

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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~ So Much To Do! ~

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Two special events at our Shaker Village

Meet the Canterbury Shaker Village Board of Trustees and the Corporators, Thursday, May 4, 5:30-6:30 pm. Want an opportunity to meet and speak with this group? We want to hear from you, Canterbury. Come enjoy a wine and cheese reception on the Horse Barn Patio. Many of your neighbors are corporators and trustees and working to help CSV. This is for Canterbury residents only.



Opening Day: Saturday, May 13, from 10 to 4 pm. Join us! Meet some friendly faces when you arrive at the village and get a Canterbury Resident Sticker and enjoy free admission! Tours at 11, 1 and 3 pm. Enjoy a special talk by Kyle Sandler in the Carriage Barn at 11 am and a "Meet the Curator" presentation by Shirley Wajda between 1 and 3 pm.

Super Special Deal: Canterbury residents can sign up for a free Canterbury Shaker Village Membership on Opening Day only—plus 10 percent off in the Museum Store.

Questions? Contact Rachel Baker at bakercompany4@gmail.com.



How to explain so many smiles? An Easter morning breakfast together, that's how!

A thank you to volunteers, *Page 11.*

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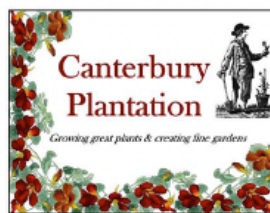
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At Children's Church, Something Beautiful Blossoms

Dear Friends,

Something beautiful is blossoming at CUCC! While adults gather in the sanctuary for worship, our children are worshipping in Children's Church at the Parish House each Sunday. They explore God's world and learn about God's love. Children's Church, for our 2-7 year olds, offers much more than playtime during worship; it is an integrated program of Christian formation. With the help of their young students, Mindy Beltramo (The Dewey School) and Donna Miller (Petals in the Pines) are creating a curriculum of spiritual growth that honors children's curiosity and develops their capacity for wonder.



Pastor Becky

Children's Church offers hands-on worship and learning that reflects many of the parts of traditional liturgy. A chime calls the children to gather and set up their altar with elements of God's world and a heart-shaped bowl suggesting God's inclusive love. They light (an electric) candle. They sing and pray and explore. Next they engage in some creative expression, like painting or sewing or drawing. Then the children say a blessing before sharing a feast of healthy foods from the garden and the kitchen. They share the work of cleaning up before they join the larger church for our offering and closing hymn. The whole church smiles as the children walk down the center aisle to the altar with their special offering box.

At Children's Church, we nurture the capacity for awe, so necessary to moral and theological growth and joy. And at adult

The Canterbury Church in May

Stillness in the Center, Wednesday evenings, 7-8 pm: Candlelight and quiet for meditation and prayer. Come for a few minutes or an hour, as you wish!

Sunday morning worship, 10-11 am. **Children's Church**, 9:50-11am.

Sunday fellowship, coffee, snacks, and friendly conversation: 11:10-11:45 am. Please join us!

Worship and Holy Communion, May 7, 10 am

Celebrating Mothers and Mothering, May 14, 10 am worship

Sweets of May! Community Dance in the Parish House, May 20. Traditional dances taught; live music! All ages and abilities welcome! (*See the listing on Page 8!*)

church, we explore questions of our faith and meaning. Two Christian beliefs anchor our faith journey: God is the source of goodness, and Jesus embodies God's love for each of us. Why not visit us on Sunday, younger or older, and take some time to wonder with us?

Peace,
Becky

Going to college? The Canterbury Fund is accepting scholarship applications

The Canterbury Fund is currently accepting applications for its yearly college scholarships. These funds are open to Canterbury residents only with a strict application deadline of May 31. The applicants must physically appear, if possible, at a summer committee meeting to introduce themselves. For more information on how to apply please contact Jessie Tichko by email at tshot04@gmail.com.

CUCC Outreach Committee serves those in need here at home and far away

The Canterbury United Community Church makes a significant impact locally and around the world. The CUCC Outreach Committee continues to focus on our mission in supporting efforts to address food insecurity, homelessness and mental health issues in our region via the Loudon Food Pantry and Riverbend Community Health.

We have also addressed international needs in Zimbabwe, Ukraine as well as in Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquake. Our donations have been via World Central Kitchen, Doctors without Borders and A Light for Zimbabwe.

Late last year, a special offering raised \$3,400 for Ukraine. More recently we were able to send \$1,000 for earthquake relief.

~ Sue Heppenstall, for the Outreach Committee

Join the Benevolent Society at the library for book talk, refreshments and some social time

The Canterbury Benevolent Society will meet at the Elkins Library on Wednesday, May 17, at 1 pm for a program on book reviews led by our librarians. Refreshments and socializing will follow the program.

~ Judy Nelson

Did you know that the church also sponsors this town newsletter? And we could use some help producing it! See more from the editors, Mark and Brenda Travis, *Page 11*.

Community Power Initiative Goes Live in June!

New, low electric rate to begin taking effect soon

May is a big month for Canterbury Community Power, because we're going live in June!

First, A big "thank you" to Canterbury Town Meeting voters who voted overwhelmingly (some said unanimously) on March 17 to adopt the Canterbury Community Power Plan.

Second, by the time you read this, most Canterbury residents should have received a 4-page printed "enrollment notification" mailer from Canterbury Community Power in a pre-printed envelope with our logo in color in the upper left-hand corner. The mailers, scheduled to hit mailboxes between April 27-29, are intended to give notice that unless they "opt-out" or "opt-up," in a little over 30 days (by May 30 or June 1), we expect to begin delivering electricity supply service to residents who currently take "default energy supply" from their distribution utility—but at the new low Community Power rate of 15.8 cents/kilowatt-hour.



All town residents and businesses who get electric service from the grid will receive mailers—but those who have PV solar arrays, or who take electricity supply from a "competitive energy supplier" or from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op, will not be automatically enrolled as Community Power customers. They will have the opportunity to opt-in should they choose to do so.

Third, once you've had a chance to review your options as laid out in the mailers, if you have questions or want more information, come to our **Public Information Meeting on Thursday, May 10, at 7 pm in the Parish House.**

We'll be there to answer questions and give you more information about what to expect in

June, when we go live and begin providing electric supply service to Canterbury residents in rolling batches, keyed to the meter read dates on their utility bills, which you will still receive each month from your existing distribution utility. So May is a big month—but June will be even bigger!

~ The Canterbury Community Power Committee

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Canterbury Loses a Strong Voice for Agriculture

Wayne Mann's passing is a blow, but the Agriculture Commission regroups

Your Canterbury Agricultural Commission suffered a shock recently with the sudden loss of its presiding chairman, **Wayne Mann**. Wayne was one of the Ag Comm's founding fathers and a driving force for supporting agriculture in Canterbury. Beginning in 2006-2007, Wayne began holding organizational meetings and pursuing legislation which would permit towns to create a local Agricultural Commission. The purpose would be advisory in nature and would promote and encourage agricultural endeavors. The commission would also provide assistance and guidance to town boards on agriculture-related matters and be a voice for agriculture in the community.

At the 2008 Town Meeting, Wayne's vision came to fruition when Canterbury voted to establish a Canterbury Agricultural Commission pursuant to RSA 673:4-b. Wayne served as chairman from 2008 until 2012 before taking a hiatus where he attempted to retire. In 2021 revisions being discussed for the proposed Canterbury Master Plan re-write brought Wayne out of retirement and back onto the commission, where he again volunteered to serve as chairman. Wayne was an active advocate for farmers and passionate about keeping farming viable in Canterbury. He will be missed.

With the sudden loss of Wayne, Vice-Chair **Mark Stevens** assumed the position as interim chairman and served until a new chairman could be elected. Mark had been the vice-chair of the commission since it was founded and had served as interim

chair on two previous occasions. Elections of new officers was held April 5. Mark Stevens was elected chairman, **Ben Davis**, vice-chair, and **Daimon Meeh** as secretary. **Jill Meeh** was appointed as liaison to the Board of Directors of the Canterbury Farmers Market.

New member **Josh Marshall** was appointed by the selectmen to fill the vacant position. Josh recently moved to Canterbury from Boscawen, where he is the fourth generation to operate his family farm, raising pumpkins, gourds, and squash for retail sales. He served for five years on the Boscawen Agricultural Committee and is excited to now serve in the same capacity in Canterbury. Josh works for the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food as director of the Division of Agricultural Development.

Your Agricultural Commission now has a full seven-member board, but alternates are welcome. If you have farming in your background or in your blood, and are interested in seeing agriculture prosper in Canterbury, please consider serving as an alternate.

Feel free to contact any of our members if you have interest, questions, or for more information.

~ Mark Stevens, Chairman



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Don't Look Now ... But the Farmers Market Is Back!

Please join us for the enthusiastic start of our 17th season in the center of Canterbury on Wednesday, May 31, from 4 to 6:30 pm!

The market is located in the paved area and field next to our friends at the Elkins Public Library. There is lots of parking in the center and plenty of safe, grassy space for kids to run.

Come talk with our wide variety of vendors and learn what their schedules will be for the summer. Not every vendor is at the market every week, though every week we will have a great selection from local farms, fields, orchards and kitchens. Crafts, too!

If you are short on cash, you can visit the Market Info Tent and use a credit/debit card to buy tokens good at any vendor, and good at our market all season long.

Live music on opening day will be by our longtime pal Don Bartenstein. Bring a lawn chair or use one of the picnic tables by the music tent. FYI: We have live music every week all summer long!

You can sign up for the weekly Market News at our website CanterburyFarmersMarket.com or follow us on Facebook/Instagram. Then you'll never miss "The Sandwich Slam," kids' activities, the master gardeners, Mary Ellen's Basket, and special demonstrations.

Just so you know, dogs are always welcome at the market but on leash, please! We have a water bowl up front by the Market Info Tent.



A distinguished group, these Farmers Market enthusiasts!

A final fun note: it is traditional to wear an extra fancy hat to Opening Day! How creative can you be? Check the website or Facebook page to see some terrific toppers from past years.

~ Beth Blair

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CES Band Members Join in Monster Concert!



The Canterbury Elementary School band, along with our fabulous music teacher, Ms. Hoover, traveled to Belmont High School recently to participate in a day of rehearsals, which led to that night's Monster Concert! Our students did a fantastic job collaborating with one another as well as with the 6th-12th grade band members of Shaker schools to put on an amazing show. Their effort, bravery, and persistence were evident and we are so proud of them! Way to go, CES band!

Kindergarten registration: Do you have a student who will be five years old by Sept. 30? It's time to think about registering for kindergarten! You can register in person at Canterbury Elementary School from 9 am-2:30 pm on school days, or you can register online. To access the online registration, please go to www.sau80.org, click on Resources and then Kindergarten Registration/ALMA Start.

Please reach out to Mrs. Nelson at bnelson@sau80.org with any questions. We are so excited to welcome our new kindergarten friends. Fall will be here before we know it!

Administrative Assistants Day: CES celebrated Administrative Assistants day on April 21. We appreciate Mrs. Nelson and all of the ways she takes care of us and keeps the office running smoothly. Thank you, Mrs. Nelson!

Save the Date: Our fifth grade promotion night will be held on Monday, June 19, at 6 pm. Please join us in celebrating our wonderful scholars.

Earth Day Cleanup: CES students and staff celebrated Earth Day on April 21 with a schoolwide cleanup effort. Our K-1 students worked hard to take care of the garden beds at CES. They also helped to clean up trash on school grounds. Our second and third graders collaborated with Jim and Donna Miller to spruce up the town center. Fourth grade students did some painting, and our fifth grade students were away on a field trip. It was a wonderful collaborative effort to give back to our community and take care of our town.

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

Please support Canterbury Cloverbuds food drive and the food pantry!

The Canterbury Cloverbuds are having a non-perishable food drive to support the Loudon Food Pantry. Please support our cause by donating non-perishable food items. Our collection box will be located in the Elkins Public Library from Monday, May 1, through Friday, June 2. Let's see how many items we can collect together!

For questions about the Cloverbuds non-perishable food drive, email Kate and Emily at canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com.

In March, food pantry served 264 individuals

In March, the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 264 individuals for them to prepare 6,210 meals. Of these people, 147 were age 60 and older (56 percent), 40 were age 18 or

under (15 percent), and 77 were between those ages (29 percent). Also, 13 new individuals came to get food.

Fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs: As the weather gets warmer, our clients always look forward to fresh produce and herbs. If you've grown too much and have any extra, please think about donating to food pantries in your area.

Do you need food? One phone call is all it takes. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment! To see if you qualify, go to LoudonFoodPantry.org and click on Need Help? or call me at (603) 724-9731. You can find our location, hours, and donation information on *Page xx*.

~ Sue Houck

A Time to Remember ... and Ways to Come Together

Once again, the Canterbury Fair is coming ~ and you've still got time to volunteer!

Is it on your calendar? Grab your red pen and mark the last Saturday of July (29th this year)! It is the Canterbury Fair! If you are new to town or have been here for decades, you won't want to miss it! For that one day, our quiet town center



becomes the hubbub of old-time-country charm with local musicians setting the tone; the smells of chicken bbq and other savory aromas filling the air; the colorful rows of artists tents decorating the church lawn, and the giddy giggles of delighted children playing games and having their faces painted makes everyone smile. Replenish your bookshelves with "new" books

from the book sale and shop the WhatNot for items you didn't even know you needed!

Started as a funding source for the Parish House, the fair has become a Canterbury tradition for 65 years. It is a day of community and just one of the many things that make Canterbury a special place to call home.

And... if you have a few hours to spare, volunteering at the fair, regardless of age, is an opportunity to connect with your neighbors and make new friends. Help is needed for parking, the book sale, WhatNot Sale, set-up, and clean up. Connect with Stephanie at sfjackson130@comcast.net or 603-783-0495 and she will be happy to put you to work.

~ Mindy Beltramo

In case you thought there was nothing to do on Saturdays in Canterbury ...

Name-your-price, multi-family Yard & Bake Sale

On Saturday, May 13, from 8 am-1:30 pm, at the Quaker Meetinghouse, 11 Oxbow Pond Rd. Free children's make-and-take Mothers Day gifts from 9 am-noon. All proceeds will provide education and training for the Asonga family in western Kenya, to help them rise from poverty.

Sweets of May Dance at the Parish House

On Saturday, May 20, at 7 pm, Canterbury Parish House. Music by Wind In The Timothy. Dances for all ages and abilities.

~ Dudley Laufman

Annual Memorial Day service begins with parade; participants welcomed

Our Canterbury Memorial Day Service will be held in the Center on Monday, May 29. Parade starts at 10 am.

Let us gather together to remember and recognize America's veterans who died while serving in the United States armed forces. This year we will honor the fallen with our traditional parade and Memorial Day Service in the bandstand, with the addition of some new traditions.

If you are interested in participating in the ceremony or parade, please contact Mark Stevens or Rachel Baker. (You'll find Rachel at the library or by email at bakercompany4@gmail.com.) Veterans in or out of uniform are especially welcome. Parade will form up at the elementary school at 9:45, if you would like to join us. In the event of inclement weather the service will be moved indoors.

~ Rachel

Bring, take and learn at annual plant swap

The Annual Canterbury Plant Swap will be held on Wednesday, May 3, from 5:30-6:30 pm at the gazebo in the center of town. Bring your labeled, divided perennials, bulbs and natives, or extra flower and vegetable seedlings you might have.

Due to the transmission of the invasive jumping worm that can happen when swapping plants, we ask that you bring all dug plants as bare root. Use a high-pressure setting on your hose to spray all soil off. Bring your plants in shallow trays or plastic bags with enough water to keep the roots moist.

For more information about the invasive jumping worm visit extension.unh.edu/resource/plant-sales-and-jumping-worms

This swap is open to anyone in town no matter your level of gardening experience. If you're new to Canterbury, it's a great way to pick up some plants to landscape your yard and meet your neighbors at the same time. There's always plenty to share so come even if you don't have much to bring.

Master Gardeners Donna Miller and Meg Miller will be on hand with gardening handouts, and will help answer your gardening questions.

Call Donna at 783-0220 if you have any questions.

Canterbury's Rascals and Cloverbuds Are Rocking!

Rascals present ~ and win recognition

Merrimack County 4H Presents was held in March. Canterbury Rascal participants were: Public Speaking, Elisabeth Yohe; Photography, Dahlia Beaudette, Aubrey Drouin, Aurora



Dahlia! What a great photograph! Wonderful fundraising, too.

Hutchinson, Naomi Lozier, and Hazel Lozier; Posters, Annabel Perlet and Zoe Perlet.

Naomi, Hazel, and Annabel received county recognition. Dahlia, Aubrey and Zoe received county recognition and an invitation to The Big E in September.

Dahlia Beaudette also submitted two photographs to the Cocktails and Clovers auction at the Currier Museum of Art in March also. Her photos raised \$500 and \$200 for this

fundraiser for the 4H Foundation of NH!

Canterbury Rascals meet again on May 1 at 6:30 pm. We'll be voting on a theme for our end of year party in June and making our own 4H T-shirts! Kids should bring a white T-shirt and cardboard to fit inside it.

~ Aurora Hutchinson, Reporter for the Canterbury Rascals

Birdhouses, beans ~ it's spring for Cloverbuds

Canterbury Cloverbuds members had a fun springtime meeting in April! During the meeting we focused on the 4H learning theme of Plants and Animals. The Cloverbuds, children ages 5 to 7 years old, began their meeting with the 4H Pledge and animal-themed yoga, then each participant painted a birdhouse and planted bean seeds that they can watch grow. For our next meeting, we ask that each child bring a white T-shirt in their size. We also ask that each child bring an empty cereal box to help with the project. We will be making Cloverbuds T-shirts! Dress to get messy.

We also invite participants to bring a non-perishable food item for our food drive. (See more on Page 7!)

Upcoming Cloverbuds meetings and themes are listed below, and new members are always welcome. Unless otherwise noted, Cloverbuds meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 5 pm at the Canterbury Parish House, 6 Hackleboro Road, in Canterbury.



What bird wouldn't want to live in a birdhouse that beautiful?

Monday, May 1, at 5 pm: 4H Learning Theme Citizenship and Civic Education: We will learn about being good citizens of our community, learn about Memorial Day and make shirts and a banner for the Canterbury Memorial Day Parade. We will also begin a food drive that will culminate on Memorial Day!

Monday, May 29, at 9:45 am: Meet at Canterbury Elementary School for the Canterbury Memorial Day Parade. Cloverbuds are invited to walk in the parade with their 4H banner and T-shirts in the center of Canterbury.

Monday, June 5, at 5 pm: Field trip to a dairy farm! Under the 4H Learning Theme of Consumer and Family Science, we will visit a dairy farm, observe milking time and learn about how dairy farms support our communities. We will also try our hand at milking the cows and making butter!

Please email questions to Kate and Emily at canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com. You can also find more information about 4H and the Cloverbuds Club, with links to sign up your child at: <https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/what-is-4-h>
~ Emily Perlet

Got any news for the newsletter?

It's been great to start receiving submissions from Canterbury's Cloverbuds, and welcome to Aurora as the new reporter for the Rascals! If you'd like to see your organization's news in an upcoming newsletter, just send it along by the 16th of the preceding month to newslettercanterbury@gmail.com. If you don't hear back within a few days, give us a call at 603-783-0420!

This Month at the Library: The Activity Never Stops!

We will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. See you at the parade.

The next meeting of Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees is on Monday, May 22, at 6 pm.

2023 Pass Program: Did you know that the library buys museum passes every year for our patrons with help from FOEPL and private grants? This year, we are happy to offer The Children's Museum of NH, The Currier Art Museum, Squam Lakes Science Center, Petals in The Pines, Canterbury Shaker Village and NH State Parks. Contact the library to reserve your date today!

Free tech help! Thursdays from 4-6 pm in half-hour time slots, Katie McKay offers free tech support at the library. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the nature of the issue. Katie's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

Programs

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 4, at 6 pm. This group enjoys titles from our collection but also maintain their own collection of private books. Come see what it's all about.

Evening Book Group: Wednesday, May 17, at 6 pm. We will be discussing the book *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure: May offers two opportunities to participate in this exciting group! On Tuesday, May 2, at 2 pm, we will be playing the ultimate mystery game: Clue! Who did it? In what room? And how did they do it? On Tuesday, May 23, at 2 pm we will watch the movie *Clue* to see the adaptation of this popular game. Please allow a bit more time this month as the movie is approximately 90 minutes. It's never too late to join our group. We are participant-driven and welcome your ideas.

Elkins Café. We start with coffee, tea, biscuits and conversation. We will meet on Thursday, May 4, at 2 pm for a visit from Brooke Noonan from Granite VNA. May is Older Americans Month so she will bring information about the Aging Unbound program. On Thursday, May 18, at 2 pm, Louisa Simpson of WellSense will be back to present a short Powerpoint about Medicare and to answer questions.

Game Night! Come join your friends and neighbors for an evening of games on Wednesday, May 10 and 24, at 5:30 pm. We decide as a group what to play so bring your favorite along as well. This group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Digging into Native History in N.H.

With Robert Goodby, Thursday, May 11
6 pm, Town Hall

Abenaki history has been reduced to near-invisibility as a result of conquest, a conquering culture that placed little value on the Indian experience, and a strategy of self-preservation that required many Abenaki to go "underground." Robert Goodby reveals archaeological evidence that shows their deep presence here, inches below the earth's surface. This program is hosted by the Canterbury Historical Society and made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities Council.

The Children's Room

Story Time: Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for children birth through Kindergarten. Come to the library and meet your children's future classmates while fostering a love of reading.

Tunes, Tales and Tumbles: Join us Thursday mornings at 10 for songs, stretching, stories and more! This program is perfect for our youngest patrons ages birth through preschool. Come enjoy this active and music-filled program and help your children nurture their love for the library, books and their community.

Play-Based Learning Story Time: May 30 is the fifth Tuesday of the month, which means a Play-Based Learning day! Join us at 10 am and watch your children learn through play. (Activities in part from a grant with the Children's Museum of NH.)

Teen Room: A new date and time! Teens are invited to a Pizza Party/Movie Night on Tuesday, May 23, at 5 pm. (This was rescheduled from April 25 due to a scheduling conflict.) Come check out our new Teen Only space and let us know what programming you would like to see in the future!

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Town Email List

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Post Office

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 5 pm
(closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm);
Sat., 8:30 am to noon; 783-4158

Stores

Canterbury Country Store: Mon.-
Sat., 6:30 am to 6 pm; Sun., 8 am
to 4 pm; 783-9933

Brookford Farm Store: 7 am to 7
pm daily; 783-4084

106 Beanstalk: 6 am until
midnight daily; 783-4305

Loudon Food Pantry

Hours: Open for donations and
volunteers Tues. 10-6, Wed. 10-1,
Thurs. 10-4.

Service: By appointment only at
same hours as above.

Location: Huckleberry Business
Park, Unit D, 30 Chichester Road,
Loudon.

Contact: 603-724-9731, on
Facebook at LoudonFP, or on our
website: loudonfoodpantry.org.

Town offices and organizations

EMERGENCY? Dial 911

Police Department: Call
783-0433 for non-emergencies.
Concord police dispatch:
228-1010 for non-emergencies.

Fire Department: Call
783-4798 for non-emergencies.
Email chief at canterburyfire
@canterburynh.gov

Town website:
canterbury-nh.org

Transfer Station: Wed., 4 to
6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm.
Call 783-9980 or email
transferstation
@canterburynh.gov

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:
783-0153. Mon. and Wed., 9 to
3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7. Email:
spapps@canterburynh.gov

**Selectmen's Office, Town
Administrator, and
Assessor's Office:** 783-9955.
Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 10
to 2. Emails:
selectmen@canterburynh.gov
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Building Inspector: 783-9033
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Highway Dept: 783-4123
canterburyhighway@
canterburynh.gov

Planning Board: 848-2059
planningboard@canterburynh.
gov

Monthly Meetings (Check
town website for details.)
- **Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7
pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- **Conservation Commission:**
2nd Thurs., 7 pm
- **Historic District
Commission:** 3rd Wed., 7 pm
- **Selectmen:** 1st and 3rd Mon.,
6 pm
- **Solid Waste Committee:**
Monthly on 2nd Monday, 3:30
pm, Library, or as needed.
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.
- **Energy Committee:** 1st
Tues., 6 pm

Newsletter help wanted!

We love editing the Canterbury newsletter, but we're in our fifth year of doing it now and a look in the mirror suggests we're not getting any younger. We've reached the point where we need some help—and, eventually, someone with the skills and interest in the community required to take it over.

What are those skills? If you've ever produced a newsletter for your business, nonprofit or for pleasure, you've got them. If you've ever designed a poster, you could acquire them. They involve editing text, cropping and toning photographs, working with local advertisers, and making the puzzle pieces fit on the page.

It's volunteer work, and a great way to serve the community we all call home. The rewards come in knowing you're helping people in town stay on top of what's happening and the thanks you get for doing it.

Email us at newslettercanterbury@gmail.com or call us at 603-783-0420 to learn more!

~ Mark and Brenda Travis

Thank you to our breakfast volunteers

Thank you to all who shopped, prepped, served, enjoyed, and cleaned up after Breakfast On Easter! A hard-working crew on Saturday, including several teenagers, made sure



Great volunteers like you made it happen, Sandy Scripture!

food was ready to go for final preparation on Sunday morning. An amazing crew of folks showed up bright and early at 5:30 am on Sunday (a couple of teenagers too!) to cook and finish setting up. By 7 am we were ready to serve, and the cleanup crew was done by 10:30. Many hands make light

work! It was wonderful to see so many community members come together for breakfast, and I'm always amazed at the volunteers who step up to make things happen.

~ Polly Camire

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All hail the Town Center cleanup crew!

Have you ever driven through the Center and wondered who decorates the Town Hall at Christmas? Who decorates the gazebo for Memorial Day and fills the granite planter with flowers? Who keeps the grounds picked up from winter's fallen branches? Who removes the invasive plants from the edges of the cemetery?

For about 20 years **Gordon Jackson, Dale Caswell** and **Sandy Morris** have quietly done yeomans' work to keep the town center looking beautiful. They fondly called themselves "Canterbury Landscaping Limited—very limited!" In their retirement, they would gather in the center one morning a week, hold their planning meeting at the store with fresh cups of coffee, and set out to accomplish that week's to-do list. Maybe you've seen them pruning shrubs, planting new trees, or clearing fallen brush.

Well, it's time to give these men a well-deserved rest—along with a big round of applause—and pass these tasks on to the next generation(s). My husband Jim and I have agreed to help coordinate this effort. We all know many hands make light work, so we are inviting anyone who is interested in beautifying the town center to be in touch with us. If you are not available on a weekly basis, that's fine! Come when you can. We will build a list of volunteers, set up a schedule, and decide what projects we'll work on each week. You'll receive a group email—just let us know if you can make it that week or not. Please call 603-783-0220 or email donna@petalsinthepines.com if you would like to join the crew!

In the meantime, if you see Dale, Sandy, Gordon (or Gordon's wife **Pam**, and **Jane Balshaw**, who create the Town Hall Christmas swags), thank them for all they've done to help beautify our Center.

~ Thanks, Donna and Jim Miller

Meeting House Magic

Warm and cool and *quiet* and efficient: A new heat pump replaces the old very noisy heating system in the Meeting House.

Many thanks to our Selectboard and Town Administration. I'm sure it will be appreciated by all who use the Meeting House.

~ Greg Meeh, Chair, Planning Board

It's back: Treasure House! Want to help?

The Canterbury Solid Waste Committee is working to get the Treasure House (like freecycle) at the Transfer Station up and running again. We are hoping the Treasure House will reopen on June 3.

At the moment we only have enough volunteers to open the first and second Saturdays of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. If you would like to see it open more often or longer, please consider taking a two-hour shift once a month. Look for more on the Treasure House in future newsletters! Please contact Emily Burr for more information at 603-899-7570.

Thanks for your years of service, Jan Stout!

Jan Stout, our administrative assistant, has given her notice to retire the first week of July. Jan has worked at the Town Office for 25 years! She has played a key role in the operations of the town and we will miss her organizational skills, historical knowledge and her great customer service. The job posting is on the town website and will be published in the town email.

There is still a vacancy for the Transfer Station Manager, a part-time, permanent position. The posting is on the town website.

The Selectmen and staff at the Town Office have been working for a couple years trying to get broadband access to all residents in Canterbury. A Request for Proposal was sent out in August of 2021. We received only one reply, which was from Comcast. They have applied for grants from the State Business and Economic Affairs Department, but have not been successful. There is approximately \$22 million remaining in the BMGI funds that were awarded to the state as part of the CARES act. We have contacted our state representatives with a request that a portion of those funds be awarded to towns that have partial coverage and are in need of "last mile" coverage.

The Selectmen would like to form a committee to work on this issue. If you are interested, please contact the Town Office.

The fireworks at Canterbury Elementary School will be held on Saturday, July 1. JPI Pyrotechnics will be providing the show.

The annual audit of the town's finances is being conducted by Plodzick and Sanderson. The regular Board of Selectmen's meetings are May 1 and May 15.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator