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# TOWN OF HOOKSETT NEWSLETTER

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For information on what's going on in Hooksett, visit [www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org)

## **JOIN THE SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION!**

The Planning Board is looking for a volunteer to serve as a Hooksett representative to the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC). For more information, please contact Community Development at (603) 268-0279 or email [jduffy@hooksett.org](mailto:jduffy@hooksett.org).

## **What is the SNHPC?**

The SNHPC region includes the City of Manchester & the towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Francestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Raymond, Weare & Windham. The main functions are to increase communication; promote cooperation & coordination between planning boards & local officials; promote coordinated development of the region & prepare & adopt regional plans, including policies & strategies for the region.

## **BOARD & COMMITTEE OPENINGS**

There are openings on the Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Southern NH Planning Commission, Recycling & Transfer Advisory Committee & Town Hall Preservation Committee. Check out Board & Committee openings on the Available Positions page under Human Resources at [www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org), or contact Administration at 485-8472.

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## **TOWN ELECTION MOVED TO MARCH**

At this year's Town Election on May 10<sup>th</sup>, voters passed changes to the Town Charter which will change the annual meeting from May to March. Starting next year, the Town Election will now be held on the same day as the School Election. For further election results, visit [www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org).

## **ALARM PERMITS**

The Hooksett Police Department would like to remind all residents & business owners about the alarm permit ordinance #00-27 that went into effect July 1, 2014. Alarm permits need to be renewed annually in December. Residents who have current alarm systems but have not applied for a permit are encouraged to do so. An initial one-time fee of \$25 will be charged. The ordinance is designed so alarm owners ensure that their alarms are working & serviced properly & officers are not tied up at false alarms for extended periods of time. Permits are available at the Police Department or at [www.hooksettpolice.com](http://www.hooksettpolice.com). Thank you.

## **NEW HERITAGE COMMISSION**

### **MERCHANDISE**

New to the Heritage Commission merchandise line is an 11" x 14" parchment-colored 1892 map of Hooksett. It locates houses (with family names), schools & some businesses. Suitable for framing & only \$10. Available in the Town Clerk's Office or Robie's Country Store. All proceeds benefit the work of the commission.

## **HOOKSETT OLD HOME DAY 2016**

Hooksett Old Home Day is September 17<sup>th</sup>.

For further information visit:  
[www.hooksettoldhomeday.org](http://www.hooksettoldhomeday.org).

### **DRUG COLLECTION DROP BOX**

The Hooksett Police Department wishes to remind all residents that the department has a Drug Collection Drop Box located in the front lobby of the James H. Oliver Safety Center located at 15 Legends Drive. The Drug Collection Box provides residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication, including controlled substances.

The Drug Collection Box is intended to reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decrease prescription drug abuse, which has soared in recent years, especially among teenagers. More than 70 percent of teenagers say it is easy to get prescription drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets, according to a 2014 Partnership for Drug-Free Kids study.

The Drug Collection Box will also help to prevent the contamination of local landfills and water supplies from unused medication.

The Hooksett Police Department is proud to have partnered with CVS/pharmacy to obtain the Drug Collection Box to help Hooksett residents reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in our community.

The Drug Collection Box is accessible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are no questions asked and no forms to fill out. You simply drop the medications in the Collection Box. Please consider using the Drug Collection Box to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication, including controlled substances.

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A SYRINGE**

If you find a syringe in town don't touch it! If there are children nearby ensure they stay away. Please call the Hooksett Fire-Rescue Department at (603) 623-7272 and they will safely collect & dispose of it.

### **"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING™"**

Help keep our town safe, "If You See Something, Say Something™".

### **HOOKSETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Hooksett Historical Society seeks volunteers to assist in scanning & photographing its extensive collection. If interested please call 485-4951. Interested in membership? It only costs \$3 for an individual or \$5 for a family. Visit us on Facebook.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **New Discount Passes for Area Attractions**

Save money when you visit the New England Aquarium, Boston Children's Museum, Squam Lake Science Center, Charmingfare Farm, Canterbury Shaker Village and 12 other area attractions, by borrowing the Library's museum passes. Discounts range from 50% off to FREE admission! New discount passes to the U.S.S. Constitution Museum and the Merrimack Repertory Theatre have been added to the collection. Visit [www.hooksettlibrary.org](http://www.hooksettlibrary.org) for more details and to reserve your passes today!

#### **Classes, Social Groups & Cultural Events**

Learn how to use your computer, tablet or smartphone by attending weekly technology classes. Attend group meetings for digital photography, painting, knitting, Mah Jongg, writer's, or Zumba! Join community members at cultural events such as author visits, historical talks, humanities presentations and more. Your Library provides educational and entertainment opportunities for community members of all ages. Check us out online at [www.hooksettlibrary.org](http://www.hooksettlibrary.org) to learn what we offer for you.

#### **Over 30,000 eBooks, eAudiobooks & eMagazines**

The library's downloadable collection continues to grow and there are popular titles for people of all ages to borrow. Enjoy listening to and reading books by best-selling authors, and perusing popular magazines like Good Housekeeping, Eating Well, Discover, Newsweek and over 60 other choices! Please visit [www.hooksettlibrary.org](http://www.hooksettlibrary.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.