



2014 Amherst Citizen of the Year

2014 Amherst Citizen of the Year with husband Tom.

Marti Warren Named the 2014 Amherst Citizen of the Year

AMHERST – The Amherst Lions Club named Marti Warren the Amherst Citizen of the Year for 2014. Marti was recognized for her many years of outstanding efforts in beautifying Amherst. Congratulations, for a well deserved recognition, Marti!

BRIEFS

AMHERST REPUBLICANS MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, August 2nd, 8:00 AM

Joey's Diner, Route 101A, Amherst

Our guest speaker will be Gary Lambert, candidate for US Congress in CD2. Read more about Gary at <http://www.lambertforcongress.com/>. We will also hear from our local candidates for State Rep, State Senate, and County Offices.

For more information please visit www.amherstrepublicans.org

Amherst Farmers Market Now through mid October

The Amherst Farmers Market will open Thursday, June 12 from 3-6 p.m. in a NEW LOCATION!! The market is moving from Amherst Village and locating in the parking lot of Bedford Fields - Amherst, formerly known as Ponemah Farms Garden Center, at 42 Route 101A.

SHS Fall Sports Practices Begin August

The following sports take place in the fall season at Souhegan High School: girls volleyball, cheer, golf, cross country (boys & girls), soccer (boys & girls)

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection, August 2

Saturday August 2, 8:00AM-12:00PM at Nashua Public Works Garage, 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua for residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham

Cost-\$10 user fee per vehicle, additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds, additional charges for electronics recycling. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: <http://www.nashua-rpc.org/hhw> or call 603-424-2240.

Town Hires New Director of Community Development

By CLIFF ANN WALES

AMHERST - Colleen Mailloux has been named director of Community Development for Amherst replacing Sarah Marchant. Colleen most recently held the position of planner in the Bedford Planning Department with similar job requirements. Before working for Bedford she was a planner for Gale Associates. Her experience includes inspection of development sites for drainage, pavement, lighting and landscaping compliance; coordination of technical engineering review with the Department of Public Works; assisting the general public on planning and zoning issues; long range community land use planning; and reviews all applications to the Historic District Commission.

To familiarize herself with Amherst and the residents, Colleen says she is on a listening tour. "There is potential for good, smart growth in Amherst. But first I'm on a listening tour. I know the signage code is one of the most formidable aspects of planning," she says. "I'm listening to the business community to learn what the issues are."

Enforcement is a part of the director's job description. She will address violations and will take action on written complaints on any zoning violation. "I expect to reach out and have a conversation before any ac-

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TV'S Chronicle Reporter Ted Reinstein Presents "NEW ENGLAND NOTEBOOK"

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library is thrilled to welcome TV's Chronicle Reporter Ted Reinstein as he delights the audience with his presentation, New England Notebook on Wednesday, July 30th at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Library's summer series of programs for adults entitled, New England Staycation. Ted, author of New England Notebook: One Reporter, Six States, Uncommon Stories, will talk about his native northeast little corner of America, of which his stories and anecdotes range from inspirational and poignant, to punch-line and laugh-out-loud. (Just get him started

Ted Reinstein

on Vermont's famed Fred Tuttle...) This is a wonderful opportunity to hear Ted LIVE!

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Construction work on water and drainage pipes continues in the Village

Water Works Causes Detours

AMHERST – Road construction continues in the Village as roads are torn up to lay new water mains, culvert pipes and new catch basins. To redirect traffic, a temporary traffic light has been installed with road closures and detours causing disruptions for businesses and residents alike.

Medal of Honor Recipient, Ryan Pitts

Ryan Pitts, Medal of Honor Recipient, is a 2003 graduate of Souhegan High School

July 24, 2014
By DAVID VERGUN

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 24, 2014) -- "The value of serving in the unit and in combat resides in the relationships we have with people. It doesn't reside in the medals," said former Staff Sgt. Ryan M. Pitts.

Pitts was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama during a White House ceremony Monday. On Tuesday, Pitts was inducted into the Hall of Heroes during a Pentagon ceremony.

Following the induction ceremony, Pitts and four of his battle buddies who served with him on the day his valorous actions took place, July 13, 2008, spoke at a media roundtable here in the Pentagon.

Pitts said he never wanted any of the awards he wears on his chest, including the Medal of Honor.

"The awards are just metal and cloth. I know what we did that day," He added that he accepted the award on behalf of all his fellow Soldiers, including nine who had fallen. "It's our medal, not mine.

"We all answered the call and Chosen Company became our family," he continued.

"We were dedicated to each other. The life of the man next to you was more important than your own, which was most greatly emphasized by the fallen."

About the battle on July 13, 2008, "I still think about it every day," Pitts said. "But most of the time, I think about what we did when we were together. I'm still awestruck. I saw what fellow Soldiers did. It was unbelievable."

"It is an absolute privilege to be a leader of men like them," said now-1st Sgt. David Dzwik, who served with Pitts during the battle. "Everything we do is for each other."

Pitts later left the Army and went to work as a software business developer for Oracle in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Upon leaving the service "you feel your family has been disbanded," he said, regarding the transition to civilian life. "That's tough. But you've got to realize we're still all here. You can lean on these guys. I still pick up the phone. We stay in touch, even though we're not in close physical proximity."

"I love the military," he continued. "I don't think I'll ever be completely transitioned. It's been the benchmark which I measure all other experiences that I have."

Before committing to attend the Medal of Honor ceremonies, Pitts said he insisted on all of the Gold Star family members also attending. Those were the families of the fallen: Spc. Sergio Abad, Cpl. Jonathan Ayers, Cpl. Jason Bogar, 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom, Sgt. Israel Garcia, Cpl. Jason Hovater, Cpl. Matthew Phillips, Cpl. Pruitt Rainey and Cpl. Gunnar Zwilling.

Pitts said he called each one and that the commitment the men of Chosen Company had for one another extends to their family members as well.

Although Pitts' wife Amy was not married to him on the day he earned the Medal of Honor, she and the family members of those who survived the battle and the Gold Star family members have bonded during this five-day visit to Washington, D.C.

"That's really the story of this week, that we really wanted to care for them (Gold Star family members) and give them stories that they've never heard and give them information they need if they've still got questions,"

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