SEE Notices Below!

- Veteran's Memorial Park Committee looking for your ideas!
- NEW 2012 Voter ID law.
- State Primary Election September 11, 2012, 8 am to 7 pm.
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- ALERT 9 volt batteries can be a Fire Hazard (see notice below).

WELCOME TO 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 <u>www.new-hampton.nh.us</u> 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 <u>blucas@new-hampton.nh.us</u>.

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Veteran's Memorial Park Committee is Soliciting Your Ideas



TO NEW HAMPTON RESIDENTS

The Selectmen have appointed a Veteran's Memorial Park Committee to develop a plan to commemorate those Veterans that served during periods of armed conflict and our understanding of the sacrifices made by all Veterans and their families. To assist the Committee in their mission we solicit your input of ideas, thoughts, and concepts that can be used to create the Memorial Park. Please contact the Town Office at 744-3559.

We thank you for your help. The Veteran's Memorial Park Committee

State of New Hampshire 2012Vote ID law

During the 2012 legislative session the legislature passed House Bill 1354, also known as the "Voter ID" Law. The new law will phase-in a photo identification requirement over a period of time.

This explanatory document is required under the "Voter ID" law as part of the process of educating the public about the law's requirements and application and outlines the law's requirements for 2012.

What type of photo ID will I need in order to vote?

For any election *before* Sept. 1, 2013, you will be asked to provide one of the following:

- Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired);
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles);
- U.S. Armed Services ID card;
- U.S. Passport (even if expired);
- Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government;
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or

• Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

Before November 1, 2012, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote.

Between November 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

After November 1, 2012, if you filled out a "challenged voter affidavit" in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State, requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Where can I get more information? Your city or town clerk or the Secretary of State

NH State Primary Election September 11, 2012

The State Primary Election will be held on September 11, 2012. The Town of New Hampton's designated polling place is the Old Town House, 86 Town House Road, New Hampton. The polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please note that as a result of 2012 State legislative action, you will now be asked to provide a form of photo identification upon checking in with the ballot clerks.

For Primary Elections, your party affiliation determines whether you have the option on Election Day to choose to vote a Democratic or Republican Primary Ballot. Undeclared voters (those with no party affiliation) may declare a party at the polls, vote the ballot of that party, and then change their party affiliation back to Undeclared by completing a simple form at the end of the voting process. If you are already registered Republican or Democrat It is too late to change your party affiliation for this election.

Please note that if you are not a registered voter you can register the day of the election with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 603-744-8454. Please note the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on September 11th.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICES CLOSED ON September 11th State Primary Election Day.

Master Plan Update Questionnaire will be mailed late next week!!!!!

The New Hampton Planning Board has appointed a subcommittee that has prepared a questionnaire to residents and property owners to update the New Hampton Master Plan. This subcommittee will distribute by mail a questionnaire. They will also compile census data, future growth estimates, existing conditions, regional and state goals, etc. Once the responses have been gathered and the data is assembled it will then be used to prepare the master plan. The master plan will be used as a tool for future town planning that best fits the needs and wants of residents, property owners, and business owners, while at the same time, addressing demands on Town services.

Please fill out the questionnaire and return it by mail to the Master Plan Committee, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton, NH 03256 or drop it off on Election Day or the Town Office in the designated drop off box. They want your input!!! Please return the questionnaire. Thank you!

NEW HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION

Sunday, September 23, 3 pm Songs of Our History: The Good Old Plow

Presenters: Tom Curren, Fred Ogmundson, and Donald Towle Held at New Hampton's historic Town House, 86 Town House Road Directions: just past the post office on Rte. 104, take a left on Town House Road There will be songs of yesterday right here in New Hampton. Full of humor and wit, these local gentlemen will entertain us with old farm songs. One song is about a farm on Peaked Hill! Enjoy the afternoon at the Town House with afternoon tea, coffee, and refreshments.

Donations to help defray the cost of this special program will be gratefully accepted. For more information call Carole Curry, at 603 744-9798

9 Volt Batteries a Fire Hazard

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office encourages you to locate your extra batteries and learn how to store them properly.

In July, a fire broke out in a kitchen "junk" drawer which the resident stated she had just cleaned and organized. The fire produced smoke throughout the first floor of the home. In the drawer were spare keys, a cigarette lighter, paper clips, eye glass cleaner, and some batteries in a baggie along with everything else that you find in a "junk" drawer.

The local fire department determined the cause of the fire to be from a 9 volt battery stored in the same baggie with other batteries. The 9 volt battery rubbed against another battery and ignited the fire. In the homeowner's words, "We were fortunate not have been away for the weekend!"

A 9 volt battery is a fire hazard because the positive and negative posts are on top, right next to one another. If the ends come in contact with anything metal i.e. aluminum foil, steel wool, paper clip, other batteries, etc. this will create the object to heat up and ignite a fire.

To store, keep in original packaging or keep ends covered. For disposal, make sure that the positive and negative posts are safely wrapped in electrical tape.

Remember to check your smoke alarms each month to ensure your family has the early warning to get out safely if a fire should occur in your home.