

# Town News

## Bulletin Board

### Democratic Presidential Candidate Visiting Milford

MILFORD – Amherst and Milford Democrats invite you to a potluck supper with guest speaker Lincoln Chafee, former governor of Rhode Island.

Governor Chafee served as a Republican member of the US Senate from 1999 until 2007. As a moderate Republican, he was the only party member to vote against authorizing the Iraq war. In 2010 Chafee left the Republican Party and, in 2011, was elected Governor of Rhode Island as an Independent – the first independent to serve in that capacity since 1790.

Governor Chafee is interested in hearing what grassroots Democrats hold as their most important values and concerns. His talk, followed by a Q&A session, will be held during the next potluck supper sponsored by the Amherst and Milford NH Democrats.

For more information, visit <http://www.amherstnhdemocrats.org/>

TIME/DATE DETAILS: Wednesday, May 6 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Milford, 20 Elm St, Milford; Social: 6:00 – 6:30pm; Supper: 6:30 – 7:00pm; Talk & Discussion: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

### St. Joseph Healthcare Health & Wellness Fair, Saturday, May 2

MILFORD – Visit the St. Joseph Healthcare Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 2 from 10 AM – 2 PM at the National Guard Armory, located at 154 Osgood Road in Milford. The Fair will feature free health screenings for all ages, including vision, diabetes, women's health and dental. There will also be interactive booths, demonstrations of various fitness techniques, safety checks for children, and a raffle for two children's bicycles. The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive during the Fair from 10 AM to 3 PM. Need for blood reaches critical need in the summer. Admission to the Fair is free, although attendees are encouraged to bring donations of personal care items for SHARE, such as diapers, feminine products and toothpaste.

### Amherst Area Newcomers Club Monthly Meetings

Amherst Area Newcomers Club holds monthly social meetings both informative and entertaining. We have many interest groups that also meet weekly or monthly including book group, knitting, bunco, crafts, golf (is still meeting), out to lunch, movie night, poker and more.

For more information on our activities visit our website at [www.nhnewcomers.com](http://www.nhnewcomers.com). We would love to meet you!

### DISCUSSION GROUP at TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOP

On the first Thursday of each month, the discussion group meets from 7PM to 8:30PM. We share ideas on philosophy, current affairs and familiar truths. For more information contact: Norah at 673 – 6948.

### Open to All Southern New Hampshire Women

The Amherst Area Newcomers Club has been an active social organization in the area for 45 years.

The club is open to all women in the Souhegan Valley, regardless of how long she has lived in the area. We hold monthly general events on a wide variety of topics along with smaller special interest groups which cater to socializing with others of similar interests. The club is a great way to meet new people, get to know the area if you're new, or cultivate a new passion. We currently host interest groups for crafts, knitting, bunco, walking, charity, lunch, poker, healthy eating and golf.

For information and a calendar of events visit: [NHNewcomers.com](http://NHNewcomers.com)

### Amherst Junior Women's Club Announces 2015 Call for Volunteers

The Amherst Junior Women's Club is an organization of energized, dedicated Amherst-area women who volunteer their time, energy and talent to the community. Our mission is focusing our efforts on civic needs, educational advancement and those less fortunate. Our goals are achieved with the assistance and generosity of businesses, organizations and individuals and fundraisers.

We are in need of women with motivation and dedication to join in growing our mission even further within our surrounding communities. If you have that energy and would like to "burn it off", we would love to have you join us to accomplish these goals. The advantage is the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends at the same time. This is a great opportunity especially for, but not limited to, those with children in the school system. The AJWC sponsors several of the elementary and middle school events.

If you are interested in joining or just learning more about Amherst Junior Women's Club, visit: [www.ajwcnh.org](http://www.ajwcnh.org) or look for our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/AmherstJuniors](http://www.facebook.com/AmherstJuniors). Also, please feel free to contact the membership chair Susanne Lynch at [ajwcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:ajwcmembership@gmail.com). Thank you!

## MASH Class of 1983 "It's Never Too Late for A Reunion, Reunion."

MILFORD – Did you graduate from Milford Area Senior High in 1983? Know anyone who did? If so please spread the word. We're having a 30th (well actually 32nd) reunion this summer on the evening of July 11, 2015 and are trying to reach all classmates to invite to this great event. So, if you graduated from MASH in 1983 we need your

contact information. Please send your email and mailing address to us (The Reunion Crew) at [mash83.reunion@gmail.com](mailto:mash83.reunion@gmail.com) or join our Facebook Group - MASH class of 1983-Reunion in 2013. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and sharing fun memories from the past and new stories from the present.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Milford, May 2

Merrimack, NH – The 2015 Milford HHW collection will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM at the Milford Public Works Garage, 289 South Street (Route 13), Milford. Residents of Amherst and Mont Vernon are welcome to attend.

There is a \$10 user fee per vehicle, which covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of waste. Residents who bring more than this amount will be charged accordingly to help offset the additional costs.

A variety of common household hazardous waste (HHW) products are accepted at the collection events, including non-latex paints, solvents, oven cleaners, pool chemicals, pesticides, drain openers, and auto chemicals are just a few examples. For a complete list of accepted items, visit [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw) or call 424-2240.

Electronics are also collected at all HHW events. Televisions and computer monitors each cost \$10per item. All other electronics are free. For a complete list of accepted electronics, visit [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw). If you only bring electronics to an HHW collection you do not have to pay the \$10 user fee. However, if you bring electronics as well as other household hazardous wastes, you do need to pay the \$10 user fee in addition to the electronics charge.

As a reminder, latex paint is not accepted at collection events; instead it should be dried out and disposed at your local landfill or transfer station. Medications are also not accepted at HHW collection events. For additional questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw) or call 424-2240.

### Historic Amherst

## The Highest Taxpayers During Civil War 150th Anniversary of First Income Tax Paid by Amherst Residents

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

Did being the highest property-tax payer mean that he was the richest person in town? Amherst's 19th century tax invoices recorded valuation of real estate within the town as well as value of merchandise, money at interest, and shares or stock in public funds, banks and corporations; number of certain livestock by type; and value of carriages. All of that was taxable property for town, county, and state taxes paid by Amherst residents – and by non-residents for real estate owned and livestock kept in this town. Income was not recorded nor directly taxed. If a person converted earnings into a silver tea service rather than stock, that did not show up anywhere in the tax invoices. If a merchant had borrowed heavily to buy his inventory or a farm owner was mortgaged to the hilt, that is not evident from the tax invoices. There are certainly enough cases in 19th-century Amherst where a man owned significant real estate and was active in a seemingly successful business, only to be suddenly foreclosed upon due to unpayable debts to tradesmen and/or merchants; or to be found insolvent when he died.

So how might one figure out if there was a clear correlation between taxes paid by Amherst's top property-tax payers and their level of wealth?

### Federal Income Taxes to Fund Civil War

Now in 2015 the United States is still in the midst of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War – and that also means the 150th anniversary of America's first federal income tax. When it was introduced, Amherst's newspaper editor-publisher opined: "The income tax which is now being assessed in this vicinity ... is a new and untried measure of our Government for providing revenue. Its success in England is assurance that it will largely aid in meeting the wants of our Government. Though the income tax commenced on the first of May [1863], the first payment ... is not required ... before the 30th of June, but if not paid within thirty days ... there will be ... as a penalty an addition of 5% ... The tax will ter-

minate with the duty payable on the 30th of June, 1866, but if the experience of the present income tax in England, which was originally passed for three years, is any precedent, it is futile to hope that the American people will be relieved of theirs for many long years to come." (*Farmers' Cabinet*, 28 May 1863.) Well, he was wrong about that in the short term, but right in the long term. Anyway, the same newspaper published a list of income taxpayers in the County of Hillsborough for 1864. No patriotic words accompanied either

(3 men); New Boston (13 men); and Wilton (32 persons). As the published list did not include Manchester and Nashua, there's the possibility that the greatest wealth of Hillsborough County was concentrated there.

In Amherst, among those owing federal tax there were farmers, although they were fewer than half of the income-tax payers. Those farmers included Charles Convers (income \$2106); Rufus Convers (\$1697); and Samuel Ober (\$1066) – see below for their acreage and livestock quantities. Also paying income tax was 57-year-old Geo. W. Fletcher (income \$1221), who resided at 377 Boston Post Road on my favorite farm, on the north bank of Souhegan River; he would fall 15 feet from an apple tree in October 1864, his earning capacity subsequently diminished by his injury.

Among the Village residents with taxable income in 1864 were: lawyer Perley Dodge (income \$1845) who lived in the brick house at 4 Main Street; Congregational minister Rev. J. G. Davis (\$1210) who lived at 19 Main Street; physicians Francis P. Fitch (\$1122) and Geo. W. Moor (\$1363) who both lived on Church Street; "Corner store" proprietor Hollis E. Abbott (\$1007) who rented 12 Main Street for his home; and Charles Richardson (1809-1891) (\$825), residing at 14 Middle Street but soon to move into the former bank building, who was a director of the Hillsborough Mutual First Insurance Company and also by the summer of 1862 the pension and bounty agent helping widows, orphans, and



Captain Daniel Hartshorn House – 3 School Street. The residence of Aaron Lawrence (1804-1867), who earned the highest income in Amherst during the Civil War as a hops dealer with headquarters in Boston, and was a great benefactor of the town of Amherst, N.H.

mothers of Hillsborough County to claim back-pay and pensions from the U.S. Government for deceased Union soldiers and to collect the \$100 enlistment bounty, and helping men seeking exemption from the draft with their paperwork. Fourth-highest earner was Charles H. Campbell (\$2188), auctioneer, real estate investor and cattle dealer, who lived at 118 Boston Post Road and had a farm in District 8. Third-highest earner was Harrison Eaton (1817-1889), new owner of the iron-stove foundry on Foundry Street. Second-highest was Mary Boylston (\$2481), widow of printer and newspaper publisher Richard Boylston,

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### AMHERST RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### NEW Programming

#### NEW Summer Concert Series

Grab your family and head on down to the village green for some family fun this summer! Our FREE summer concert series will be taking place on Tuesdays evenings.

7/7 6:30-8:00pm Studio 2: A Beatles Tribute Band  
7/14 6:30-8:00pm Robert Allwarden and Friends  
7/21 6:30-8:00pm Amherst Town Band  
7/28 6:30-8:00pm The Bel Aires: NEW England's Award Winning Doo Wop Vocal Quintet  
8/4 6:00-7:00pm UNH's Little Red Wagon Performing Company: Puppet Show "What's the com-OCEAN?"  
8/11 6:30-8:00pm FolkSoul Band  
8/18 6:30-8:00pm Amherst Town Band  
8/25 Time TBA Our Back to School Event

All programs are free of charge  
Our rain location is Wilkins Elementary, 80 Boston Post Road

#### NEW Sessions of Beach yoga!

Start your weekend off with a relaxing and rejuvenating yoga class on the sand with a beautiful view of Baboosic Lake.

Please view our website for schedule and pricing option.

#### NEW Sessions of Adult Yoga

Tuesdays Intermediate Yoga 9:00-10:15am at PMEC  
Thursdays Gentle Yoga 10:00-11:15am at PMEC  
Tuesday and Thursday classes 5/5-6/11 with two pricing options.  
6 classes for \$72.00 (\$12.00 each class) and 12 classes for a discounted rate of \$120.00, \$10.00 a class.

#### NEW Story Telling on the Green

A Collection of local story tellers will gather to share some wonderful stories! These events are perfect for

## Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

both children and adults.

Where: Amherst Town Green (look for a sign)  
When: Tuesday May 5 from 4:30-6pm  
Tuesday June 2 from 4:30-6pm

In case of inclement weather, the storytellers will meet at the Amherst Town Library at 7pm on the dates listed above.

#### NEW Earth Girls, Strong Girls

Explore the natural world while learning great skills! Learn to make: flower charms, lip balms, and plant journals. Also learn wilderness survival skills such as shelter making and map-reading.

Who: girls ages 7-10  
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center  
When: May 1, 8, 15, 22 from 3:45-5:30pm  
Fee: \$50R; \$55NR

#### NEW Tot Soccer

Our 6 week program is offered to 3 and 4 year olds who will be introduced to the basic building blocks of soccer including dribbling, passing and kicking skills through games and activities appropriate for their age group.

Who: 3-4 yr olds  
Where: Spaulding Field- field 1 (front)  
When: visit website for schedule options  
Fee: \$45R; \$50NR

#### NEW Baboosic Lake Swim Team

Join the Baboosic Lakers!  
The goal of our team is to provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills in order to achieve success at his or her level of ability, make NEW friends and have a great deal of fun!

Who: Ages 4-19  
When: 6/22-8/14 M-F from 9-10am  
Where: Baboosic Lake Town Beach  
Fee: \$45R; \$70NR

#### NEW Swim Lessons at Baboosic Lake

Take advantage of our American Red Cross swim lessons. All instructors are ARC Water Safety certified. Swim lessons are scheduled for a 30 minute time period between 10am-2:00PM, Monday -

Thursday at Baboosic Lake.

Please visit [www.amherstrec.org](http://www.amherstrec.org) for schedule options

#### NEW Exploring Permaculture-Ages 16+

What is Permaculture? How can we learn from the natural world to bring more simplicity and higher yields to our lives? We will cultivate ideas in this 5-week class!

Who: 16+  
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center  
When: May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 6:30-8:30pm  
Fee: \$120 per session

#### NEW Tai Chi Easy™

Class will be held at Clark Elementary School in the multi-purpose room with experienced instructor Susan Flanagan. More information at [www.amherstrec.org](http://www.amherstrec.org)

Who: Adults of all ages and abilities  
When: Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm  
Where: Clark Elementary School, 14 Foundry Street

Class size is limited to 12 participants, and must have 4 to run the program.

#### NEW Morning Miles

Who: Adults  
What: Loosely organized running group  
When: Tuesday and Thursdays at 6am March 31-June 18  
Where: Village Green, in the parking lot across from the Congregational Church  
Fee: FREE!

#### Summer Camps

Start thinking summertime in Amherst! This year we will be offering two full day summer camps. Each week at camp will be centered around a theme. Both camps will take part in weekly field trips, all on Wednesdays

2015 Field Trips include: Canobie Lake Park, Roll On America, Sky Zone, Circus Smirkus, Seacoast Science Center, Hampton Beach SP, and Water Country!

#### Baboosic Lake Summer Camp

Who: Entering grade 1-7  
Where: Baboosic Lake  
When: 6/22-8/14  
Early Bird Fee: \$115R;

\$155NR per week  
\$870R; \$1190NR Full Summer Rate

#### Baboosic Lake CIT Program

Volunteer Counselors in Training will work with our camp counselors to provide a fun camp environment for all children. A ticket to that week's field trip is included.

Who: Entering grades 9 and 10  
Where: Baboosic Lake  
When: 6/22-8/14  
Fee: \$35R; \$45NR

#### Outdoor Discovery Summer Camp (grades 1-5)

Who: Entering 1-5  
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)  
When: 6/22- 8/7  
Early Bird Fee: \$125R; \$165NR  
\$825R; \$1105NR Full Summer Rate

#### Outdoor Discovery Summer Camp (grades 6-8) Includes all field trips!

Who: Entering 6-8  
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)  
When: 6/22- 8/7  
Early Bird Fee: \$159R; \$199NR  
\$1063R; \$1343NR Full Summer Rate

#### Outdoor Discovery Mini Camp

Who: Ages 4&5  
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)  
When: 6/22-7/31  
Early Bird Fee: \$85R; \$100NR  
\$460R; \$550NR

#### Cheer Camp

Who: Grades 1-8  
Where: Bean Fields  
When: 6/22-6/25  
Fee: \$100R; \$120NR

#### Challenger British MultiSport Camp

Sports covered may include tag rugby, cricket, soccer, rounders, kickball, netball and handball.

Who: Ages 6-16  
Where: Bean Field  
When: July 27- July 31  
Fee: \$135 Half day  
\$190 Full day

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