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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Amherst Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Clerk's Office at the Amherst Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. New voter registrations, additions and corrections to the checklist, and party changes may be made at this session. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until Election Day, March 10, 2015.

If unsure of your current party affiliation, you may go online to check it at <http://cfs.sos.nh.gov/app/Public/PartyInfo.aspx> or check the paper checklists located at the Town Office or Town Library.

Third Annual Amherst Candidates Night

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It will be shown live on ACTV20 and rerun at various times through Election Day on Tuesday, March 10. It can also be viewed on your computer on demand at <http://amherstnh.pegcentral.com> - usually by the day after the event.

All candidates who have filed seeking to be elected to an Amherst town or school position will be invited, including those who are running unopposed.

In the event of inclement weather, a decision about cancellation will be made by 4 pm. Please call 673-5171 or check ACTV20. There is no alternate date scheduled.

Amherst Garden Club Seeks Applicants for Charitable Fund Giving

The Amherst Garden Club has established a Charitable Fund and has funds available to distribute to mission related causes in our community. The club has many fund raising activities throughout the year and our mission is to give back to our community through this fund. Recently, funds raised from The Memory Tree have been added to the fund. The mission of the club is to provide education, resources and networking opportunities for our members to promote the love of gardening, civic landscaping and environmental responsibility. We welcome applicants for projects that coincide with our values. More information as well as an applicant form is available on our website www.amherstgardenclub.org.

ELECTION DAY - MARCH 10

Amherst Polls open at Souhegan High School, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m., Amherst

Mont Vernon Polls open at Mont Vernon Village School, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

TOWN OF AMHERST

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

- Selectman-3 yr. (2)
Nate Jensen
Reed Panasiti
- Town Treasurer-3 yr. (1)
Elizabeth Overholt (i)
- Cemetery Trustee-3 yr. (1)
Cynthia Dokmo
Lisa Eastland
Norman Carnick
- Checklist Supervisor-1 yr. (1)
Jeanne Ludt (i)
- Zoning Board - 3 yr. (3)
Kevin Shea
James W Quinn (i)
Douglas Kirkwood (i)
- Library Trustee - 3yr. (2)
Nancy T. Baker (i)
Karl (Ted) Krantz (i)
- Trustee of the Trust Funds (1)
Lori Mix (i)
Kevin Grasset

Amherst Town Library

Boston MFA Trip Re-Scheduled to February 24th



The Friends of the Amherst Library trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, scheduled for January 27th has been rescheduled for February 24th. Presenting exhibits include, Hollywood Glamour

focusing on the iconic style of sultry starlets of the period, including Gloria Swanson, Anna May Wong, Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Mae West, and Joan Crawford. Dramatic costumes created

for the screen by famous designers such as Adrian, Travis Banton, and Chanel and dazzling jewelry from makers of the era like Tra-

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Rising Tax Rate Will Increase Property Values in Amherst

BY CLIFF ANN WALES

AMHERST - Do the math: If the operating budget and warrant articles proposed by the Amherst District School Board pass, the tax rate will increase by \$0.83. The Souhegan Cooperative School Board operating budget and warrant articles will add \$0.17. The Town of Amherst operating budget and articles add \$0.74 to tax rate.

That's a combined increase on the tax rate of \$1.74. On the average home assessed at \$330,000, that is an increase of \$574.00. It isn't hard to see why taxpayers are concerned.

The town operating budget has increased by \$617,383 (5.23%). Warrant articles include capital reserve articles for assessing, communications, fire station renovation and fire truck refurbishing. Also in-

cluded is the cost of one mile of sidewalks on Jones, Mack Hill, Manchester, New Boston and Boston Post Roads.

The Souhegan operating budget has increased by \$37,845 and articles include the replacement of the running track and a new agreement with the professional and support staff at Souhegan High School.

The Amherst School District includes the expansion of kindergarten to full day, a

new bargaining agreement with the Amherst Support Staff Association and an increase of \$367,706 in the operating budget and a decrease in revenues of \$408,623.

Lucienne Foulks, chair of the Amherst School Board said that full day kindergarten "will be the best decision to increase our property values."

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Compaq Big Band Returns To SHS For Jazz Night #2

AMHERST - The Souhegan High School Music Department will host its second Jazz Night of the year on Friday February 13 at 7:00pm. This year marks the 14th anniversary of the Jazz Night series of concerts hosted at SHS. To continue our 14th anniversary season, we are proud to welcome the Compaq Big Band back to SHS.

The exciting, high-energy 20-piece Compaq Big Band showcases the power of 14 horns, a cookin'



Claire Dickson

rhythm section, terrific instrumental soloists, and phenomenal Feature Vocalist. Formed in 1975, the ensemble is one of the longest continuously operating full-size big bands in New England. They perform over three dozen times a year, for a diverse range of clients and events across the New Hampshire region. Their two CDs, Bandwidth and Hard Drive have met with rave reviews, and are played on New England jazz radio stations, on BBC2 in the

United Kingdom, and on jazz radio shows in Sweden.

The band's Feature Vocalist is Boston-area jazz sensation Claire Dickson. Among her many accomplishments, Claire is headed to the 2015 Grammy Awards selected as part of a nationwide all-star high school student jazz choir and big band for GRAMMY Camp Jazz Session, appeared with Boston Pops as winner of the Fidelity Investments Young

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Amherst Town Library

The Poets Of The Harlem Renaissance

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library welcomes Dr. Keith Williams, Assistant Professor of English at Saint Anselm College, for the presentation, "The Poets of the Harlem Renaissance," on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Library's series for adults entitled, Hail to the Harlem Renaissance.

African American poetry dates back to the founding of the nation: in 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the enslaved Boston poet Phillis Wheatley wrote a poem in praise of George Washington. How-



Dr. Keith Williams

ever, the full flowering of poetry by African Americans would have to wait un-

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Evening Meeting of The Amherst Garden Club



Gene Harrington is speaker at 7:00 pm, February 12

"Feeding and Caring for your Backyard Birds"

AMHERST - The Evening Meeting of The Amherst Garden Club will meet on Thursday, February 12 at Parkhurst Place (11 Veterans Road, Amherst) starting at 7:00 pm. The speaker for this meeting will be Gene Harrington from Nashua Farmers Exchange. Gene will be speaking on "Feeding and Caring for your Backyard Birds". Gene and his wife Judy are owners of the exchange, where

their mission is to bring to the consumer top quality nutrition for animals as well as plants. Gene holds a degree in both Wildlife Biology and Entomology. If you enjoy attracting birds to your yard, you will want to hear this informative talk. A question and answer period will follow. Guests are welcome. If inclement weather, the cancellation will be listed on WMUR-TV.

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