



**TOWN OF HOOKSETT
SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022**



**VIETNAM MOVING WALL COMING TO
HOOKSETT**

As part of the year-long celebration of Hooksett’s Bicentennial, the Vietnam Moving Wall is coming to town Thursday, May 5th through Sunday, May 8th. Volunteers will make this event a great success. Please sign up to help @ www.signupgenius.com. The Bicentennial Committee has lined up numerous events throughout 2022. Here is a list of those scheduled in April and May:

April 16, 2022-Lilac Crossing dedication- 1:00 pm at Veterans Park (Jacob Square), hosted by Cawley School Jr Honor Society

April 21, 2022- Video of "Soarin" Over Hooksett and Hiking the Pinnacle – Library @ 6:30 pm.

April 23, 2022 - Flags of the Forgotten- Cigna Lawn- mid-morning - a display of over 600 flags to recognize Veteran suicides & First Responders lost in line of duty.

April 28, 2022- Hutchinson Family Singers- songs of the past – Library @ 6:30 pm

April 29, 2022- Concert - Boston Rovers - Cawley School @ 7:00 pm

May 3, 2022- Their Stories - Vietnam Veterans - Library @ 6:30 pm

May 5-8, 2022 - Vietnam Moving Wall- Town Hall- Opening Ceremony May 5th @ 5:00 pm

May 12,2022- Digging into Native New Hampshire History - Library @ 6:30 pm

May 13,2022- Concert- 60's Invasion - Cawley School @ 7:00 pm

May 19, 2022- Concert- Rich Dimare sings Sinatra - Cawley School @ 7:00 pm

May 20, 2022- Concert - High Range (country) - Cawley School, @ 7:00 pm

May 21, 2022 - BJ Hickman Magic – Library @ 11:00 am

May 26, 2022- Hooksett and Native Americans (Kearsarge Museum) - Library @ 6:30 pm

May 29, 2022- Memorial Day Parade

DOG LICENSING RENEWAL – IT’S TIME!!!

Pursuant to RSA 466:1, all dogs 4 months of age or older must be licensed annually with the Town Clerk by April 30th. To register your dog, simply bring in or mail the following items: current rabies vaccination certificate showing rabies tag number and expiration date; Spay/ Neuter certificate, if applicable; cash (only if paying in person), check or money order payable **to Town of Hooksett** for correct fee. If licensing via mail, please include a SASE, and please do **not** mail cash.

DOG FEES

- Neutered / Spayed (altered) - \$6.50
- Not Altered - \$9.00
- Seniors (65+) 1st dog only - \$2.00
- Group/Kennel licenses (5+) - \$25.00



**ASSESSING STATISTICAL UPDATE SCHEDULED
FOR 2023**

State Law (RSA 75:8-a) requires that cities and towns conduct a full value property reassessment at least every five years. Since the last revaluation took place in 2018, Hooksett’s Assessing Department will be conducting a full value property reassessment in 2023. This is done so that property assessed values will reflect statewide current market values. As the real estate market fluctuates – up and down – our assessments may be out of sync with current market values. State law requires assessments between 90% and 110% of current market values when conducting a revaluation or update. Our 2021 assessment ratio is 73.8% of the current market value. Please call Jon Duhamel in the Assessing office with any questions (603-268-0078).



IMPORTANT DATES FROM TAX OFFICE

Tax Collector Kim Blichmann will be issuing tax liens for unpaid 2021 property taxes on **May 6th**.

Notices have already been sent out. **May 25th** is the tax deeding date for 2019 liens.



GRANITE YMCA SUMMER CAMP IS BACK FOR 2022

The Granite YMCA is again offering a summer camp experience for Hooksett youth. 2022 is the fifth year that this successful and well-run program is being offered. Hooksett Camp Director Karen Provost announced that it will be an eight-week program, beginning June 27th and ending August 19th. Youth from other communities will be allowed to sign up, but Hooksett residents will have the first chance to register and will pay a reduced weekly rate. Funds are available for those seeking scholarships for this program. Contact Granite YMCA for details on the program. (Ctrl-Click this link: [A Day at Hooksett YMCA Camps | Granite YMCA](#))

FROM THE LIBRARY

The Hooksett Library continues to provide valuable resources and services that combine to promote literacy and cultural enrichment in the Hooksett community. Community members can find something for all ages, including Crafternoons, StoryTimes, Little Movers & Open Play and so many others for children, along with knitting, photography, art, gardening, tech classes, book, and writers' groups and more for adults. Our annual

Easter Egg Hunt (April 16th) and **Touch-A-Truck** to



kick off summer reading (June 18th) are in the works, so stay tuned for more details on these ever-popular events.

We've been collaborating with the Hooksett Historical Society and Hooksett Bicentennial Committees to help plan, host and promote various educational events as part of the Town's 200th anniversary celebration (see list of events on page 1). Hooksett community members can visit HooksettLibrary.org to find out more about upcoming events being hosted at the library.

The library's virtual branch is always open, too, at HooksettLibrary.org. You can access lots of online resources from the comfort of your own home. You can research your family history with HeritageQuest, research people, businesses, jobs, and more with AtoZdatabases, read product reviews and recommendations before you buy with Consumer Reports Online, download digital books and magazines with our Libby and cloudLibrary mobile apps, read local newspapers, like the Union Leader, with Newsbank, and so much more!

We are also excited to welcome a new sister library, the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson. The RML is joining our now 13-member GMILCS, Inc., consortium in mid-April. This will effectively expand our collective holdings that library patrons will be able to enjoy through our common borrowing services.

Coming soon is a new way for borrowers to pick up held items: contact-free smart locker system, courtesy of a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services' "Grants to States" program, part of the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 and is being facilitated by the N.H. State Library.

PARKS & RECREATION

Friday, April 15th is the anticipated date for opening of Town fields. This is weather-dependent. Updates will be posted at www.hooksett.org. To obtain a permit for a date and time to use a Town field, please contact Crew Chief Phil Arnone (parnone@hooksett.org).

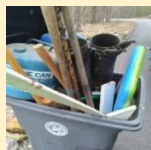
RECYCLING & TRANSFER

2022 permits are available at the Recycle and Transfer station. A current non-commercial Hooksett vehicle registration is required. For curbside pickup, trash should be bagged to avoid blowing around when trying to empty barrels. No yard waste is accepted because our vendor will not take it. Items such as metal, freon containing units, tires, paint, construction debris and furniture are not acceptable for curbside pickup.

NO



NO



We do not want to damage the trash trucks or be banned from our vendor. Be sure to space barrels at least three feet apart so that the trash truck can pick them up without knocking over other barrels. Also, the trash truck driver will not pick barrels that are close to cars, fences, telephone poles or mailboxes.

Leaf pick-up is scheduled for the week of April 25-29, following the regular trash route schedule.

In Memory of Richard W. Blake

July 28, 1956 - April 6, 2022



Richard W. Blake, 65, of Auburn passed away at home on April 6th after a long battle with cancer. He was a 25-year Town employee, working as the Public Works Recycling & Transfer Crew Chief from 1996 until 2021. Richard loved working on vehicles and going camping, and he cherished time spent with his children and grandchildren, who were his world. He enjoyed sharing stories, always with a smile on his face. He will be remembered for his gift of gab and will be missed by everybody who knew him.

EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 23, 2022 10:00AM-1:00P

Friends of Hooksett Trails
Earth Day Trail Clean-Up
Saturday, April 23rd, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

All ages and abilities welcome
 Wear gloves, sturdy shoes, tick repellent, eye protection, old clothing
 Choose your trail:

- ◆ **Hooksett Riverwalk Trail**
 Trash removal
 Learn how to identify and extract bittersweet with **Keep It Native**
- ◆ **Head's Pond Trail**
 Trash and debris removal with Hooksett Kiwanis

Help clean up the trails!

Beautify Hooksett is a town-wide event for Hooksett's Bicentennial with multiple service organizations: Kiwanis, Lions Club, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, and more. For more information: Community Development KLawrence@hooksett.org

HOOCKETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION **Kiwanis**
 Explore. Protect. Reconnect.

HOOKSETT ROUTE 3A/NH 28 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

On February 22nd, NHDOT held the first of two public hearings on its project for improving the Route 3A/NH28 intersection from Alice Avenue to Martins Ferry Road. The project would increase safety and improve traffic operations by widening the corridor and adding sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the road, in addition to several other improvements in that area. This is NHDOT Project #29611. For additional information, visit <https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/hooksett29611/index.htm>.

SNHPC HOUSING SURVEY

The Southern NH Planning Commission is seeking your input on the housing situation in southern New Hampshire. Please scan the QR code to participate in an important survey.

What can Southern New Hampshire do about HOUSING?

SNHPC REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Scan QR Code w/your camera for a brief survey
TAMBIEN EN ESPAÑOL

Your voice is important to shape the future of NH housing!

We strive to incorporate all contributions and appreciate your limited and valuable time. This survey is completely confidential and answers aggregated.

Visit snhpc.org/housing for more information
Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SNHPC-RHNA-1>
Questions? Email housing@snhpc.org

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HOOKSETT YOUTH ACHIEVER NAMED

Eagle Scout Patrick DeFelice was honored at the March 23rd Town Council meeting as the Hooksett Youth Achiever of the Month. Patrick is 15 years old and attends Manchester Central High School. Nominated by Troop 292 Scoutmaster Jeff Scott, Patrick served as Patrol Leader, Historian Scribe and Senior Patrol Leader. He is the troop’s representative to the Order of the Arrow honor society. Patrick has participated in many service projects with the Scouts, his school and his community. Here he is pictured with his parents, and Town Councilor Tim Tsantoulis, who chairs the HYA Committee of the Council.

The Council welcomes nominations of young people deserving recognition for their achievements. Contact a Town Councilor, a town employee or visit hooksett.org to make a nomination.

EMPLOYEE “HEALTHY SELFIE” CONTEST

April 22nd – July 31st

The 2022 Town Wellness Team is sponsoring a “Healthy Selfie” Contest, with the goal of encouraging employees to snap selfies of themselves engaging in healthy physical activities, eating healthy food, and cleaning up debris, especially on our hiking trails. Pictures (selfies) will be displayed at Town Hall and other locations, and participants will earn raffle tickets for a chance to win cash prizes.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE TOWN OF HOOKSETT



TOWN CLERK VACANCY



The Town of Hooksett has a vacancy for a Town Clerk effective July 1, 2022. The term would expire June 30, 2023. The Town Clerk is responsible for all Town Clerk duties in accordance with the Hooksett Town Charter and State and Federal laws (RSA 41:58, RSA 33-

A:3, RSA 170-B:19, RSA 436:102 and other related laws). Compensation is an annual stipend paid quarterly. Additional Information can be found at www.hooksett.org.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The Town of Hooksett is seeking applicants for a full-time Public Works Director. Responsible for managing Department employees; planning and administering public works and capital improvement projects; and directing the functions and operations of the divisions: Highway (to include Facility & Fleet Maintenance); Parks, Recreation & Cemetery and Recycling & Transfer. Works closely with all town departments, vendors, government officials at all levels, citizens, businesses, and others. Works with a complex legal framework including Town Charter, ordinances, policies and state and federal laws and regulations. Provides support to the Town Administrator and Town Council as needed. Additional information can be found at www.hooksett.org.

ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY

Applications are being accepted for a part-time position of Secretary in the Administration Department located at 35 Main Street, Hooksett. This position is responsible for secretarial duties such as preparing, copying, distributing, and filing of correspondence in support of the overall operations of the Administration Department, with focus on the roles of the Town Administrator and Human Resource Coordinator. Additional information can be found at www.hooksett.org.

**MULTIPLE DRIVER/LABORER POSITIONS FOR
HIGHWAY DIVISION AND PARKS, RECREATION
& CEMETERIES DIVISION**

Applications are being accepted for the full-time position of Truck Driver/Laborer. Mandatory CDL-B is required, with CDL-A preferred. A minimum of one year experience in the operation of trucks is required. Additional requirements are a good work ethic and a positive attitude. Applicant should be a hard worker and a team player. Additional information can be found at www.hooksett.org.

RECYCLING & TRANSFER LABORER

Applications are being accepted for the part-time position of laborer at the Hooksett Recycling and Transfer facility. Must have experience in the operation of a skid steer loader (will train the right candidate). Tasks include assisting residents with directions, permits and the occasional unloading of vehicles; assisting with the movement of recycled materials to the appropriate containers and helping to keep the facility clean. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, ability to work hard and be a team player. Additional information can be found at www.hooksett.org.

COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAN

Applications are being accepted for a part-time position of Custodian. Duties are janitorial and light maintenance. Work hours are Monday through Friday early mornings or evenings (when the Courthouse is closed), 15-20 hours per week. Additional information can be found at www.hooksett.org.