

Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:
Friday through omday, May 23-25

Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

Storytimes

All of our traditional Storytimes are drop in. We love to see you when you are able to attend. Storytimes are held the following days and times:

Baby Listeners lapsit storytime (from birth to 24 mos.) is on Friday mornings at 10:30. Current session meets: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 19 and 26.

Toddler Time for 2 and 3 year olds and their caregivers meet Tuesdays at 10:00. Current session meets: May 12, 19, and 26, and on June 2.

Book Bunch for 3-6 yr. olds is on:

Wednesday mornings at 10:00am—May 6, 13, 20, 27, and June 3 and Thursday afternoons at 1:00pm.—May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4.



Pajama Time for 3-6 yr. olds is on Monday evenings at 6:30--- May 18, June 1 and 29.

MINECRAFT CLUB

On Wednesday afternoons, from 4:00PM-5:30PM, 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.

3-D Printer Beginners Workshop

Tuesday May 12 and 20 at 1:00PM-3:00PM and May 19, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Archives Room

This workshop offers an introduction to 3D Printing. It is intended for people who have no or minimal experience with CAD design or 3D printers.

The workshop is limited to two people at a time in order that each participant may have a hands-on experience and is offered by volunteers who have received basic training in 3D printing.

Open to anyone 14 years or older (workshops for younger children will be offered at a later date).

Amherst Garden Club Donates Passes to Amherst Town Library

AMHERST - Now that winter has gone, it is time to take advantage of the passes to the Fells Historic Estate & Gardens and Tower Hill Botanic Garden that the Amherst Garden Club has made available to the public through the Amherst Town Library. Both of these places are a fairly easy drive from the Amherst area.

The Fells, one of New England's finest examples of an early 20th century summer estate, is located on 83.5 acres on Lake Sunapee, Route 103A. It was once the home of diplomat and statesman John Milton Hay who was the private secretary and assistant to Abraham Lincoln and the Secretary of State

under Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. Visitors are encouraged to tour the 22-room Colonial Revival home, walk wooded trails, and enjoy the renowned gardens. The gardens and trails are open daily year round; the shop and main house are open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Wednesdays through Sundays through September, weekends and Monday holidays From September 6 through October 13, and then closed in the winter. Each Fells pass admits up to two adults.

Tower Hill Botanic Garden is set on 132 acres in Boylston, Massachusetts. The first and only comprehensive botanic garden in New

England, it has several distinct gardens dedicated to woody plants, vegetables, plant systematic, winter interest, fruits, perennials and wildlife, all accessible by trails that wind through the garden paradise. It is open year round, Tuesday through Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and includes a café that serves lunch from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Each Tower Hill pass admits two people at half price.

Passes may be reserved by phone, fax, email, or online as well as in person. For more information, visit the library website at www.amherstlibrary.org and look under "Museum Passes."

New Kind of Musical Experience – Contemplative Music in Garden of Peace

AMHERST - Messiah Lutheran Church, 303 Rt. 101 in Amherst, is pleased to share a new kind of musical experience with the community. On Sunday, May 17th at 2 pm, a concert of "contemplative music" will be held outdoors in the church's Garden of Peace. At the same time, the performance will be streamed over the internet on www.concertwindow.com/linnea. There is no cost for this event.

The church developed the Garden of Peace as a place of retreat and refreshment, where one can be open to the divine through the tranquility of nature. "Peace in this setting means much more than a cessation of violence," says Messiah's pastor, Tom Teichmann. "Peace is the total well-being of you as a whole person." People of other faiths, those seeking meaning in life, or those who desire only a temporary disconnection from their busy lives, are all welcome to come to the Garden at any time to let its simplicity within complexity give visitors peace.

Contemplative music is an old practice with new sensibilities. It seeks to envelop the listener in the

moods and textures of ambient sound, while providing a sonic, metered pathway to deep relaxation, or a sense of the spiritual, and subsequent emotional release. Various instruments are used to engage the hearer, including electronic keyboard, folk harp, mountain dulcimer, and shruti box, which is quiet second cousin to the accordion and bagpipes.

The artist for this event is Linnea Micciulla, Messiah's church musician. She teaches piano, leads a Ukulele choir, and plays many different instruments. She is studying therapeutic music through the Music for Healing and Transition Program (MHTP) and expects to complete her training as a Certified Music Practitioner. She provides therapeutic music on a volunteer basis at Concord Hospital in Concord, NH and Hillsborough County Nursing Home in Goffstown, NH, as a hospice volunteer.

Lawn chairs are recommended. Rain will move the concert indoors. A free-will offering will benefit hospice. For more information call Messiah at 673-2011.

Congregation Betenu to Host End of Life Issue Discussion

AMHERST - Congregation Betenu will host a discussion on advance care planning and issues related to end of life care on Saturday, May 16th at 11:00 A.M. The discussion will be co-led by Betenu's Rabbinical Intern Rebekah Goldman and Dr. Sanders Burstein, a member of Betenu and Medical Director of Dartmouth Hitchcock Nashua.

Most people will lose their ability to speak for themselves at some point before they die and most feel that it is very important that they discuss their choices with both their physician and their loved ones. However, very few people actually have this discussion and most people do not have an advance directive. Eight percent of people would prefer to die at home surrounded by loved ones, but eighty percent actually die in a medical setting. Having an advance directive does not guarantee that your choices for future health care or how you die will be honored; the directive is only as good as the conversation you have with your loved ones, your physician and your chosen spokesperson. Good advance care planning allows you to choose someone who knows what your goals and values are and is willing to act on your behalf

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It's About Conservation

Our River

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
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The title of the Robert Redford movie, "A River Runs Through It" applies to our river, the Souhegan. Our river belongs to all of us. It is a resource of clean water, of a diverse wildlife community, of scenic beauty, and of much more. It runs through Amherst and our lives.

The Souhegan River drains the runoff from a watershed of 170 square miles in its 35-mile course from the hills of New Ipswich to the Merrimack River. 35,000 people live in the watershed and share in the river's life. Five hydro-power generating stations use its water and 13 flood control dams stand ready on tributary streams.

There are five municipal water supply wells located in the watershed and one more drawing directly from the river. The Souhegan Watershed Association maintains a website which includes a guide for boaters wishing to enjoy the river's variety of conditions from class 3 rapids to flat water.

Each year the river is stocked with 100,000 salmon fry. Salmon may not be caught but fishermen come to the river for three species of trout. In the watershed 28 species of plants and animals have been identified that are listed as endangered or threatened along with seven exemplary natural communities. That is our river to enjoy and care for. The photograph below pictures the river as seen from a resting place on ACC property off Fairway Drive.

Our River

Moving steadily along its age-old channel, ox-bow, the river flows silently with no rocks or rapids to give it voice. Life-supporting river, trout and salmon swim its water and on the shore deer come to drink while beaver and otter play below. Fun-giving river, fishermen and boaters come from the town to relax and be re-created. Students pause to swim after classes. Beauty-rich river, posing for artists, always changing with reflecting ripples between tree-lined banks, buffers to a commercial world. Beloved river of life and beauty, life blood of many villages, flowing serenely before we came, going to continue long after we move on.

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 Akillian at makillian@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 Akillian (makillian@amherstnh.gov).

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