

Hampden *Highlights*

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Policy Initiatives: Setting Priorities in “Busytown”

One of my favorite books as a kid was Richard Scarry’s “What Do People Do All Day?” Reading it with my young daughter recently, I couldn’t help but think that Hampden is a lot like “Busytown.”

Scarry’s illustrations – which have served as many kids’ introduction to civics, engineering, and industry – are so compelling in part because so much is happening, all at once. If you keep an eye on the goings-on at the Hampden Town Offices – you’ll see this quality in common.

During evening meetings, when policy is set – and throughout the week, when it is implemented, the building and its occupants are in perpetual motion. At any moment the Town Council, Manager and personnel are solving present challenges, advancing multi-step initiatives, and strengthening the foundation for future success.

As the Town Manager, it’s my job to see to it that the Town Council – which is charged with setting policy – has the information it needs to do so responsibly. It’s also my job to oversee public personnel and financial resources in order to implement local policy, and State and Federal mandates, in the most effective and cost efficient manner. Above all, my responsibility through these efforts is to ensure that our work advances the overall public interest with short-, mid- and long-term goals in mind.

As a Hampden resident – or anyone with an internet connection – you have a front-row seat to Hampden’s version of “Busytown.” And, you have a standing invitation to participate!

Every tax dollar that government spends came from someone who surely worked hard for that dollar. As local public servants we bear that responsibility with care.

Likewise, we recognize that local regulation, although sometimes necessary, is in all instances a public trust, and must be considered with transparency and applied with fairness.

These are dynamic times, and at times it is a challenge to impose order on the operations of government. The deferred maintenance of yesteryear, the new State and Federal mandates of tomorrow, and the public service needs of today can at times require “governing by crisis.” Resources are allocated to the “brightest burning fires.”

Nevertheless, even at our busiest, we strive to act with transparency. This newsletter will introduce you to many ways you can get involved with – or, if you prefer, simply keep an eye on – how your tax dollars and public resources are put to use.

This article documents milestones achieved in the past budget year, and highlights actions and initiatives underway and on the horizon.

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Hampden Local Ballot Questions Informational Summary

On Election Day, November 8, 2016, Hampden voters will be asked to consider three proposed borrowing articles:

Question 1 Route 1A Reconstruction

Question 1 would authorize borrowing and appropriation of up to \$600,000 as the Town of Hampden’s required local match toward a \$4.65 million project to be undertaken by MaineDOT. This project would rebuild 1.73 miles of Route 1A from the Route 9/Western Ave. intersection northerly to Mountain View Drive, including addition of a sidewalk. Work toward this project dates back nearly 20 years. Construction is expected to begin in 2018. Failure to approve Question 1 would jeopardize \$4.185 million in State and Federal funds that have already been committed to this project. Estimated annual payment: \$68,286 over 10 years.

Question 2 would authorize borrowing and appropriation of up to \$300,000 for upgrades to the Bangor Wastewater Treatment Plant.

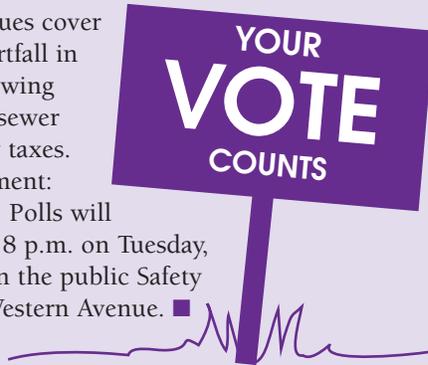
Under the terms of a 1996 Intermunicipal Agreement, the Town of Hampden’s required contribution is 8.33% of the total cost of the project which is estimated at \$3.51 million. The project consists of replacement of the Biotower, which is now 23 years old, nearly double the estimated life span of 12 years, and replacement of an Aeration Tank, Actuator, and Pump. Borrowing would be repaid from sewer revenues, not property taxes. Estimated annual payment: \$34,143 over 10 years.

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Question 3 would authorize borrowing and appropriation of up to \$258,810 to pay past due amounts to the City of Bangor for sewage treatment and pump station maintenance.

Even with the sewer rate increase that took effect in March 2016, it will take time before increased revenues cover the amount of the shortfall in the Sewer Fund. Borrowing would be repaid from sewer revenues, not property taxes. Estimated annual payment: \$31,427 over 10 years. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, located in the public Safety Training Room, 106 Western Avenue. ■



HAMPDEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Hampden Business Association (HBA) is looking for more volunteer support and new members from the Hampden Business Community. Please think of how you could make a difference and help the HBA to be a great resource for your community. We have our new website: www.hampdenbusiness.com.

The HBA is working to organize its first business networking event in early 2017 in lieu of its traditional lunch meetings. We welcome any feedback, thoughts, and ideas. ■

Cheryl Gray/HBA President
clgray@camdennational.com

THE HAMPDEN FARMERS' MARKET

The Hampden Farmers' Market began its 5th season on May 20th, 2016. The market has taken place at the Hampden Town Office parking lot every Friday, 2:00pm-5:30pm, rain or shine, and will continue through the end of October.

The Market's vendor offerings have grown each year and this year was no exception! Shoppers can always expect to find lots of seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit, a variety of meats, goat cheese, maple syrup, locally roasted coffee, breads and baked goods. This year the Market also featured crafts, handmade soap and pottery.

The Hampden Farmers' Market is proud to announce that we now accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)/EBT as well as credit and debit cards. This is a big step for the Market, and we are glad that customers have

found it to be an added convenience. We are also thrilled to be a part of the Maine Harvest Bucks Incentive Program as a new member of the National Nutrition Incentive Network. Customers using their SNAP/EBT card at the market will receive Maine Harvest Bucks bonus vouchers to be used towards the purchase of additional fresh fruits and vegetables.

Each year's Market includes plenty of activities and special events including live music, cooking demonstrations, children's activities and more. And don't despair that the outdoor season will soon end – we will continue our annual Winter Market, located indoors at the Kiwanis Civic Center at 35-71 Main Road North (next door to Irving) beginning on November 4, and it will run through April 28, 2017. We look forward to seeing you!

More information online at www.hampdenfarmersmarket.com ■



WWW.HAMPDENFARMERSMARKET.COM
FIND US ON FACEBOOK!



FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGER

Questions?
Concerns?
Suggestions?
My door is always open!

Angus Jennings, Town Manager
townmanager@hampdenmaine.gov
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Openings on Town Boards, Commissions and Committees

As of this writing, there are openings on the Library Board of Trustees, Pool Board of Trustees, Board of Assessment Review, Conservation Commission, Tree Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Personnel Appeals Board, Recreation Committee and Board of Appeals. The Planning Board also has a vacancy for an Associate Member. Citizens interested in being considered for one (or more!) of these posts can complete an application, available at the Town website. Or, if you're interested in learning more about any of these openings, and what is involved with being part of Hampden's formal governmental structure, you are invited to contact the Town Clerk, Town Manager, or any member of the Town Council.

Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?

A new resource has been added to the Town website. An interactive calculator allows property tax payers to input the amount of their bill and see how that amount breaks down to various categories of spending. It is online at www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget along with the approved FY17 Town Budget including a line item breakdown of authorized expenses. This tax calculator is part of an effort to make Town government more transparent to the public.

New office hours — Hampden Public Works

The Hampden Department of Public Works now has a dedicated administrative office in the Town Offices on Western Ave. Beginning with the new fiscal year, Rosemary Bezanson took over new responsibilities to DPW in order to improve the Department's efficiency and customer service. The DPW Director and base of operations is still at the facility on Canaan Road, but Rosemary can also be reached in person, by phone or by email Monday through Thursday, and on Friday by phone or email.
Public Works Director: Sean Currier
publicworks@hampdenmaine.gov
Administrative Assistant: Rosemary Bezanson
adminasst@hampdenmaine.gov • Telephone: 862-3337

New GIS maps

Need your tax card? How about a property map? Want to know what zoning district you are in? We have updated our online maps to include much more information including new documents and data layers. We scan and upload all property record documents (such as building permits, septic designs, etc.) and attach them to each parcel – you can find this under the 'Treeno Docs' tab.

Go to www.hampdenmaine.gov and click on 'GIS Maps' at the bottom-right. ■

Websites:

- www.hampdenmaine.gov
- www.hampdenrecreation.com
- www.edl.lib.me.us

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- www.facebook.com/townofhampden
- www.facebook.com/HampdenRecreationSkehanRecreationCenter
- www.facebook.com/EdytheDyerLibrary
- www.facebook.com/hampdenpublicsafety

Video of Hampden Public Meetings

Live: live.hampdenmaine.gov
Archive: youtube.com/hampdenmaine

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Policy Initiatives *from page 1*

Top priorities include establishing majority Council positions and policies regarding public recreational facilities, as the reduction in field space on private land has placed additional demands on public playing fields.

The Council is actively debating whether additional athletic fields are needed or justified; there are significant differences of opinion on the matter. Participation trends and projections, and mid- and long-term financial and operational impacts of potential additional facilities, will be central to these considerations. Following a recent Council vote, due diligence is underway to determine the potential expansion for parking, and athletic fields, at the Pool site. Whether fields will be added or not remains to be seen, but parking is a known concern. DEP permitting will be required to add a single parking space to the site, so the work underway will support a parking solution, while also informing the ongoing debate about fields.

Economic development is a top priority. Infrastructure is nearly complete in the Hampden Business and Commerce Park; a Town Center planning process is underway; and we're looking ahead toward opportunities for new investment along Route 1A and the Penobscot River. Infrastructure investments, ordinance reforms, and changes in practice are all aimed to optimize Hampden's opportunities for growth.

Solid waste management is a top priority, as we adjust to changes in the marketplace while thoughtfully examining our current operations, policies and practices. Staff research continues based on prior Council direction; when complete, public meetings in 2017 will be scheduled and broadly publicized.

So many other matters are also before the Town Council and its four Committees: Finance & Administration; Services; Planning & Development; and Infrastructure. Their actions and deliberations are in plain view through live and archived video, full detail meeting packets linked from the website's Community Calendar, and written records of all meeting proceedings.

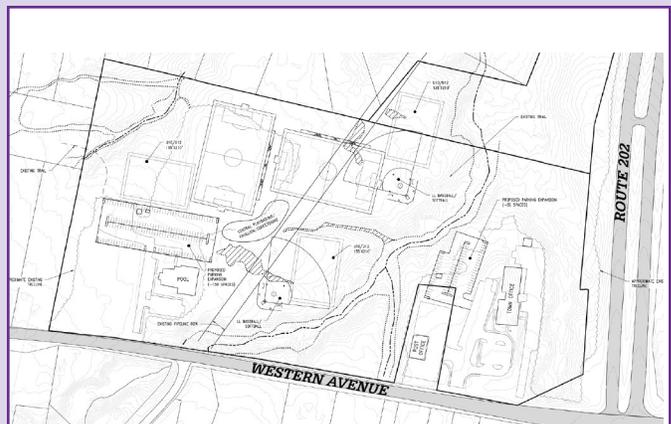
Viewers and attendees can expect to find vibrant debates regarding governmental philosophy, level of service expectations, and equity. Resolution, if not consensus, is always achieved... but the end result is never static, as our home rule governance is active and ongoing.

So stop in for a visit, or log on for a view. My door is always open!

— Angus Jennings, Town Manager

Steps Forward, Completed in FY16

- Upgraded A/V equipment in Town Council Chambers and improved quality of meeting recordings
- Constructed parking and drainage improvements to VFW Fields; repaired tennis and basketball court surfaces
- Secured State certification to begin issuing license plates at Town Office
- Library capital improvements (grant funded, see pg. 9)
- Installed signage to bring Lura Hoit Pool site and Marina Park into compliance with Land & Water Conservation Fund requirements
- Established new online registration and payment option for Pool and Recreation programs (see pg. 11)
- Amended Subdivision Ordinance to allow construction of Private Roads
- Top to bottom review of sewer operations; revised rates to end long-term structural deficit; improved system mapping to reconcile accounts and improve collections
- Integrated recurring expenses into FY17 operating budget to reduce reliance on one-time revenues
- Stormwater management audit secured top rating from MaineDEP



Conceptual plan under consideration for additional parking and athletic fields at Lura Hoit Pool site. Source: SGC Engineering, LLC

- Improved accuracy and clarity of TIF budgeting and accounting
- Adopted first Capital Program in years, integrating Hampden priorities, and projects programmed by MaineDOT
- Established new trails network, signage and picnic tables at Dorothea Dix Park
- Evaluated costs and benefits of Skehan Center lease for recreation programs; adopted transparent budget
- Adopted 2015 Recreation Plan (Recreation Committee)
- With other Towns in District, secured commitment from RSU-22 Board of Directors for improved clarity in expense budgeting and accounting
- Supported Goodwill Riders Snowmobile Club improvements to trails network

Underway This Budget Year (through June 30, 2017)

- Community Forum with Hampden Business Association, civic and volunteer organizations (early 2017)
- Financing Route 1A and sewer treatment plant improvements (see pg. 1)
- Broadband Feasibility Study (grant funded)
- Route 1A, Mountainview to Western Ave., continued design (pending approval of Ballot Question 1)
- Sidewalk on Western Ave. to complete “Four Mile Square,” engineering design and MassDOT approval
- Installing LED lighting at DPW garage
- Ordinance amendment to prohibit “vaping” in public parks
- Improved Marina Park including signage, informational kiosk, boat ramp paving, appointment of Harbor Master
- Town Center planning, and zoning reforms to facilitate private property investment
- Economic market study (TIF funded)
- Ordinance amendments to clarify and simplify process for securing home-based business permit
- Ordinance amendments to allow and establish standards for accessory apartments in single-family homes
- Revise sewer rates to reduce payback length from prior General Fund transfers
- Repair faulty utility pole electrical conduits to improve holiday lighting in Town Center
- Establish level of service expectations for seasonal Town Center flag displays
- With Hampden Business Association, expand business outreach and communications
- Improve visibility of Papermill Park and Turtle Head Marina Park with signage on Coldbrook and 1A
- Take advantage of recent/ongoing infrastructure investments to improve market position of Hampden Business and Commerce Park
- Adopt Business Park TIF Program based on 2014 Development Agreement
- Reestablished Environmental Trust to optimize management of dormant long-term finance resource
- Provide email-only billing option for sewer customers
- Enhanced utilization of GPS units in DPW vehicles to evaluate operations, document per-task costs, and improve efficiency
- Establish Public Safety Advisory Committee (see pg. 8)
- Evaluate potential transition to LED streetlights to reduce electrical costs
- Enhance financial and infrastructure planning for long-term sewer management and maintenance
- Reform yard sale policy
- Evaluate potential changes to solid waste facility and management strategies to optimize public service and cost management
- Lura Hoit Pool site analysis to determine feasibility for potential expansion of parking and athletic fields; initiate DEP permitting
- Improved enforcement of Transfer Station policies to manage costs

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Looking Ahead (FY18 or beyond)

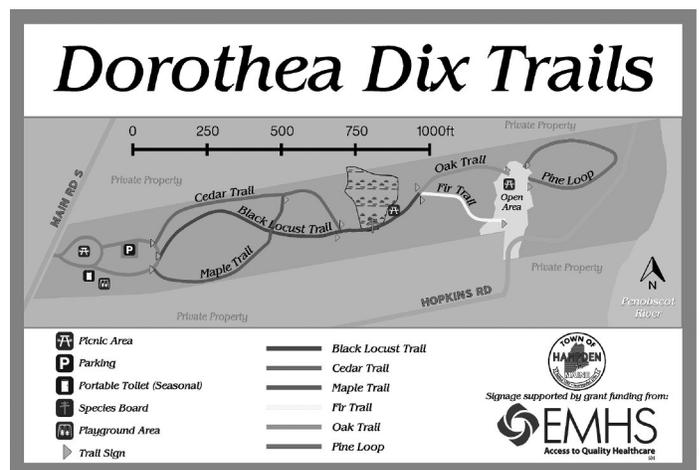
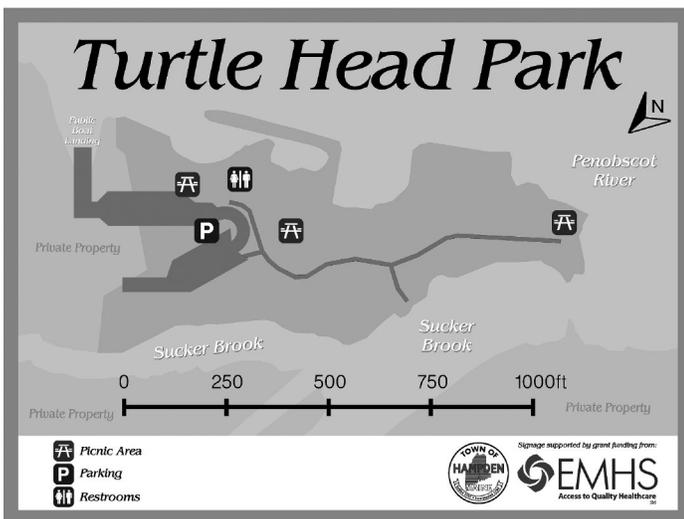
- Sidewalk construction on Western Ave. east of Mayo Road to complete “Four Mile Square”
- Route 1A reconstruction est. 2018, Mountainview to Western Ave., including new sidewalk (contingent on local funding match, proposed Ballot Question 1)
- Annual Capital Program updates with short-, mid- and long-term investment priorities, and funding sources and uses, for public facilities and infrastructure
- Implement revised contract for hauling and processing of solid waste
- With Winterport, Newburgh and Frankfort, engage in mid- and long-range capital planning with RSU-22
- Evaluate potential to provide more services regionally if cost effective with equal or greater service level

- Establish coordinated public/private vision for Route 1A and riverfront north from Marina Park; implement zoning reforms as needed
- Ordinance Recodification for improved clarity and internal consistency
- Watershed planning to enhance resource management and ensure continued DEP compliance
- Work with civic organizations, residents and businesses to create Community Resource Guide
- Establish capital and maintenance plan for public recreational facilities, including library, in coordination with partnering user groups and taxpayers
- Restore Fund Balance to healthier condition to eliminate need for tax anticipation borrowing

To learn more, or add your name for future notices on particular issues, simply contact the town office.

Improved signage at Dorothea Dix and Turtle Head Marina Park

The Town of Hampden recently received funding from the Northern Maine Rural Collaborative through a Partnership in Community Health grant. The funding will support the installation of new trails signage in the Dorothea Dix Park and the Turtle Head Marina Park, advancing one of the Town Council’s ongoing initiatives to both enhance and bring greater public attention to our public parks. We are thankful to the City of Bangor for bringing this opportunity to our attention, in particular to Health Promotion Manager Jamie Comstock and City Manager Cathy Conlow! ■



Trail map property boundaries are illustrative and not based on survey.

Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard: Scouting for Food!

Watch for Pack 41 Cub Scouts and Troop 41 Boy Scouts in your neighborhood! Scouts will be tagging in many Hampden neighborhoods from Saturday November 5 to Saturday November 12 to collect the non-perishable items you have donated. You may also drop off your donation at the Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard, 101 Main Road North at the Hampden Congregational Church. Scouting for Food is the largest annual food collection received by the Food Cupboard. Thank you for your continuing support! ■

Candidate profiles, RSU-22 Board and Water District

At the November 8, 2016 election, Hampden voters will cast their ballots for two members of the RSU#22 School Board and one member of the Water District Board of Directors.

Candidates 'introduce' themselves to their fellow residents writing 100 words or less accompanied by a photo so residents have an opportunity to know a little more about who is running and why. Profiles are presented in alphabetical order by last name.



JAYNE DYER – Candidate for RSU-22 School Board

I am a retired teacher who taught for more than 25 years, first in Hampden and then in Bangor. I believe that all children have the potential to learn and succeed given the appropriate opportunity. I want to help ensure that the children in Hampden have a quality educational experience, while also being fiscally responsible to the local taxpayers.



AMANDA SIDELL – Candidate for RSU-22 School Board

Hampden is my home and the town in which I have chosen to raise my children. During my first term on the RSU 22 school board, I learned first hand the challenges faced by a school district and how some seemingly simple issues are, in reality, very complex. My background as both a social worker and small business owner allow me to understand many sides of an issue and the need to balance social and fiscal responsibility. My role as a parent in RSU 22 fuels my desire to make our schools and our town a great place to live.



LAUREN SWALEC – Candidate for Water District Board of Directors

After graduating from Hampden Academy in 2007 Lauren went on to earn a Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Masters of Science in Fire Protection Engineering, both from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. After six years of murky Worcester water, she felt ready to ensure that Hampden continued to have beautifully clean and tasty water. Lauren has been a trustee on the Board of Directors for the Hampden Water District since January 2015, and is running for election to a second term. Lauren is currently in a graduate program at UMaine to become a high school chemistry and/or math teacher. ■

Hampden Public Safety



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Hampden Public Safety Recommends TELECARE Program for Elderly Residents Living Alone

Hampden Public Safety has partnered with TELE CARE, a free daily call reassurance program offered to area elderly residents living alone.

We recognize that aging is not always graceful, and it certainly isn't easy. We all want to remain independent for as long as possible. Knowing that someone will speak with you (or your loved one) every Monday through Friday can be a comforting reassurance.

TELECARE is absolutely free. A volunteer will have daily telephone contact with the enrolled member (Monday–Friday). If they are unable to reach you, they will let us know; and we will stop by your residence to see if you need assistance.

It is our goal to deliver the highest quality progressive services possible to all members of our community. The Good Neighbor Program was implemented in an effort to better serve residents with memory or cognitive impairments. We believe the TELE CARE program is an excellent added layer of protection for our residents.

We urge all elderly residents living alone to take advantage of either or both of these free services.

TELECARE services are provided through Rosscare, an EMHS Member. For more information, or to enroll in the program, please contact them directly at 973-7848, or visit the website, www.rosscare.org.

If you'd like to learn more about the Good Neighbor Program, or sign up, please contact Hampden Public Safety.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sergeant Bailey at 862-4000, or email publicsafety@hampdenmaine.gov ■

PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hampden Public Safety has begun to implement a Citizen Advisory Committee. The mission is to provide a forum for the community to offer input and support for public safety services in order to further enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

Committee members will be chosen with intent to provide a balanced representation of the community, voting districts, businesses, schools, churches, retirement communities, etc. Quarterly meetings will be held where the committee will have an opportunity to discuss public safety programming, current public safety trends, assist with long and short term departmental goals, obtain educational information regarding various public safety topics, and meet the public safety service providers.

INTERESTED? If you'd like to serve on this committee, please call us at 862-4000 or email publicsafety@hampdenmaine.gov ■

HAMPDEN CHILDREN'S DAY 2016

Hampden Children's Day was held on Saturday, August 20, marking the 37th celebration. This day originally began as a summer picnic hosted by the fire department. Today it continues to be the community's main event. The celebration was another huge success thanks to the support of volunteers who commit many hours of work to make it happen and the involvement of many local businesses and residents. The day began with a 5K and Fun Run followed by a Children's Day parade including children riding decorated bicycles, Annah Temple Shrine Clowns and funsters, floats made by area organizations and businesses, area fire and police, and antique cars to name a few. Darling's has generously contributed convertibles to present the children who have won the theme and poster contests. Events included many activities throughout the day such as bounce houses, petting zoos, games, and shows. The event culminated with fireworks which are rated by many as one of the best area displays.

This year's theme contest was won by two 3rd graders, Kelsey Armstrong and Erin Rose. A poster contest at the Weatherbee School, based on the winning 'Hampden Olympics' theme, became the cover of the program booklet and the winners took part in the parade.

More information is available at www.facebook.com/HampdenChildrensDayMaine.com.

Looking ahead to 2017, more volunteers are always needed for the Children's Day Committee and the day of the event. Please email HampdenChildrensDay@yahoo.com for more information. ■



2016 Annual Spring Stream Cleanup

The 11th Annual Hampden Spring Stream Cleanup attracted over 80 volunteers. 36 bags of garbage were removed from the streets and streams such as Reeds Brook, Sucker Brook, the Business Park, and Marina Park. We appreciate the many volunteers who took part, and we hope to see you again next spring!

To receive information about being a part of next year's event — or suggest locations for cleanup — please call or visit the town office, or email planner@hampdenmaine.gov ■

NEW LIGHTING AND PAINT AT YOUR LIBRARY!

If you haven't been to the Library in the past couple of months, please stop in and see our new stuff! In 2014 Edythe Dyer Community Library was awarded a competitive grant which paid to paint the interior, replace and stain exterior trim boards, and most exciting replace lights with LEDs. The grant funding also supported installation of new automatic door openers!



We learned that LED stands for 'light-emitting diode' and that the diodes look like little computer chips attached to the light fixture so there is no bulb at all. It's amazing how much light they put out; we're happy that we can easily see books on low shelves. Not only do we have more light, but we expect to see substantial savings on the electric bill.

Part of the project added some very cool track lighting in the hall which will make viewing artwork much more satisfying. Several displays of artists' work are scheduled for the coming months:

Carolyn Hopkins: November/December, 2016

Bill Lagerstrom: January/February, 2017

James Toothaker: March/April, 2017 ■

Hampden Historical Society

The Hampden Historical Society has an amazing collection of local memorabilia, family genealogies, town records and more. The society was established in 1970, and meets on the 4th Monday of each month from March through November. The monthly meetings are open to all; membership is not required. But, we are always seeking people who are interested in our town's history.

The Historical Society's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Kinsley House, 83 Main Road South, from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Items for sale will include: handmade housewares, accessories and gifts; Christmas decorations, wreaths and swags; antiques; plants; Hampden memorabilia; food sale; and a white elephant room.

Raffle tickets are on sale now for a Windsor chair crafted by Jeff Fister or for a gift certificate package.

Proceeds from the sale are used to help maintain the Kinsley House Museum and the Katherine Trickey Archives.

For more information on how to make a donation for the sale, to buy raffle tickets or to become a member of the Historical Society please contact Jerry Stanhope at 862-3463 or Mary Poulin at 862-3638. ■



Watch Hampden Meetings Live Online, on Channel 7, or on YouTube



Did you know you can watch Town Council and Planning Board meetings live on the internet? If you can't be there in person, tune in the first and third Monday at 7pm (Council) and every second Wednesday at 7pm (Planning Board). Find the link on www.hampdenmaine.gov.

And, you can still watch the meetings on local Channel 7. Recording quality has improved greatly thanks to an updated AV System and a new videographer!

Missed the meeting? No problem! You can catch all the meetings (including RSU-22 School Board) on the Town's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/hampdenmaine). ■



Recreation and Pool Online Registration and Payment

The Hampden Recreation Department
and Lura Hoit Pool
Introduce Online Registration

www.hampdenrecreation.com

The Hampden Recreation Department and Lura Hoit Pool staff, with help from MyRec.com, recently introduced an online registration system for patrons to register for programming from the convenience of your own home 24 hours a day. This web based system features Recreation Department programming and Lura Hoit Pool programming.

Patrons are urged to set up a household account, which allows quicker access for future registrations. One household account will allow you to register for activities with the Hampden Recreation Department or Lura Hoit Pool. The software is very user friendly and allows patrons to make payments with Cash, Check (onsite at your local department facility) or via the web with Credit or Debit Card. Kiosks are also now available at each department facility to help patrons

establish a family account and/or register for a program. Staff will do their best to assist with you any issues you may experience with the set up or registration process.

We hope that you share in our excitement with these advances in technology for our departments which we expect will serve our community better. If you should need assistance with setting up a household account or registering for a program as they become available, please contact us at either of the departments below, or stop by the Lura Holt Pool or the Skehan Center!



Hampden Recreation Department:

recreation@hampdenmaine.gov or 207-862-6451

Lura Hoit Memorial Pool:

lurahoitpool@hampdenmaine.gov or 207-862-4305 ■

Kiwanis of Hampden 1958 to Today

The Hampden Kiwanis Club is looking for new members to continue to volunteer and provide for the children of Hampden and the world!

See some of the programs we support. For information please contact Joseph Dowling at 659-0437. ■



57 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HAMPDEN COMMUNITY AND THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD



Photo from Kiwanis dinner to recognize Hampden Public Safety personnel, winter 2015.

Maintains the Kiwanis Civic Center for:

- Hampden Senior Citizens
- Hampden Rec Department
- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Meals for Me
- Dirigo Boys & Girls State
- D.A.R.E
- Alcoholics Anonymous

Kiwanis International Charities:

- Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute
- Iodine Deficiency Eradication
- Project Read / Priority One
- Kiwanis International Foundation

Provides Scholarships & Camperships to:

- Hampden Academy Graduates
- Camp Susan Curtis
- Camp Sunshine
- Vacation Bible School
- Camp Pierce Webber
- Hampden Boosters

Special Events & Other Activities:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Thanksgiving Turkeys
- Holiday Gift Baskets
- Salvation Army Toy Distribution

Supports and Sponsors:

- Dollars for Scholars
- Hampden Key Club
- Hampden Little League
- Youth Hockey
- Project Graduation
- Academy Band
- Builders Club
- Bike Rodeo/Helmets
- Project Linus
- Hospital Chaplaincy
- Hampden Library
- Hampden Girl Scouts
- Learn not to Burn
- Fire Detector Batteries

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American Legion Hampden Memorial Post 213

The American Legion Hampden Memorial Post 213 spent an hour with the first graders at the Earl C. McGraw school. Four members of the post were there teaching the children about the American Flag and Flag Day. The veterans talked to the children about the meaning of the colors of the flag, how to properly display and treat the flag, and also fielded questions from the children. The veterans handed out American Flags and "Young American" certificates to all of the children. The "Young American" certificates were given out to show our appreciation for them saying the pledge of allegiance as well as acting properly when the pledge was being said. After the classroom portion, all of the first graders went outside to the flag pole and the veterans discussed how to properly raise, lower, and half-staff the flag. Hampden Memorial Post 213 would like to thank the school's principal, Kristin Briggs, and her entire staff, for allowing us the opportunity to come to the school and talk to the first graders especially since there were only three days left in the school year. ■



William Siemerling, 1st Vice Commander American Legion, Hampden Memorial Post 213, 207-570-6825.
