

# Madbury Musings

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## SELECT NOTES

Some of you may have noticed that the classy granite sign at the Safety Complex was no longer looking so classy after the adhesive gave way on the portion that had the engraving and town seal. Unfortunately, it was not possible to repair the sign to its original appearance as any attempt to reattach that portion would either not adhere properly or had the potential of destroying the main stone. We did find a solution, though. The main stone has been engraved in large, simple letters "MADBURY POLICE-FIRE". Plans are to place the portion that decided to part company with the main stone near the entry to the building. When all is completed, we should have a happy ending to the saga of the stone.

The Board of Selectmen and the Oyster River Youth Association are in the process of finalizing a 20 year lease for Tibbetts Field that will allow ORYA to develop an additional playing field there that will be the same size as the existing field. Plans include irrigation of the fields, expansion of the parking area, and construction of a building to enclose the water tanks and provide storage. There will also be a small, separate parking area for use by people taking advantage of the exercise trail that is being planned by the Recreation Commission.

ServiceLink, an "aging and disability resource center," will be holding an application assistance event on Friday, June 6, from 9am to 12 noon at the Dover Welfare Office. The event will provide assistance in en-

rolling in two programs: LIS (Limited Income Subsidy Program), which provides extra help with Part D Medicare Drug Plans, and the Medicare Savings Program, which helps clients with their Medicare Part A & Part B premium, deductibles and copays. These programs are for low-income seniors who meet the financial criteria established by the federal government. If you think

you might qualify, please contact the town office at 742-5131 for additional information.

While most building permits are available through the Building Office, there are two permits that must be obtained from the office of the Selectmen. One is the driveway permit, which is required for all new driveway installations. There is a

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## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

**DOVER RECYCLING CENTER** is open year round and available to all Madbury residents. The Center is currently open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Additional information can be accessed through the Community Services page of their website ([www.ci.dover.nh.us](http://www.ci.dover.nh.us)). As the schedule sometimes changes, you are encouraged to check their website to verify days and times of operation. Permits can be picked up at the Center by showing some type of identification verifying you live in the Town of Madbury.

**MADBURY TRANSFER STATION** is usually open monthly on first and third Saturdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm and on second Wednesdays from 4:00pm to dusk. Transfer Station regulations can be located through the Transfer Station/Waste Collector link on the Madbury website at: [www.townofmadbury.com](http://www.townofmadbury.com).

**DOG LICENSES:** 2012 Dog Tags are now overdue. You are encouraged to license your dog prior to June 1 to avoid further penalties. A male or female dog license is \$9.00 and spayed or neutered dogs are \$6.50. Owners over 65 years old can register one dog for \$2.00. A current rabies certificate is required.

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST:** Supervisors will be available from 7:00 – 7:30pm on June 5 for residents wishing to change their party affiliation and from 7:00 – 7:30pm on September 4 for residents needing to register to vote at the State Primary in September. Supervisors will also be available for voter registration from 11:00 – 11:30am on October 27, prior to the General Election of November 6.

**TAX BILLS:** It is anticipated that tax bills will be mailed on May 24 and due by July 2, 2012.

**OFFICE CLOSINGS:** May 28 for Memorial Day, July 4th, and September 3 for Labor Day.

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\$10 fee for this permit. The second permit issued by the Selectmen's Office is the test pit permit. This permit requires a \$270 deposit to cover the estimated cost of test pitting required for installation of a septic system. When test pitting is completed, if the cost exceeds this amount, an invoice will be forwarded for the balance. Contact Colette at 742-5131 x1 for either of these permits.

Don't forget to circle June 9 on your calendars. That's the date for Madbury Day. You won't want to miss the three F's: fun, fellowship and food! It's the one day each year when we come together as a town to enjoy each other's company, renew friendships, make new friends, and just have fun. There are activities all day, and plenty of opportunities to sample the great food our Madbury cooks produce, starting with the Historical Society's café in the morning and ending with the MVFD's always great chicken barbecue. And if you want to prolong your enjoyment, visit the Madbury Church's bake sale and come bid on great desserts at the Dessert Auction that benefits the MVFD's FAST squad.

Joan Sundberg

## Call for Quilters

Hello to all Madbury quilters. Help is needed for a quilt project to benefit our library. Many decisions to be made need your ideas .... pattern, size, fabric, color, maybe a signature quilt. Please call Martha Mercer at 742-5426 or email me at: marthamercer\_2000@yahoo.com I plan to be in the Town Hall on Madbury Day quilting. Maybe you'd like to join me.



## Water Resources Board

The Water Resources Board has been collecting data on well water since the mid-1970's. The reason is two-fold: to collect and maintain data on the quality of water within the town, and to assist homeowners in determining the quality of their drinking water. The NH Department of Environmental Services and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommend the testing of private wells every 3-5 years.

In general, we are finding good water quality in Madbury, although occasionally an area of concern can arise. In those cases, the Board can point to guidance from experts, but decisions and actions are generally the responsibility of the well owner.

During the summer of 2012 the Board will offer testing for volatile organic compounds (VOC). VOC's are contained in a wide variety of industrial and residential products including fuel oils, gasoline, solvents, cleaners, paints, refrigerants and pesticides. Long-term exposure to VOCs may lead to impaired immune system function, may cause liver damage or may increase the risk of cancer. We last tested for VOC's in 1998 and 2000.

The Board is offering VOC testing using an EPA method 524.2 which tests for about 70 contaminants. The average cost of testing is \$130, but the Board is receiving a discount from the testing lab and subsidizing some of the cost. All residents can participate in the testing for \$45. If a well was tested in 1998 or 2000, and showed detectable but acceptable levels of a contaminant the cost will be \$25. If the well tested for levels above the drinking water standard the test will be at no cost. The Board has set aside a limited amount of funds from our budget for the testing, so there is a first come-first serve component.

If you have an interest in finding

out about the drinking water quality of your well, and wish to help the town expand its knowledge of water quality, please submit an indication of interest slip. Slips will be available at the Town Hall, Library, town website, and at Madbury Day. They can be returned by mail or in person to Town Hall, or dropped off at the library.

We will then contact you for permission and payment. In most cases, samples can be taken from an outside faucet (the preferred location). Generally, water will be run for about 5 minutes to clear the system before the sample is taken. After the lab analysis you will receive a copy of the results. The town will also have a copy of the results, and will only report in ways that individual results will not be identified. Please be aware, however, that we must comply with any specific request for information regarding this testing program because we are a public board.

Questions on the process or testing can be directed to Eric Fiegenbaum at 750-7519 or eric@lefh.net.

## Fire Department

The Madbury Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone who attended our recent Pancake Breakfast, and hopes to see you all on Madbury Day for our Chicken Barbecue.

We would also like to remind all residents that State Law requires that anyone kindling a fire outdoors must have the property owners permission and secure a fire permit prior to doing so, this includes outside fireplaces and chimneas, for which a seasonal fire permit may be issued. For seasonal fire permits, please call our office at 742-1164, Monday through Thursday between 8am and 3pm to schedule an inspection. Beginning in June, for regular Fire Permits, please call (603) 617-0563 to reach our duty Fire Officer.

## Building Inspector

### *When do I need a Building Permit to do work on my house?*

The answer, of course, depends on many factors, but this posting should help most people, most of the time, to decide whether they need to apply for a permit. The building code requires a permit for any new construction in or on the ground. Structures of less than 100 sq. ft. (10 x 10) are exempt from the requirement for a permit, but must nonetheless comply with the building code. Demolition of an existing structure also requires a permit. You do not need a permit if you replace windows or doors with like items. If you are changing the size and/or location of windows and doors, requiring changes to the structure of the building, you will need a permit. Nearly any extensive renovation requires a permit. Replacing an electrical outlet or fixture does not require a permit, but any additions or changes (including re-wiring) to the electrical wiring of the house requires a permit. Plumbing is similar to electrical in that you can change a fixture or toilet without a permit, but any additions or changes to the plumbing system of the building requires a permit. The installation of all (new or replacement) equipment operated on gas, including furnaces, fireplace inserts, pool/Jacuzzi heaters, water heaters and other appliances, requires a permit. Oil furnaces also require a permit which is issued by the Fire Chief. If you have questions about your need for a building permit which aren't answered here, please call me at Town Hall (603) 742-5131 and we'll figure it out.

Your Building Inspector,  
Marcus K. Evergam.



## Madbury Public Library

### FROM THE MPL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Library Director of the last five months, Shay Doyon, resigned from her position on April 23, 2012.

In her letter to the Board of Trustees, Shay said, "I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful community." She also extended her good wishes to the community: "I wish everyone success in making a dream of a new library become reality in the future."

Here at MPL, we have talented and committed staff members, several very capable substitutes and a group of actively involved volunteers. We are confident that we can continue a high level of functioning while we conduct a search for a replacement Director.

#### **Madbury Day Book Sale**

**June 9** – Madbury Day. The Friends of the Madbury Library will be holding their annual book sale at the library from 9-2pm. Please stop by to browse through some wonderful titles. Fill a bag or box for a donation and support the library and its programs! The Friends also welcome donations to assist with paying for the many programs they help bring to the library throughout the year.

#### **First-Aid Course**

**June 11** – The McGregor Memorial EMS team is offering a First-Aid Course at the Library from 6 to 8:30 pm. Upon completion of this course participants will receive a two-year certification through the American Heart Association for Adult, Child, and Infant First-Aid. The cost of the course is \$20. Register online at [www.mcgregorems.org](http://www.mcgregorems.org).

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Connors Picturing-Writing Workshop**

**July 9-13** – Thanks to the Friends of the Madbury Library, picturing-writing instructor Michelle Fitzhenry

will return to the MPL to mentor children in a wonderful writing and illustration experience. *Madbury patrons* entering grades 3-6 who love to read, write, and illustrate books are invited to sign up for this writing adventure. The children spend the mornings (from 9 to noon) researching, writing, and illustrating a book. They take a mid-morning break for a snack while they listen to stories out on the lawn. By the end of the week they have each completed their own, professional, book. There is a \$50 **refundable** deposit (refunded for cancellations up to two weeks prior to the beginning of the week). There is a \$10 **non-refundable** donation to cover the cost of materials. Registration is **limited** and **required**. If your child would like to participate in this week, please contact us as soon as possible. Stop by the library to register or call 743-1400. Samples of books from previous years are available at the library.

#### **Summer Reading Program**

The Madbury Library is gearing up for our annual Summer Reading Program for readers of all ages. This year's theme for our younger patrons is "Dream Big – Read." For our young adult patrons, the theme is "Own the Night!" Adults are invited to join in the reading fun too.

All programs are free thanks to the financial support of the Friends of the Madbury Library, a generous scholarship from the Boston Museum of Science traveling program (August 8) and a Kids Books and the Arts grant (July 16 program for older children).

**June 29** – Our Summer Reading Program kicks-off with a performance at 10:30am by "Alex the Jester" at the Oyster River High School! Alex's humorous performance includes daring stunts, mind-bending sight gags, musical capers and physical feats! There is audience participation, lavish costumes and lots of laughs. DON'T MISS IT!! All ages

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are welcome! The Friends of the Madbury, Lee and Durham libraries are sponsoring this event.

**July 2** – Join Carol and Crew (of puppets) as they present a fun show for all ages at the Madbury Town Hall! The theme will be “Dream Big – Read!” The show begins at 10:30am.

**July 12** – The W.I.L.D. Center & Zoological Park of New England (formerly the Granite State Zoo) will bring “Creatures of the Night” to the Oyster River High School. Nocturnal animals will include the “Egyptian Fruit Bat” commonly known as the “Flying Fox.” Other animals may include a porcupine, skunk, opossum, or tree frog! This 45-60 minute presentation begins at 10:30am. All ages are welcome! The Madbury, Lee and Durham libraries (and their Friends) are sponsoring this event.

**July 16** – Marek Bennett’s Comics Workshop will surely entertain children interested in learning how to create comics. He encourages participants to “Dream Big – Read!” Marek presents his unique mixture of comics and sing-along musical storytelling, where songs come to life on a wall, in a song circle, and in our voices. Each participant will create a cast of characters with one

or more completed pages of an original comic. This program is best suited for children ages 10 and up. It will take place at Town Hall from 10am - noon. More information about registration will be available closer to that date. This program is supported by a grant to the Madbury Library from *the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and donations from the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the NH Library Association.*

**July 26** – The Madbury and Durham libraries are proud to present Magician Norman Ng at our summer reading finale. Norman grew up performing magic and he learned how to do it by “Dreaming Big and Reading!” He will tell his personal story of learning magic through books. He features original music and audience participation. This program will be held at the Oyster River High School and starts at 10:30am. A special thank-you goes to the Durham Library who was awarded the grant for this program from *the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, donations from the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the NH Library Assoc.*

**August 8** – The **Boston Museum**

**of Science’s** traveling program “**Rockets – There and Back Again**” comes to Madbury. This is a hands-on activity where participants will build and test latex balloon rockets that run on a wire rack. The children will test the best wind design in a vertical reentry tube. Children will explore the physics behind how rockets work including Newton’s Third Law, go through the Engineering Design Process to build rockets and reentry devices, explore wind resistance on a falling body, and learn about the challenges of traveling huge distances. Space is limited to 25 participants **per session** (adults come to the session with children age ten and under and are counted as part of the 25 total per session). Children over 10 work independently in the sessions. We will be offering two to three sessions depending on the number of people that sign-up. Advance registration will be required for this fantastic event. *This program is for children ages 6 and up. Children 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.*

Check our web pages for information about our reading groups, writing group and, of course, our museum passes! **madburylibrary.org**

| <i>Tentative Schedule</i> | <i>Madbury Day ~ Saturday, June 9 2012</i>                                                                                                                                | <i>Subject to change</i> |
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| <b>Time</b>               | <b>Event</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Location</b>          |
| 9:15 – 11:00 am           | " <b>Music in the Morning</b> " Cafe - Live Music, coffee, donuts, and more.                                                                                              | Town Hall                |
|                           | Crafts & Games for Preschoolers. Art Display.                                                                                                                             | Town Hall                |
| 9:30 am - 2 pm            | Church Yard Sale. Farmers Market. Food Concessions                                                                                                                        | Church Yard              |
|                           | Broom Making and Spinning Crafts. Farm Animals to pet.                                                                                                                    | On the Green             |
|                           | Friends of Library Book Sale & Open House                                                                                                                                 | Madbury Public Library   |
|                           | Special Exhibits, Historical Society Exhibit<br>Roberta’s Clown Balloons & Bubbles<br>ORYA Display, Alex’s Lemonade Stand                                                 | Town Hall                |
| 11:30 am                  | Parade Line-up at Cherry Lane (cars line up at Madbury Woods)                                                                                                             | Cherry Lane              |
| 12 noon                   | <b>Parade!</b> - Everyone welcome to join in!                                                                                                                             | Town Hall Road           |
| 12:30 pm                  | Oyster River Middle School Jazz Band. Indonesian Street Dance                                                                                                             | Town Hall                |
| 5 pm                      | <b>FAST Squad Dessert Auction</b> Brian Raynes, Auctioneer                                                                                                                | Town Hall                |
| 6 - 7 pm                  | <b>Madbury Fire Department Chicken Barbecue</b><br>Tickets available from any firefighter, the Town Clerk or Town Library.<br>Reserve now! Adults \$12.00 Children \$6.00 | Town Hall                |