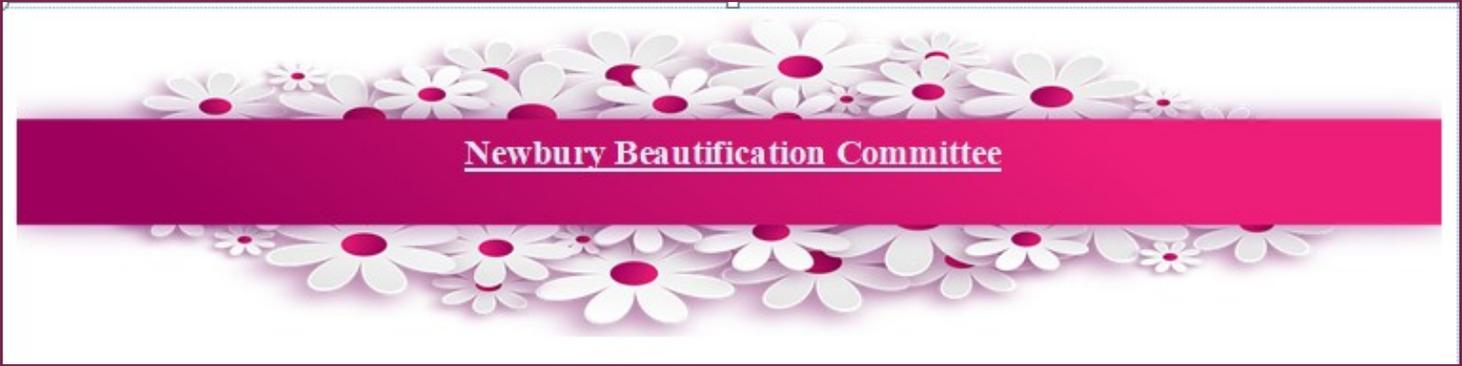


The Newbury Times



Newbury Beautification Committee

Rumor has it Spring is on its way. March is the month of expectation, and soon you can expect the town to once again be adorned with beautifully blooming hanging baskets, barrels, and window boxes filled with colorful plantings. We are so fortunate to have such talented members. Planning for the summer plantings begins in the fall, choosing color schemes and varieties of plants and flowers for all to enjoy. The work of the NBC members continues throughout the year to help make our town worthy of the many compliments we receive. NBC strives to live up to its mission statement, “to aid the town in the beautification of the community while supporting endeavors that will enrich family life and promote and strengthen community pride.”

Our wreath sale has been a yearly event for our community since 2007 with a Christmas Boutique and mouthwatering refreshments. We want to thank everyone for their continued support. The 2023 sale was a huge success. We had many new visitors this past year who promised to return. It’s a lot of work starting in September with ordering and with workshops but so gratifying to see so many people leave with a smile on their face and a beautifully decorated wreath. It truly is an event! The proceeds fund the greening of the Town. We encourage folks to pre-order their wreaths to ensure that they can have the size they need.

Our first event of the year is our annual Ham and Bean supper prior to the Town meeting on March 13. The original idea was for a covered dish supper but that was quickly changed to a ham and bean supper with residents supplying salads and desserts. We now ask residents to donate just a dessert. We hope all will come and bring their appetites. Dinner starts at 6:00 and this year it will be on the first floor of the Spruce Lodge, as will Town meeting. No stairs to climb! We are excited that the new deli in town, Newbury Deli, will be supplying the ham.

On March 24 NBC will be co-sponsoring with the Library a presentation on Growing a Pollinator Garden at the Vets Hall at 1:00pm. The speaker will be a member of the UNH Master Gardeners.

The Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2024 \$500 N.B.C. Scholarship Award. Applications are available at KRHS, Mount Royal Academy, and Newbury Town Library. Applicants must be a high school senior, in the district or other, a resident of Newbury, and continuing their education after high school. The recipient’s name will also be added to the plaque in the Library of all scholarship awardees to date. Applications are due by April 30 via mail or email. Please email Bonnie at tgutchi@aol.com.

Every year NBC provides the funds for museum passes which are available at the Library. The museums selected are Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, the McAuliffe Shepard Museum in Concord and VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) in Quechee, VINS being the most popular. If you haven’t been, the canopy walk at VINS is spectacular!

Each year NBC hosts a plant fundraiser, the proceeds from the NBC Annual Plant Order finance the cost of the Newbury and South Newbury flowers and hanging baskets. In Spring the Garden Captains and their crews will get all the barrels, hanging baskets and window boxes planted and installed around Town. They will provide a colorful show of flowers all summer and into autumn. Along with all those plantings, comes the job of daily watering with our watering cart. Don’t forget to watch for our early morning watering teams and give them a high five.

Newbury Beautification Committee Continued

Warm and sunny days are ahead in April, the first full month of the Spring season, and our gardens are calling. Time to think about our 4th annual Garden Awards. Selection of the winning gardens will take place at the end of July and the winners will have bragging rights through the month of August with an award plaque in their yards. No garden too small. Flower gardens, vegetable gardens, rock gardens, water gardens, all are potential winners.

How do gardens grow? With a hoe, hoe, hoe!

Happy Anniversary to NBC! The Newbury Beautification Committee was formed in January 2004 by a group of 11 women who wanted to improve our Town by adding planting areas at various locations. How far we have come! Our founding members were Jacqueline Donovan, Lois Flanders, Bonnie Guterl, Charlene Harris, Anne Holmes, Anne McNamara, Diane Morris, Joy Nowell, Betsy Soper, Liz Tantarelli, and Sally Wollensak.

Thinking of joining NBC? We meet the first Wednesday of every month starting in April and you are welcome to attend and speak with some of our current members. Sharon Stockel is our Membership Chair and she can be reached at s54theo@gmail.com.

Susan Bedard

Newbury Energy Committee



The Newbury Energy Committee has had a busy few months. We have focused our efforts on getting the word out about Community Power and getting feedback from residents. We presented updates to the Selectboard in September, November, and January. We held two public hearings in October, and an information session at the Fire Station in January and at Vets Hall in February.

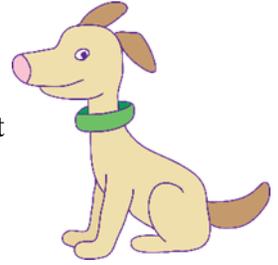
On November 16th, The Selectboard approved the Newbury Community Power Plan and sent it to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The Plan was approved by the PUC on December 22nd.

If Community Power is approved at the March 13th Town Meeting, then the Energy Committee will continue to advise the Selectboard and residents about next steps. We will schedule another information session and arrange for notification for all Eversource customers.

The goal of Community Power is to give Newbury residents more flexibility in choosing their energy provider in addition to saving money over Eversource's rates. Informational flyers are available at Town Hall, The Library, and on our website, Newburyenergynh.org.

Newbury Energy is continuing to track New Hampshire Department of Energy's energy incentives for residences, businesses, and municipalities as well as non-profits. Many programs are just starting and more will follow. For more information, go to <https://www.energy.nh.gov/funding-opportunities>.

Town Clerks Office



Dog License:

Just a friendly reminder that dog registrations are due by April 30th. Renewals can be done at the Town Office or online, as long as your dog's rabies vaccination is current.



Voting:

Please verify your political party by June 4, 2024 for the State Primary, which will be held on September 10, 2024. This can be done by visiting the NH Secretary of States Office website at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/viphome> or by checking the voter checklist book located in the lobby of the Town Office.

Library Happenings

We have a new book club meeting at the library starting on Sunday March 10th at 3pm- *A Court of Pages!* The club, created and run by our volunteer Emelia, discusses a variety of romantic fantasy (or "romantasy") titles. We will be kicking off with a popular bestseller: *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros and copies will be available at the library, or bring your own if you have a copy!

Join us on Sunday March 24 @ 1:00 pm at the Vets Hall for "***Growing a Pollinator Garden.***" Insects such as bees and butterflies are helpful, and in some cases, essential, in pollinating many of our food crops such as apples, berries, and vegetables. In recent years, there has been a significant decline in the populations of these wild pollinators. Planting patches of flowers, wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and flowering trees with an emphasis on the use of native plants can encourage and support natural pollinators as well as enhance backyard landscapes. Recommendations will be presented on creating a pollinator habitat in your yard. A joint program from the Newbury Public Library and the Newbury Beautification Committee. Call the Newbury Public Library at (603)763-5803 for more information. Presented by the UNH Extension Master Gardeners Speaker Bureau.

On Sunday March 25 @ 7:00 pm, join us online for the Zoom program "***Ethical Aspects of Converging and Emerging Technologies: Some New Challenges in an Era of AI Chatbots.***" Information technology, biotechnology, and nanotechnology have converged in ways that were not easily anticipated. As a result, new fields of applied ethics, such as digital ethics and AI ethics, have also emerged in response to the cluster of ethical problems generated by recent technologies. Herman Tavani examines a range of ethical issues – from privacy and autonomy to trust and dependency. He also considers the question: What does it mean to be human in an age of AI and Chatbots? Email director@newburynhlibrary.net to register and get the Zoom link or register through our website.

We have two poetry events planned for Poetry Month in April: a Poetry Reception for the John Hay Literary Society's Annual Poetry Contest on Friday April 5th at 5pm at the Newbury Town Offices, with guest judge Ewa Chrusciel, and a Poetry Reading the following Monday April 8th at 7pm at the Newbury Vets Hall with Chrusciel. Ewa Chrusciel is a poet, translator, and professor at Colby Sawyer. She has four books of poems in English, as well as three books in Polish. Her book *Contraband of Hoopoe* was translated into Italian by Anna Aresi and came out in Italy with Edizioni Ensemble in May 2019.

The Library has a limited number of eclipse glasses for distribution, ahead of the total solar eclipse, that will be visible this April 8th 2024 in New Hampshire. We will be giving out one pair of glasses per family, while supplies last. You can also join us on April 8th, when the eclipse begins at 2:16-4:38pm (the total eclipse starts at 3:27pm) at the library for an Eclipse viewing party, or view on your own! And reminder, NEVER stare directly at the eclipse. Make sure you are protecting your eyes by using certified eclipse glasses or a safe solar filter! For safe viewing information, see this page here: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/safety/>

Lea McBain

Family Services

The state of a number of Newbury residents is becoming dire. We all have become aware of the increase in electricity, fuel, and especially food. There is something that all residents of Newbury can do to make sure everyone in Newbury has enough food for their families.

A small Newbury Food Pantry is currently housed in the Friendship House of the South Newbury Union Church. After the completion of the Friendship House renovation, the space for the pantry will greatly increase in size. Thanks to the generosity of the Newbury residents, hopefully this will be completed soon.

For now, all efforts are to increase the stock to make a difference in Newbury.

Please....Donate.....Donate.....Donate

If you cannot donate items, please send a check to the: South Newbury Union Church, PO Box 37 Newbury NH 03255. Please specify the food pantry on the memo line.

Spaghetti-O's - Baked Beans - Canned Tuna/Chicken - Mac and Cheese - Coffee - White Rice - Deodorant Soap

Canned Fruit - Pet Food - Pudding Mix - Baby Wipes - Sugar - Flour - Cat Litter - Dried Milk - Fruit Juice

For a full list of items needed please see the list posted at the Town Office.

*Thank you for your support,
Gail*

Fire Department News

New EMT's:

The Newbury Fire Department wants to congratulate Benjamin Wachsmuth and Alyssa Merrill who have completed their training and have been licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

Special Electrical Equipment:

Solar panels, vehicle charging stations, battery walls and other electrical equipment being installed at your home require a permit from the Newbury Code Enforcement Office and inspections by code enforcement and the fire department. If your contractor is from out of the area, they should be informed to meet with code enforcement prior to the start of any work. Permit applications as well as building and fire code information is available at the code enforcement office at Town Office Building .

Fire Permits:

Newbury Residents are reminded that the State of New Hampshire requires a permit from a Forest Fire Warden for all outside burning. This includes campfires, fire pits and outside fireplaces, which are considered either Category I, a small camp or cooking fire not more than 2ft in diameter or Category II, a fireplace more than 2ft but less than 4ft in diameter. Permits are issued for the calendar year, so if you were issued a permit in 2023 a new permit will be required. A seasonal permit can be issued for these cooking type fires through the State of New Hampshire online permit system www.NHFirePermit.com. The website lets you request and print a permit from your computer, the vendor operating the site does charge a \$5.50 service fee to process the permit.



Fires greater than 4 ft in diameter, such as brush piles require a Category III Permit which is issued by a Forest Fire Warden for the day of the burning, these are not issued on a seasonal basis. Contact a Forest Fire Warren by calling 603-763-4403 and leave a message and a Warden will contact you to schedule a permit inspection. Complete information on the state regulations, can be found on the fire department website www.newburyfd.org or by contacting a Warden.

Fire Department News Continued

Kitchen Fire Safety:

Do you know what to do if you have a kitchen fire? If you have a cooking fire in your oven or microwave oven, turn off the power to the oven or to the microwave and leave the door closed. Get your family out of the house and call 911. Explain to the 911 operator that there is a fire in the microwave/oven, and everyone is out of the house. Often burning food will burn itself out, but keep the door closed until the fire department arrives or the appliance has cooled down. Don't attempt to extinguish the fire with a portable fire extinguisher, be safe and stay out of the house until the fire department can confirm there is no longer a danger.



Fire Safety Permits: Gas Equipment Permits:

Are you planning on having gas equipment, such as a new furnace, fireplace, gas fire pit, generator or other equipment requiring gas piping? It is the owners responsibility or owners authorized agent to obtain the required permit. Gas equipment requires a permit from the Fire Department and an Inspection at rough in and one at final installation. Generators require gas permits from Fire Dept and an electrical permit from Code Enforcement Office. With an inspection from Both Fire and Code Enforcement.

Lithium-Ion Batteries:

It is important to remember that Lithium-Ion batteries used in power tools, phones and other electronic equipment, should never be disposed of in the trash as it presents an extreme fire hazard. If you have any of these batteries that can no longer be used, bring them to the Newbury transfer station and give them to an attendant who will place them in a special storage area.



Street Address Signage:

Newbury Fire Rescue is making available to Newbury residents reflective street address signs to post at their homes. If you are interested in ordering one of the signs, please download the form print and complete the requested information. Mail with your check to Newbury Fire Department. The completed sign will be delivered to your home by Newbury Firefighters who will assist you with the placement of the sign.

These address signs meet the Town of Newbury Street Numbering Ordinance requiring that every home and business in Newbury has a street address posted that is visible from the road. The reason for the ordinance was to ensure that emergency responders would be able to locate a property in the event of a medical emergency, fire, or other emergency. If you do not currently have street numbers posted, this program will provide an attractive street number sign for your property and help emergency responders find you more quickly in an emergency.





2024 Calendar of Programs and Events For Spring

MARCH

First Thursday Hike at The Fells
Thursday, March 7, 11am

Michael Caduto – Touching the Sky Dome
Saturday, March 9 at 11am
Snow Date: March 23

Volunteer Orientation & Training
Tuesday, March 12, 10am

APRIL

First Thursday Hike at The Fells
Thursday, April 4, 11:00am

Volunteer Trip to Blithewold
Thursday, April 18, 8:30am – 4:00pm

Vernal Pool Adventure Walk for Families
Co-sponsored by The John Hay Estate and
Lake Sunapee Protective Association
Sunday, April 21, 1:00-2:30pm

MAY

First Thursday Hike, with Dave Anderson
Thursday, May 2, 11:00-1:00pm;
rain-date of May 9

Family Story Walk
Co-sponsored by the New London Barn
Playhouse and John Hay Estate at The Fells
Saturday May 4, 11am

Mother's Day Tea
Sunday, May 12, 10-2pm

MAY (continued)

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride
Sunday, May 19, 11-3pm

The John Hay Estate at The Fells: Historic
Home Opens for the Season
Saturdays, Sundays and Monday Holidays
May 25-June 9, 10:00am-4:00pm

JUNE

Members Opening Reception
Friday, June 1, 5:00-7:30pm

First Thursday Hike at The Fells
Thursday, June 6, 11:00am

Special Presentation with Ralph Nurnberger
John Hay and the Panama Canal
Friday, June 7, 5-7pm

Summer Concert- Albannach
Sunday, June 9th, 5-7pm

Visiting Author Series: Kathleen Bailey
Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30pm

Summer Concert- Dominique Dodge
Wednesday, June 12th, 6:00-7:30pm

Main House Summer Hours
June 12-September 2, 10:00am-4:00pm

Visiting Author Series: Becky Libourel
Tuesday, June 25 at 11:00am

For more information on all upcoming events, please call 603-763-4789 ext 3, or email. info@thefells.org, or visit our website www.thefells.org.

CENTER MEETING HOUSE

This year the focus for our programming is “UNIQUELY NEW HAMPSHIRE”. We are hoping to have an update on last year’s exploration of the Old Forest but that presentation will not be ready to open our season. The opening event on Tuesday, June 18th at 7PM is the NH Humanities program COVERED BRIDGES OF NH - PAST & PRESENT. Kim Varney Chandler will especially focus on bridges in our area of the state, both those saved and those lost.

We are all familiar with the wonderful League of NH Craftsmen Fair each August but there is so much more to the organization. The League’s Executive Director, Miriam Carter, will join us on Tuesday, July 2nd at 7PM to explore how crafts are an essential human expression. For more than 90 years, the non-profit League has helped craftspeople sell their work, hone their skills and generate income. It is recognized world wide as setting a standard of excellence in crafts for creativity, authenticity, and technical expertise.

The Center Meeting House will have an OPEN HOUSE on Old Home Day from 10AM to 2PM. There will be crafts and artifacts, photos and videos, and be manned with volunteers from the Center Meeting House and the Newbury Historical Society to answer your questions. On Sunday, the South Newbury Union Church will visit and invites everyone to share an Old Home Day service.

Sunday, July 28th at 4PM is Annual Meeting. Mary Kronenwetter will present her NH Humanities program, CORBIN’S ANIMAL GARDEN. This is a tale of animals and people, both strange and interesting separated from us only by fencing.

Grace Metalious was born 100 years ago in Manchester, NH but she is more known for a fictional NH town, PEYTON PLACE. Exactly 50 years ago, her novel exploded on the best seller list and shocked the American public. On Tuesday, August 20th at 7PM with NH Humanities facilitator, Tammi Truax, presiding we will all explore the novel, PEYTON PLACE, and what all the fuss was about. NH humanities is providing 20 copies of the novel which will be provided free of charge when you sign up in advance for this Perspectives Book Club. (details will be available closer to the event date.) The real Grace Metalious lived hard and fast. She rejected her heritage in a quest for the American dream. Robert Perreault’s NH Humanities program on Tuesday, September 10th at 7PM focuses on BEFORE PEYTON PLACE: IN SEARCH OF THE REAL GRACE METALIOUS.

This October brings two different days of HALLOWEEN to the Center Meeting House. Tarot cards, tea leaves, and NH ghosts...be brave there will be more details later.

November 24 is THANKS FOR GIVING and December 1 is the LIGHTING OF THE TREE.

We look forward to a great year together. Remember the Center Meeting House is available for your own special events too!

Joy Nowell



Historic
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Newbury, New Hampshire



LSPA

*Devoted to the Environmental Quality
of the Lake Sunapee Watershed*

New Water Quality Buoy

There was a very exciting delivery to LSPA last month. Thanks to the generous support of LSPA donors, LSPA's new Water Quality Buoy has arrived! High quality international science has become a foundation of LSPA's work, enhancing scientific understanding of the special environment of the Lake Sunapee Watershed. Data collected from buoy sensors are key components of LSPA's research collaborations and are shared with partners at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Virginia Tech, and the Global Lake Ecological Observatory Network (GLEON). For more information about the LSPA buoy go to lakesunapee.org/buoy.



Spring Events

We invite you to join us at our upcoming events! Learn about the natural world, environmental challenges, and how we all can be caretakers of the remarkable Lake Sunapee region. All programs are free and open to the public. Register online at lakesunapee.org/events. All events will be hosted at LSPA's Center for Lake Studies (63 Main St, Sunapee), unless otherwise noted.

March

March 20, 3:00 pm- State Cyanobacteria Plan Presentation with David Neils

March 22, 10:00 am- Spring Seed Sowing Workshop

March 28, 5:00 pm- Lake Sunapee Lake Level Management with NHDES Dam Bureau (virtual)

April

April 21, 1:00 pm- Vernal Pool Adventure Walk for Families, at The Fells

April 22, 2:00 pm- Earth Day Open House Celebration

April 30, 7:00 pm- PFAS, the Forever Chemicals with Dr. Celia Chen (virtual)

May

May 14, 7:00 pm- Gardening Workshop with Sunapee Gardeners

May 22, 4:00 pm- Calls and Songs of Familiar Backyard Birds with Sue Venable



To learn more about LSPA and to become a member, visit lakesunapee.org

Summer Sanderson