

# QUARTERLY HOOKSETT NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

## NEW TOWN CLERK

July was the start of a new fiscal year and with a new fiscal year comes change. Todd Rainier chose to relinquish his position as Town Clerk (don't worry, you can still visit Todd in the Tax Collector's Office!) and in turn Pamela Sullivan applied for the position. Town Clerk business includes (but is not limited to) vital records, dog licenses and voter registration. Motor Vehicle registrations and tax payments remain with the Tax Collector's Office.

With this new change comes a new office with new business hours. The Town Clerk is now located in the same office as the Assessing Department (room 101) and is available on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 12:30pm-4:30pm, every Wednesday from 4:30pm-6:30pm and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month from 12:30pm-4:30pm. We appreciate the public's patience as we all navigate this change.

Pamela Sullivan is still searching for a Deputy Town Clerk. If you are interested, please contact the Administration Department at 603-485-8472

## STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the Cawley Middle School located at 89 Whitehall Road. The polls are open from 6:00AM-7:00PM. Sample ballots are available at [www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org).

Requests for Absentee Ballots can be made during the Town Clerk's regularly scheduled hours:  
Wednesday's 4:30pm-6:30pm  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 12:30pm-4:30pm  
2nd and 4th Thursdays 12:30pm-4:30pm

For questions, please contact Pamela Sullivan, Town Clerk, at 603-419-4004.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Additional information can be located at [www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org)

Police Department: Police Officer

Highway Division: Driver/Laborer

Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Division: Laborer

Recycling & Transfer Division: PT Laborer

Building Maintenance: Safety Center PT Custodian

Community Development: Administrative Assistant

Fire Rescue Department: Firefighter/Paramedic or AEMT

## RECYCLING & TRANSFER

Although Hooksett does not participate in curbside recycling some residents do. **Recycling pays!!**

- Cardboard/Mixed paper paying \$110/ton Residents produce approximately 23 tons per month
- Mixed Plastics paying around \$180/ton Residents produce around 1.5 tons a month
- Light iron pays July = \$40/gross ton August = \$58.80/gross ton September = \$58.80/gross ton Hooksett diverts approximately 23.5 tons of light iron per month
- Although glass does not pay, it is half the disposal cost of trash. Hooksett diverts 1.5 ton per month

**Thank you to the Hooksett residents that take the time and effort to recycle!!**

Items that are not recyclable: Black plastics, plastic bags, flowerpots, cups with liquid, totes, hangers, binders, bubble wrap, Styrofoam coolers, amazon envelopes, kid toys (sleds/pools/ride-ons), motor oil bottles, toy packaging (white form that holds the items) – although it has the recycle symbol the vendor we use does not accept these items. Please rinse food containers.

Only bagged household waste accepted for curbside pickup. Yard waste & paint (not acceptable item for solid waste disposal), building materials (can damage truck), metal objects (will damage truck). Loose items in trash bins could blow around. Please space barrels 3-5 feet apart away from mailboxes, power poles, fences.

## TROOP 603 EAGLE SCOUTS

The Town of Hooksett is proud to have a new plaque displayed in the Town Hall. Troop 603 Eagle Scouts are now proudly displayed next to the plaque for the Troop 292 Eagle Scouts.

William Danforth's Eagle Scout project, completed in 2020, was the renovation of the Kitten Room at Darbster Kitty in Manchester, NH. The project included construction of climbing structures, play spaces and resting areas for the kittens. He organized a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to fund the project and any leftover funds went to Darbster Kitty.

Camden Normand's Eagle Scout project was the construction of activity lap boards for patients at the VA Hospital. The lap boards allow patients to comfortably do activities (puzzles, writing, reading) while in bed. Camden sold water at a car show to fundraise for his project. The balance of the funds were used to update some plantings in a garden space used by the patients.



Anna Hutchinson's Eagle Scout project, completed in 2021, was the construction of benches for the Underhill Elementary School for outdoor learning. Anna sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts to fundraise for her project and recruited friends and fellow scouts to fabricate and deliver the benches. The funds that remained, after completion, were then donated to the school to enhance the outdoor learning facilities at the school.

Gabrielle Baron's Eagle Scout project benefited Family Promise in Concord, NH. Family Promise "aims to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response." Gabby's "Backpacks and New Beginnings" project provided 38 backpacks, split into four age groups for children entering their program. Each backpack was filled with an abundance of both essential and comforting items based on the program's needs. Gabby organized an Amazon wish list and a letter writing campaign to obtain donations for this project. She recruited friends and fellow Scouts to assist with organizing donations and filling backpacks. The funds that remained, upon completion, were donated to Family Promise.

# 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. **It is strongly encouraged for taxpayers to review their PRC (Property Record Card), to verify the data is accurate, this can be done via online from the online database which is a link on the assessing page at hooksett.org.** If anyone finds any discrepancies, please call the office to set up an inspection. Having better data upfront will make the update process smoother for all in the long run. Please call Jon Duhamel in the Assessing office with any questions, 603-268-0078.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 14, 2022:** POW Table Dedication at the Town Hall, 5:30PM
- **September 15, 2022:** NH Roads Taken or Not by NH Humanities begins at Head's Pond Trail and ends at Hooksett Library, 6:30PM
- **September 17, 2022:** Kiwanis 5K Trail Race and Kids Fun Run, 8:30AM and Old Home Day at Donati Field behind the Town Hall, 10:00AM
- **September 22, 2022:** The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns by NH Humanities at the Hooksett Library, 6:30PM
- **September 24, 2022:** 12 Years of Heads School Living History and Tribute to Kathie Northrup at Heads School, 16 Pleasant Street at 4:00PM
- **September 28, 2022:** Meet and Greet with Miss NH at Town Hall Gymnasium, 5:00PM-6:00PM
- **October 13, 2022:** Rosie's Story of WWI by NH Humanities at Hooksett Library, 6:30PM
- **October 20, 2022:** Logging and its role in Conservation in the Hooksett Area at Hooksett Library, 6:30PM
- **October 27, 2022:** A Rail Hooksett Story at Hooksett Library, 6:30PM
- **October 29, 2022:** Trunk or Treat at the Hooksett Library, 3:30PM-5:00PM
- **November 2, 2022:** Robie's Store Video at Hooksett Library, 6:30PM
- **November 3, 2022:** History of the NH Presidential Primary by NH Humanities at Hooksett Library, 6:30PM
- **November 10, 2022:** Backyard Bird Feed, Avian Entertainment at Hooksett Library, 6:30PM
- **November 17, 2022:** Our National Thanksgiving: With Thanks to President Lincoln and Mrs. Hale at the Hooksett Library at 6:30PM
- **December 1, 2022:** Bicentennial Farewell and Winter Clothing Drive at Hooksett Library, time TBD

# HOOKSETT LIBRARY NEWS

## New way to pick up your materials: Smart Lockers @ Your Library!

We are very excited to offer a new way for you to pick up your held items with our new smart lockers, thanks in part to a 2021 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in partnership with the NH State Library under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Our smart lockers will provide you with contactless, click-and-collect, porch-pickup service so that you can pick up your held items when it's convenient for you, even when the library is closed. The locker system is even ADA compliant for complete ease of access!

To learn more, visit [hooksettlibrary.org/smart-lockers](http://hooksettlibrary.org/smart-lockers)



## Library of Things Collection

Thanks to generous support from the Friends of the Hooksett Library, the Library has been able to expand its Library of Things collection. The growing collection includes useful items such as metal detectors, trail cams, thermal leak detectors, check engine light meters, radon detectors, wood burning kits, knitting looms, pop-up cabana, and more coming soon.

## Local True Crime Author Comes to the Library

Don't miss the opportunity to meet local author Ken Sheldon and hear him speak about his new, popular book *Deep Water: Murder, Scandal and Intrigue* in a New England Town during his book talk at the Hooksett Library on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 PM. *Deep Water* is a true crime story that takes place during World War I when William K. Dean was brutally murdered in the quiet town of Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Suspicion quickly fell on Dean's wife, an invalid in the early stages of dementia while others pointed instead to a former tenant of Dean's, whom many suspected of being a German spy. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Hooksett Library.

## Create Your Own Beaded Wool Bowl with Friends

The Hooksett Friends of the Library welcome all to an evening of hands-on crafting in a fun, social environment on Thursday, October 20 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Library. Friends of the Library member Linda Bonetti will lead attendees in making their own wool and beaded bowls. No experience necessary. There is no cost to participate; the Friends of the Library will provide all materials needed. Come celebrate all the Friends do to support the library and enjoy learning a new craft!

## HOME HELP NH

The NH Homeowner Assistance Fund provides financial assistance for eligible New Hampshire homeowners who have been financially impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic and are behind in paying their home mortgage, property taxes, utility bills, home insurance and other housing costs.

Additional information can be found at [www.nhhfa.org/haf/](http://www.nhhfa.org/haf/)