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TOWN OF HOOKSETT NEWSLETTER

Community Development Department News

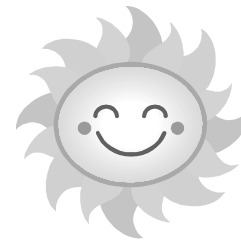
- ❖ As a result of our business-friendly Planning Board, did you know that the average time it takes to receive Planning Board approval for smaller projects is one month and for larger projects is 4-5 months?
- ❖ We are looking for volunteers to serve on the **Community Profile Steering Committee**. The Community Profile is a process by which communities take stock of where they are today and develop an action plan for how they want to operate in the future. The process provides a method for citizens to affirm community strengths, find collaborative approaches to meet challenges creatively and manage change. One of the major outcomes of the Community Profile is more citizen participation in the community and the affairs of its government. This Community Profile is facilitated by UNH Cooperative Extension in partnership with the Town of Hooksett.

The steering committee will meet a few times from May through June and again in September through October. They will be responsible for managing the details of a community event and act as small group facilitators. If interested, please contact the Community Development Department at 603-268-0279 or Town Planner, Jo Ann Duffy at jduffy@hooksett.org.
- ❖ To stay up to date on what's happening in Hooksett, be sure to "Like" our Facebook page, *Hooksett Community Development*. We post about public meetings, new businesses coming to town and updates on ongoing projects.



FUN IN THE SUN DAY CAMP 2014

Hooksett Parks & Recreation will be hosting Fun in the Sun Day Camp from June 30, 2014 to August 22, 2014. For information and necessary forms, visit the Parks and Recreation page on www.hooksett.org. An open house for interested families will be held on June 18th, from 6pm-7pm at the Hooksett Town Hall Gymnasium, 35 Main Street.

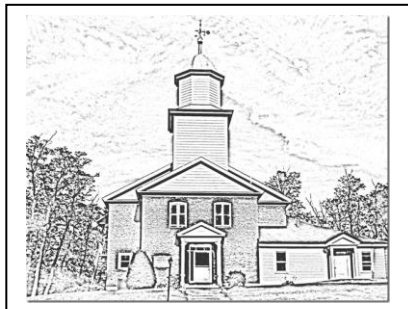


TOWN FAMILY FEUD III

We need an enthusiastic audience to cheer on our Town Family Feud teams! On Thursday, June 12, at the Hooksett Public Library, the Heritage Commission and Historical Society will host eight teams of town employees and members of town boards, commissions, and civic organizations, each one hoping to walk away with a trophy as "Best Feudin' Town Family". All proceeds from the event will benefit the Town Hall Preservation Project.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; games start at 6:30 p.m. Admission donation is \$5 for adults and children 14 and over. There will also be a silent auction with a wide variety of items including movie passes, restaurant certificates, dry cleaning services, car washes, oil changes, and dance classes.

TOWN HALL PRESERVATION PROJECT



YOU CAN HELP—Show your support of the old town hall preservation effort by purchasing an insulated travel mug, a t-shirt, or a Cat's Meow replica of the building. All proceeds from the sale of these items go to the preservation project. Items will be available at Robie's Country Store.

CAN YOU HELP? – The Town Hall Preservation Committee is looking for volunteers. Progress is being made in the rehabilitation of Hooksett's oldest existing town building (1828). Won't you consider giving some of your time and talent to this exciting project? For information about the work of the committee, please contact committee chair Kathie Northrup at: hooksett.heritage@myfairpoint.net or 669-8926.

DID YOU KNOW??

- From 2012-2013, Hooksett Library circulated 209,351 materials.
- On average, it takes Hooksett's Community Development Department one calendar day to issue a residential permit.
- In the last fiscal year (2012-2013), 56% of Hooksett's emergency fire calls were responded to within 5 minutes.
- It costs \$105,239 to pave 1 mile of Hooksett town roads.
- Hooksett has 4,025 residential refuse & recycling collection accounts.

BOARD & COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Would you like to serve on the Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Heritage Commission or other town boards? Check out Hooksett's Board & Committee openings found on the Available Positions page under Human Resources at www.hooksett.org (this information is updated throughout the year), or contact the Administration Department at 485-8472.

CITIZEN SURVEY

Thank you to all who participated in the 2013 Citizen Survey! View the results on the Administration Department's page at www.hooksett.org.

HOOKSETT RESIDENTS.....ARE YOU RECYCLING EVERYTHING YOU CAN ???

Now is a good time to make sure everyone knows what can go into their recycling bins. Let's start with paper. Rule is if it rips, you can throw it into the recycling bin. Cardboard (broken down please) paperboard food boxes, magazines, newspapers, cards, egg cartons, paper milk cartons, juice boxes, and pizza boxes (no leftover slices please) are just to list a few. We accumulate a ton of junk mail, it is amazing how much recycling that can add up to. Just rip the address off and recycle. That little effort adds up to a lot of savings. Glass jars and bottles (no window glass) can be recycled. Aluminum cans, tin and steel cans, foil and food trays can be recycled (lids and tops are ok!). Plastic bottles, plastic containers and clean and empty plastic buckets can be recycled (plastic tops are OK too!). Please do not recycle plastic bags. We would love to but those annoying bags not only blow everywhere but are simply not accepted. Please dispose of those in your trash. Hooksett residents are doing a great job. Check the list and see if we can do better. Recycling saves money. If there are any items you are not sure of please call the facility at any time...669-5198. Keep up the good work!!