skills that last a lifetime, please contact Les Houston at 679-9595.



Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Summer Camp 2012 - Open to All Girls!

Day Camp

Camp Seawood

Portsmouth, NH

Grades K - 8 July 9 to August 10

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Before and after care available for additional fee.

Day camp price range: \$190-\$360

Bus stop at Epping American Legion Post 51, Sessions 2, 2A, 2B & 3A

Open House

Sunday, June 10 1:00 to 3:00 pm

For more information call 888.474.9686

or visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org

Financial aid is available.

Resident Camp

Camp Chenoa, Antrim, NH

Camp Farnsworth, Thetford, VT

Grades K - 12 June 24 to August 10

Resident camp price range:

4-day: \$245-\$260

1-week: \$410-\$550

2-weeks: \$710-\$900

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Submitted by Crystal Sexton, Manager

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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



Epping Fire Department

We have a certified instructor in infant seat installation. Please call 679-5546 and make an appointment to have your infant seat installation inspected.

Explorer Post 716

The Epping Fire Department Explorer Post 716 is accepting new members. The group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The Explorers, young men and women ages 14 to 20, learn how to use the Fire Department equipment and do search and rescue. Once the probationary (learning) period is over, they may assist on fire calls. Explorers are allowed to ride on the apparatus if seats are available and assist firefighters with the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), supervise the rescue truck and perform many other duties at a fire scene. For more information call Cliff Cray at 396-9436 or leave a message for him at 679-5446

Police Explorer Post 714

Youth 14 and older may also join the Police Explorer post by calling 679-5122.

Epping Community Church

Epping Community Church is always pleased to welcome visitors. Visiting a church where you have never attended, or where it may have been years since you last visited, can be an intimidating experience. Particularly it can be intimidating when the word "religion" is attached. What will you find if

you choose to visit us on any given Sunday morning?

You will find a warm and welcoming group of people who are pleased to have you present. You will not be pressured or forced in any way to join, commit, or put your name on the dotted line regarding joining our church membership. We always welcome new members, but want individuals to join when they feel God leading them to be part of the spiritual life of our church.

Worship is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. The service will last from one hour to an hour and fifteen minutes.

Across the course of each month you will hear a variety of music. Epping Community Church is blessed with a wonderful Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Band. Music will vary from traditional and classic choral to contemporary praise, blues, jazz and country gospel.

The pastor's sermons are generally didactic and include dialogue. You are invited to encounter the Good News of the Gospel in a contemporary and faithful context to the Word of God.

We observe communion (the Lord's Supper) on the first Sunday morning of each month. All followers of Christ are welcomed to the table.

Support of the church comes through voluntary contributions of those who attend our church.

We exist for one reason, to serve God. Our Food Pantry, Coats of Caring closet, and other programs are present not because of works, but because fruits are borne out of right relationship with God in Christ.

There is an opportunity to gather in the fellowship hall following worship if you wish to mingle, get to know a few people better and enjoy a beverage and light snack.

There is a modified non-traditional Sunday School for children—classroom without walls and Bible teaching unconfined. We teach a positive message of Good News to our children. We want them to know and learn early in life how to grow spiritually in the love of God as witnessed in the life of Christ.

You are always welcome at the Bible study on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am and to participate in our Thursday morning prayer group at 10:00 am.

We have **Thursday Soup of the Day Café on Thursdays from 11:00 – 12:30**. A wonderful opportunity presents itself around a tasty luncheon on Thursdays. September through June there are generally two types of homemade soups available, salad, crackers, dessert and a beverage and plenty

of fellowship around the table. During July and August when things are much warmer the ladies fix a variety of salads for lunch.

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am and is located at the Community Church on the corner of Pleasant and Main Streets. Serving families and individuals who find themselves in difficult circumstances, a variety of food items (perishable and non-perishable) is made available. Because there is such great need, we are joined in the effort by St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Walmart, Starbucks, Hannaford's, students and teachers of the Epping School system, the Boy Scouts, the U.S. Postal Service and an entire group of very dedicated individuals within our church and from the community. Suggested items for donation to the Food Pantry are: Cereal, Soup, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Canned Veggies, Crackers, Juice, Pasta, Sauce, Canned Fruit, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Dish Liquid, Laundry Soap.

Our **third Saturday dinners** are an important part of fund raising for the building program. Ever popular, we look forward to great food, gathering community members and blessings for all. On **Saturday, May 19th**, we will have a Turkey dinner with all the trimmings and then on **Saturday, June 21st** we'll have a German Summer Fest. Dr. Paul Gustavson is coordinating the efforts for the German Summer Fest.

Music Concert: The Epping Community Church will present a music concert on **Saturday, May 12**. The concert will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Attendees will enjoy music presented by the Epping Community Church Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Band. There will be a brief intermission midway through the concert program. Plan now to come for a wonderful evening of music!

Anyone who is not able to attend but would like to contribute to the building program may send their tax deductible gift to Epping Community Church, P.O. Box 313, Epping, NH 03042.

Words from the Pastor of Epping Community Church, Rev. Dr. Wayne VanGundy

What a great Lent and Easter period we had! Our attendance was great, interest in the Lenten disciplines, scriptural teaching, and spiritual growth in Christ has never been stronger! We continue to work on the first phase of our building which will include an elevator. This is a first priority for our

congregation because many in the community as well as some of our own need the assistance of an elevator to access the worship area of our church. Hopefully that will be available by fall or year's end. We are prayerful and many are working diligently in labor and fund raising to make this happen. With the Lord's help we will reach the goal! Thanks to everyone in advance for your prayers, financial gifts, and support of the many ministries and work of ECC.

For more information about our church or church programs please call 679-5542, leave your name, contact number and a brief description of your interest. We will return a call as soon as possible.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)

Epping, NH 03042

Office telephone 603 679-8805

May 3rd 9:00 - 11:00 am New Mom's group begins and continues every Thursday thereafter.

May 6th 9:15 am Crowning of Mary.

May 12th 5:00 pm Squire Dinner (baked chicken). Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

May 21st - 23rd 40 hour Adoration, Mass at 2:00 pm on 23rd.

June 16th 5:00 pm Mission dinner (food served to be announced). Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 children under 12.

June 24th 1:00 - 5:00 pm Parish picnic. Rain or shine.

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory Office 679-8805 or check our website at <http://stjosepheppingnh.com> for further information on upcoming events.

Epping Bible Baptist Church

We are a Bible-based church located at 243 Pleasant Street.

We have Sunday School for all ages from 9:30 - 10:30 am.

Morning worship Service begins at 10:45 am.

We also have an informal evening service from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

We offer a 3-year College Bible Course that takes place on **Monday** nights at the church beginning at 6:30 pm. You can find out more information about this amazing Bible Institute at <http://www.faithbibleinstitute.com>

Wednesday nights we have prayer meeting at the parsonage that starts at 7:00 pm.

Thursday nights we offer a small group

gathering for young adults located at The Porch (the old Leddy Center on Main Street) starting at 6:00 pm.

Friday night would be a great date night for you parents of kids ages 3 to grade 6. We offer a program called AWANA starting at 7:00 pm at the church. This program includes age-appropriate games, Bible memorization and a Bible story time promoting positive behavior. It ends at 8:30 pm.

Our Food Pantry is open every second and third **Friday** of the month from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

Saturdays we hold a teen youth group at The Porch for grades 6 - 12 starting at 7:00 pm.

Our goal is to serve our community and surrounding communities in any way we can by showing the love of Christ. Please feel free to contact us at any time if we can be of assistance to you: pastorron@eppingbible.org

We have all our services online for your viewing. www.eppingbible.org. Also, our Sunday morning services are aired on ETV – channel 22.



Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

Epping's Public Library

151 Main Street, Epping – right next door to Town Hall

(603) 679-5944 Fax (603) 679-5884

www.eppinglibrary.com

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the Epping voters who approved spending town funds for hiring an architect who will design an addition to our town library. Having housed the library since 1964 the current building is no longer adequate to contain all the activities and materials needed to satisfy the varied needs of our library patrons. In recent weeks, the Board of Trustees has looked at more than a dozen bids and anticipates making a final selection by the end of May. The hope is to have a plan in hand by the fall, and a vote to action on the ballot next March. As designs are being considered the board is looking for library patrons to serve on the Building Committee. Folks who would like to add their input to the design as well as anyone with fundraising and/or grant writing experience are encouraged to contact Director Bradley Green at the library to serve on this important committee.

The staff would like to welcome and introduce our new Library Trustees, voted in by the town in March. Congratulations to Michael Vose and welcome back to Lynn Reinhard. Big thank you's

and best wishes to outgoing trustees Abby Constantineau and Nan Nutt. The current Board of Trustees is as follows:

Board Chair: Heather Clark

Vice Chair: Lynn Reinhard

Secretary: Michael Vose

Treasurer: Laurie Dudley

Trustee at Large: Simonne Murphy

Library Trustees meet the 3rd Monday each month at 7:15 – May 21st and June 18th

Library Hours:

The library is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. The library will be closed for services on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day, but the building will be open during the Memorial Day Parade between 9:00 am and noon for those who might need the facilities. Please visit the sale tables out front hosted by the Garden Club and the Seniors, and enjoy Epping's community celebration. Check our website at www.eppinglibrary.com for further information on programs and services

Coming Up in May and June:

For Adults:

Book Groups – please call 679-5944 for monthly book group selections. Multiple copies of each title are available at the main desk.

Eclectic Book Group: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Dusty Ol' Mystery Book Group: Meets the third Wednesday of each month for folks who prefer the classics. 7:00 pm

Knit Night - second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 pm downstairs. Comfy workspace, free internet and the fellowship of other knitters – what more could you want? Bring your own yarn and needles. For more information please contact knitting group coordinator, Marjorie Pim at marjpim@yahoo.com

Programs for Children

Summer Reading

The summer's reading program, "Dream Big, Read!" will begin **Monday, June 25th** and run through the middle of August. Exploring things of the night and the things of dreams as well as the dreams each of us has for our future will inspire creative themes that change each week in the form of craft projects, games and reading challenges. We have an even bigger team of middle school volunteers this year who voiced some great ideas

at the first team meeting. Kids entering 6th grade or above are eligible to volunteer and are welcome at the next SRP (summer reading program) Team meeting on May 24th at 4:30 pm. This group helps the staff to create, prepare for and implement the summer program. We couldn't do it without them!

As in past years children participating in the summer reading program will be expected to register in the children's room and log the minutes they spend reading this summer, wherever and whatever they are reading. Early readers and pre-readers may log the minutes that someone reads to them. For every 30 minutes on the log the reader will receive \$1 in library money that can be spent at the SRP Store, opening on July 5th.

Preschool Story Hour: Wednesdays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm.

This is a drop-in program designed for children ages 2 to 6. No registration is needed. The kids have time to explore the library, look for books and play with friends before sitting down for songs and stories with Miss Tracie, and then may participate in the related craft project. This is a great social time for preschoolers and their parents.

Pajama Night: 2nd Friday each month at 6:30 pm.

This year we are alternating regular Pajama Nights with PJ Movie Nights. Wear your PJs and bring a snack to share to this fun family event for kids ages 2 - 8 and their "chauffeurs."

May 11th May Pajama Night will celebrate Moms while giving Dads and kids a chance to make a special something for the deserving lady of the house.

June 8th PJ Movie Night featuring "The Secret World of Arrietty" rated G.

Spring Tea Party: Saturday, May 19th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Epping's youngest ladies and gentlemen are invited to an event even Fancy Nancy could be proud of. Dress in your finest party clothes OR don a fanciful costume for the occasion, and enjoy a special Tea Party complete with china teacups and a buffet of tasty treats. A dress-up area will provide the chance to try on different "looks" using items from Miss Tracie's Costume Closet, and "big kid" volunteers will help with old fashioned crafts that will not mess up your finery. Young attendees and their chaperones are asked to RSVP in the children's room so our cooks know how many to prepare for.

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8th Annual Toy Drive

We are now taking donations for our annual Toy Sale on **Saturday, June 23rd**. Gently used toys, games, infant and toddler items and even outdoor play equipment but *no clothes or stuffed animals* will be accepted. We have a place to store items until sale day, thanks to Library Trustee **Heather Clark**, so feel free to bring things in any time we are open. The annual toy sale raises funds for our Summer Reading Program. We are seeking volunteers to help with the Toy Sale too, either by hanging posters around town, sorting, cleaning and pricing toys or helping set up the day before and during the sale. The children's room will be closed on Friday, June 22nd to allow us a full day to set out all the great deals. Volunteers often get first pick from the inventory! If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Miss Tracie at 679-5944 or TracieHmml@gmail.com

Friends of the Library

Thank you to the Friends for their continued support of the library, and in particular, their recent assistance in the Book Sale Room. This small space gets overwhelmed quickly by generous donations and needs constant weeding of the library collection. A huge thank you goes to Friends **Pat VanWagoner and Joan Harlow** for their efforts in sorting and organizing the mess that the book sale had become. We hope shoppers will discover a much cleaner space, with titles sorted by topic and genre. Our hope is to keep it organized, sending obsolete and unwanted items to alternate book recycling organizations and keeping the floor clear! The Book Sale Room is available whenever the library is open, although the door is usually closed to keep out wandering toddlers. Hardcover books are just 50 cents and paperbacks are only 25 cents. If you find you're filling a box, simply make an offer.

Remember, the Friends host an on-going Food Pantry Donation Box in support of Epping's Food Pantry at the Community Church. Non-perishable items are always welcome to help neighbors who may be struggling to make ends meet. The box is located near the front door on the main level of the library.

The Making of Strawberry Banke On Thursday, May 10th, the Epping Friends of the Library will host J. Dennis Robinson and his presentation on *The Making of Strawberry Banke* at 7:00 pm at the Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library. Robinson, the author of "Strawberry Banke: A Seaport Museum 400 Years in the Making," delivers an interesting and informative program that is also witty and entertaining. The program is made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

The backstory of what Ken Burns calls "one of the best history museums in the country" is a complex tale of progress and urban renewal versus colonial architecture in New Hampshire's only seaport. Robinson taps into private letters, unpublished records and personal interviews to explore the politics of preservation. He also looks candidly at mistakes made and lessons learned in this grassroots success story.

Strawberry Banke is one of New Hampshire's treasures. Join us to learn how it came into being and what it offers visitors today. The program is free and refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Pat VanWagoner at (603) 679-6707.

The Friends meet at the library September through June on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. New members are always welcome.

The Porch

The Porch is a nondenominational, not-for-profit, family oriented organization. We provide a safe place for kids to go after school and use computers, do their homework, play pool, watch TV or just hang out.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:30 to 4:30 pm for anyone in Grades 6 - 12.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are for Grades 1 - 5. Hours are 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Transportation will be provided from the Elementary School to The Porch. Please e-mail eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com to request a form allowing your child to be picked up.

Everything at The Porch is free of charge. We provide snacks and drinks every day.

We also offer a variety of services to the community, including after school tutoring and counseling for all ages. Please feel free to e-mail us about any of our services. We are here to serve you!

Epping Recreation Department News

Home of the "River Otters" and "Avenue A"

Director: Nicole Bizzaro

17 Academy Street

Phone: 679-3301 Fax: 679-3006

rec@townofepping.com

eppingrecreation.org/avenueayouthcenter.org

Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

The Recreation Department aims to provide the residents of Epping with a broad selection of recreational, educational, and cultural leisure opportunities that will enhance the quality of life for all residents. We are always working to establish new programs and facilities that meet the community's changing needs.

New Program Registrations Now Available:

April Vacation Week Program

River Otters Summer Camp - Elementary Program

Avenue A Summer Camp - Middle School Program

Hershey Track Program - Ages 9 - 14

Youth Golf Summer Clinic - Available @ Rec. Ctr.

& Twin Pines Driving Range

Epping Recreation Duck Race

Epping Recreation will hold the Duck Race on the Lamprey River on **Sunday, May 20th** in Mary Blair Park. Buy your lucky numbered duck at the Town Hall or the Epping Recreation Center for \$10.00 each. If your Duck swims the fastest, you could win four Red Sox tickets for the game on August 27th against the Royals.

Funds raised will help Epping kids attend Epping Recreation Programs.

Adult Basketball

Want to play some adult basketball? Come join The Epping Recreation Department for some pick up Co-ed basketball in the Epping Middle School Gym Thursday and Sunday nights!

Days / Times: Thursday - 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Sunday - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Epping Middle School Gym

Cost: \$30 for 10 nights - Please make check out to the "Town of Epping."

Each participant is required to sign a waiver form prior to playing and payment. Waiver forms will be available at the gym. We will have a sign in sheet, to keep track of days used. Once you have used your 10 nights, bring in your next payment of \$30 for 10 additional nights. You won't be allowed to play if we don't have a signed waiver and

payment. The payment covers the cost of the staff to provide this program.

Check our Facebook page for updates on programs, including cancellations. We will also notify you via e-mail of any program changes, so please provide a current e-mail address!

Guitar Lessons at Watson Academy

For children, teens, and adults alike, taking guitar lessons at Epping Recreation is an enjoyable, affordable, and rewarding experience. Taught by a highly recommended music instructor Joseph K. Murphy, lessons are designed to challenge and educate students while personalizing the curriculum to their musical tastes and needs.

Lessons are for ages 8 to adult.

Rates: \$20.00 for ½ hour or \$35.00 for 1 hour.

Contact: Joseph K. Murphy 608-8672

josephkmurphy@gmail.com

<http://rockandrollwithme.wordpress.com/>

Ceramics Classes

We are able to offer Ceramics classes on Friday afternoons for a minimal fee. This program is open to Middle and High School Students, but may also be available to Adults if there is an interest! Please contact us if you are interested!

Zumba

The popular dance aerobics class has come to the Epping Recreation Department! We are pleased to announce our Zumba Instructor Cassandra Mullen, will soon be offering TWO CLASSES!! Our Thursday class and starting Monday, May 7th, a Monday night class!!

Classes run from 7:45 to 8:45 pm in the Epping Middle School Café. Cost: \$35 for 6-week session or \$7 Drop-In

Please visit Cassandra's Facebook page for more class information and to give music choice suggestions.

<http://www.facebook.com/zumbawithcassandra>

Martial Arts Programs at Epping Recreation and EES (offered by Derry ATA)

Karate Classes

Grades K - 8, Tuesdays and Thursdays at EES, 3:30 - 4:15 pm, \$65 per month

*SPECIAL: New students who sign up will receive TWO FREE WEEKS!

***All beginners receive a FREE uniform!**

For more information or to sign your child up, please contact Mrs. DeNapoli at 603-434-9444 or e-mail at derryata@aol.com.

Calling All Senior's Over 55 Years of Age!

Join the Watson Senior Citizens Group for some Wii Bowling on Thursday Mornings and a Brown Bag Lunch Social!

When: Thursdays, 11:30am -1pm

Where: Watson Academy (Epping Recreation Center)

Cost: FREE

(Don't worry if you don't know how to Wii Bowl yet, we can teach you, it's easy and FUN!)

Center)

Friends of Epping Recreation Department

This group was originally formed to establish a town park in Epping. Although that is still the group's ultimate goal, they have added the task of improving current town owned recreation facilities that are not covered by tax dollars, as well as offering community special events, some as fundraisers and some just for fun! They work under the Town's Recreation Department as a volunteer group to make a huge difference in our town. If you would like more information about this wonderful group and how you can get involved, please contact eppingrecreation@gmail.com.

Families First

support for families...health care for all

Families First will continue offering Family Morning Out facilitated by Jodi Foster, every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Epping Recreation Center. Family Morning Out is open to all families with children ages 0 to 6. The program begins with activities for children and parents together. Afterward, parents and children are separated and enjoy time with their peers. There is no charge to attend, but advance sign up is required: call Families First at 422-8208, ext. 2.

Epping residents also are welcome to take advantage of the many parenting and family programs, as well as affordable medical and dental care, offered at Families First's facility at the Community Campus in Portsmouth. For more information about the community health center, visit www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org or call 422-8208.

In addition to Walmart, supporters of these programs include the state of New Hampshire and the Fuller Foundation.



Epping School District News

This school year we have a similar school calendar to last year. There will be no early release days and professional development training days for staff members have been scheduled on days prior to holiday weekends. Visit www.sau14.org for the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

Epping Schools Selected for Scholar Initiative

The Epping School District has been selected to participate in a state and national initiative designed to better prepare students for success in higher education and the workforce through more rigorous academics in high school.

Through the New Hampshire Scholars Initiative, Epping schools are partnering with area business leaders to encourage more students to complete the state's rigorous core course curriculum. Research has demonstrated that completing the state's course curriculum in high school is the strongest predictor of college and workplace success.

Epping is the fifty-second school community chosen to participate in the fourth year of the New Hampshire Scholars Initiative because of its commitment to promoting rigorous academics and strong partnership between the school system and local businesses.

The New Hampshire Scholars Initiative and the Epping School District are looking for strong community business leaders to participate in the program. These business volunteers will be trained to deliver presentations geared towards students in Grades 7 - 12.

Beginning this year, business volunteers will visit classes in Epping Middle School and Epping High School. This winter, eighth graders will learn about the importance of course selecting for high school and how the long-term benefits of challenging academics play in future career opportunities. Once students commit to being NH Scholars, business and education partners will work together to develop incentives and academic supports to ensure these students complete the core curriculum.

For more information on the New Hampshire Scholars Initiative, please visit their website at www.NHscholars.org.

School Board Meeting Schedule

The Epping School Board holds regular meetings at 7:00 pm in the Epping Town Hall. The public is invited to attend. Meetings are also televised by ETV. Agendas and minutes are posted on the district website at www.sau14.org under School Board—Agenda and Minutes. Epping Television is also streaming meetings that can now be watched on your computer at <http://etv.22.pegcentral.com>

March 1st and 15th

April 5th and 19th

Epping Elementary School (EES)

Thank You Epping Elementary Volunteers

On June 18th, there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Tea from 1:30 to 2:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room. It will be followed by a Volunteer Appreciation Assembly from 2:15 to 2:45 pm. The Epping Elementary School staff and students want to express their heartfelt thanks for the service of the volunteers throughout the school year. With their help and diligence, so much more was accomplished!!!

May 1 – 25 NWEA Testing

May 7 Grade 1 Field Trip to the Children's Museum of NH

PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room.
Free babysitting in the Library

May 7 – 11 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

May 9 School Nurse's Day

5th Graders visit Epping Middle School

May 10 Mary Doane (Turtle Lady) will visit 2nd grade

5th Grade Parents' Night at the Middle School from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

May 15 Kindergarten Screening at Epping Preschool starting at 8:30 am

If you have not registered your child for kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year, please call 679-8018

May 24 Author Ralph Fletcher to visit.

Noted children's author and New Hampshire resident Ralph Fletcher will be at EES on May 24th to speak and demonstrate the craft of writing. His audience will include both students and teachers, with talks to students during the school day and a teacher's workshop after school. Fletcher is the author of *Moving Day*, *Twilight Comes Twice*, *Hello Harvest Moon* and *Spider Boy*. The school will host a potluck luncheon for the author who will be signing copies of his books.

May 28 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

May 30 Spring Concert for Grades 1, 3 & 5 and Advanced Band at 7:00 pm in the EMS Gym

May 31 Spring Concert for Grades 2 & 4 and Beginning Band at 7:00 pm in the EMS Gym

June 4 PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES art room. Free babysitting in the Library

June 8 Grade 3 Field Trip to SEE Science Center
PTO Carnival from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

June 12 Grade 2 Field Trip to Seacoast Science Center

Field Day for Grades 3, 4 & 5

June 13 Field Day for Grades 1 & 2

June 14 Grade 4 Field Trip to Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth

June 15 Grade 5 Field Trip to Charlestown Naval Yard, Super Duck tour and Bunker Hill Monument

June 18 Volunteer Appreciation Tea & Assembly from 1:30 to 2:00 pm in the multipurpose room

June 20 Awards Assembly

Grades 1 - 4 from 9:00 – 11:00 am

Grade 5 from 1:15 – 2:45 pm

June 20 Last Day of School for Students

Submitted by Cheryl A. MacLeay

Epping Middle School (EMS)

Pride Celebration – We recently held a Pride assembly for our Middle School Guiding Principles #1 and #2.

Guiding Principle #1 is “Respect and encourage the right to teach and the right to learn at all times.” Those receiving Certificates include: Konrad Hodgman from the Daredevils Team (Luongo); Keelin Berger from the Achilles Team (McGeough); Vy Tran from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (7); Cody Welch from the Captain America Team (8); and Lucas Albro from the Unified Arts Team.

Guiding Principle #2 is “Be actively engaged in learning; ask questions, collaborate, and seek solutions.” Those receiving Certificates include: Evelyn Carleton from the Daredevils Team (6); Rianna Greenwood from the Achilles Team (6); Aissa Zerguine from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Team; Sabrina Rivers from the Captain America Team (8); and Samantha Prince from the Unified Arts Team. Congratulations to all – you make us proud!

Nice Moves were also recognized at this Pride Celebration for those students who did “Nice Moves” for classmates, teachers or staff. Students are given tickets when they are observed doing

something special and names are randomly drawn from those tickets. Those students receiving free snack or free ice cream tickets include: Jesse Ellis, Maylee Gagnon, Cooper Garrow, Allison Grover, Autumn Lanseigne, Jacob Montalbano, Johnny Ngo, Ryan O’Day, and Ryan Shutts. Congratulations for jobs well done!

Also at the Pride Assembly the following students were given Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of valuable contributions to **Make A Wish**: Justin Bacon, Ryen Gallagher, Madisyn Jensen, Ashley MacLeod, Deanna McCullen, David Morasco and Brittany Sicard. Thank you all for your time and effort for this wonderful charity.

A Pride Celebration was also held recently for our guiding principles #3 and #4.

Guiding Principles #3 is “Be on time to fulfill your daily commitments.” Those receiving Certificates were: Kayla Melvin from the Daredevils Team (6), Kiley LaFond from the Achilles Team (6), Arian O’Loughlin from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Team (7), Ryen Gallagher from the Captain America Team (8) and Rachael Davidson from the Unified Arts Team.

Guiding Principle #4 is “Be appropriate; demonstrate behavior that is considerate of the community, the school, and yourself.” Those receiving Certificates were: Dawson Wilson from the Daredevils Team (6), Everett Brown, Jr. from the Achilles Team (6), A.J. Johnson from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Team (7), Bryce Pietrini from the Captain America Team (8), and Tyler Wall from the Unified Arts Team. Congratulations to all – you make us very proud!

More **Nice Moves** were also recognized at this Pride Celebration for those students who did “Nice Moves” for classmates, teachers or staff. Those students receiving free snack or free ice cream tickets include: Thomas Bullock, Erin Daley, Kristina Davidson, Brian Duguie, Madisyn Jensen, Morgan Lambert, Michael Langdon, Becky Milbury and Tyler Wilkins. Congratulations for jobs well done!

Youth and Government - Students participated in Youth and Government this spring. The following students received Certificates of Achievement: Zach Bickford, Tom Bullock, Emily Colban, Brendan DeMarais, Nicole Dollard, Emily Donovan, Nick Funai, Ryen Gallagher, Olivia Goodrich, Sophie Jordan, Eliza Kucera, Madeline

Marchisio, Deanna McCullen, Brenna Osood, Sabrina Patterson, Sophia Randall,

Daffodil Days - Ms. Weisberg has students from both the Middle and High School participating in Daffodil Days. The following students received Certificates for their valuable contributions to the American Cancer Society: Lisa Demaine, Ryen Gallagher, Parker Holt, Megan Illsley, Ashley Krenzer, Kayla LaRoche, Ashley MacLeod, Madeline Marchisio, Tara Martel, Breana Munroe, Mat Pefine, Chloe Pelletier, Hunter Quist, and Jill Venuti. Thank you all for your time and effort for this wonderful charity.

Epping Middle School Pride Honor Roll for Quarter 3 of the 2011 - 2012 School Year

Highest Honors in Learning

Evelyn Carleton, Maylee Gagnon, Konrad Hodgman and Katie Pelletier all from the Daredevils Team (6).

Highest Honors in Work Habits/Effort:

Riley Brissette, Evelyn Carleton, Maylee Gagnon, Konrad Hodgman, Parker Holt, Morgan Lambert, Victoria Maestas and Katie Pelletier from the Daredevils Team (6); Emily Donovan and Sophie Jordan from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Team (7); Madeline Marchisio, Chloe Pelletier and Alexa Wells from the Captain America Team (8).

Honors in Learning:

Jacob Bisailon, Riley Brissette, Emma Coolidge, Veronica Hackett, Grant Haley, Parker Holt, Morgan Lambert, Damien LoPresti, Victoria Maestas, Kayla Melvin, Rebecca Milbury, Samantha Prince, Alec Silva, Nghia Tran, Emerson Waning and Kayla Wells from the Daredevils Team (6); Lucas Albrow, Keelin Berger, Everett Brown, Jr., Stephanie DiFrancesco, Jesse Ellis, Rianna Greenwood, Jordan Place, Catriona Poulin, Aladia Ruiz and Caleb West from the Achilles Team (6); Madelyn Bentz, Caitryn Bushor, Emily Colban, Erin Daley, Nicole Dollard, Emily Donovan, Brian Duguie, Alexander Johnson, Sophie Jordan, Carson Lustenberger, Mark Marasca, Brandi McKay, Brenna Osgood, Sabrina Patterson, Matthew Pipitone, Sophia Randall, Garrett Snyder, and Caitlyn Walsh from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Team (7); Nicholas Arseneault, Hanna Chomas, Abby Dulin, Ryen Gallagher, Olivia Goodrich, Jessica Gosselin, Ashley Krenzer, Madeline Marchisio, Deanna McCullen, Breana

Munroe, Noelle Nee, Cameron Osgood, Chloe Pelletier, Bryce Pietrini, Sabrina Portes, Zyan Prestidge, Hunter Quist, Sabrina Rivers, Robert Walsh and Alexa Wells from the Captain America Team (8). Congratulations to all – you make us very proud!

Submitted by Sue Thompson

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Newsletter Schedule

Have we missed your group or event? Please let us know. Our purpose is to include as many Epping groups and events as possible.

The next issue (**July-August**) of this newsletter will be available **July 1, 2012**. We will accept **submissions through June 25, 2012**, to be included in the next issue. Please send your content with contact information for consideration to our website at: www.SpeakUpEpping.org or to bhelmstetter@comcast.net.


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Epping Calendar of Events for May 2012

Date	Event
May 2	Epping Garden Club meeting - 7 pm at the Library
May 3	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 3	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
May 5	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 5	Rockingham County Master Gardners Spring Garden Fair 10 - 2 Newmarket
May 7	EES PTO Meeting -7 pm in the EES Art Room
May 8	Friends of the Library - 7 pm
May 9	Eclectic Book Group at the Library -7 pm
May 9	Epping Seniors trip to Telephone Museum in Warner
May 9	Friends of Epping Recreation - 6:30 pm Watson Academy
May 9	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
May 10	5 th Grade parents' night at the Epping Middle School - 6:30 - 7:30 pm
May 10	"The Making of Strawberry Banke" by J. Dennis Robinson 7 pm at the Library
May 10	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 10	Epping Seniors meet at Watson Academy – 1 pm
May 11	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
May 11	Pajama Night at the Library - 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 "Celebrating Moms"
May 12	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 12	Epping Community Church Music Concert 7 - 9 pm
May 13	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast - 8 - 11 am
May 16	Dusty Ol' Mystery Book Group - 7 pm at the Library
May 16	Cub Scout Pack Meeting - 6:30 pm at the EMS Cafe
May 17	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 17	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
May 18	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting - 7:15 pm in Epping Town Hall
May 18	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
May 19	American Legion 50's Dance with "The Bel Airs"
May 19	Children's Spring Tea Party at the Library 11 am-1 pm "Dress-up" Please RSVP
May 19	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 19	Epping Community Church Dinner - 5 - 7 pm "Roast Turkey Dinner"
May 19 - 20	Cub Scout Family Campout weekend at Camp Carpenter
May 20	Lamprey River Family Fun Celebration at Mary Blair Park 1 - 4 pm
May 21	Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:15 pm
May 22	Epping Lions Club meeting - 6:30 pm at Checkers Barber Shop
May 23	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
May 16	Cub Scout Pack Meeting - 6:30 pm in EMS Cafe
May 23	EMS 8 th Grade trip to Washington, D.C. 4:00 am
May 24	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 26	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 28	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
May 28	Memorial Day Parade
May 30	Spring Concert for Grades 1, 3 & 5 and Advanced Band at 7 pm in EMS Gym
May 31	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
May 31	Spring Concert for Grades 2 & 4 and Beginning Band at 7 pm in EMS Gym

Epping Calendar of Events for June 2012

Date	Event
June 1	Epping Summer Farmers Markets begin weekly 3 - 6 pm
June 2	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
June 4	EES PTO Meeting - 7 pm in the EES Art Room
June 5	Epping High School Awards Night – 6 - 8 pm
June 5	Last day to change party registration before the September primary
June 7	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
June 7	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
June 7	EMS Concert
June 8	EMS 8 th Grade Dance
June 8	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
June 8	Pajama Night at the Library - 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 “The Secret World of Arrietty” G
June 9	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
June 10	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 8 - 11 am
June 12	EHS Senior Dinner 6 – 8 pm Please RSVP
June 12	Friends of the Library - 7 pm
June 13	Eclectic Book Group at the Library - 7 pm
June 13	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
June 13	Friends of Epping Recreation - 6:30 pm Watson Academy
June 14	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
June 14	Epping Seniors meet at Watson Academy - 1 pm
June 15	Epping High School Graduation 6 – 8 pm
June 15	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting - 7:15 pm in Epping Town Hall
June 15	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
June 16	American Legion Dance “Chippy and the Ya Yas”
June 16	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
June 18	EES Volunteer Appreciation Tea and Assembly
June 18	Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:15 pm
June 20	Dusty Ol’ Mystery Book Group - 7 pm at the Library
June 21	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
June 20	EES Awards Assembly
June 20	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
June 21	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
June 21	Epping Community Church Dinner - 5 - 7 pm “German Summer Fest”
June 21	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
June 23	8 th Annual Toy Drive at the Library
June 23	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
June 24	Library Summer Reading Program “Dream Big, Read” begins
June 25	DEADLINE DATE for the July-August issue of the Newsletter
June 26	Epping Lions Club meeting - 6:30 pm at Checkers
June 27	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
June 28	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
June 30	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an e-mail at speakupepping@gmail.com by **June 25, 2012**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.