

# Town News

## Events Calendar

### Town Of Amherst Public Notice

The Amherst Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Amherst Town Hall on Saturday, October 25 between 11:00a.m. and 12:00 noon. This will be the last time residents may register to vote or make corrections to the checklist until the November 4th General Election. Voting will be at the Souhegan High School from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Proof of age and residency is required.

### Annual Rummage Sale

Amherst Junior Women's Club Annual Rummage Sale, Saturday, October 25th, 9am - Noon. \$1 bag sale from noon to 1pm. St. Patrick's Church in Milford. Items for sale include children and adult clothing and shoes, toys, household items, books and much more.

### October Meeting of D.A.R.

The Captain Josiah Crosby Chapter, D.A.R. will meet Monday, October 20th at noon at the Amherst Fire Station to celebrate their Birthday with a luncheon, followed by a talk by the State Regent of the D.A.R./ Sarah Voll. For further information please call 673-7190. Visitors are welcome. "

### Save the Date, December 6th

This year, circle Saturday, December 6 for the date of the fifth Christmas in Amherst Village House Tour, sponsored by the Congregational Church of Amherst. Watch for information in *The Amherst Citizen* and at [www.ccamherst.org](http://www.ccamherst.org). Tickets will be available the beginning of October. All proceeds benefit the restoration of the historic meetinghouse on the town common.

### MOMS Club of Milford / Mont Vernon

The MOMS Club of Milford / Mont Vernon meets every second Friday of each month at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church in Mont Vernon at 9:30am. This is a non-profit organization that supports at-home moms and their children that reside in the towns of Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton. We will be planning get togethers, playgroups, special activities and service and community projects. All activities are during the daytime except for a monthly mom's night out. Please contact Michelle Paquette, president @ [momsclubofmilfordarea@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubofmilfordarea@yahoo.com) for more information.

### 9th Annual Junior Women's

## Turkey Trot

### Friday, November 28th Amherst Village Green

Come Walk or Run off your Thanksgiving Dinner at our 5k, or One Mile Fun Run First 100 entrants get a commemorative T-Shirt  
Register On-Line Now at [Cool-running.com](http://Cool-running.com)

Amherst Town Library, Runners Alley and Sportshoe Center have Registration Forms.

Prizes, refreshments, professional timing and lots of fun!!

Email Mary Lou Mullens at [Amherst\\_Turkey\\_Trot@comcast.net](mailto:Amherst_Turkey_Trot@comcast.net) with questions  
All proceeds go to local charities  
[Amherstjuniors.org](http://Amherstjuniors.org)

### ► Candidate Forum

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Candidates running in the Souhegan School District (Amherst/Mont Vernon) for the following offices have been invited to attend:

- NH Executive Council
- NH Senate District 9 & 11
- NH House Districts 4 & 6

The forum will be conducted by students on Community Council. The Community Council believes that the Candidate Forum is a great way to involve students directly in the political process as well as to provide a mechanism for the voters of Amherst, Mont Vernon, and surrounding towns to become better acquainted with the candidates and the issues.

The forum will be set up so that each candidate will be given an opportunity to make introductory remarks and then answer questions selected by the student moderators. The audience will not be able to ask questions of candidates during the forum but may do so afterwards in the cafeteria where refreshments will be served. Members of the public may suggest questions in advance by submitting them to the following web site: [nhcandidatesforum@yahoo.com](http://nhcandidatesforum@yahoo.com)

Candidates running for other federal, state or county offices not specified above are welcome to attend as audience members. Any questions, contact Jeanne Ludt at [JLudt50@aol.com](mailto:JLudt50@aol.com).

### ► Conservation Award

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hibit hunting, Amherst welcomes it. The bright orange signs at all the trailheads illustrate the difference.

"ACC allows for many users of our public land and trails. This includes hunters. Below are the hunting seasons and dates for this year. As a precaution please wear bright clothing and recognize there are many people using this land."

David Gagne nominated the Amherst Conservation Commission for this award. In his nomination he closed with the following state-

ment. "The Amherst Conservation Commission stands as an example of enlightened and educated community members living in a rapidly changing and complex community who support conservation. They have retained the values and beliefs of conservation, hunting and outdoor life and education. They stand as an example of what other communities in New Hampshire could do to meet and deal proactively with growth and nature."

## Rosie Makes a Movie, Thanks to “Make A Wish” Foundation

This summer the Make a Wish Foundation turned one little girl's dream into a reality. Amherst resident, Rosie Garvey who suffers with cystic fibrosis directed a short movie called "Manchester Magic" which was premiered at the New Hampshire Institute of Art on Saturday, September 27. Rosie is the daughter

of Paul and Richard Garvey.

The movie is set in Manchester and follows the adventures of a little girl who is lost. Rosie, in addition to directing the movie has a cameo role with her sisters, Ella and Zoe. Her 4th grade teacher, Mr. Vaupel also plays a role in the movie.



The cast of "Manchester Magic", Rosie, Ella & Zoë Garvey, (front) Emily and Katie Boyle and Delia Smith

### Amherst Town Library

## Bringing the Past to Light: Understanding Family Photos

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library invites you to join us for the second program in our adult evening series, "Genealogy Specials: Find Your Family at Your Library." Maureen Taylor, internationally recognized expert on the intersection of history, genealogy, and photography, presents "Bringing the Past to Light: Understanding Family Photos" on Tuesday, October 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room. Learn tips to identify and to interpret family photographs in this lecture by Photo Detective Maureen Taylor. Bring your own family photo mysteries to the program. Ms. Taylor's excellent presentation provides detailed photographs and examples of photo identification tips through the decades. In her workshops, she encourages participants to ask lots of questions—from finding their roots to caring for a great-



grandmother's scrapbook.

First as a photo curator and editor, and now as a freelance writer

and consultant, Maureen Taylor's work primarily focuses on photographs. She helps people solve a range of photo-related mysteries, from dating a Civil War-era daguerreotype to organizing gigabytes of family photos from a digital camera. Maureen investigates photographs the way private eyes investigate cases. She discovers stories behind family pictures by following clues...a hat, the shape of a woman's sleeve, or a sign in the background. She has been featured in top media outlets, including The View, Better Homes and Gardens, the Boston Globe, Martha Stewart Living, MS-NBC, PBS Ancestors and many others. She is the author of a number of books and magazine articles, as well as contributing editor at Family Tree Magazine and editorial board member of Legacy Magazine. She holds a masters degree in history

and lives in the Boston area with her husband and two children.

For the final program of this Genealogy series, local Amherst author Bob Korkuc speaks of his recently published book, Finding a Fallen Hero: The Death of a Ball Turret Gunner." His book tells the story of how his uncle was killed in World War II while on a Flying Fortress bombing mission over Germany in February of 1944. It also reveals how one goes about researching a war death over 50 years ago. He presents on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Both of these events are free and open to the public. You can register by calling 673-2288, emailing [library@amherst.lib.nh.us](mailto:library@amherst.lib.nh.us) or by visiting our website at [www.amherst.lib.nh.us](http://www.amherst.lib.nh.us) and selecting "Calendar of Events."

### ► Master Plan: What's Next

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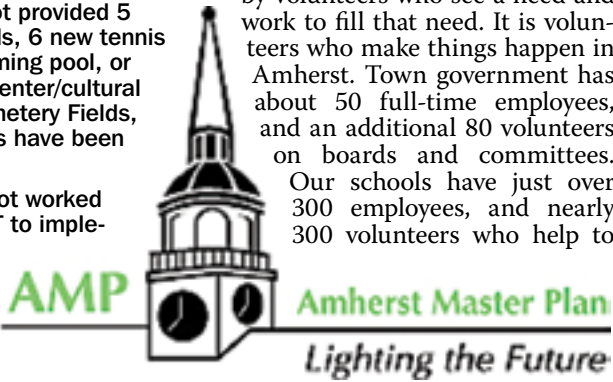
will be carried out. As an example, the master plan update of 1998 included more than 50 recommendations in the executive summary. Of these, about half have been accomplished in some way. Recommendations in the previous plan that have been accomplished include:

- Amherst has developed a Capital Improvement Plan to evaluate capital investment needs and to ensure that town owned property is maintained and that new construction are planned for in a manner that best utilizes tax dollars.
- Amherst has developed a set of impact fee regulations so that new developments are now required to pay their proportion of the cost of implementing needed town improvements.
- Amherst has evaluated wetlands regulation and made changes to better protect water supplies.
- Amherst has worked with Baboosic Lake Association to pro-

vide a community septic system in order to protect Baboosic Lake by reducing phosphorus loading.

The following recommendations in the 1998 master plan are among those not accomplished. Some of them will reappear in the new master plan in some form:

- Amherst has not yet provided sewers in commercially and industrially zoned areas of the aquifer along Rt. 101A.
- Amherst has not provided 5 new playgrounds, 6 new tennis courts, a swimming pool, or a town senior center/cultural center, but Cemetery Fields, and Bean Fields have been added.
- The town has not worked with the NHDOT to implement the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan



Why have some recommendations not been followed? Costs, taxes, and lack of public support are primary reasons. Taxes were mentioned by many survey respondents as an important issue. The master plan has no immediate impact on taxes, but many of the recommendations will impact taxes in some way if they are implemented.

### Make It Happen

The way things get done in Amherst, and in New Hampshire, is by volunteers who see a need and work to fill that need. It is volunteers who make things happen in Amherst. Town government has about 50 full-time employees, and an additional 80 volunteers on boards and committees. Our schools have just over 300 employees, and nearly 300 volunteers who help to

make the schools work as well as they do. In addition, the recreation department and Peabody Mill have a few employees, but hundreds of volunteers who make it all work.

After the master plan is finished, the selectmen and the planning board will work on the low-hanging fruit first: things that are both inexpensive and relatively easy to do. More expensive or complex tasks will be put off until there is public pressure – and volunteers – to work on them. If mixed-use developments, a community center, sidewalks, bike routes to schools, or sewers to protect water supplies are wanted, volunteers must work to make these things happen. Amherst citizens will need to form committees to find the best designs, locate grants, measure the tax impact, and develop community support. Without strong community support, little in the master plan will ever see the light of day.

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