

**SEE Notice Below!**

- ***Computer Work Scheduled for Town Offices & Police Dept. – Wednesday & Thursday***
- ***Transfer Station to Begin Recycling of Cardboard & Cans***
- ***Appointment of New Selectman – Eric Shaw***
- ***Low and Moderate Income Homeowner’s Property Tax Relief***
- ***Call for Volunteers for the Household Hazardous Waste Collections***
- ***The History Corner – Walking West on Main Street in Early 1900’s***

**THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”**

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site [www.new-hampton.nh.us](http://www.new-hampton.nh.us) or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to [nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us](mailto:nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us).

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Kenneth A. Mertz, Michael A. Drake, and Eric Shaw

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**The computers serving the  
Police Department and the Town Offices  
will be shut down for all of Wednesday and most of Thursday,  
June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

The offices may be limited in the information they can provide. Please call and leave a message to request information and if the offices are able to answer your questions we will call you back. We will resume business as usual on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

*We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes.*

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## Transfer Station to Begin Some Recycling

Effective on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> the Transfer Station will begin taking clean cardboard (corrugated) and cans

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### Welcome our newly appointed Selectman, Eric Shaw

*Eric Shaw been a resident of New Hampton since 2016, but his family connections go deeper. Eric’s grandparents (Erwin and Barbara Shaw) lived for 70 years in the New Hampton village and his father was born and raised there, attending school at New Hampton Elementary and then the New Hampton School. His grandfather was the cook at NHS for 30+ years, and grandmother the Librarian at Gordon Nash Library for almost 50 years.*

*Since moving to his New Hampton farm, Eric and his family have developed good connections with many of their neighbors on Coolidge Woods and Blake Hill Roads.*

*Eric’s education includes an undergraduate degree in Economics from Johns Hopkins University and an MBA in Finance from Boston University. With extensive worldwide experience in the energy sector, Eric has sat on Boards of Directors for 15+ different companies, ranging in size from 8 employees to over 5,000. This has given him a broad base of experience from which to draw in assessing and tackling the issues that face New Hampton, making Eric a strong, positive contributor to the town. Eric will be filling the Selectman position vacated by new Town Administrator Neil Irvine, until the March elections in 2021.*

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## Taxpayer Assistance - Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief

The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, **but no later than June 30**. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application. **Click on the link below to understand the circumstances in which NHDRA will allow for a later submittal of your federal income tax return, which is required to be submitted with the Low and Moderate application:** <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/publications/press/documents/low-moderate.pdf>

Forms are available at the Town Office or can be accessed (either fill-in form or printed and completed) from the NH Dept of Revenue website at <http://revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm>

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### **Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program Call for Volunteers**

The annual Lakes Region HHW collections are currently scheduled for **July 25, 2020** and the **August 1, 2020**. The HHW program is organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) and supported financially by the Town of New Hampton. The Town is seeking volunteers for two roles:

#### **Town HHW Coordinator**

The Town HHW coordinator will:

- Attend four monthly meetings (May, June, July, Aug/Sept)
- Communicate with the Town Select Board
- Conduct local outreach
- LRPC provides resources and support to the HHW Coordinators

#### **HHW Collection Site Volunteers**

- HHW collection site volunteers will be assigned tasks at a collection site of their choosing on the collection day. Site volunteers may assist with traffic flow and conduct

an anonymous survey while people wait in their vehicles. Specialized HHW staff will then unload and sort the hazardous wastes. The hours are from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

The nearest collection sites to New Hampton are Meredith (July 25th) and Bristol (August 1). Complete details about the LRPC HHW Program may be found at:  
<https://lakesrpc.org/serviceshww.asp>

Please email [selectmen@new-hampton.nh.us](mailto:selectmen@new-hampton.nh.us) with your expression of interest in either or both volunteer roles.

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### *The History Corner*

### **Walking West on Main Street in the Early 1900s**



In these challenging times of driving by the names and faces of graduates, artfully placed in front of schools, here is a remembrance of commencement in the days of the horse and buggy. The students of New Hampton Literary Institute (NHLI) solemnly walk past the Gordon-Nash Library, dressed in their finest threads.

In this early 1900s photo (courtesy of the NHHS), the women are dressed in white – a tradition that went back at least 60 years. NHS student Sarah Stiles from Center Strafford, NH wrote to her mother in June of 1844 to report:

*The school has examinations on Tuesday at the Institution and we have ours on Wednesday – at the Seminary. The girls all dress in white, and I do not know what I shall do, for I have not got a white dress... They have head-dresses here, made of beads, that they call buggle [bugel] beads, they are a small black bead, about half an inch long, and I think they are very pretty. I should not think they cost much. Miss Graves talks of having some and she wants me to have some, and I should like to know if you are willing, can we buy them here or send to Concord [for them]? If I had something to work with, I might learn to work with cruel [crewel] - very pretty.*



Let us hope that Sarah was able to acquire a white dress in time for the ceremonies, as well as some bugel beads to work into a head-dress!

For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/>

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The Gordon-Nash Library at New Hampton School  
June 2, 2020

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