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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 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.

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September 30, 2022

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**Light the Night
for Fallen Firefighters**

October 2nd through the 9th



Join the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in Honoring and Remembering the sacrifice of America's Fallen Fire Heroes

Nearly everyone knows a firefighter. They are our family, friends, and co-workers. They respond to a stranger's call for help without hesitation and serve with pride and compassion. They are our local heroes.

Every October, a grateful Nation honors its fallen fire service heroes during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend—the official national tribute to those firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. As in years past, we are asking landmarks, buildings, families, and fire departments across the country to participate in “Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters.”

YOU can join some of the most iconic buildings and bridges as well as hundreds of fire departments and communities in helping us honor our fallen heroes. As an example, One World Trade Center in New York City, the Willis Tower in Chicago, and Walt Disney Studios in Burbank have joined us to **Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters**.

A Candlelight Service will be held on Saturday, October 8th for the families. Lighting your department and community in red on the evening of October 8th, or any time during that week, would be an additional symbol of support and comfort to the families whose loved ones are being remembered.

New Hampton Historical Society Presents:
The Ballad Lives!
Tuesday, October 4th 7:00 PM
Gordon-Nash Library, 69 Main Street, New Hampton

Murder and mayhem, robbery and rapine, love that cuts to the bone: American ballads re-tell the wrenching themes of their English and Scottish cousins. Transplanted in the new world by old world immigrants, the traditional songs wound up re-invigorated in the mountains of Appalachia and along the Canadian border.

Presenter John Perrault, Balladeer and Poet, presents an evening of songs and poetry that are roots-oriented and earthy. He loves to write about and celebrate stories of New England

characters and historical figures. John was poet laureate of Portsmouth during 2003-2005. His selection of songs and poems promises to challenge the head and stir the heart.
The Historical Society thanks New Hampshire Humanities for providing our Presenters and Programs.

Our programs are free and open to the public.

Please note: Our presenter requests attendees to be masked for this evening's program.

Conservation Commission Clean-Up Day



Picture of Snake River Conservation Area

To all of the NHCC members and volunteers that came out on Saturday September 24th for the Conservation Commission clean-up day, Thank You!!! The good news is we were able to remove a lot of trash and discarded items from two of the Town Conservation Areas: Snake River & Dolloff Brook - the sad news is that we had to remove a lot of trash and discarded items from these Conservation Areas. With regular monitoring and maintenance perhaps these areas will be more of the protected, peaceful, educational spaces they were intended to be and less of a dumping ground. Our thanks again to all involved.

September Is National Preparedness Month **Celebrate By Being Prepared For Emergencies**

The New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management participated in National Preparedness Month during September to help increase emergency preparedness throughout the state.

This year's national theme was "A Lasting Legacy." In New Hampshire, content also focused on "It Can Happen Here" in regards to recent weather events that produced [two tornadoes](#) in the state so far in 2022.

"The Granite State is not immune to severe weather," said then-acting New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Richard C. Bailey Jr. "Take time during National Preparedness Month to keep you and your family safe during a disaster."

These core steps are key to preparedness and keeping you and your family safe:

1. Stay informed. Sign up for NH Alerts or download the NH Alerts mobile app to receive free emergency notifications, including weather alerts from the National Weather Service.
2. Have a family emergency plan so everyone knows where to go and what to do in an emergency. Include emergency contact information so everyone knows how and where to reconnect after an emergency occurs.
3. Make an emergency kit with supplies for your entire family, including your pets.
4. Get involved in preparedness efforts in your community through organizations like VOAD (Voluntary Organizations in Disaster), CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams), or Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Taking a First Aid/CPR class is a great way to be more prepared for an emergency.

For more information on what to do before, during and after a disaster, visit [ReadyNH.gov](#). Stay informed by following New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (@NH_HSEM) and [Instagram](#) (@NH_HSEM).

The History Corner:

Does Anyone Remember "the Grove" Behind the Town House?

At the recent Old Home Day (thank you so much to all those who volunteered and who participated in this glorious annual event!) long-time New Hampton Village resident June Smith was struck with a childhood memory. In her own words:

I recall running with young relatives and friends back and forth on top of plank seating in "the Grove," down back of the Town House. We ran along two inch thick boards – ten to twelve feet long – laid on top of tree stumps on either side of an aisle. The aisle led to steps up to a large stage, about twenty feet wide and ten deep. The whole area was an outdoor auditorium. Following the afternoon meal everyone would gather in the Grove to hear a political speaker or two, followed by entertainment including music.

June then wondered if anyone else could recall the particulars of the Grove and the activities there – or, even better, if photographs and printed programs could be found. She visited the Gordon-Nash Library and asked if we knew more. We sent out an email to some members of the New Hampton Historical Society and both Bob and Tom Smith recalled the Grove. Bob

remembered playing on the stage – a wooden platform – which rotted away as the years passed. He also recalled the plank seating was not in the best condition. Tom saw a photo of it once and has been on the lookout for it ever since.

We were able to find a number of articles about the use of the Grove at Old Home Day in the newly digitized version of *The Bristol Enterprise*.* On September 2, 1937, an article on Old Home Day, reported:

At the grove, E. McMann, a teacher of tap dancing, exhibited his pupils in military, waltz, soft shoe, buck rhythm clog, waltz clog, rhythm buck dances. Those who danced were Elinor and Alice Piche, Aileen Boomhower, Rita Cote, Robert Hart, John Glines, Jr., Anita Le Pierre, Earl N. Stokes, Lorraine Fogg, Shirley McFarland, Henry Nault, Rita Boingault, Virginia Patten, and Violet Cormier. Songs were rendered by Alfred Jeffers, Dorothy Gilman, Andrew Bushee, Ellon Gilman; speakers on this program were Col. Charles Hoyt, president of the State Old Home association, Dr. James Shaw of Franklin, and Miss Ina Bickford read an essay on "The History of Old Home Day." Baked beans and coffee were served at noon. At 3 p.m. a ball game was in order...

A recent visit to the heavily wooded area in back of the Town House revealed lots of rotting stumps, but most likely those are from, as Tom Smith observed, a timber cut done about twenty years ago to remove a number of old pine trees. If anyone has more information on "the Grove" or a photo or two of it, please let us know and we can share in a subsequent "History Corner."

*We are so grateful to the Minot-Sleeper Library (Bristol) for digitizing every issue of *The Bristol Enterprise* from 1870 through 1989 (in all its various names and formats). This archive provides an extraordinary resource to the life and times of our area for 120 years, and it available to all for free. Stay tuned for times when the Gordon-Nash Library will offer tutorials on how to search the archive, as you will not be disappointed. Here is a link to the site:

<https://bristolnh.advantage-preservation.com/home>

For more information on the history of the town, please visit the newly updated New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/> If you have memories, photos or information on “the Grove,” please share them with me at kbicknell@newhampton.org

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