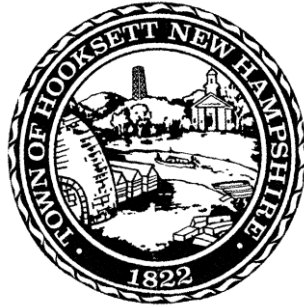
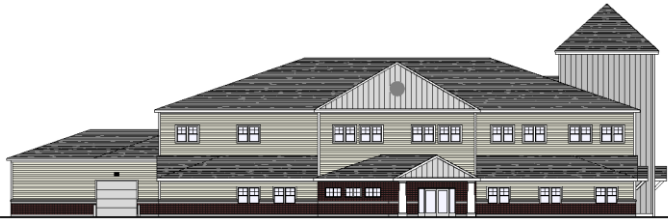


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TOWN OF HOOKSETT NEWSLETTER



Safety Center Reconstruction

The Safety Center continues to cost the town substantially due to the initial inadequate construction. Last year following an in-depth review of the needs to correct and reconstruct the facility a \$1.5 million bond warrant article was on the ballot, however, it failed to pass with the 3/5 ballot vote needed by only 25 votes. The Town Council has put this on the ballot again with the same cost to fix the problem permanently. All studies conducted support the problems that include a failed roof and flashing; envelope repairs; building energy upgrades and extensive other corrective work. Detailed information will soon be listed on the website. The \$1.5 million bond cost remains this year but will increase substantially in future years if not done at this time. The first year cost is estimated at \$56,000 with an estimated tax increase of \$.03. The 15 year bond payments will then have an estimated tax impact of \$.11 each year. Extensive information will be provided at the public hearing of the Budget Committee on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. and at the Town Council public hearing on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend one of these presentations. Additionally, anyone desiring more information or a tour of the facility please contact the Town Administrator at 485-8472 or cgranfield@hooksett.org.

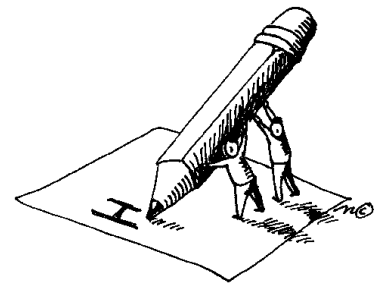
Edible Books Contest @ The Hooksett Public Library Save the Date – April 9th, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Mouths and minds will be salivating once again at the library's annual "Edible

Books" contest. Individuals and groups of all ages are welcome to participate by creating something edible that is somehow book related. Help us kickoff National Library week with a morning of fun family activities, voting for "Edible Book" contest winners and an awards ceremony! More details are available at www.hooksettlibrary.org.



Writing Workshop - Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Joe Smiga, local author, will facilitate a free writing workshop at the library. Learn how to start writing, develop content, overcome writer's block, edit & publish your work. Please register for the workshop at www.hooksettlibrary.org.



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Town of Hooksett to hold Backyard Compost Bin Sale for Earth Day 2011

As part of Earth Day 2011 celebrations, the Town of Hooksett is participating in a statewide backyard composting bin sale. Through April 2, 2011, a home compost bin and how to guide with a combined retail value of \$100 can be ordered for \$45.00. Delivery will be on Earth Day, April 23rd. It is estimated that 25% of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps which can be easily composted. Hooksett residents can save money for every ton of waste they compost because it is not shipped out of town for disposal. Please call the Recycling and Transfer facility for more information at 669-5198 or email at dboyce@hooksett.org.



Preparing makes sense for Older Americans

The likelihood that you and your family will recover from an emergency tomorrow often depends upon the planning and preparation done today. While each person's abilities and need are unique, every individual can take steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies from power outages to floods to potential terrorist attacks. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan that fits those needs, you and your loved ones can be better prepared.

First, make a kit of emergency supplies. Think about the basics for your survival. Include water, one gallon per day per person for at least three days. Plan on a three-day supply of non-perishable food and a can opener. Include moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation. In addition, there may be other things specific to your personal needs such as eyeglasses, hearing aids and hearing aid batteries, and oxygen. Have copies of your medical insurance, Medicare and Medicare cards readily available. Include copies of important documents such as family records,

power-of attorney documents, social security numbers, and bank information.

Second, make a plan. The reality of a disaster situation is that you will not have access to everyday conveniences. To plan in advance, think through the details of your everyday life. If there are people who assist you on a daily basis, list who they are, and how you can contact them in an emergency. If you anticipate needing assistance during a disaster, make a list of family and friends and others who will be part of your plan.

Depending upon your circumstances and the nature of the emergency, the next most important decision is whether you should stay or should you go. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense *and available information* to determine if there is immediate danger. In an emergency, local authorities may or may not be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, you should monitor television or radio news reports for information or official instructions as they become available.

Whether you are at home or elsewhere, there may be situations when it's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside. Consider what you can do to safely **shelter-in-place** alone or with friends, family, or neighbors. There may be conditions in which you will decide to get away, or there may be situations when you may be ordered to leave. Plan how you will get away and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations in different directions for options in an emergency. Ask about evacuation plans at the places where you spend time including community organizations and other places that you frequent.

Congratulations to Linda O'Keefe of Sewer Department

The State of New Hampshire designated February as "Parent Recognition Month". Linda received an "Unsung Hero Parent Recognition Award" and was one of 28 parents from different towns across New Hampshire to be honored by Governor John Lynch at a ceremony held last night at the State House. Congratulations, Linda!

