

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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May the New Year Lift Us All

Greetings Canterbury Neighbors,

As some of you already know, I have accepted a call to a new ministerial position to begin in late January. This will therefore be my last opportunity to offer a greeting in our CUCC community newsletter. Let me start by saying it has truly been a privilege to be a part of the Canterbury community these last four years. It is true, there is a spirit here that is unique and sustaining. I will surely miss that spirit and each of you I've had the opportunity to get to know during our family's time here.

I also want to take one last opportunity in this publication to thank our dedicated volunteers who have made this newsletter happen during the time I've been here: Mark and Brenda Travis, and Denise Sojka before them. Thank you Mark, Brenda, and Denise especially for your patience with me, in that my front page greeting is usually the last submission received each month before it goes to print. :-)

It is my sincere hope and prayer for you all that this new year of 2022 will be one infused with that sustaining spirit, to bring about renewal, good health, wisdom for the journey, and fresh opportunities. I know in next month's newsletter our congregation hopes to be able to share good news with the broader Canterbury community about their search for the next CUCC settled pastor. I am confident as I close out my chapter with CUCC, that 2022 will bring about an exciting fresh opportunity for the life of our church and our broader community.

As I bid farewell to CUCC I want to thank you for the privilege to get to know so many of you and share a chapter with you in the life of this town. As part of that thank you let me offer you a traditional Irish blessing, that I'm sure you'll recognize. I find these words particularly fitting as I imagine the beautiful rolling landscapes of Canterbury, and the souls past and present who've engaged these lands as their home. I hope you will receive in this blessing my gratitude and a celebration of the time we've spent together in this special place.

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

God's Peace to You Always,
Pastor Sara

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Pastor Sara – and an
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Local Folks, Here to Serve You ...

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Wishing everyone well for the coming year. We are open regular hours and well-stocked with quality local products, as well as a variety of convenience store items. If you don't see something, ask. Open Monday-Saturday, 6:30 to 6; Sunday, 8 to 5. Call us at 603-783-9933 if you'd like items bagged for pickup.

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Heartfelt Thanks to Pastor Sara for Guiding Us

Pastor Sara will be leading a new flock in greener pastures (as in the Green Mountain State!), but she leaves having accomplished her mission here at CUCC – in very difficult times. Her work as our Interim Minister included serving as full-time pastor to Canterbury, providing a healing transition from the sudden loss of Pastor Bill (from a major concussion in 2017 – thankfully recovered since), and guiding the Pastoral Search Committee to discern the expectations and needs of the congregation and community (practical and spiritual, now and in the future).



Pastor Sara at a pre-pandemic gathering in 2019 ...

In pandemic times, Sara led the ringing of the church bell in the center every evening through the early months of Covid-19, in support of the health care workers who risked their lives before there were vaccines. She launched a weekly podcast to bring Sunday services to us when the church was in lockdown, and then helped us transition to summer outdoor services and finally masked/distanced services indoors again this fall. But there was much happening before the pandemic, and we are grateful for her caring, quiet leadership.

An update from the Pastoral Search Committee

While the Search Committee is now wrapping up its work (in hopes of joyful news next month), the 3-year Covid-prolonged process included many hours of Bible study, prayerful discussion, research, consultation, writing, and editing – all to produce a 41-page Church Profile that reflects the discerned visioning to rebuild CUCC as "... being Spirit-led to rebound from a long season of transition and relative quiet, by turning in a new direction. We feel called to step boldly beyond the bounds of our sanctuary, existing church family, and traditional worship practices to discover and help meet the emerging needs of a broader community of hurting, drifting people. ... We're looking for someone who, through the word of God, can proclaim a life-giving alternative to today's pressures, fears, and ongoing conflicts in this 'now is everything' world."

Since the Settled Pastor position was posted this summer, the committee has conducted almost a dozen first and second candidate interviews and reference interviews, and has worked through a new Call Agreement to guide the church and its next leader. We believe that God has been with us every step of the way, and feel truly blessed and excited for the future.

~ Jim Miller, for the Search Committee



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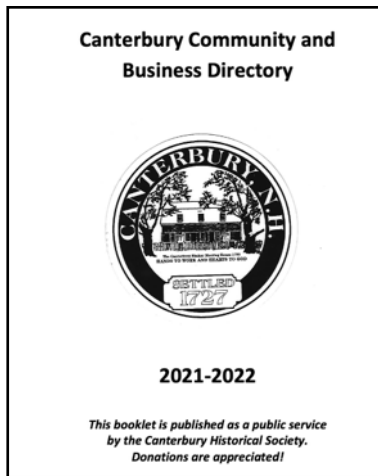
Community and Business Directory is out!

The Canterbury Community and Business Directory has been published by the Canterbury Historical Society for 2021-2022 and is available at the library and country store. The directory, published as a public service, provides information about town organizations and departments, local businesses and answers commonly asked questions.

New at the library: a Research Center! The

society trustees have decided to repurpose the meeting/workroom in the Archives section of the library into a Research Center. New workstations will provide space for volunteers to identify, describe and create a digital record of the myriad items contained in our collection, making the information available online. While some of this work has been done previously, there is much more to be done. To this end, the trustees have purchased a new computer and wireless printer/scanner, allowing for uploading of the information to our website, canterburyhistory.org. We will have more in next month's report.

~ Bob Scarponi, President



Does anyone need folding chairs?

The CUCC has too many folding chairs! We can't store them all properly and would like to find a new home for about 80 chairs. Free for the taking! Take one or take all. Call Bob Drew at 603-848-8303. Thanks from the church trustees.

Thanks to the community from your market

The Canterbury Community Farmers Market would like to thank our community for another successful and memorable year. We saw lots of new faces, both shoppers and vendors, and we hope our market continues to grow! 2021 was our 15th year running and it would simply not be this way without all of our members and their support. During our "off-season" we are hard at work planning for next summer so we can see you all once again in 2022!

~ Emily Sullivan



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Things Are Hopping at the Library

The next Trustee meeting is Monday, Jan. 10, at 7 pm in the library.

Open Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 to 5; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 7, and Saturdays, 9 to 12

Elkins Library is closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 17. There will not be Story Hour on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 18 and 19.

Elkins Library requires face masks. Always check Facebook, our website and the town email or phone us if you have any questions about in-library services. Elkins is also pleased to offer the Meeting OWL Pro, providing youngsters and adults the ability to participate in programs no matter where you are.

During inclement weather we follow the Shaker Regional School District's closing and delay schedule. You can also check Facebook, the townwide email or the listings on Channel 9 (WMUR) to confirm our status.

Friends of Elkins Public Library will continue to sell Frontier Soups with a full selection of your favorites and even some new ones! Nothing takes the chill away like a hot bowl of soup. Money raised by FOEPL funds the programs you enjoy at EPL.

Programs

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet on Jan. 6 at 6 pm (a new time for this program) in the library. If you love to read nonfiction, this is the group for you! Bring titles that you would like to share with this group of interested men and women.

Evening Book Group: Tuesday, Jan 18, at 7 pm. We'll be reading *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. Copies are available at the library and can be downloaded on Hoopla and NH Downloadable Books. This is a slow-burn psychological thriller set on a remote island off the coast of Ireland.

Keep Calm & Craft On Club! Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 am with presenter Emily Preston leading the group in creating colorful geometric decorative balls using origami Snapology, which requires the folding of strips of paper to produce amazing origami pieces. Sign up now for in-person or virtual participation. **Note:** This group is starting earlier than usual because this craft will take an hour and a half to complete.

Free Tech Help! Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm, in half-hour time slots, Katie McKay offers free tech support at the library. Any topic may be addressed, including cell phones, computers, security and social media. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the issue. Katie's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

Katie is a Friend of Elkins Public Library who donates her time. Thank you Katie! You too could donate your time and skills to the Library! Fill out a Volunteer survey on the Friends page on our website to find out more. It's so good to have friends!

Three new programs debut at Elkins!

NEW: On Pins and Needles. This is our new handiwork club. Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, felting or other fiber craft along and join Cheryl by the fireplace at 2 pm every Wednesday. All levels welcome.

NEW: Elkins Café. We should all make time for interaction and enrichment in our lovely community. It's all the more important to do this as we get older. Join Rachel by the fireplace on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2 pm for an hour (Jan. 6 and 20). Come and enjoy a coffee or tea and sit together. At our first gathering we will discuss the direction of the group and what programs you are interested in.

NEW: Musical Monday: On the first Monday of every month, come into the library at 10 am to watch a musical on our big screen! We will watch *Top Hat* with Astaire and Rogers for our first meeting! We will have tea and coffee but bring along your own popcorn or snacks if you want.

COMING SOON: Tunes, Tales and Tumbling! This movement and music program will start in February or March for babies and early toddlers.

Story Time: Join us in the Children's Room every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 am for stories, songs, finger plays and a take-home craft. This program is best suited for children birth to 5.

Digital corner

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So Many Clubs, So Much Happening at CES!

Happy New Year! Canterbury Elementary School students and staff are gearing up for a fantastic 2022!

Our many before- and after-school clubs have been keeping busy. The **technology club** has been working on STEM challenges through various simulations as well as becoming introduced to educational coding programs. **Student Council** members connected with local seniors through a takeout style version of the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. The guests who came were greeted at the school's entrance by the Student Council and received a full-course turkey dinner and dessert to go.

The **yearbook club** has been working diligently to design a yearbook that matches our school-wide theme of "Growing a Garden of Learners." In addition to designing the yearbook, the club members have also started to focus more closely on the design of each class page.

Our **basketball players** have been working on developing and improving their dribbling and shooting skills. Students have had the opportunity to participate in lead-up basketball games such as around the world, twenty-one, and knock-out. Thank you to our volunteer assistant coach Nathan Allard. We truly appreciate all of your help!

Garden club members worked hard to beautify the front entrance and school grounds this past fall and the members of the newsletter club have been busy interviewing students and staff and creating great content for each issue!

The **CES PTO** has also been quite busy. They recently hosted their annual Holiday Family Fun Night with a very special guest, Santa! Students enjoyed the opportunity to decorate cookies and make crafts with their families at this special annual event. The PTO also sponsored a visit from Wildlife Encounters. Students attended an assembly and learned about the different animals that visited us. Some brave students held Madagascar hissing cockroaches and a cane toad. Students learned about invasive species and the effects they can have on an ecosystem. The Fennec fox named Radar and the wallaby were favorites. At the end of the show, students had the opportunity to pet a boa constrictor and a hedgehog. Thank you to the PTO!

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

Heads up! It's school budget season!

The public hearings for the 2022-2023 school budget will be held on Jan. 17 at 6 pm at Canterbury Elementary School and on Jan. 18 at 6 pm at Belmont Middle School. A deliberative session will be held on Feb. 9 at Belmont High School beginning at 6 pm.



Food pantry served nearly 300 clients

In November the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to create 8,963 meals for 290 individuals. Of those, 134 were aged 60 and older, 59 were aged 18 or under and 97 were in between. We gave out 45 Holiday Boxes this year.

Volunteers: I'd like to personally thank all the volunteers that donate their time to helping at the pantry. The following are steady volunteers who come in week after week and no matter how hectic and crazy things are, they always do their best to make sure people are fed and happy. Thank you, Bill, Glenda,

Mary, Jon, Scott, Burt, Sandy, Deb 1, Deb 2, June and Kristen (just to name a few). Without your dedication and valuable input this pantry would not be what it is today!

If you wish to support us, you can mail a donation to Loudon Food Pantry, Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd., Loudon 03307. Or drop it off during office hours: Tuesdays, 10 to 6; Wednesdays, 10 to 1; Thursdays, 10 to 4. Or go to loudonfoodpantry.com and click on Donate!

Need food? Call me at 603-724-9731 to see if you qualify.

~ Sue Houck

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@canterbury-nh.org

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@canterbury-nh.org

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

Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor's Office: 783-9955. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 12 to 7. Emails: selectmen@canterbury-nh.org
assessing@canterbury-nh.org
kfolsom@canterbury-nh.org

Building Inspector: 783-9033
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Highway Dept: 783-4123
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Planning Board: 848-2059
planningboard@canterbury-nh.org

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

Town Clerk-Tax Collector Office expands hours

Effective Jan. 1, the office hours of the Town Clerk-Tax Collector will be increased to Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 pm to 7 pm.

Property tax bills: Second-half property tax bills were sent out Friday, Nov. 19, and were due Tuesday, Dec. 21. Please note that all tax billing information, including copies of the tax bill and a history of payments made, is always available online at www.NHTaxKiosk.com and also linked through the town's website, canterbury-nh.org. Look for the "Pay Property Taxes" button.

Credit cards in office: The Town Clerk-Tax Collector's office now accepts credit cards (in addition to cash or check) for payment of transactions at the office. Please be aware that, similarly to the online card payment option, there is a 2.79% service fee added to the total amount due.

Idling diesel truck a concern

Last month's Solid Waste Committee news went over the practical reasons to support upgrading the transfer station electric system. There are other reasons to support the change and those are all related to social responsibility.

The packer truck sits idling for 10 hours a day on Saturdays to power the compactor mechanism. Many states have regulations limiting how long diesel trucks can idle because of the harmful effects on air quality. An idling truck can produce twice as many exhaust emissions, per gallon of fuel used, as an engine in motion. Long-term exposure to diesel exhaust can lead to serious health problems such as cardiovascular disease, cardiopulmonary disease, and cancer. This affects all of us a little bit, but it affects the people who work at the transfer station a lot.

There is also the impact on climate change. An electric compactor would require much less energy than an idling diesel truck, and the energy that it did use could be generated from solar panels. It is a small thing but if we are going to tackle climate change, we need to address the large impacts, the small impacts, and everything in between.

Town filing period opens Jan. 19

The filing period for candidacy in the March Canterbury town election will be Wednesday, Jan. 19, through Friday, Jan. 28. Please visit the Town Clerk's office during business hours to complete and file the Declaration of Candidacy form. The office will be open on Friday, Jan. 28, from 3 pm to 5 pm to receive last-minute filings. Any questions, call 603-783-0153.

Positions on the ballot:

Selectmen (3 years): 1 position
Treasurer (3 years): 1 position
Planning Board (3 years): 2 positions
Cemetery Trustee (3 years): 1 position
Town Clerk-Tax Collector (3 years): 1 position
Library Trustee (3 years): 2 positions
Library Trustee (2 years): 2 positions
Supervisor of Checklist (6 years): 1 position
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years): 1 position

In short, given its effects on carbon emissions, air quality and human health, you would be hard pressed to come up with a worse way to compact trash than using an idling diesel truck. And the first step in switching over to an electric compactor is to upgrade the electrical system at the transfer station.

~ Stephen Rasche

Selectmen continue budget work

The regular selectmen's meetings will be on Jan. 3 and 17 at 5 pm. The Budget Committee and Department Heads will join the selectmen on the 17th to discuss the 2022 budget. There will be a public hearing on the budget in February. We will post the date and time on the town website.

Assessment data for all properties in town have been updated on the town website in the "Assessment Data" section.

Fred Wells has joined the team at the Highway Department. He comes to Canterbury with many years of experience from the Sanbornton and Belmont highway departments.

We are waiting on the state to release rules on grants for broadband expansion. Comcast has been updating its maps to determine "unserved" residences. We will post any updates.

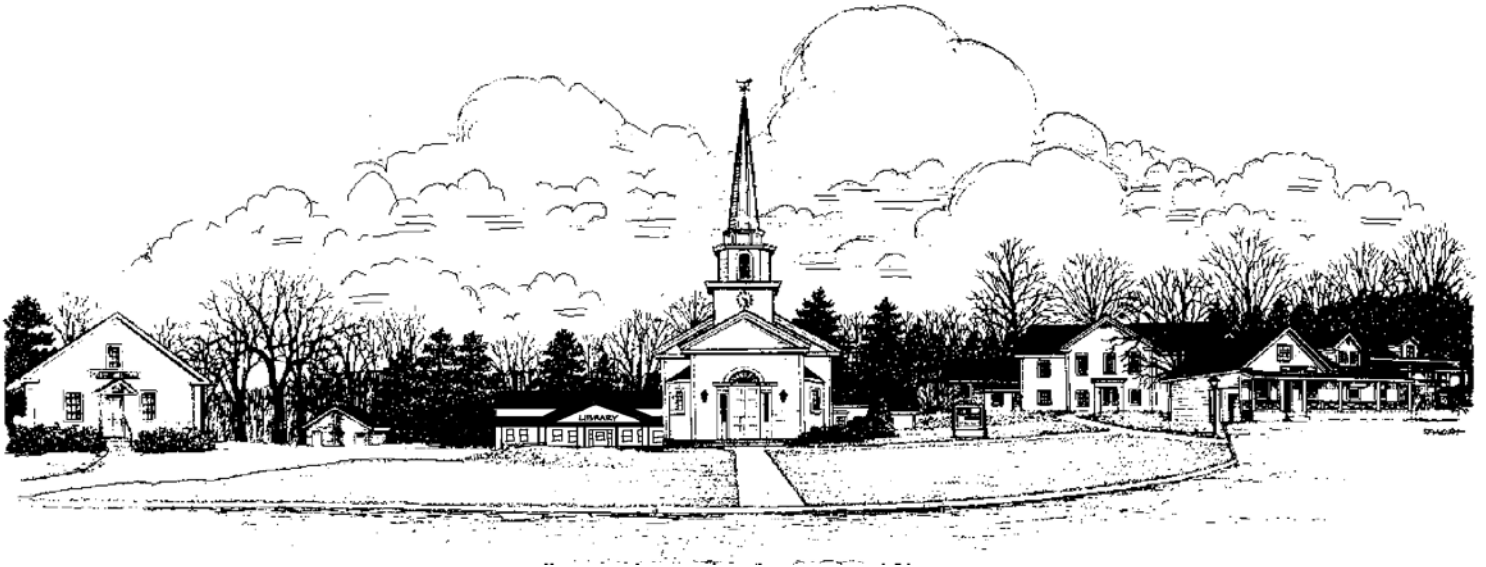
~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

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Strap on your snowshoes! Racing series comes to the Shaker Village

Snowshoeing is back this winter at Canterbury Shaker Village! The 2022 Snow or No We Go Trail Series returns, beginning Saturday, Jan. 15, and continuing through Saturday, March 5. In addition to Canterbury Shaker Village, races will be held at Prospect Acres, located at 4 Beaumier Drive in Franklin. This series offers snowshoers the opportunity to hike, jog, or run.

The series is pre-registration only and limited to 75 participants per race. Each of the six trail races are between 2 and 4 miles. All races are run on loops, with the choice of one or two loops.

Races will not be cancelled or postponed for lack of snow. Racers are urged to run on snowshoes when conditions are acceptable and in trail shoes or microspikes in the event of no snow. Racers may participate independently or as a team member. Teams must have at least three athletes to finish a race to score as a team.

Registration for each race is \$20, or \$100 for all six races. Participants need to pre-register and sign a waiver in order to participate. Registration is open now at runreg.com/nh-snow-or-no-we-go-series.

All proceeds will benefit Canterbury Shaker Village and Prospect Acres. We are grateful to our generous sponsor, Northeast Delta Dental.

Farewell to a beloved friend: Mildred "Millie" Kopperl passed away on Nov. 17. She served 9 years as a Trustee from 1999 to 2008 and then as a Corporator from 2008 to 2017. She lived in Canterbury until moving with her husband, George, to North Sandwich. She was an avid preservationist and gardener and served on the Collections Committee. Millie spoke with a quiet voice that held wise words and humor. She will be missed by her village friends.

Race dates and locations are as follows:

- Jan. 15, 10 am: Canterbury Shaker Village
- Jan. 29, 10 am: Canterbury Shaker Village
- Feb. 5, 10 am: Canterbury Shaker Village
- Feb. 12, 10 am: Prospect Acres
- Feb. 19, 10 am: Canterbury Shaker Village
- March 5, 10 am: Prospect Acres

For further information, please email Tom Walton at twalton@nedelta.com, Ellen Raffio at ellenraffio@gmail.com, or Steven Nelson at stevennelson1967@gmail.com.