



TOWN OF HOOKSETT NEWSLETTER

Hooksett Holiday Assistance Program (formerly Adopt-A-Family):

If you would like to brighten the holidays for a Hooksett child in need this holiday season, please stop by the Town Hall Family Services Department during any of the following times to select a child's profile:

- Tuesday, Nov. 17th 9am-5pm
- Thursday, Nov. 19th 4pm-7pm
- Friday, Nov. 20th 9am-5pm

If you have any questions, or if your family is experiencing financial hardship and you would like to apply for this program, please call Family Services @ **485-8769**.

Other ways you can help...

The Hooksett Unit of the Salvation Army raised almost \$80,000 last holiday season of which \$64,000 stayed right here in Hooksett (the balance was used by the larger Salvation Army organization). That \$64,000 provides a safety net for your neighbors in need and is spent on heating, electrical, and rental assistance, donations to the Kids Kloset and the Food Pantry, the back to school clothing and school supply programs and scholarships for disadvantaged kids to participate in Fun in the Sun. This program directly and substantially benefits our neighbors who are most in need. We have found people to be extremely generous when donating; however, **we are in desperate need of bell ringers** to help us collect these donations. It takes over 800 shifts of ringing to collect that \$80,000. No experience is necessary. Volunteer right now to spend two hours ringing a

bell right here in Hooksett, or even better, organize a full day's worth of ringing by recruiting a group of co-workers, friends, relatives, or teammates. Ring a bell - help change a life!

If you can help, please email Joy Buzzell at Jbuzzell@hooksett.org, p.farwell@comcast.net or register on-line at <https://www.registertoring.com>

Hooksett Lions "Got Socks" 2015 Program

The Hooksett Lions Club is sponsoring its 6th Annual "Got Socks Program" this year which collects new socks in any size to be distributed to the Hooksett homeless and families in need through the Family Services Holiday Assistance Program at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please place your donations in the baskets that are located in the community at the Library, the Town Hall and the Hooksett Safety Center. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated.

If you require further information, please contact Lion Cynthia Wright @ 668-2273.

Business Retention & Expansion Program

The Town of Hooksett has initiated a Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) program. The main objective of the BR&E program is to assist existing businesses within the Town of Hooksett to become more competitive and providing guidance to the local program.

Volunteers were recruited and trained to do the business survey visits in Hooksett, but we need the help of the business community to make this program a success. The Hooksett Leadership Team and Taskforce have identified 100 businesses to survey and so far they are 10% towards that goal.

Business community, we need your to participation. A BR&E volunteer will be contacting you by letter and phone. Your time will be well spent and individual survey responses are confidential. Collective business survey results will be reported as overall percentages or averages. The results of this effort will be used to develop a plan of action to improve the business environment in which hopefully keep your business in Hooksett and create an atmosphere for your business to grow.

Please help Hooksett make the program a success!

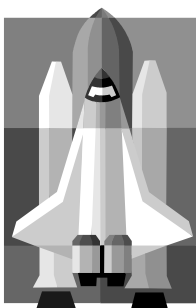
DO YOU KNOW THE NEXT HOOKSETT YOUTH ACHIEVER?

The Hooksett Youth Achiever Award recognizes youth of Hooksett who make a difference – in any way, shape, or manner. This award is presented to a youth of Hooksett under the age of 21 for special achievements that the Town Council is excited to recognize. Nominations for the award may be made by coaches, instructors, parents, teachers, principals, neighbors, or any Hooksett resident, volunteer, or town employee to the Town Council Youth Achiever Committee. Visit the Town Council page on www.hooksett.org to nominate a Youth Achiever.

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

STEAM into Your Library

Your Library offers many events and resources for STEAM (Science, Technology, Education, Arts & Math) education for all ages. Borrow Science Kits to learn about fossils, human biology, dinosaurs, and more. Attend a star gazing event, craft workshop, coding or computer class. Sign-up the kids for a STEAM workshop series. And of course, borrow one of our many LEGO kits for an afternoon of fun with educational benefits. Visit www.hooksetlibrary.org for more details about events and resources available @ your Library



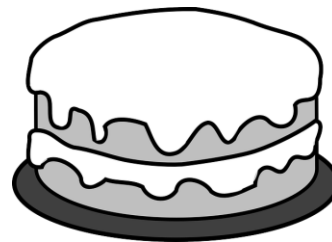
Downloadable Magazines, eBooks & eAudiobooks @ Your Library

Did you know that the number of eBooks you can borrow through the library's 3M Cloud Library service has increased from 3 to 6 at a time, or that you can now borrow eAudiobooks to listen to through the 3M Cloud Library app, and that downloadable magazines are now available through the library's Overdrive service? The library's downloadable collection continues to grow and there are popular titles for people of all ages to borrow. Please visit www.hooksetlibrary.org for more information, and speak to a library staff member for assistance using the services with your smart phone, tablet, laptop, or other electronic device.

Annual Book & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
@ Hooksett Library

Please visit the Hooksett Library for the Library Friends' annual book and bake sale. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase bargain priced books, CDs, DVDs & more! Delicious baked goods will also be for sale at the event. For more information please call 603.485.6092 or E-mail: hplbooks@hooksetlibrary.org.



Support us at TD Bank – It Costs You \$0

Help raise money for the Hooksett Library through the Affinity Membership Program at TD Bank. Last year the Library earned an award of almost \$10,000 from the TD Bank Foundation! Ask a bank representative to code your accounts A2153 for the Library and the TD Bank Foundation will grant us an amount based on the combined balances of all the coded accounts. It's painless, costs you \$0 and is a great way for the Library to raise money for the future. We appreciate your help and support!