

TOWN OF PEMBROKE MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

A Community Newsletter

Summer 2010

RECYCLING AND TRASH PROGRAM

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BIG SUCCESS



It has only been in effect since the beginning of May and already we are realizing significant savings to the Town from the decrease in tonnage going to the incinerator. A great big THANK YOU to all the residents who have done such a great job in sorting their recycling from the trash and getting their carts out early and placed 5 feet apart so that the new automated split-body truck can pick them up easily. It has been a long process to get to this point and there have been a lot of differing opinions as to the effectiveness of recycling. So far the facts are proving it is a great savings for the Town. Each week since May 1 the amount of recycling has been approximately 15 tons! Since the tipping fee for recyclables is currently zero per ton and the tipping fee at the incinerator is \$62 per ton that is a **weekly savings of \$900.00** on average! So keep up the good work, you aren't only making a difference for Pembroke, you are making a difference for the planet too! If you see the new packer out on its route, watch it working, and give a "Thumbs-Up" to the driver, Eric Alley.



SOLID WASTE and RECYCLING NEWS

Members of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee congratulate the Department of Public Works and the residents of Pembroke on the successful startup of the new automated curbside collection program for trash and recycling.

This is the first time that recyclables have been collected at curbside in town, and with the first week's recycling rate of 35%, more than \$900 was saved in avoided tipping fees. More than 3500 carts have been sold to residents, and over 80% of households are participating in the program. The remaining households must utilize the Transfer Station for disposal of their trash; mandatory recycling is now required at both the Transfer Station and at curbside.

Here are a few reminders about the carts and what's acceptable for recycling:

- Please place carts at least five feet apart at the curb, to allow the truck's "arm" to grab the cart easily;
- Carts should have the handle facing the house so that the cover opens toward the street;
- Items left outside of the cart will not be picked up; please hold onto any extra recyclables until the following week;
- Check the Pembroke Town website (www.pembroke-nh.com) for questions on what's acceptable in the recycling cart (green cover), and for other information on Public Works programs.

Thanks to all Pembroke employees and residents who worked hard to make this program successful.



PEMBROKE CEMETERY MAPPING

Pembroke's eight public cemeteries will be re-mapped for the first time in about twenty years. As authorized by a vote at the 2010 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen has contracted with Wright-Pierce of Portsmouth to update plans that were prepared by various surveyors over a five-year period in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The older plans have been scanned and field work is locating and recording all recent plot sales and burials. At the end of the project, Pembroke will have easily-updated digital plans for each cemetery. The new plans will use geographic information system (GIS) software, and can eventually be integrated with layered geographical information collected for the entire town. The project is funded from capital reserve funds and will not affect the town tax rate.

PEMBROKE CEMETERY WINDSTORM DAMAGE

New Hampshire's late-winter windstorm did considerable damage in two Pembroke cemeteries. A significant number of trees fell in Pembroke Street and Evergreen Cemeteries, together with many fallen limbs and branches in other cemeteries. A professional tree removal company and the Department of Public Works are working to remove the debris and repair any damage. Veterans' flags will be installed before Memorial Day, and the Commission would appreciate hearing of any veteran's grave that lacks a flag. In the meantime, please excuse the appearance of several of our cemeteries.



Greetings from the Conservation Commission

Happy Spring to you all

Your Conservation Commission has been working on a number of ongoing projects this winter. We are moving forward on the acquisition of the 47 acre Hillman agricultural parcel on Buck Street which the Town of Pembroke will own, the USDA will hold an easement for perpetual agricultural use, and the Five Rivers Conservation Land Trust will maintain a stewardship role. For the USDA's easement in this preservation effort, they are willing to fund 50% of the easement value through the 2008 Farm Bill.

This is a boon to Pembroke in that the resources of the Conservation Funds are leveraged giving us much more bang for our Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) funds for our conservation investments. This has been a very competitive application and continues to be a very consuming process. We are optimistic that things are well on track for completion this year. We'd like to thank those of you who turned out for our previous public hearings on this agricultural preservation and invite you to our final public hearing to be announced sometime this summer. Please watch for the announcement in the Concord Monitor and/or Union Leader and on the Town's website. We heartily encourage resident involvement and are most grateful for your support.

Our annual monitoring day was April 11th. It is the charge of the CC to monitor all town conservation lands annually.



This event gives us a fun focal point for this requirement as we gather and then divide to get a big jump on this monitoring task. It is however an ongoing project throughout the year and if you'd like to become more familiar with these town lands, we'd encourage you to contact the commission through the town offices, become a "fan" of or view the new facebook page (Pembroke, NH Conservation Commission), or come to a monthly meeting which is held at 7 PM the 2nd Monday of each month at the Town Hall. Be watching for the annual monitoring day next April. Early April has worked out best to beat the black flies.

At present, Pembroke is very fortunate to have so many contiguous wild lands and open space. It becomes increasingly difficult to predict and preserve this quality of life for future generations without a well co-ordinated planning effort. We welcome your input in this important endeavor.

Have a wonderful Spring and Summer.

Pembroke Conservation Commission



PEMBROKE AND ALLENSTOWN OLD HOME DAY

Theme: “Under the Big Top”

Date: Saturday August 28, 2010

No clowning around it’s going to be a great day for family and friends!

Pre-Parade entertainment downtown begins at 9:00am.

Parade begins at 10:00am School St., Main St., Pleasant St. to Memorial Field.

Join us for a three ring day of entertainment, clowns, balloon artists, face painting, children’s games, music, traveling barnyard, miniature horses, pony and hay wagon rides, yummy foods, crafts, band concert, and fabulous fireworks!

Showstopper highlights to include:

Jungle Encounters- fantastic wildlife demonstration

Brownie and Julie- music of positive thought and just plain fun

Dana Perkins- ventriloquist and magician

The Concord Coachmen Chorus-barbershop harmony

Undercover Operatives- popular rock band

Jim Barnes- artistic balladeer

Ron Drolet- talented one man band

.....and many other fantastic attractions.

Amazing fireworks at dusk sponsored by **Associated Grocers of New England.**

Participants Wanted

Antique Cars: Show off your pride and joy! Looking for antique and classic vehicles for the parade contact Doc Greco @ 485-3770. Dash plaques will be awarded to all participants.

Crafters: Reserve a space by calling Joy @ 892-0078 or Cathe @ 485-8111.

Donations: Any amount large or small is appreciated. Please make a tax deductible contribution payable to Pembroke and Allenstown Old Home Day, mail attn: Jo-Ann @ Pembroke Town Hall 311 Pembroke St. Pembroke, N.H. 03275.

Floats: Anyone wishing to enter a float in the parade call Jocelyn @ 485-3352. Floats will be judged based on theme, creativity, and originality.

Food Vendors: Space is limited, so reserve a spot by calling Joyce @ 485-9900.

Parade Entries: Marchers, Bands, Clowns etc. contact Pat @ 224-7324.

Raffle Donations: Gift certificates, new items, prizes call Pat @ 224-7324

Volunteers: Anyone wishing to help is encouraged to call Stephanie @ 210-1606 or Tina @ 485-8774. Help needed: Set up, clean up, parking, parade and games.



Old Home Day Committee will meet at Pembroke Town Hall @ 6:30 pm on Mon. 5/24, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9 (Memorial Field) 8/16, 8/23, Set up 8/27.

RECREATION NEWS

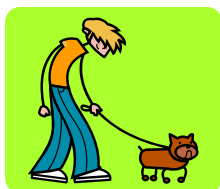
PARK USE

On Saturday, April 24, Comcast employers and their family members met at Memorial Field with volunteers from Little League for "Comcast Cares Day". Over 200 people showed up and they did a fantastic job painting, clearing brush, raking leaves, and general upkeep of the buildings. Thank you for all you did to keep our park looking great!!



Also on Thursday, April 22, **New England Pro Greens & Turf from Franklin, NH** cut out the middle diamond and prepare the site for volunteers to add infield mix on Comcast Cares Day. We would like to thank Kirk Weyant and his crew for working with us to keep the cost down.

We would like to remind users of the park who see any mischievous activities and have a cell phone to please call Pembroke Police Dispatch at **485-3421**.



Residents are reminded that dogs are to be **LEASHED** at all times. It is the dog owner's responsibility to clean up after their dog. Please be considerate of other people who use the park and pick up immediately after your dog. Two Doggie Bag Stations have been placed at the entrances of the park. We would like to thank all dog walkers who have used these bags to pick up after their dogs. Also, dogs **are not** allowed inside the fenced ball fields. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE RECYCLE

We are hoping all park users will help out with Pembroke's efforts to recycle at Memorial Field. Barrels will be placed together, where feasible, and will be clearly marked - one for recyclables (bottles, cans, newspapers, etc.) and one for food trash (food products, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, etc.). Please pitch in and help out.

SUMMER RECREATION

Summer recreation dates have been set. The summer program will start **Tuesday, July 6** and end **Friday, August 6**. Forms are available at the town hall and the area schools. There is a \$15 registration fee to sign up your child.

This fee is nonrefundable but will include a camp tee shirt.

The program will be held from 9 am - 3 pm at Memorial Field in Pembroke.

The **five** week program will cost **\$25** per week plus the cost of trips.

Usually, two trips a week are taken. Enrollment will be limited.

Deadline to sign up is June 30. Children **that have completed grades 1 - 5** are eligible. Junior high students are encouraged to sign up with the Suncook Boys and Girls Club.

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

The Pembroke Recreation Commission has reserved the pool at Southern New Hampshire University for swimming lessons. Six lessons will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday June 22, Wednesday, June 23
Tuesday June 29, Wednesday, June 30
Wednesday, July 7 & July 14



All lessons will be held from **9 am - 11 am**. Cost of the seven lessons will be **\$35 for Pembroke residents**.

Sign ups will be available at the town hall and the area schools. Children must have completed first grade to take lessons. Children must sign up by **Wednesday, June 16**. Enrollment is limited so please sign up early to guarantee your lessons. Any questions call 848-9677

TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis lessons will be held again this summer. The eight lessons will take place at Pembroke Academy. More information will be made available at the area schools and the town hall by the end of May.



MEMORIAL FIELD EVENTS

Old Home Day will be on Saturday, August 28. This year's theme is "Under The Big Top".

Make plans to attend the Amoskeag Rowing Club's Regatta. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 16.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank **Caruso Brothers** for their donation of infield mix and prep work to the point and major fields.

Thank you also to **Slark Custom Interiors** for the carpet they gave us. It was used to replace old carpets that covered the horse-shoe pits

PLANNING BOARD Alternate Member Vacancies

Join the Planning Board and help guide the development of your community! We have two openings for alternate positions and are seeking civic-minded individuals who can commit to meeting twice per month and serve on the occasional sub-committee.

The Planning Board meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Town Office. Come visit us at a meeting to hear what issues are before the Board.

To fill out a volunteer application either stop by Town Hall to pick up a form, download the Volunteer Interest Form in the forms section of the Town website, www.pembroke-nh.com, or call Linda Williams, Administrative Secretary, at 603-485-4747 Ext. 201.



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If anyone has an idea for the newsletter, please call
Linda Williams 485-4747 Ext. 201
or email
lwilliams@pembroke-nh.com.

**MAKE A
SPLASH
AT THE LIBRARY
THIS SUMMER**



Summer in the library is always a busy time. This year's summer reading theme is "Make a Splash-Read." Sign ups will begin on June 21st and our programs will begin the following week. Information will be available after June 1st and look for more programs this summer for teens and adults! As in summers past, Tuesdays at 10:30AM will be for non-readers, Wednesdays at 6:30PM will be for families (some really exciting programs coming this summer – don't miss them), and Thursday at 10:30AM is craft time for readers. Teens will be meeting on Wednesdays at 3:00PM and adults will have to wait a little bit longer to find out.

An addition this summer is our Downloadable Books! Come in and check out the instruction book and be able to access thousands of titles to download and listen to with just your library card.

Having the library's catalog online is going to happen this summer. There are still a few bugs to work out, but it is coming. Not only will you be able to search the catalog for items, but after coming in to the library to set your password, you will be able to reserve items from your home computer! When it is all set, the announcement will be on our website.

Remember that the annual library book sale will be held Saturday, June 5th with a rain date of June 12th from 8:00AM – 2:00PM. Volunteers are needed for setting up on Friday evening and also early Saturday morning. Volunteers are also needed to put it all away at 2:00PM. Call the library at 485-7851 for information.

Don't forget about all of the offerings at the library – Books, DVDs, Books on CD, Music on CD, magazines, newspapers, computers, passes to area museums, puzzles and so much more. If the Pembroke Town Library does not have an item, and it is older than 6 months since being released, interlibrary loan is available.



DID YOU LICENSE YOUR DOG?

All dogs must be licensed by April 30th, if the dog is over 3 months old! A \$1 per month late fee will be assessed as of June 1st.



AND!

Per RSA 466:14 you will be liable for a \$25 civil forfeiture plus up to a \$5 service fee if the dog is not licensed by June 20th!

You must bring the rabies certificate with you to the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's hours of operation are:

Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

and

Wednesday evenings 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



THE PEMBROKE MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER IS MISSING FROM YOUR MAILBOX!

To keep costs down, the summer and fall newsletter will not be mailed directly to you. You can view the newsletter on the Town website, www.pembroke-nh.com and select the link in the box on the right hand side of the home page. You can also pick up a copy at the Town Hall, Public Works Department, Pembroke Library and several other places in Town.

The Town Meeting Newsletter will still be delivered to your mailbox in February prior to the March Town Meeting so that you can read and be familiar with the issues when you vote at the meeting.