

TOWN OF HOOKSETT NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2021

FROM THE HOOKSETT HIGHWAY AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS



Town Ordinance #00-1, Parking During Winter Months, states: *"EFFECTIVE November 1st through May 1st, no parking shall be permitted on any Town*

road or Town maintained road between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am OR anytime during storms and related Town operations for snow and ice removal and control. The parking ban shall be in effect seven days a week."

Violators' vehicles shall be removed under the direction of the Highway Department or Chief of Police. Charges for towing and storage shall be paid by the owner for the release of the vehicle. During severe snowstorms, trash pick-up may be delayed by a few hours, up to a full day. Anything in the Town right-of-way must be removed to avoid being damaged by plows. Please check the Town Website at www.hooksett.org or call the DPW at 603-668-8019 for more information or updates.

SPECIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The Town Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022, beginning at 9:00am. The Session will begin at 9:00am, immediately followed by the Special Town Meeting. The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Polls open at 6:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Town Clerk Todd Rainier @ 603-485-9534.

FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ANDRÉ GARRON...

I want to wish all residents of Hooksett a happy and safe Holiday Season. With the number of local and state COVID cases on the rise, please exercise the recommended precautions when going out in public places. Hooksett is proud to have one of the highest vaccination rates in the state. Let's continue to be a leader and get vaccinated.

KIWANIS PLANS WINTER CARNIVAL SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

10:00am – 4:00pm



This event, part of the Bicentennial Celebration, will be held at the Hooksett Town Hall gym and adjoining fields. Kiwanis is planning outdoor activities such as snowshoeing, sledding, games for kids, corn hole games for all, a winter mountain bike demonstration, professional ice sculptures, and a kids car seat safety check in conjunction with the Hooksett PD. Indoors, the event will feature food and other vendors, along with a DJ, demonstrations by Unbound Dance Academy students and kids from Tokyo Joe's giving karate demonstrations. This will be a volunteer effort of the Hooksett Kiwanis and the Hooksett Chamber of Commerce. Parking will be available at Donati Field, 51 Main Street, next to Town Hall.

Route 3/Hooksett Road Corridor Improvement Project

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has been working on a project to improve Route 3/NH 28 Hooksett from Alice Avenue to Martins Ferry Road. They initiated this roadway redesign to increase safety and improve traffic operations.

Possible improvements include widening the corridor to five lanes, sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the street, a roundabout or intersection improvements at the intersection of Route 3 and Mammoth Road, additional turn lanes at various intersections, and signal improvements that will make the corridor travel timing more efficient. Two public information meetings and a public hearing will be conducted during the design phase to allow the public-at-large to share their ideas and ask questions. The first public information meeting will be held within the next few months.

This is NHDOT Project #29611. Additional information can be found on the NHDOT website at <https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/hooksett29611/index.htm>

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TOWN OF HOOKSETT PLANS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BICENTENNIAL 2022

The Bicentennial Committee is busy preparing events for the Town of Hooksett's 200th Bicentennial in 2022. Events currently planned include the following:

- January 1st -A First Day Walk
 - January 29th – Winter Carnival
 - April 16th- Lilac Crossing Dedication hosted by Cawley Jr High Honor Society
 - April 29th - Concert Series- Boston Rovers
 - May 5th - May 8th- Vietnam Moving Wall Opening Ceremony 5pm on May 5th
 - May 6th – Rich DiMare Sings Sinatra
 - May 13th - Concert Series - 60's Invasion
 - May 20- Concert Series - High Range
 - May 21- Concert Series-The Magic of BJ Hickman
 - May 29th- Bicentennial Memorial Day Parade
 - June 3- Concert Series- Whiskey Horse
 - June 23- Concert Series- Comedy of Hooksett's own Jamie Kaler
 - June 24- Concert Series- New Legacy Swing
 - July 2nd- Birthday Celebration featuring a Civil War Encampment, 39th Army Band, Blues Brothers Band, Speeches, Displays, Car Show, Civic Groups, Town Picture, Cake and many other activities.
- Other events will feature the Town Council having a Bicentennial Moment at each meeting, along with the Library, Heritage Commission, Historical Society and other civic groups hosting 200th anniversary-themed activities. Please visit the Hooksett Bicentennial Facebook page for updates and events. Souvenirs will be available, include a Town Passport, Commemorative Poster, and other Bicentennial themed gifts.

SAFETY TIPS FROM HOOKSETT FIRE-RESCUE

As the days get shorter and the nights start to get a little bit colder, there are several important safety items to remember.



- If you heat your home with wood, please make sure that your chimney is professionally cleaned every year. It isn't too late to do that before winter comes. The buildup of creosote (unburn material similar to tar that builds up along the lining of your chimney) can create a dangerous fire hazard that can lead to uncontrolled chimney fires.
- Regardless of whether you heat with wood, oil, propane, or natural gas, everyone should have a Carbon Monoxide detector. It is recommended that each home has one outside of sleeping areas and one on each floor. Remember that Carbon Monoxide is an invisible, odorless and colorless gas that can be very dangerous.
- If you did not change your smoke detector batteries already this Fall, please do so now.
- During Fire Prevention Week in October, the Fire Department went into Underhill and Memorial Schools. All students were supposed to come home with homework regardless of their age. If they didn't tell you or don't remember what it was, please ask. (Hint: Ask them about the smoke detectors in your home and a "meeting place.")

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR TOWN? HERE ARE SOME BOARDS & COMMITTEES WITH OPENINGS

- Heritage Commission
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Town Hall Preservation Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

Please contact Leann Fuller @ 603-485-8472 ext. 1 if you are interested or would like more information.