



Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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About this Newsletter

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Also, check out our **Facebook** page! Join us for more late-breaking news and events that did not make our Newsletter deadline.

To our readers:

Because we're all staying close to home in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not been told of any regular meetings or events scheduled in January and February and so there is no calendar in this issue. We hope that there will soon again be meetings and events to post in a calendar. We do have some information to pass on in this smaller than usual issue.

In the meantime, we can post other events or announcements on our website, our Facebook page and can send information out to our mailing list.

Our thoughts are with all of you. Please take good care and stay safe.

Senior Moments

The sign on our door reads "Out to Lunch," but disregard it. It's the only sign we have. "Out to Lunch" has been the highlight of our endeavors and is still our aspiration once the VIRUS is GONE. Do not worry, we seniors are faithful to our safety and our nagging children, so it'll be cold lunch at home.

We are the fortunate ones though. Staying home is what we do best. Traveling to other places is in our "Did That" Journal. Now we have time to find new things, such as the "Facetime" button on our phones. It's weird and fun at the same time but back on goes the makeup. Zoom is even better (which means back on go the pants). Our tip: when on Zoom, make sure the lighting is good, otherwise it'll add a few years and who can afford them?

We've found a few pluses during this time and a big one is saving money – no expensive dinners for the family, no lunches out and no Mall shopping. That means going into therapy though. It's called "Retail Therapy" and it really works. In my case, the Amazon truck drove into our driveway right behind the UPS truck. Better than chocolate!

We oldies can relate to another hardship - when we had to live with food rations, observe nightly 9 pm curfew (everyone), pulled down the blackout shades and waited and waited. This was during World War II. The fear was different, but maybe not.

Club plans and ideas are stuffed in the top desk drawer just waiting. Speakers from UNH and the State House are in that drawer. One favorite that sits on the top of the pile is former NH Chief Justice John Broderick, Jr. Another captivating discovery is a collection of Old Buttons. Now most of us ladies have lots of old buttons. Maybe there is a treasure in Mom's old box after all.

We lost our own treasure a short time ago. Our Vice President, Barbara Sherwood, passed away at the age of 93. Quite a lifetime and quite a lady. We all wish we had known her when she was a young

woman. Such a firecracker now, must have been an entire arsenal back then. She remains our inspiration and although the vacant position of Vice President may be filled, her special place in our hearts never will be.

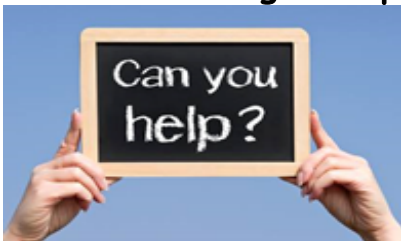
Another one of our members passed away in 2020 and will be greatly missed. Neoella Proulx was a sweet quiet lady. She was one of five sisters – now there are four.

The light is getting brighter at the end of that COVID-19 tunnel, but we walk so slow others might get there before us. But when you do, move over, we whiteheads have reserved spots at the front of the line.

Hang your new calendars and get ready for a very Happy, Safe and Exciting 2021!!!

Irene R. Cote, Secretary

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Epping



Our program would like to thank all of the residents and businesses who helped us provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals this holiday season! We provided dinners to 12 families who rely on our program. We helped feed the 25 children in our community throughout Christmas vacation in addition to running our regular program every weekend. Our program's biggest needs continue to be pasta, mayo, canned goods and crackers. Our drop off location is at Erica's Garden. We are so grateful for all the support our community continues to give, without it we would not be able to continue to feed the children in need within our community.

News from the Town

There is now a NEW Website for reviewing Epping meetings online: etv22.viebit.com.

THE EPPING TOWN HALL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!

When Hall is open again:

Town Hall Closed

January 1st – New Year's Day

January 18th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 15th – Presidents' Day

Town dates

January 13th – Public Budget Hearing

January 20-29 – Filing for Town offices

February 2 – Town Deliberative Session

February 4 – School Deliberative Session

Coming Town date

March 9th – Town Elections

Cell Phones for 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 so they can call home, providing 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.

The Pease Greeters Need Our Help!

The Pease Greeters, hundreds of volunteers, meet our Armed Forces any time of day or night, as they pass through Pease International Airport on their way to a war zone or on their way home. For more than eleven years, Greeters have welcomed service members on every flight with a warm meal and beverage, small gifts, a cell phone to call home and a hearty round of applause. And for that we give the Greeters our warmest and most sincere thanks.

They also send Christmas stockings to our Troops overseas. The Pease Greeters care package team recently completed the momentous task of stuffing 2,480 Christmas stockings with goodie bags and holiday cards to send to active military overseas.

Throughout the year, the Greeters seek donations of toiletries, individually packed food items and "fun stuff" like small toys. There are donation sites throughout Portsmouth, Dover, Hampton, Greenland and Concord. Please contact peasegreetercarepackages@gmail.com for further information about the care package program.

The Pease Greeters began welcoming flights in 2005 and a few months ago reached the milestone of having welcomed 1000 flights. Recently, the number of flights through Pease has increased and the Pease Greeters are in need of **monetary help**. We need to support our service men and women any way we can. If you can give any amount, please make a check payable to Pease Greeters and send or drop it off to Joyce at the Town Hall.

To learn more about the Pease Greeters, sign up for flight alerts or to make a contribution, visit www.peasegreeters.org.



Epping Lions Club

"We Serve"

We Want YOU to Join the Epping Lions Club

<https://www.facebook.com/EppingsLionsClub>

Due to COVID-19, the Epping Lions still have not met as a group. We have continued to assist applicants in need, via email assistance. Otherwise, it's been a very quiet year – there is no news to report.

Deb Brooks, President

lexusreina@comcast.net

Cheryl Denoncour, Treasurer

cdenoncour@gmail.com

Colleen Palmer, Secretary

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Epping Historical Society

This has been a year that we will always remember! We had such hopes and plans for 2020, but all has been put on hold for next year. We have been open, following the guidelines of the Town Offices. I have been there every Monday, but the flag was not flying. As soon as the Town Hall opened, we were officially open again. At all times, we did welcome visitors, and had several over the spring. We sure missed our regular visitors from California, Texas and Florida. Hope they are well and can pay us a visit next summer. We welcome visitors; call for an appointment and I will do my best to accommodate you. I love to hear from families that have their roots in Epping.

Our regular volunteers had to put their time spent at the Society on hold, for personal and also health reasons. Two of the gang were here all summer, but at the present time we are down to one volunteer.

I hope you noticed we have had our building painted! We had to schedule the painting in two parts, due to the money crunch. Did you notice we had new bunting on the building from Memorial Day to early fall? It was a bright spot in the Village Square all summer. Also, we had flowers planted along the side of the building, making it blend with the rest of the park.

Many years ago, we were fortunate enough to receive several years' worth of newspaper clippings, for the years covering 1969 to 1979. These are in three-ring binders, each page has several news clippings attached. So, for temporary protection, we have enclosed each paper in an archival sleeve, so

the newsprint will not fade and disappear. This should preserve the papers for many years. Best part is, we are reliving our part in the town. (Was I ever that young?) The political elements are the same, some things never change. It is such fun to live in a small town!

We are always looking for stories, pictures and other memorabilia relating to the families in Epping. If you have anything you would like to share, please call. We still have not found a picture of the A & P building (our Historical society) and we would love to have that photo!

We are looking forward to the Spring and hoping to get back on a regular schedule. We have several programs in the works, but we have to wait until it is safe for meetings. One program to look forward to is: The history of the Catholic Church in NH and the part Epping played in its history.

To call for an appointment, call 679-2944; the phone number is available 7 days a week.

Submitted by Joy True, curator, Epping Historical Society
joysgarden@hotmail.com

Spirits Rap in Epping at Christmastime

About 130 years ago, New England was a regular hotbed of Spiritual activity and a catchy little ditty called "Spirit Rappings" was all the rage. It was often sung at those gatherings held for contacting folks "from the other side" which many believed not only possible, but a proven fact. These gatherings, called séances, were held in private homes year round and at well attended Spiritualist camp meetings in warm weather. New Hampshire had two of these camps. One of them began meeting at Lake Sunapee in 1887. Some others were Camp Etna, Camp Madison and Temple Heights in Maine, and Onset Bay Grove and Lake Pleasant in Massachusetts. Although the Spiritualist Movement faded in New England in the early 1900's, several of these camps still seem to be going strong.

Meanwhile, back here in Epping, John F. Gear, a soldier who had survived the Civil War, was described by the Exeter News-Letter newspaper as "the gentleman most active and industrious in spiritual work in Epping as well as being a man of property" (he owned a fish market by the Lamprey River).

Mr. Gear and other Believers seemed to like especially to gather together around at Christmastime. As suggested by the visit from The Ghost of Christmas Past in the Dickens novel and by

the familiar words of "Old Lang Syne," about the love and friendship of times past, that was when it was often thought best to invite departed friends and family to drop by.

So in 1883, close to this time of year, the News-Letter reported that a two day session of Spiritualists had taken place in Epping and also detailed a notable séance that had been held at "Mr. Brown's mansion house located near the center of town." Mr. Gear may well have been in attendance as we learn that "seated around Mr. Brown's table were fifteen of Epping's most worthy and intelligent persons." The séance was conducted by the famed Helen C. Berry, one of two sisters from Boston, both of them Mediums. She was described as a pretty young woman who had been engaged to a man who died shortly before their wedding. However, his Spirit, who she called Charley, was kept busy as the main helper at her séances, although reportedly he never showed himself to anyone.

Helen and Charley must have conducted one pretty intense session here in Epping, as it was reported that "messages were written from friends in the invisible world, hands warmly shaken, and a 225 pound "Doubting Thomas" found himself pulled up from his chair, the chair put on top of the table, and he himself laid out full length on it." Surely all this erased whatever doubts he may have had and he became a true believer forevermore.

Knock, knock. Who's there?

This was an article previously published in the Newsletter.

Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson

The Civil War Roundtable of NH.



*NH graves at Soldiers' Cemetery in Gettysburg
(Photo by Bill Hallett)*

The CWRT of NH meetings of January and February 2021 are CANCELED! We hope to resume meetings in March 2021.

For information on the Roundtable and a complete schedule of meetings and news, please visit the web site: www.cwrt-nh.org or email cwrtnh@gmail.com.

This is the upcoming CWRT-NH schedule:

Note: The schedule is subject to change without notice. You can access the CWRT-NH website for the current schedule. If a meeting is cancelled, a notice will be put on ETV.

January 15, 2021 – Robert Hodgman, pres. CWRTNH – "Rutherford B. Hayes and the 23rd Regt Ohio Vol. Inf." To Be Re-scheduled

February 19, 2021 – Elizabeth Hallett – "Sacred to the Memory: Mourning Customs of the Civil War Era." To Be Re-scheduled

March 12, 2021 (*note: this is 2nd Friday*) – Historian Edward Achorn – "Every Drop of Blood: Hatred & Healing at Lincoln's Second Inauguration." (book)

April 16, 2021 – Scott Mingus – "Cumberland Valley Railroad & the Civil War." (book)

*****May 14, 2021** (*note: this is 2nd Friday*) – (Tentatively) Christopher Gwinn, Ranger from Gettysburg National Military Park – "Memories of Battle: Union & Confederate Veterans Remember Culp's Hill." & the **30th Anniversary of the CWRT of New Hampshire******

June 18, 2021 – Carleton Young (author) – "Voices from the Attic." (re-scheduled visit)

July & August 2021 – NO MEETING – summer break.

Nature Talks

One of the highest priority items on each monthly agenda of the Conservation Commission is reviewing applications for wetland and buffer impacts. This year nine applications were reviewed, two of which required multiple meetings. Signs were also a high priority. There is now a park sign at Miriam Jackson Park on the corner of Mill and Pleasant Streets. Additionally, five Pack-Out-Your-Trash signs were installed; one each at Robert Friend Low Park, Hoar Pond and Folsom Conservation Area; and two at Fox Run Park. At least 10 signs identifying ownership of an easement parcel just inside the property line were posted. Next year, expect the following signs to appear: one

memorializing Miriam Jackson, a rehabilitated Fox Run Park sign and 12 new markers for the Historic trail at Mary Blair Park.



Barbara Willis joined the commission in December and, with her outstanding qualifications, she stepped up as our Pollinator Pathways liaison. Once the pandemic recedes, she will implement her plans for community outreach and education. If you want to help the pollinators, consider leaving old stems and leaves in your gardens as habitat support during the winter.

Not surprisingly, trails were popular this year as folks got outside and escaped from their screens. The fifth and final trail at Folsom Conservation Area was completed and is well used by mountain bikers.



Final Folsom Trail completed

More than three properties were monitored this year, checking for signs of illegal dumping, trash, fallen trees and bridges needing repair. The winning photo for this year's contest, Lady Slippers by Ross Clark, will appear on the cover of this year's annual report.

In 2021, expect your Conservation Commission to offer workdays to help build/maintain trails. We're always looking for volunteers, so if you're interested in supporting conservation efforts, please join us as we work to keep these properties in great shape for everyone to use and enjoy. Drop us a line at EppingOutdoors@gmail.com or check out our website, EppingOutdoors.com, for more information.

Submitted by Sandy Goodspeed

Be Ready for Bears - Even in Winter

New Hampshire's black bears are slowly beginning their denning process. It's been delayed this year because temperatures have been mild and there are lots of natural foods available. People who enjoy feeding the birds should be ready to take down their feeders quickly if there are any signs of bear

activity. They need to leave them down until there's no sign of bears and temperatures are consistently very cold. The officially recognized bird feeding season is December 1st to March 31st, so putting feeders out later than the official December 1st start date this year will protect both the bears and your bird feeders. Bears will come back in the spring to feeding sites they discovered in the fall. Also, to keep bears away, it's important to make sure dumpsters and garbage cans are secure and grills, pet food and animal feed are kept indoors. Never deliberately feed bears as this will affect their wild behavior and make it harder for them to survive.

If you have bear-related questions, call toll-free for advice at 1-888-749-2327 (1-888-SHY-BEAR). This number is coordinated jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the NH Fish and Game Department.

UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry and Wildlife Program

The NH State Forest Nursery 2021 catalog is now available! Their seedlings are well adapted to NH climate and are free of disease and insect pests! Seedlings from the nursery can be used for wildlife food and cover, erosion control, reforestation, and much more! <https://www.nh.gov/nhnursery/>

Epping Garden Club



We would like to thank all of you who supported our small group by shopping our fundraisers in 2020. It is our hope 2021 will be a healthier year for all of us.

Our first fundraiser of the new year will be our very popular Pansy Bowls. Last year the prices were one bowl for \$15; two Bowls for \$25. We will soon have this year's prices from our grower. Follow us on Facebook for more details as the time gets closer. For more information, please call 300-0064.

Everyone please stay safe during the holidays. Thanks Again!

Submitted by Eunice Miller



ETV Schedule

Please consult the ETV Bulletin Board, Channel 22 or the Town website for changes, updates or announcements.

When meetings resume, please note the new website for ETV: etv22.viebit.com. This is where you will find past meetings. You will also find live video streaming.

The ETV email remains the same: eppingtv22@gmail.com.



Scouting Around Epping

All regular activities in Cub Scout Pack 136 and Boy Scout Troop 136 are canceled until further notice.

The Troop 136 Scouts don't have any special events coming up in January and February at this time.



Epping Fire Department

Hello to my Speak Up, Epping readers!

Fire Prevention and Winter Safety Tips

In this issue, we will discuss safety tips for winter and what's coming into town for the New Year. Cases of COVID-19 are still rising in town and the Fire Department has been testing its members on a weekly basis. We hope the light is at the end of the tunnel with a vaccine in place. It will take time to get back to normal. We will get through this and be more resilient because of it.

Winter Safety Tips

We are finally out of the extreme drought in town and have had significant rain and snow to bring our water table back to normal. It was interesting driving around town and seeing how low some small ponds and wet areas were. I was happy to see the ponds refilled, especially our dry hydrants around town.

Last year in New Hampshire was one of the deadliest in recent years for house fires. Many victims died because there weren't any working smoke detectors in the house or apartment. Landlords, you are required to have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in each apartment or condo. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors should be integrated which means that

they should be connected and work together within all floors and bedrooms of your house. You can get these detectors at your local home improvement stores.

One way to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning is to make sure all heating vents are clear from ice and snow. Never run power equipment such as generators in the house or garage. Generator exhaust should be pointed away from the residence and the generator should be 8 to 10 feet away from the house. Make sure your heating system is maintained and running efficiently, checked by a licensed technician. Never start or run your vehicle in the garage when the doors are closed. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, nausea, dizziness and fainting or unconsciousness. Get out immediately and call 911 if this occurs!

Woodstoves and Fireplaces.

Woodstoves and fireplaces should be cleaned out every year, including cleaning the chimney. Having a fence around the woodstove helps keep young children and pets from getting burned and injured. Never place ashes in a box or paper bag and never store the ashes on any porch or shed. The best place for ashes is in your garden or in a snowbank. We inspect woodstoves and fireplaces as well. Call for an inspection today at no charge. This ensures the woodstove or fireplace, gas or natural, has been properly installed by a professional.

Access and Your Property.

Make sure the Fire Department can find your residence or business in all weather. Have the street number on both sides of the mailbox and house. Clear away and keep driveways plowed and open from snow and other debris so we can get an ambulance or fire truck near your house. Addresses can be hard to see in the dark hours of the night. Having reflective numbers can help with this. When removing snow around your driveway, help us out by cleaning up around a hydrant close to your property. The Fire Department tries to keep all of our hydrants maintained and cleaned out in case we need to use them. Keeping them cleared buys us time during an emergency.

Lakes and Ponds.

Epping has the Lamprey River and several ponds from both the small farms and old brickyards in town. Before getting on the ice, make sure it is thick

enough to go on. The ice needs to be 4 to 6 inches thick in order to be safe to fish on and over a foot thick for snowmobiles and bob houses. Stay off rivers and open areas of water where the ice can be thin. If you see someone in distress, call 911 and stay where you are so rescuers can help locate and rescue the person. Never try to go get a pet or rescue a person. It doesn't take much for a small gesture to be a fatal mistake. Call 911. We will go try to get your furry friend.

Developments.

The town is growing quickly with many new buildings, apartments and small housing developments. Bluebird storage is building another 3-story building on Route 125, next to the other building. Sig Sauer is planning on building two facilities to help cut down on the noise from their property. An auto parts store will be built on 125, close to the Shell gas station. An Old Navy store is being built at Brickyard Square.

Two apartment buildings are being built on Ladds Lane. Ventura Pastures is updating their property with apartments as well. Housing developments continue to be built in town. The Orchards on Prescott road has the last two cul-de-sacs being built.

Two developments will be going in on Pleasant Street. One development is across from Ledgewood Drive and is already approved for 12 houses. The other development on Pleasant Street will have 80 plus duplexes when finished. Construction hasn't started on this yet. Railroad Avenue is also set to have two small developments with duplexes. Last but not least, a 55 and Older Community will be built off Fogg Road with approximately 90 residents. Some of these are duplexes as well.

All this development increases the need for more emergency personnel and equipment. Whatever the town brings in, be sure to know that the Fire Department is trained in many different certification skill levels and can handle anything that we're dispatched for!

Burn Permits.

Burn permits are required unless the area is covered with adequate snow cover. Brush piles should still be 50 feet away from any building and only natural wood. Make sure to have a hose ready to use nearby. Pressure treated or painted wood, trash, leaves and tires CANNOT be burned. You can

always obtain a permit by going online at www.nhfirepermit.com.

In Closing.

Please be safe during the winter by keeping your vents and driveways clear, heating systems maintained, Smoke and CO detectors working on each floor and bedroom. Social distance and wear a mask in public. Together we can beat this and get back to normal soon!

Happy New Year from your friends at the Epping Fire Department. Know that we are here for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Paul St Cyr

Fire Prevention Officer and 9-11 Liaison.

Epping Explorer Posts

Epping Fire Department Explorer Post 136

Explorer Post 136, chartered to the Epping Fire Department, held no December meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hope is to be back to regular meetings by January 5, 2021. For further information Contact Cliff Cray 396-9436.

On November 28th and 29th, the Epping and Brentwood Fireman's Associations held the annual Stuff the Bus Toy Drive at the Epping Walmart. Thanks to the generosity of the shoppers from everywhere, we collected great amounts of toys, cash and gift cards.

Children of Epping and Brentwood will be pleasantly surprised when Santa Claus leaves their homes on Christmas morning. Thanks to all the Firefighters and Explorers that assisted with this drive. A special thank you to Walmart school bus driver Robin VanAmburgh, and First Student Bus Company for all their help.

Friends of the Epping Fire and Brick Museum

COVID-19 has held us back as we could not work through the summer. Spring 2021 will bring new energy as we finish the floors and interior windows and then open the doors for Memorial Day. We have submitted a warrant article for \$5. Volunteers and donors needed. For information, call Captain Cray at 396-9436 or call the Historical Society. I also have museum T shirts for sale.

Submitted by Cliff Cray

American Legion News

Monthly Breakfast Buffets

Monthly Second Sunday Buffets are canceled until further notice.

Epping Community Church

Happy New Year to all!

The past year has been a challenge! We continue to pray for our townspeople, as well as our country and world.

We will continue to offer only online church services because of COVID-19. You can find the Sunday services either on Facebook or on YouTube-Epping Community Church. If you are in need of help or need to speak with Reverend Leonard, you can call the church at 679-5542 and leave a message.

We served over 75 meals at Thanksgiving that were either picked up or delivered. We are grateful to our community for helping us to serve others through our Food Pantry program. Epping Community Care Inc. was able to help many people on a weekly basis, as well as extras for the holidays. We received so many wonderful donations this year. We are extremely thankful!

The Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 8-10 am. You can come and take a bag and any other items that are available. If you need help...come and we'll help you. We also have warm coats and outerwear that have been donated.

Meals on Wheels continues to deliver out of the church. If you know a senior who is in need of a delivered meal call 679-1609 and leave a message.

Stay safe...stay healthy and God bless you all!

St. Joseph Catholic Church

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)
Epping, NH 03042
Office telephone: 679-8805

Our new mass schedule is:

Monday through Thursday 7:30 am

Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 8 am and 10 am

All masses with limited capacity and masks are required.

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



Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

There aren't any events planned for the new year yet. With COVID-19 numbers increasing, we may return to pick-up only. We just have to get through the winter! I'm already thinking of summer events.

Submitted by Michelle Hogan

The Library is open for appointments and curbside pick-up!!!

To set up an appointment to visit the library, please call us at 734-4587. Patrons are able to browse, check out materials and use our services (copy, fax, etc.) for 30 minutes. We also have appointments for computer use and study rooms that will last an hour. A mask or appropriate face covering is REQUIRED to enter the building. Patrons will also be required to pass a health screening consisting of a temperature reading and short questionnaire (similar to Town Hall) before entering the library. Appointments are for patrons thirteen years of age and older for the time being. We will continue to provide curbside pickup service as well (details below). Our hours for appointments and curbside pickup are as follows:

Monday	12-5 pm
Tuesday	12-7 pm
Wednesday	12-5 pm
Thursday	3-7 pm
Friday	12-5 pm
Saturday	10-2 pm

Curbside pick-up:

To make a request for library books and DVD's simply call us at 734-4587 or email us at eppinglibraryrequest@gmail.com and include your name and which title(s) you would like. We'll get back to you within the next day or two to tell you when you can pick up your materials. Please first visit our catalogue online to confirm the materials you're looking for are available: https://harveymitchell.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas06_2800519.

To return them: Simply place your items in the drop box outside the library, as usual. When we collect the materials, we will quarantine and clean them before redistributing. **Expect that the turnaround time on new arrivals and other popular**

materials may be longer than usual because of this process.

Friends of the Library

There are still some \$100 donation bricks available for the Friends of the Library Engraved Brick fundraiser. These will be used to fill the old doorway at the back of the building. You can have a brick engraved with your name or that of a family member or friend. You can also still get bricks for a \$50 donation, which will be used for paving the patio seating area in the front of the Library. Please go to the Library's website (eppinglibrary.com) for more details and order forms.

The south wall of the Library's Community Room now has bookshelves for the Friends' ongoing book sale. When you come in for curbside pickup, check out the selection of adult and children's books as well as some DVDs. There is no set price for the items--just leave your donation in the jar.

The Friends of the Library meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. For the foreseeable future, these meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. Please contact the Library if you would like to receive an invitation to join us on Zoom.

Submitted by Pat VanWagoner

Live-stream Shows at the Rep

Seacoast Repertory Theatre is pleased to announce the following upcoming live-stream shows.

Stokely & Martin and Nevaeh's Brother – January 29-March 21

The Fantastiks – February 12-March 27

Godspell – April 16-May 30

Pippin – June 11-July 17

Jekyll & Hyde – September 17-November 6

Peter Pan – November 19-December 22

The Little Prince – December 19-30

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.seacoastrep.org or call 603-433-4472.

Epping Parks & Recreation

Home of the "River Otters"

Director: Nicole Bizzaro

Recreation Dept. Main Phone Number: 609-3006

or email at eppingrecreation@gmail.com.

Address:

17 Academy Street

Epping, NH 03042

Mailing address:

157 Main Street

Epping, NH 03042

The last we heard, the Recreation Department is closed to the public until further notice. You may email eppingrecreation@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding food assistance during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Nicole Bizzaro, the Director can also be reached by phone at 608-9487.

If you have any programming questions you can contact Marlee, the Assistant Director at eppingrecprograms@gmail.com.

There will be no activities at the Recreation Department until further notice.

Families First

support for families...health care for all

Here is the

link <https://www.familiesfirstseacoast.org/family-programs/parenting-classes-family-groups/> to our Family Center page. It outlines the different kinds of Virtual support we are offering at Families First, and the text is below. We have online parent and grandparent support groups open to all.

Here is the link to the online calendar https://www.familiesfirstseacoast.org/calander/?tribe-bar-date=&tribe_eventcategory=49,37,48,38 with Zoom meeting links for those groups.

The groups have been small so far but are really fun and a great way to connect with other parents. Hopefully more people will find them.

Epping Students in the News

Congratulations to the following students:

Graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in May 2020

Colin Carlson

Graduated from St. Lawrence University with a Bachelor's degree in May 2020

Marley Jordan

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences announces the Dean's List for the summer 2020 semester

Scott Wells



December 24th through January 1st
NO SCHOOL- HOLIDAY RECESS

Epping Elementary School (EES)

We're all adapting to this "new normal", but it definitely isn't easy. We don't have much happening at Epping Elementary right now and are hoping that we can start some of our programs in the New Year. We'll have to wait and see.

The only thing we have scheduled now is our **annual Child Find Clinic on January 15th**.

Submitted by Cheryl MacLeay

Email Address Changed?

If your email address has changed, please notify Barbara Helmstetter at: bhelmstetter@comcast.net.

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 (**March-April 2021**) of this newsletter will be available **on March 1, 2021**. We will accept **submissions through February 23, 2021**, to be included in the next issue. Please send your content with contact information for consideration to bhelmstetter@comcast.net.

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an email at bhelmstetter@comcast.net by **February 23, 2021**. Please include date, event name, location and time.

Thanks for reading!

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