

Hudson Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS

UPDATES:

Road Improvements Poor weather delayed the projected July finish date for the road repaving projects. The Darling Road is complete and the Alton Tannery Road will be finished in late September. That will conclude all planned town paving projects for 2013.

Fire House Repairs The repairs and upgrades at the fire house are done for this year. The siding on the south wall of the station was replaced, and the stairs leading to the upstairs meeting room were repaired. Together with the recent furnace replacement, these upgrades are expected to lower the cost of heating the building and lengthen its life.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Purchase of Property At the July 9, 2013 Special Town Meeting and at the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen,

voters authorized that \$75,000 be taken from the Hudson Building Reserve Fund to purchase the eight (8) acre property with a home on it that was for sale and adjacent to the fire house. The sale is expected to close in October.

The property will immediately provide much needed off-road parking for fire department volunteers. It also can be developed for recreational purposes because of its access to Pushaw Stream. Most importantly, if the town needs to build a new town hall or the fire house needs expansion in the future, this property is ideal. The final use of the property will be not be decided until after the school district decides on how it wants to dispose of the Hudson Elementary School.

Newsletter Over the past few years, and especially in 2013, opinion has grown that the Hudson News should be published more often and include more information. At their monthly meeting on September 9, 2013, the selectmen voted to print the news six times a year (January, March, May, July, September, and November) and expand the newsletter from two pages to between four and six pages, depending on how much news there is. At between two and eight pages, the cost of mailing the newsletter remains the same.

This newsletter is the first edition of the expanded version. Your questions, comments and ideas for the newsletter may be addressed to any of the selectmen or to the editor of the newsletter, Kathy Lukas. Anyone who would like to help print and fold the news may contact selectman Norm Veazie. (See page 6 for contact information.)

ADMINISTRATION NOTICES:

Taxes Taxpayers should have received their annual property tax bill in late August. If you have not, please contact Tax Assessors' Agent, Danielle Smith, at the office on Thursdays. **Taxes are due on September 25, 2013.** On that date, interest on unpaid taxes will begin to accrue.

Property Foreclosures Thirty (30) day foreclosure notices will be sent in mid-October. Anyone having outstanding 2011 real estate taxes should contact the town office to establish a payment plan. Establishing and keeping to the terms of a plan will avoid foreclosure as well as the processing fees related to foreclosure. Questions should be addressed to Bonnie at the office.

Dog Licenses and Rabies Clinic 2014 dog licenses will be available on 15 October. If you license your dog between that date and the end of 2013, your name will be placed in a drawing for a "Doggie Goodie Basket", the winner to be notified in January. The town is currently working on scheduling a Rabies Clinic. The date and time will be announced as soon as they are known.

Website Hudson's website, established in 2009, has received over 25,000 visits since January, 2011 when the site's creator and manager, Janine Pineo, began keeping records of visits. Nearly 9,000 visits occurred in the first seven months of 2013 alone. The most often accessed pages on the website are those pertaining to the Tax Assessor's Agent, the Property Tax Maps, and the Town Officials.

Important and time sensitive news of town business is announced first on Hudson's website. To receive timely notice of information that you would not be likely to learn about without stopping by the town office, such as the scheduling of a Special Town Meeting or the posting of a new job opening or a bid for a town contract, sign up in the upper right corner of the website homepage to receive e-mail notices of news. www.hudsonmaine.wordpress.com

Selectmen Meetings Hudson's Municipal Officers (Selectmen) encourage all residents to attend their meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7 P.M. in Town Hall. Approved minutes of prior selectmen meetings may be found on the town website.

If you would like to place a matter on the monthly meeting agenda, please call Bonnie at the town office at least one week before a meeting.

Town Hall Rentals The downstairs hall at Town Hall is available for rent. For details, please contact Barbara Storman at 327-1183.

HEALTH NOTICE

Flu season will be upon us soon. Every year in the United States, on average: 5% to 20% of the U.S. population gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications; and about 36,000 people die from the flu or its complications.

Watch for public announcements of the availability of the 2013-2014 flu vaccine. More information on the flu and flu vaccines, is available in the town office as well as from your doctor and pharmacist. Contact Hudson Health Officer, Rose Randall, at 974-9078 with questions.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

Summer Program Thanks to everyone for another successful summer recreation program. Next year we plan to go back to the Tuesday through Thursday schedule and, hopefully, to return to the 8 A.M. start time.

Soccer: The soccer season is upon us! Due to participation levels, we were only able to have one team, and it is for 2nd thru 5th graders. We would like to thank all who are participating as

well as Jeremy Gonyer and Jim Gilreath for helping with coaching.

We have an Intro to Soccer program on Tuesday-Thursday @ 5:30pm. Thanks to all who participate and to Joe Infante for heading this program.

Parks We have been putting a focus on cleaning up around the fields. The park looks great and is appreciated by many. Special thanks go to Phil St Lawrence, Jessie Young, and Charlee Edgy for all their hard work.

Playground We need to upgrade our current playground and need help. Volunteers for fundraising are needed.

Stay informed with Hudson Maine Recreation on Facebook. Contact Parks and Recreation Chair, Dean Gray, at 327-1275; 907-0689; or 577-2287.

SENIOR HOUSING COMMITTEE NEWS

Preliminary returns from the senior housing survey indicate an interest in a senior citizen home in Hudson, but the number of survey returns have been fewer than the committee and selectmen would like to see. If you have not returned the survey that was enclosed in the last newsletter, please return it by mail or drop it by the office as soon as possible. If you need a survey, please call Rose Randall at 974-9078.

Information from the returned surveys is tabulated and discussed at both the bi-monthly committee meetings and the selectman meeting each month. All residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to ask questions and let their comments be heard.

SCHOOL NEWS

School opened for all RSU 64 students on August 28, 2013. For information about the public schools for Hudson's children, go to msad64.dcix.net where the RSU 64 school calendar and news on the RSU/MSAD Construction Project are present, including photos of the site of the new school as well as maps of the planned building and individual floors within the building.

BUSINESS NEWS

In the new Business News section, we would like to print timely news from and about Hudson businesses. Guidelines for this column are being developed.

FIRE WARDEN NOTICE

Is there a protected resource (i.e. a stream or lake) near where you burn or store burn debris on your property? If so, you must take steps to prevent runoff from these sources reaching the nearby water body. Remember that boggy land near water may not be wet all year round, but if it is boggy at any time of the year, this notice applies. Prevention measures can include installing a silt fence or another erosion barrier between the burn pile and the protected water

HUDSON FLAGS

Bill Grant, who manages Hudson's roadside U.S. Flag project, reports that inclement weather has recently destroyed forty percent of Hudson's 50 roadside U.S. Flags. They were replaced, but there are only nine replacements left. In order to protect all the flags, Bill regrets that he will be taking the flags down before Veteran's Day. More on the flag project will be in the next Hudson News.

HUDSON HEROS HOME ON LEAVE

Hudson salutes the sons of two Hudson families who visited home in July while on leave from their service in the US Army.

E4 Nick Townsend

Son of Veronica & Rick Townsend



Nick was born and raised in Hudson and graduated from Central High School in Corinth in 2009. He enlisted in the Army in 2010 and has deployed to Afghanistan twice. He is based in GA and has just reenlisted for another three years. Nick returns home to see family and friends whenever he can.

1 St Sgt Gannon Edgy

Son of Town Constable, Charlee Edgy

Gannon lived in Hudson for five months in 1991 when he worked through the moose season for the Maine Game Warden. He enlisted in the Army in 1993 and has deployed to Bosnia, Iraq (twice) and Afghanistan, earning a Silver Star, two Bronze Medals and the Purple Heart. He lives in GA with his wife, Deanna, and their two daughters, Ellen, 9, and Ava, 6.



HUDSON HISTORY

Note: In this new section of the newsletter, we will provide tidbits of Hudson's history for those who are interested.

How the Town of Hudson got its name: The Town of Hudson was originally named Kirkland. William Sullivan, one of the original owners of the town, was one of eight directors of the Society of Promoting Theological Education at Harvard University with John Thornton Kirkland, President ex-officio. It appears Mr. Sullivan might have named the township after President Kirkland as the eight directors were all given plots of land by Kirkland. President Kirkland was also Vice President of the American Academy of Arts and Science and, in 1820, the President of Cambridge University.

After thirty years and one month, an Act to change the name of the Town of Kirkland to Hudson was approved on March 17, 1855 by the Senate and House of Representatives of Maine as follows:

From and after the passage of this Act, the name of the town of Kirkland, in the County of Penobscot, shall cease and said town shall henceforth be known and called by the name of Hudson; and nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to impair any rights or liability of said corporation.

Early Growth: In 1810, the first U.S. census was taken that included Kirkland. There were 33 males and 21 females, totaling 54 residents. Of the fifty-four, 34 were under the age of 15. There were 10 heads of the household.

Between 1810 and 1844, William Sullivan sold his land to approximately 14 people, 11 of whom have descendants buried in the Mohawk Cemetery.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK IN HUDSON -
CAN YOU HELP?

**THE COMMUNITY CLOSET AND
BOOK NOOK**

**Meets 1-4 on most Saturdays at
Town Hall**

**For up-to-date schedule & other questions,
please call Barbara Storman at 327-1183**

Hudson's Community Closet was founded in 2010 to support Hudson's sense of community through reading and literacy projects. Mike and Connie Lamoreau donated funds for building the physical community closet (one of the large closets downstairs in Town Hall), and other volunteers built it. The Girl Scouts painted the closet, and it was dedicated as the Mike and Connie Lamoreau Community Closet immediately following the 2011 Hudson Town Meeting.

Today the project involves a growing number of volunteers and residents who come to Town Hall on Saturdays. From its original vision of creating a lending book collection, the closet's activities have expanded to include:

HELPING SHUT-INS Community Closet volunteers serve Hudson shut-ins with reading and crafts. This spring, the volunteers created and delivered May Baskets to Hudson shut-ins. *If you know of of a resident who might appreciate help such as this, please call Barbara Storman at the above number.*

WORKING WITH OTHER HUDSON VOLUNTEERS For the past two summers, the closet's volunteers worked with the Hudson Recreation Department to create a reading component for the department's summer programs. The volunteers look forward to helping in this way again and to helping other town committees or departments with their work as it relates to literacy.

ARTS & CRAFTS The closet volunteers teach arts and crafts and bring together individuals that want to work on:

Knitting - beginner to intermediate lessons and group knits. Contact: Gerri Randall at 327-1303.

Quilting and Sewing - Beginner to intermediate lessons - turning new or scrap material as well as old clothing and sheets into quilted linens and art at little or no cost. A place for quilters to meet where there is room to lay out large dimension materials and quilt with others. Hand and machine sewing and mending lessons. Contact: Debbie McGrath at 491-8111.

Patterned and Counted Cross Stitching - Contact Debbie McGrath at 491-8111.

Arts & Crafts Fairs These fairs are a great place to find lovely folk art made by people from Hudson and other artisans that bring their work to Hudson for the fairs.

AT ITS HEART: READING AND LITERACY

In keeping with its original mission, in 2011-2012, community closet volunteers built complex shelving inside the Lamoreau closet in Town Hall as well as catalogued and created lending cards for a collection that now numbers over 1,000 books. This collection includes: a research library with two encyclopedia collections; over 500 children's books; and 500 adult books, among them: Danielle Steele's collection; science fiction and mystery novels; some of the literary classics; cookbooks; and a large collection of Reader's Digest Condensed Books in LARGE PRINT.

THE BOOK NOOK Thanks to the work of closet volunteers, a red news box now stands outside the Town Hall door. It contains 50 books for adults and children and all are free for the taking. The collection is regularly exchanged for a fresh collection, most recently in August, 2013. Anyone may take a book from the red box at any hour of the day, 365 days a year. The ideal is that anyone taking a book will leave one in its place, but if you happen to see a book that you want to read and don't have another book to leave, take the book you want and replace it at your convenience.

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM A closet volunteer is associated with the Bangor Adult Literacy Project. If you know an adult of any age who would like to learn to read in a one-to-one, private, and confidential teaching environment, please let us know.

Contact Vicki LaRoche at 327-1249 with questions about the reading, lending, and literacy services of the Community Closet.

HOW YOU CAN HELP The closet volunteers need: books for their lending collection; teachers and students of arts & crafts; and finally, your attendance at their twice a year Arts & Crafts fairs*.

The Community Closet volunteers invite everyone to stop in to see their:

**Fall Arts & Crafts Fair
Saturday, 2 November
9-2 at Town Hall
A great place for finding
large and small
gifts for Christmas while
supporting Hudson and other
local artisans**

**All proceeds from the fairs go toward outreach and support for Hudson residents.*

NOTICES & CONTACTS

Monthly Meetings

Selectmen - 1st Monday at 7:00 P.M.
Planning Board - 2nd Tuesday at 7 P.M.
Grange - 3rd Monday at 1 P.M.
Cemetery Committee - 2nd Monday at 10:00 A.M.
Ordinance Committee - 2nd Thursday at 6:30 P. M.
Policy Committee - 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 P.M.
Recreation Committee - 2nd Monday at 7 P.M.
Senior Committee - 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7 P.M.

Town Office

Bonnie Chase, Town Clerk
Judy Canarr, Deputy Town Clerk
Phone # 327-1284; Fax # 327-2870
Hours: Mon, Tue, and Fri, 8-1; Wed 1-6; and Thu 8-1 & 4-6

Office Closed:

*Monday, October 14, for Columbus Day
Monday, November 11, for Veteran's Day*

Transfer Station Information

Manager, Jesse Young

Tickets are required and cost \$1.25 each.

Trash: 1 ticket (Bag 34 Gal/Under); 2 tickets (Bag 34 Gal/Over)

Demolition Debris: \$30.00 (Pickup Load Level/Rounded will be charged accordingly)

Fluorescent Light Bulbs: \$0.14 / Per Foot

We recycle cardboard, but please break down (flatten) all boxes.

Reminder: Transfer Station Stickers are **required on vehicles using the Transfer Station and are available at the Town office, free of charge to residents. Tickets and a complete list of fees are available at the Town office.

Station Hours & Phone: Sat 8-4; Wed Noon-7; 327-2823

*For more town information and news, please visit our website at:
www.hudsonmaine.wordpress.com*

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2334 Hudson Road
Hudson, ME 04449

NOTICES & CONTACTS, CONTINUED

Selectmen

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Deanna Thurston - deanna951_438@msn.com - 852-1337
Norm Veazie - normvea@yahoo.com - 327-1267

Code Enforcement Officer

Mike Polyot - Thursdays: 8:00-1:00 & 4:00-6:00

Tax Assessor Agent:

Danielle Smith - Thursdays: 8:00-4:00

Constable & Safety Officer

Charlee Edgy: 327-2207 & 217-7564

Fire Department

Fire Chief Mike Simmons; web: www.hfdmaine.org
Emergency: Dial 911; Non-Emergency & Fax: 327- 2125

Fire Warden

Mike Kelley: 944-1680
Deputies: Betty Grant 884-8742; Dean Gray 907-0689;
Charlee Edgy 327-2207; Norm Veazie 327-1267

Health Officer

Rose Randall: 974-9078

Newsletter Editor

Kathy Lukas: 217-4065

Hudson Post Office

Officer in charge: Rose Clement
327-2294

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