

## Town News

### AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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### Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

#### Coming up in April:

#### MINECRAFT CLUB

On Wednesday afternoons, you'll find a group of local Minecraft aficionados here at the library. They come to play, discuss strategy, and have fun! If you're interested in joining them, please contact Miss Kate at KateMcCoy@mail.com.

#### April Vacation Week Activities:

Don't sit around bored during school vacation week. The children's room at the library has a lot planned! (For those events requiring registration, please call 673-2288 or go online to www.amherstlibrary.org)

**Tuesday April 28 at 10:30:** Miss Lindsay brings a huge collection of lovingly handcrafted, life sized hand puppets and marionettes to child and family audiences across New England. Filled with silly humor, crowd participation, and unique, memorable characters, this series of charming, positive short stories will delight the young and the young at heart! Ideal for ages 3-8.

No registration required.

**Wednesday April 29 at 2:00pm** INDOOR TIDE-POOLING w/ The Seacoast Science Center How does a sea star eat? Where do urchins live? How do crabs crawl? Why do snails have "trap doors?"



During this program, children will observe and touch several different intertidal animals. Games, activities and role-playing will reinforce learning. Ages 5 and up. Space is limited, so registration is required.

**Thursday April 30 at 10:00am:** MATCHBOX MANIA Drive on down to the Children's Room, where we'll have everything set up to enjoy our collection of matchbox vehicles--roads, tracks, blocks, etc.

If you have some favorites that you want to try out on our tracks, bring them along, but make sure to label them with your name.

Space is limited, so please register your child. For children ages 3 and up.

**Thursday, April 30 at 2:00pm:** AFTERNOON MOVIE MATINEE. Bring a water bottle and a pillow, and we'll provide the popcorn and the big screen! Come and join us!

**Friday, May 1 from 2:00-4:00 :** DRESS-UP PHOTO SHOOT! Come and use our supply of costumes and props, and/or decorate a mask—create your own look, and pose for the camera....CLICK!! Everyone brings home a portrait!

No registration required.

**ALL WEEK LONG: MAKE-IT/ TAKE-IT CRAFT**—Come in anytime, all week, and make your own craft!

### It's About Conservation

## Getting There From Here

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY  
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You can get there from here! Where? So many interesting and fun places! How? Shank's mare and the family chariot! Again, where?

Many organizations and individuals have written where-to guides to help families find and enjoy paths into the natural world. Trails for feet of all ages are out there. Now is a good time of year to start reusing those feet and escape cabin fever into the beauty and serenity of Nature. Here are some guides you can enjoy turning to for ideas and companionship:

**Amherst Walk Book**—Outside your door there are 25 miles of comfortable trails maintained by the Amherst Conservation Commission which published this illustrated guide to trailside natural history with maps and photos.

**Big Trees of New Hampshire**—Published in 2014 by Kevin Martin, this guide describes short hikes to the biggest trees in NH from the seacoast to the North Country. Some of the walks lead to a single specimen tree as does one in Amherst. Others, lead to several trees of different species as does a 16-tree walk in Concord.

**NH Rail Trails**— Authored by Charles Martin with inviting prose, this guide includes over 180 photographs and 95 maps for 37 walks along former railroad rights of way. Half a dozen of the trails are within 30 minutes of Amherst and others lead into White Mountain wildernesses.

#### The New Hiking the Monadnock Region

Written by Joe Adamovitz describing nature walks and day hikes in the heart of New England. Beginning with the boardwalk of Ponemah Bog, the guide draws families to the heights of Monadnock and Pitcher Mountains and to places named for folks like Eliza Adams and Madame Sherri.

**Southern NH Trail Guide**— This book in the popular AMC guide series, provides comprehensive information about more than 200 trails from Monadnock to the Lakes Region and seacoast.

**Monadnock Hikes Classic Day Hikes**— This is a sampler of both popular and lesser known half-day hiking adventures to the summit, including five complete hikes with maps, trail photos, and local memorabilia.

**Hikes in the Piscataquog Region**—13 short walks just west of Amherst are described with photos and information on the nature of the region.

Town conservation commissions and trail committees often post maps of local trails on their town or commission web sites for downloading. And, some of the time, just following your nose is the most rewarding guide. Don't be afraid to use it. Whatever you use—nose, book or download—step outdoors into spring: smell, see, and enjoy.

# What is The Code Yellow Program?

AMHERST – Code Yellow is a community policing initiative which has been developed to assist public safety personnel in their response to incidents involving those with mental health and medical disabilities who reside in Amherst. It is designed to assist the Police Department along with first responders during encounters with members of the community who have disabilities such as, but not limited to; Alzheimer's, Autism, Schizophrenia, Dementia, or any other mental/developmental disorders or substantial medical impairments. The program promotes communication and gives police quick access to critical information about the registrant and their family. The program can provide police with emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, known routines, favorite attractions or special needs of the individual who is registered. This information can assist officers in communicating with, locating a residence for, or dealing with an emergency involving an individual with special needs.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Who is eligible?

The program has been developed with the intent to serve all members of the Amherst community whose ability to communicate may be challenged or diminished when interacting with police. Examples include persons with developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's patients, and other individuals who may be at an increased level of risk due to a medical impairment.

**If I don't live in Amherst, can I still register my child/dependent adult?**

If you do not live in Amherst but your child or dependent adult comes to Amherst on a regular basis (i.e. for work, school, childcare, hospice care, etc.) or otherwise resides in Amherst on a permanent or semi-permanent basis, then you should participate in the program. If the registrant is not in Amherst regularly, then there would be no real benefit to registering.

**As soon as I send the registration, will the information be immediately available in the event a police or emergency medical response is required?**

The registration form will need to be entered into the records system and linked with any photographs in order to capture all relevant information. Though the registration is an important and expedited process, it may take up to seven days to be fully processed. However, in the event of a crisis situation in the meantime, dispatchers will still be able to access the hard copy of the registration form for immediate use.

**Who has access to my child's/family member's profile?**

Amherst Police personnel who require this information in the performance of their duties will have access to the information. There are strict regulations with respect to accessing and disseminating information. However, the sharing of this information with other police agencies during an emergency can be helpful when a person is registered in Amherst but wanders off into another jurisdiction.

**How often should I update the registration profile?**

In order to be most effective, we recommend updating the profile every year. In the event that the pro-



file is not updated, the last known information will still be maintained in the police department's record system.

**Can I update my profile more than every year if there are changes? If so, how do I do that?**

You may, however, only information that has a significant impact on policing response will be necessary. Some examples would include a change in address, school, or emergency contact. You do not need to report a change in hair cut or color, for example, as the police are familiar with the changes that can be made and are more likely to notice height, weight and eye color. Changes may be made by filling out a new registration form.

**Will I be notified when the annual renewal is required?**

The renewals are the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. It is recommended that you renew the registration during the month of the registrant's birthday as a reminder.

**If there is an incident involving my child/dependent adult, should I notify the police that he/she is registered with the agency?**

It is preferable that you let the police know that the individual is already registered. In doing so, the registrant's information will be immediately passed along to responding officers which will eliminate the need for dispatchers to ask parents/guardians for descriptive informa-

tion during a high stress situation. **How will this registration program help if my child/dependent adult goes missing?**

If the individual goes missing and is reported by the parent/guardian, information about his/her physical appearance, the most likely places where he/she would go to, as well as triggers, stimulants, and de-escalation techniques will be sent to every police officer in the area to look for the missing person. If police encounter a registrant who has not been reported missing and is incapable of effectively communicating his/her name to an officer, a computer check of the neighborhood, coupled with the physical appearance and may allow us to identify the individual more quickly. This will then allow police to use the contact information to connect with the parents/guardians.

**What guarantees do we have that the interaction between our child/dependent adult and the police will be positive once he/she is registered?**

Although the program has obvious benefits, there is no guarantee of a positive outcome since each situation and set of circumstances is unique. However, the registration process provides patrol officers with critical information which allows them to respond more efficiently to any calls for service. It should be stressed that simply having a person registered is not going to change police responses in every instance involving an individual with special needs. Police will act according to procedure depending upon the circumstances. For example, if the registrant is suspected of being involved in a criminal act, then he/she may still be arrested. However, being registered will assist police in tailoring their response to the incident and will ensure that the correct people are contacted.

**AMHERST VILLAGE STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS**

Come learn about, and offer your input on, proposed strategies for Amherst Village and beyond regarding:

- TRAFFIC & SAFETY
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION
- LIGHTING & UTILITIES
- RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS & EVENTS

Clark School - Multi-Purpose Room, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday May 19, 2015 and Thursday May 21, 2015

The same presentation will be given on both days.

Project Contact: Mike Akilian at makilian@amherstnh.gov  
http://amherstnh.gov/villageplan/

A STRATEGIC INITIATIVE OF THE AMHERST BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## Come to an Amherst Village Strategic Plan Input Session

AMHERST – Five Amherst Village Strategic Planning Committee working groups have been exploring potential strategic initiatives in: 1.) traffic & safety, 2.) community development, 3.) historic preservation, 4.) lighting & utilities, and 5.) recreation, attractions & events.

Come learn about, and offer your input on, these strategic alternatives for the Village (some can also be applied elsewhere in Amherst).

Attend either of two public input sessions at the Clark School Multi-purpose Room at 7pm on Tuesday, May 19th, or Thursday, May 21st 2015. The same presentation will be given on both days.

This is a strategic initiative of the Amherst Board of Selectmen (www.amherstnh.gov/villageplan). Project leader: Mike Akilian (makilian@amherstnh.gov).

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