People in the News

Amherst Garden Club's Annual Luncheon Event



the Amherst Garden Club met Thursday, June 7 for their Annual June Luncheon and Meeting at the Congregational Church. Beautiful and unique table settings were created by members, each with a theme in mind, for the enjoyment of the membership. The new board was introduced, President Trese Gilligan, Vice President Sue Spiess, Treasurer Diane Prew and Secretary Dawn Burke. The figures for the May 2012 Plant Sale were released and much to everyone's delight it was the most successful plant sale to date! The club continues through the summer planting and maintaining gardens all over Amherst. In September they will kick off their monthly

▼elebrating a wonderful year,



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garden speaker program, and the programs are always open to the public. Please check the web site for more information amhertsgardenclub.org.

— Marti Warren



Themed table settings are a feast for the eyes



Patrick Matthews Appointed as Next Conductor of Amherst Town Band

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Band is pleased to announce the appointment of the next conductor of the band, Patrick Matthews.

Patrick was born and raised in Nashua. He attended Nashua High School North where he won the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award upon graduating in 2006. He continued his education at the University of Maine in Orono and pursued a Bachelor's degree in Music Education with alto saxophone as his majoring instrument. While there, he traveled New England as the principal saxophonist in the UMaine Symphonic Band, performing in venues such as Symphony Hall in Boston, Massachusetts and Merrill Auditorium in Portland, Maine. He was also a soloist for the band his senior year, as well as a regular soloist for the UMaine Jazz Ensemble of which he was the lead player for

He student taught in the Brewer School District for his capstone and was an assistant conductor for both the middle school and high school concert bands and jazz bands. He graduated from the university with his undergraduate degree in 2010.

Patrick now resides in Nashua where he lives with his wife, Carly. He is currently a special education assistant at the Lewis F Soule Elementary School, a volunteer for the Salem High School Music Department, a member of the Hollis Town Band and the Windham Community Band.

Patrick will take over full conductor responsibility for the band starting in September when the band's current conductor, Patricia

McMullen, steps down as conductor. Patricia has been the band's conductor since 2002. Under her leadership the band has expanded its annual performance schedule, with yearly concerts in the Nashua Summer Fun Series at Greeley Park, and the Summer Music Series at York Beach, Maine. The band also traveled to Wales during her tenure. When she steps down as conductor at the end of the summer, Patricia will remain with the band as a mu-

Obituary

MaryAnne Theresa Conaway

MaryAnne Theresa (Denzler) Conaway, age 67, of Amherst, Hampshire passed away peace-fully at her home surrounded by family members on Sunday, June 3, 2012. The daughter of Catherine and Leo Denzler, MaryAnne was born October 26, 1944.

raised MaryAnne Conaway She was in Havertown and

Drexel Hill, PA and received her teaching degree at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. MaryAnne taught grade school children at Saint Anastasia School in Newtown Square, PA, Francis Scott Key School in Alexandria, VA, Hamden Hall in Hamden, CT, and Jacques School in Milford, NH as well as working at the Children's Museum and ASA. Inc. in Nashua, NH, and as proprietor of Woofers, a gourmet dog biscuit supplier. She married Jack Conaway in 1970 in Drexel Hill, PA. They lived in New Haven and Shelton, CT before moving to Amherst to raise a family.

MaryAnne's passion was to create and nurture beautiful things and relationships that enriched communities. She loved gardening, quilting, photography and calligraphy. She was a former president of the Amherst Garden Club (AGC), perennially participated in their plant sales and spent much of her time working in her gardens, the Ponemah Triangle in Amherst, or on garden tours. The AGC has renamed the triangle

"MaryAnne's Garden" in her honor. She was also a founding member and past president of the Souhegan Valley Quilt Guild. She participated

in several charitable activities including FISH, Meals on Wheels, and SHARE in Milford, NH and delivered bread generously donated by the Dutch Epicure to the Soup Kitchen

in Manchester, NH. She also participated in the Quilt Guild's programs to make comfort quilts for hospital patients, military personnel and children's homes. MaryAnne was deeply loved by family, friends and others in need because she always gave much more than she received from others.

Survivors include husband Jack, sons David, his wife Meredith and grandson Ethan of Manchester, NH., Steven and wife Misha of State College, PA and six sisters - Catherine Canzanella of Chapel Hill, NC, Patricia Monaco of Mount Holly, NJ, Diane Richmond of Brunswick, ME, Nancy Nottage of Oakland, CA, Joyce Shay of Media, PA and Janice Morris of Morton, PA.

A memorial life celebration for MaryAnne will be held starting at 11:00́ AM, July 28, 2012 at the Ŭnitarian Universalist Church, 20 Elm Street, Milford, NH. Memorial donations may be made to SHARE Outreach, İnc., 1 Columbus Avenue, Milford, NH 03055, www.

Notice

Memorial Service for Rosamond Buchanan

A Memorial service for Rosamond Buchanan's will be held Saturday, June 30th, 11:00 am at the Amherst Congregational Church. Rosamond "Roz" 88, resident of Amherst died on April 1, following a brief illness. A resident of Amherst since 1950, Roz was actively involved in the community. She was a member of the Amherst Historical Society, Amherst Women's Republican Club, a founding member

of the Patch Hill Club, Amherst Ski Club and the 4th of July parade. In addition, she was a member of the Capt. Josiah Crosby chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was the only member who was a descendant of Capt. Crosby. In 1976 she mapped and identified the graves of the old burial ground behind Town Hall, adding a significant contribution to the Historical Society's documentary resources.

Amherst Transfer Station Update From The Solid Waste Task Force

AMHERST - On August 4 and 5, five residents from Amherst, will pedal their way into fundraising history as participants in the 33rd annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC), the nation's pioneer charity bike-a-thon that raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. They will be among 5,500 cyclists who will ride with the collective goal of raising \$36 million to support adult and pediatric cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund.

PMC riders range in age from 13 to 88. Some are seasoned tri-athletes while others are weekend warriors having trained for this event alone. Most PMC participants ride in honor of a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer. All share a passion and desire to one day find a cure for the disease. The average PMC cyclist trains for three months, solicits 40 sponsors, and raises more than \$6,000. Doctors ride alongside their patients; grandparents ride with their grandchildren; and others show support from the sidelines in the form of donations and cheers. More than 300 riders are cancer survivors or current patients.

Amherst Residents Ride in 33rd Annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge

"The PMC is the gold standard of athletic fundraising events," says Billy Starr, Pan-Massachusetts Challenge founder and executive director. "PMCers are as committed to raising money for cancer research as they are to pedaling the miles. PMC cyclists are all heart and soul."

During PMC weekend, individual cyclists become part of one family. The camaraderie shared by 5,500 cyclists, more than 3,000 volunteers, and thousands of spectators, is one reason cyclists from 36 states and eight countries return to Massachusetts each August to participate in the PMC.

No other single athletic event raises or contributes more money to charity than the PMC. Since 1980, the PMC has raised \$338 million for adult and pediatric cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. The PMC gives 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the Jimmy Fund, a rate of fundraising that is nearly unequaled within the \$3 billion athletic fundraising event industry. In 2011, the PMC raised \$35 million, accounting for nearly 20 percent of the philanthropic support of Dana-Farber. More than 230,000 individual contributions were made to last year's PMC fundraising campaign.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and the New Balance Foundation. To become a virtual rider, or make a financial contribution to a rider from your town, visit www.pmc.org, or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Checks can be made payable to PMC, 77 Fourth Ave., Needham, Mass. 02494.

Participating from Amherst are: Jennifer and Rick Brenner, Mike Clement, Tom Mercurio, and David

The redesign of the transfer station has been in place for about 3 years now and is providing a good return for Amherst. The new design is particularly friendly and convenient for those residents who have been voluntarily recycling for these many, many years - remember having to drive up the hill and flattening and stacking cardboard yourself?

As a result of the redesign there has been a significant reduction in the number of trips needed to haul away items disposed of by residents. In 2008 486 trips were needed to remove the trash and recycling; in 2011 the total number of trips dropped by 223! While the total trash and recycling dropped 9% this 46% drop in hauling trips over the four years translates to significant cost savings for the town.

In addition to the hauling costs, Amherst pays \$70.50 to dispose of each ton of trash that residents throw away. Obviously the town saves money when trash tonnage is reduced. One way to help contribute to holding down town expenses is to recycle more and to throw less in the trash. Increasing recycling by just 5% reduces town expenses by \$14,000! And...recycling generates money as well as reducing expenses! The easiest item to recycle is cardboard which generates \$125/ton; alumi-

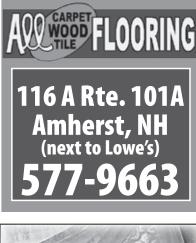


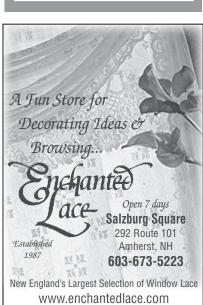
Melinda Bourke recycles

num cans are the most lucrative item generating over \$1300 per ton.

As voters we have been very vocal about town expenses and recycling is an easy way for everyone to help control expenses.

If you have comments, questions, suggestions please let us know at talking_trash@amherstnh.gov









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