TEMPLE NEWSLETTER Prepared and edited by the TVFDA May-June 2024

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Tues. 7:00am-5:00pm; Thurs. 10am-7pm; Fri. 8am-11am; Sat. 8am-4:30pm

Snap Shot of Coming Events

May 1 Peggy's Coffee Hour May 23 Book Club
May 1 Faith Food Pantry May 27 TVFDA meeting

May 3 Community Potluck May 29 Peggy's Coffee Hour May 4 Craft Sale & Yard Sales June 2 Memorial Day Parade

May 6 TVFD Meeting June 3 TVFD Meeting

May7 Ladies Aid meetingJune4 Ladies Aid meetingMay8 Peggy's Coffee HourJune4 Supervisor SessionMay9 Lions MeetingJune5 Peggy's Coffee Hour

May 11 Library Plant Swap

May 12 Lions Mother's Day Breakfast

June 5 Faith Food Pantry

June 7 Community Potluck

May 13 TVFD Maintenance

May 15 Peggy's Coffee Hour

May 17 Drama Club Production

June 10 TVFD Maintenance

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June 12 Peggy's Coffee Hour

May 18 Drama Club Production

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May 20 Library Movie Matinee

June 19 Peggy's Coffee Hour

June 26 Peggy's Coffee Hour

May 20 TVFD Drill June 28 Newsletter Deadline

May 22 Peggy's Coffee Hour

Deadline for the July-August issue is Friday, June 28th, 9AM. Please E-mail an electronic file, in Microsoft Word file format, to <a href="marked-m

Newsletter Subscriptions

The Fire Dept. Auxiliary offers subscription service to the newsletter for those who want it sent directly to them or friends or family out of town. Our subscription price is now \$7.00 per year. This rate is effective for all new subscriptions. If you wish to receive the Newsletter, please mail \$7.00 for a subscription, along with your name and address to P.O. Box 80, Temple, NH 03084. All subscriptions expire at year-end. Make checks payable to the Temple Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

Fire Warden Report Fire Permits Required by Law. Yes, this includes Fire Pits!

The State of New Hampshire requires all persons to obtain a "permit to kindle a fire" prior to <u>any</u> outside burning including brush fires, cooking fires and seasonal camp fires. A permit to kindle a fire is also required for chimineas and other portable pottery or metal fireplaces. You must be at least 18 years of age to obtain a fire permit and you must be the property owner or have written permission from the property owner to kindle a fire. Temple's Forest Fire Warden, Mike Connolly (603-209-0699) can issue you a burn permit and will advise you of the rules and laws and fire class day conditions. All fires must be at least 25 feet from any structure. Make sure fires are attended at all times & completely out when done. When burning, please watch out for leaves and wind.

Fire Department Auxiliary

The **Spring Yard Sale with Rummage and White Elephant** is coming up on **Saturday, May 18th from 9 am to 2 pm** at the Temple Fire Station. There will be good quality clothing, craft items, housewares, home decor, tools, furniture, and much more! Some new items, some used items, all sold as Is, and for a generous donation. That's right this is a by donation sale with proceeds to help support the TVFD Fire Fighters' Association Fund.

The Auxiliary will be setting up and accepting items for this sale on **Friday, May 17th from 3 pm to 7 pm**. We are accepting donations of good, clean, useable clothing and shoes, housewares, books, small furniture, toys, etc. We **do not** take TV's, computers, old electronics or large recliners and sofas. Donation items **will not** be accepted the day of the sale.

The Auxiliary is a group of men and women of all ages who are interested in supporting the Fire Department. You don't need to be related to a firefighter to join. The Auxiliary supports the Fire Department with fundraisers (Chicken BBQ, Rummage Sale, etc.) and provides support and refreshments at large incident scenes. The TVFD Auxiliary welcomes new members to join our group. The Auxiliary holds its monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. Come join the fun, learn what we are all about and support your local fire department heroes. Any questions, please contact our President, Mary at 603-924-6195.

The Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on **Tuesday**, **June 4**, **2024** from **7:00pm to 7:30pm** at the Municipal Building. This session is for corrections to the checklist and new registrations. Please bring proof of identity, citizenship, and domicile. **Last day for already registered voters to change or declare a party affiliation for the September State Primary Election.**

Temple Planning Board's Steering Committee

The Temple Planning Board's Steering Committee is looking for residents who would be interested in sitting down with a committee member to discuss housing in Temple one on one. The one on one interviews will be held March through April. Anyone interested can contact Pam Kingston (pam@kingston-assoc.com or 603.566.7776) to be matched with a committee member.

Souper Lunch

The Ladies Aid Society would like to thank all the wonderful soup, rolls and dessert makers and of course our energetic servers for all their support of this fun project. We will start up again in September and look forward to serving the community.

Ladies Aid Society

The Ladies Aid Society meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Friendship Hall at 7 pm. Our next meeting is May 7th. New people always bring new ideas. You do not need to be a member of the church to become a part of the group. All that is needed is a desire to be a part of the community. If you would like to join us, or for more information give Sandy Benotti at 603-878-2297 or Mary Amsden at 603-924-6195 a call.

Community Potluck

The **first Friday** of each month is POTLUCK NIGHT! Watch for the sign in front of the Friendship Hall. Bring a hot dish, a salad or dessert, & a hearty appetite & join us for great food and fellowship at Friendship Hall at 6:30 PM. This is a community affair and ALL are welcome. Contact Peggy at 1603-320-0498.

Peggy's Coffee Hour formally known as 4 Score & More or Less

You are invited to meet with a group of fascinating people of all ages to share conversation and information. We do not discuss religion or politics, but try to inspire, encourage, and have fun! Coffee, tea and goodies will be served. This is an informal gathering for men and women, and there are no dues, no officers. We meet **Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m.** at the Friendship Hall. **Everyone is welcome**. For more info: call Peggy Cournoyer at 1-603-320-0498.

Faith Food Pantry

The Faith Food Pantry is a mission of the Congregational Church of Temple. It is open to anyone in our town or larger community who is food insecure. The pantry is open the first Wed. (5pm to 7pm) & the third Sat. (9am-12am) every month, no appointment is needed. The Faith Food Pantry is located on Rte. 45 between the Birchwood Inn and the Parish House. There is a long driveway but look for the red awning on a brown barn. Anyone in need is welcome.

Good Roads Day 2024 Follow-up

We had beautiful weather for our traditional Good Roads Day kick-off event, and we accomplished a tremendous amount of clean-up work.

Heartfelt thanks is extended to all the people who came together to make this special community effort happen.

<u>At least forty-two individuals</u> (too many to name) and <u>three organizations</u> (Church, Drama Club, and Ladies Aid) contributed in various ways. Every contribution makes a huge difference and is deeply appreciated.

Types of contribution included labor (raking, litter pick-up, trash sorting/recycling, kitchen work, and more), food for the potluck meal, general supplies, facilities, and/or financial support for this year's event.

At noon we took a break for our potluck meal-sharing time. The food was amazing (we have so many good cooks in town!) and the comradery was awesome. Not everyone can come in for the meal, but those who do thoroughly enjoy the rejuvenating sustenance and the fun fellowship. We had around twenty-eight individuals attending the potluck.

We are all fortunate to live in a town with such strong community spirit.

Mansfield Public Library

We have lots of fun and informative programs planned for May and June. Follow us on Facebook to get the latest news.

Plant Swap: We will be hosting a plant swap on the library lawn on **Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to noon**. Swap your extra garden or house plants, cuttings, seedlings, or seeds at our Plant Swap. All plants and seeds must be healthy, pest-free, and labeled. Plants can be in soil or as rooted cuttings in water (please only bring pots that you are willing to part with!). No registration necessary.

Preschool Storytime: Our preschool storytime meets on Friday mornings at 10:30 am. Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and friendship. Our storytimes are held in the reference room until the weather allows us to meet outside. Our spring session will run through May 10. We have had a great year with our Storytime group, which has grown by leaps and bounds! We will take break so we can gear up for summer reading (more on that below!)

Monday Matinee: Our next Monday Matinee will be held on May 20 at 1 p.m. We will be showing A Man Called Otto (2022) starring Tom Hanks. (We did show this previously, but it was before we purchased our television, and the sound and picture quality were not ideal). On June 10 at 1 p.m., we will show the 1950 version of Father of the Bride starring Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor. Light refreshments will be served.

Seed Library Open: Get ready for the 2024 growing season. Temple gardeners can "borrow" and "lend" vegetable, herb, and flower seeds at the Mansfield Public Library. The library invites residents to donate seeds, both commercially packaged and saved seed. If the donation is saved seed, patrons are asked to provide as much information as possible about the seeds such as variety, harvest year, and growing notes. The seeds are kept in the reference room. To help with inventory, residents are asked to record any seeds they take. Residents must have a library card to use the seed library.

Book Club: Our book club will meet on **Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m.** in the reference room to discuss **Go as a River** by Shelley Read. Copies are available at the circulation desk. Attending the meeting is not required to check out the book! We do not meet during the summer months, but we still encourage you to take out the monthly pick!

The Mansfield Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Spice Club: Thanks to a generous donation from the 250th Anniversary Fund, we will be continuing our Spice Club into 2024. Each kit includes a sample of the spice, a history of the spice, and some recipes to try. May's spice is **dill** and June's **spice** is mint. May's spice will be available beginning May 2. While supplies last!

Summer Reading Program: Adventure Begins at Your Library

We have a fun summer of activities and events planned for 2024! This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Our program will run from June 17 through August 9. We will hold a weekly Storytime for our younger participants that will highlight a different kind of adventure, including an easy family hike and "Camp Mansfield," where kids will learn camping and outdoor skills. Events for older kids will include geodes. The entire community can gather for bingo, nighttime storytelling, and a virtual tour of Yellowstone National Park. And of course, reading will be a big part of our program! We will track books across age groups and hope we can have a summer of 1,000 books! Registration will open on **May 20**.

We know families are busy during the summer, so registering for the program does not commit you to any of the events. Kids who sign up will receive a bag of goodies and a reading log. All kids can participate in our on-going summer events such as the hidden picture search and the question of the week contest. We are looking forward to a great summer! Here are a couple dates to add to your calendar now:

Virtual Tour of Yellowstone National Park: Join us in the town hall on **Wednesday, June 26 at 7 p.m.** for a viewing of a Virtual Tour of Yellowstone National Park. From steaming geysers, grizzly bears, bison, and miles of rivers, mountains, and forest, Yellowstone never fails to dazzle visitors of all ages every single year. Join Yellowstone National Park specialists for this virtual Wilderness Inquiry session to learn more about America's favorite National Park.

Owls of New Hampshire: Join us on the library lawn on Monday, July 29 at 6 p.m. for "Owls of New Hampshire." Who calls in the night? Who glides on shadowy wings in silent flight? What makes owls such extraordinary night hunters? A Squam Lakes Natural Science Center naturalist will introduce you to some of our state's owls to help you find out what is myth or fact about these amazing nocturnal birds. This event will be moved to the town hall if it rains or is too hot for the owls (90+).

New Materials

A small sampling of our new materials:

Adult Fiction: Funny Story by Emily Henry; A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci; Ghost Station by S.A. Barnes; The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers by Samuel Burr; Daughter of Mine by Megan Miranda; I Cheerfully Refuse by Leif Enger; The Husbands by Holly Grazmazio; James by Percival Everett.

Adult Nonfiction: A History of the World in Twelve Shipwrecks by David J.L. Gibbins: An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s by Doris Kearns Goodwin; The Deerfield Massacre by James L. Swanson; The Old Farmer's Almanac Container Gardener's Handbook; The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians by James Patterson.

Children's: New Dragon City by Mari Marcusi; Little Blue Truck Feeling Happy by Alice Schertle; When an Elephant Hears No by Dazzle Ng; Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder by Dav Pilkey; 50 Adventures in 50 States by Kate Siber; The Spy Who Played Baseball by Carrie Jones.

DVDs: Poor Things; Wednesday (Season 1); The Color Purple; Ferrari; Freud's Last Session.

Temple Drama Club

The Temple Drama Club will be presenting the Annual performance Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18, 2024 at 8:00 PM in the Temple Town Hall. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. Refreshments, by donation, will be available during intermission.

Act 1 will feature a slightly twisted look at local news with Temple Chronicle, featuring music numbers by the Drama Queens. Also, "Is Uncle Seamus Here?" a play about Temple written by Steve and Reenie Cullinan. After intermission, the Club will present "The Day The Internet Died" by Ian McWethy and Jason Pizzarello, published by Stage Partners.

This look at how a small town reacts when the internet goes down is funny and insightful.

The Club invites you to join us for a fun night of community theater, to watch your friends and neighbors, and continue a Temple tradition begun in 1970. See you at the show!

Temple Community Hiking Group—2024

If you like to hike and would enjoy the fun of hiking with others, you may wish to get your name on the community hiking list maintained by Linda and Steve Bollinger. The hikes range in difficulty level, environment, and timing, and we try to adjust the features according to the preferences of whoever has expressed an interest in any given hike. Our group includes people of all ages-- some are regulars, some are occasional participants, and some just enjoy reading the hike descriptions.

Usually we meet at the bottom of our driveway, 230 Colburn Road, and then drive to the trailhead in caravan style. Directions to the appropriate trailhead are provided in the hike notice, if possible, so that hikers can find the trailhead on their own if they prefer. We take breaks for snacks and water or whenever someone requests a time to pause for whatever reason. Hiking together is a wonderful way to enjoy nature, get some great exercise, and connect with others.

We have information on specific local, regional, and NH hikes as well as information on hiking resources in NH. These files are available for anyone's use and can be sent via email attachment. They will be updated later this year.

Hike information notices are sent via email on Wednesday or Thursday before the weekend for the intended hike. The notice includes detailed information about the upcoming hike, a summary of weather predictions, and a brief recap of the previous community hike. If you wish to be placed on our hiking participant notification list, please send your contact information to Linda (via our land-line home phone at 603-878-1078, leaving a message, OR, preferably, via email at likbollinger@gmail.com).

Our main community hike each week will still occur on the weekend, Saturday if possible, Sunday as backup. But, we have begun to offer weekday hike potentials as well. If interested, contact Linda for more information. We would love to see some of you on the trails.

Current Restructuring and Update of the ABCs of Temple, NH

The **ABCs of Temple** is a general information and welcome booklet attempting to cover all aspects of our community. There are nine booklet copies in ring-binder notebooks available at various locations in town. The tenth copy of the booklet is being used to accomplish the update.

We hope to complete the booklet restructuring, to facilitate easier use, and the update, to ensure that information is accurate, by the fall of 2024.

Note that for this second edition of the booklet, we hope to provide a digital version to complement the printed version.

If you have your farm, studio, or small business already described in the booklet, we need to hear from you: (1) to make sure that your business information has not changed and (2) to confirm that you are okay with the information being shown online. If we cannot connect with you, then we will remove your business from the booklet.

If you are new to town and would like to have your farm, studio, or small business included in the booklet, please contact one of us on the booklet restructuring and updating team.

Please email Linda (Ilkbollinger@gmail.com) or Holly (salerno.holly@gmail.com) to cover the above request in order to remain or to become included in the 2024 edition of the booklet. Please contact us now, no time like the present. Thank you.

Temple Band Presents – (Tentative Schedule 4-23-24)

Wilton Memorial Day – Monday 5/27/24 - 9:00 AM Parade sponsored by Wilton's American Legion-Bent-Burke Post in Wilton. Parade starts from American Legion Hall located at the corner of Maple and School Streets north of Route 101 in Wilton, NH.

Town of Temple Memorial Day – Sunday 6/2/24 - Parade at Noon. Concert following the parade (at approximately 2:00 pm) on the Common in Temple, NH

Rehearsal – Monday 6/10/24 Temple Town Hall – 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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Town of Bennington –Sunday 6/23/24 – 7:00 PM (short) Parade & Concert at the Bandstand following the parade.

Temple Fourth of July Ice Cream Social – Thursday 7/4/24 - 6:00 PM Concert on the Common. RiverMead (Peterborough) Concert – Saturday 7/13/24 or 7/20/20???- 2:00 PM Concert Walpole Concert Series – Sunday 7/28/24 - 6:30 PM CONCERT Sponsored by the Savings Bank of Walpole and held on Common in Walpole, NH.

Elizabeth Richards Concert Series (Marlborough) – Tuesday 8/6/24 - 6:30 PM CONCERT Due to renovations at the Frost Free Library, concert will be held at the school gazebo at 41 Fitch Court, Marlborough, NH.

Jaffrey Summer Concert Series – Wednesday 8/14/24 - 6:00 PM Concert at the Jaffrey Commons, 26 Main Street (off Route 202)) in downtown Jaffrey, NH. In the event of rain, concert will move to the American Legion, 20 Webster St, Jaffrey, NH

Hancock Old Home Days – Saturday 8/17/24 - 10:30 AM Parade, Concert following on Common in Hancock, NH.

Francestown Labor Day Celebration – Monday 9/2/24 - 2:00 PM Parade, Concert following in downtown Francestown, NH.

Town of Temple Harvest Festival – Sunday 9/22/24 - 2:00 PM Concert on the Common in downtown Temple.

Monday night rehearsals are suspended during the summer concert season, tentatively resuming on Monday, October 14, 2024 at the Temple Town Hall from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Temple 250th Anniversary Fund Dollars for your town project

The Temple 250th Anniversary Fund awards funds each year to benefit the town of Temple, its citizens and organizations.

Projects and ideas from individuals are welcome! . You can find application information on the town website or inquire at the town offices.

On the TempleNH.org website, you'll find us under "Town Boards and Committees/250th Anniversary Fund Advisory Committee

We accept applications throughout the year, review them until early fall, and usually make award decisions by **October 15.**

Since 2009, some of the organizations we've supported include:

- Mansfield Library (furniture; video camera; CD's and DVD's; bulletin board)
- Temple Elementary School (playground equipment);
- Cemetery Trustees (gravestone repairs)
- Village Green Committee (new trees and other plantings around town; repair of Town Common fencing)

- Historical Society of Temple (portrait restoration)
- Community Advisory Committee (Welcome to Temple booklet)

Awards in the past have ranged from a few hundred to a thousand dollars.

We'd love to hear from you! Send us your ideas or an application, or contact us with your questions. Julie McAdoo -email me at <u>jmcadoo2@gmail.com</u>
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Temple's Historic District Commission

Temple is fortunate to have a lovely Town Center and Village Green. This area is considered the Town's Historic District, and has been so since 2008 when the Town passed a warrant article to create it, and a Commission to help preserve it.

The purpose of the Temple Historic District Commission (HDC) is to preserve and safeguard the heritage of the Town of Temple's Historic District that reflects elements of its cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic and architectural history. The HDC is different from the Historical Society of Temple that stimulates interest in the history of Temple by discovering and preserving information and objects relating to that history.

In 2023 the Historic District Commission (HDC) began a review of its Ordinance in order to better protect the center of town and its historic value. The HDC is working to become a resource to those who own a historic building in town by offering appropriate sources of information, access to historic architectural expertise, and needed guidance. Several members of the HDC participated in a NH Preservation Alliance webinar last April in order to better understand how to protect and preserve our historic buildings, landscapes and community.

Moving forward, the HDC will continue to build awareness of Temple's Historic District in the community, as well as promote its value and beauty through special events such as talks by architectural historians, and experts in various areas of preserving historic structures.

Town of Temple Complete Streets Project – Making Temple Roads Safer for Everyone

Through support from the Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation and Southwest Region Planning Commission, the Town of Temple is currently working to better understand road safety and accessibility issues and to develop a town policy to guide transportation-related improvements over time. This "Complete Streets" policy envisions a road network designed to enable safe access for all users, including people driving, walking, biking, and horseback riding. Each "Complete Street" will look different depending on where it is and what the street is used for. Design elements may include things like off-street paths, bike lanes or paved shoulders, new or improved pedestrian crossings, or other changes depending on the context of who, how and why people tend to use the street.

Over the next few months, staff from Southwest Region Planning Commission will:

- Share best practices about complete streets policy development.
- Discuss the Town's needs/desires relative to accommodating different modes of transportation and user groups.

- Engage people who live and/or work in Temple about road safety and accessibility concerns.
- Develop a list of potential implementation projects to consider for implementation.

As part of the process, a task force of town staff and officials have developed two ways to learn about your concerns: a survey and a map exercise.

In the online survey (<u>bit.ly/3TmaVpH</u>), we want to hear from you about your perception of safety and how you get around in Temple.

Using an interactive website (bit.ly/3TmlxES), you can mark a map according to the following choices:

- Safe area or feature areas or specific features that make you feel safe walking, biking, driving, or horseback riding.
- Unsafe area or feature areas or specific locations that make you feel unsafe.
- Ideas for transportation improvements ideas to improve safety along a route or at a certain spot.
- Popular routes or destinations help decide where to prioritize safety improvements.
- General comments/questions.

You may also comment and vote on what other people feel is a priority. All comments and voting are anonymous. Together, this information will be used to make road safety improvements over time. Both input opportunities will be available until May 22nd.

For other questions or comments, please contact: Henry Underwood, Senior Planner, Southwest Region Planning Commission, 37 Ashuelot Street,

Keene, NH 03465, 603-357-0557 x 18, hunderwood@swrpc.org

Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC)

Get a Ride, or Give a Ride: EVERYONE BENEFITS Right down the road, right now, someone needs a ride to somewhere essential. And volunteer drivers for Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC) drive people where they need to go.

When riders can keep their essential appointments, they stay independent, and can live at home in peace. Riders can request to be taken to their doctor's or social service appointments, pharmacy or grocery shopping; all non-emergency. A five business-days' advance notice is all CVTC needs to enter a rider's trip request in our TripList system. And for the rider, it is more than just the free ride. Our drivers are courteous and trustworthy, willing to converse and engage. Sometimes even new friendships are made.

Once our vetted volunteer drivers choose which trips best fit their schedule, they call the rider to verify pick-up times and, when they return home themselves, they track their total mileage for reimbursement from CVTC. Drivers select when, and to where, and for how long they are available. By making this difference in a rider's life, drivers contribute to the health of the Monadnock Region, one person at a time. Please call CVTC for more information at 1-877-428-2882 x 5.