

Madbury Musings

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SELECT NOTES

Madbury is a busy place this summer. The new library is under construction. The town hall parking lot on the library side is open, but subject to the comings and goings of construction vehicles and contractors. The grind, reconstruct, and paving of Hayes Road has begun and is being coordinated with the installation of a large culvert. Timing will be subject to the manufacturing of the culvert and weather. Ever-source has begun preliminary construction work on the new transmission line from Madbury to Portsmouth, called the Seacoast Reliability Project. Most of the impact in Madbury will be at the substation (no expansion) and the transmission corridor along the railroad track. Work has begun on the Moharimet School front entrance to improve access and security. And lastly, a new town shed is being planned to accommodate the equipment that keeps the fields and town grounds looking good.

Although no construction is involved, the following items are no less noteworthy. An engineering study for the replacement of the Nute Road bridge has been approved by the NH DOT. Studies and design will occur this sum-

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Groundbreaking at the new library site.

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

ROAD CLOSURE: Town Hall Rd will be closed from Rt. 155 to the Moharimet School bus access lane on Madbury Day, Saturday, June 1. See page 4 for more details.

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. www.ci.dover.nh.us.

MADBURY TRANSFER STATION is open. Monthly hours are 9:00 to 4pm on 1st & 3rd Saturdays, as well as 4pm to dusk on 2nd Wednesdays.

DOG LICENSES: 2018 licenses expired on April 30. You are encouraged to license your dog prior to June 1 to avoid penalties. A male or female dog license is \$9.00 and spayed or neutered dogs are \$6.50. Owners over 65 years old may register one dog for \$2.00. A current rabies certificate is required. For licensed dogs whose rabies vaccination is current, you may renew the license via mail by sending in a check and a SASE.

TAX BILLS: It is anticipated that tax bills will be mailed on May 22 and due by July 1.

ONLINE SERVICES: Exciting news! The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will soon be offering online services for motor vehicle renewals, property tax payments, and dog license renewals. Online services are expected to be in place sometime this summer. More information will be added to the town website and sent via the Madbury Post email when these services become available.

mer with construction anticipated next summer. The Selectmen have chosen to do an early pay off of the new fire truck lease, saving on interest payments and making it ours. Felix Siegels, a Madbury resident, has joined the PD as a part-time officer. ORYA baseball celebrated its opening day. Madbury Day is on Saturday, June 1. Come out, visit with neighbors and vendors, hear great music, eat delicious food, and join the parade. A tentative schedule is on page 4.

It is gratifying that so many residents have “re-upped” their terms on town boards and commissions. Madbury is a special place, made so by the commitment of her citizens. Enjoy the summer.

Madbury Water Resources Board

Over the years, the Water Resources Board has encouraged and assisted residents in the testing of their well water. NH DES suggests conducting a “standard analysis” every three to five years. They also have recommendations for testing other contaminants such as VOC’s (volatile organic compounds) and radon depending on local circumstances.

Recently, NH DES has proposed new limit of 5 parts per billion (ppb) for arsenic. They have been enforcing a limit of 10 ppb, established by the U.S. EPA in 2006. Before 2006 the limit was 50 ppb.

Arsenic is an element that occurs naturally in various rock formations, including some that are quite common in New Hampshire. More than one third of the

community water systems in the state have a measureable amount of arsenic in their water.

Consuming water with arsenic over a long period of time increases the risk of bladder, lung, and skin cancer, as well as cardiovascular disease.

Another group of contaminants that have been in the news recently fall under a category referred to as PFAS. These are man-made compounds used in items like non-stick cookware, stain- and water-repellent fabrics, and certain types of firefighting foam. They have been in use since the 1940’s. DES has yet to set acceptable limits for PFAS contaminants. Adverse health effects include developmental effects to fetuses, cancer, liver tissue damage as well as immune, thyroid and other effects.

As the Water Board began discussing another round of standard analysis testing in Madbury, DES offered to do the analysis of VOC and PFAS. If planning works out, the Water Board would split the cost of a standard analysis with residents (\$80), and for those residents willing, the State would cover the cost of the VOC and PFAS testing (these tests run into the hundreds of dollars). Note that both the Board and State may have to limit the number of wells being tested, perhaps by lottery.

An announcement of the testing should be forthcoming and it will ask residents to respond if they are interested. Look for the notice and a way to express your interest at the Town Hall, Library, Madbury Day, the town website or in the Madbury Post. Those responding as interested will receive more information on the process.

Conservation Commission

Recreational users of the trails behind Town Hall, the Hayes Farm Easement and UNH’s Kingman Farm may have noticed that the trailhead parking lot on Rt. 155 has been closed.

This was done due to safety concerns with entering and exiting the parking area, as well as issues with lack of snow removal and illegal parking.

UNH considered some design changes, but lack of an ideal configuration and costs has that thought on hold for the time being.

Madbury Selectmen have offered a trial use of the lots near Town Hall, and that is still under evaluation. Ideally, recreational users should use the expansion parking lot across the street from the Town Hall.

Madbury Post

The Madbury Post is an email notification service established in order to facilitate the timely distribution of important town information. Messages from the service originate from the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk or Emergency Services. It is sent once a month throughout the year and when a situation requires it.

You can sign up to receive the Madbury Post by visiting a webpage on the town website: www.townofmadbury.com/html/madburypostsignup.html.





More groundbreaking at the new library site.

Madbury Public Library

2019 Summer Reading Program: A Universe of Stories

This year's Summer Reading theme, "A Universe of Stories," honors important anniversaries for the NASA space program and the Apollo moon landing. We also hope it will encourage young and old alike to read, study, dream, fantasize, and stare up at the sky as often as possible. You never know what—or who—you might discover there.

Sign-ups begin Madbury Day, June 1, 10:00-2:00 ~ The Friends of the Library Book and Plant Sale opens at 9:00 am. At 10:00 come on upstairs to sign up for the Summer Reading Program (children, teens, and adults) and win a few Madbury Day-only raffle prizes. And don't forget to join us for the parade at noon!

Our Official Summer Reading Kick-Off, Thursday, June 27, 10:30am, Madbury Town Hall ~ The Children's Museum of New Hampshire will open the library's summer season with their traveling exhibit, "Under a Starry Sky." Learn about nocturnal animals and the exciting natural world that wakes up when you go to bed.

Wildlife Encounters, Thursday, July 11, 10:30am, Madbury Town Hall ~ The always-popular live animal show will return again this summer. Come early!

Traveling Planetarium, July 18, Madbury Town Hall ~ The folks from the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will bring their inflatable planetarium to Town Hall

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Planning Board

Are you interested in keeping up to date on Planning Board activities? If so, please sign up at MadPlanBoard@gmail.com to receive meeting agendas and links to related materials.

Do you run a business at, or work out of, your home? Madbury strongly supports home-based businesses and professions; however, your business may require a permit from the Planning Board. Please note that such business must be conducted by an individual that resides at the property. Supplying or renting out space for another party to conduct business out of your home is generally not approved. To find out if your activity is approved or if it needs a permit, please call Town Hall at (603) 742-5131 or email the Board at: MadPlanBoard@gmail.com.

The Planning Board has established a housing and commercial diversity subcommittee to explore alternatives to address changing housing needs and possible additional commercial opportunities. If you are interested in providing input, please contact the committee at: MadPlanBoard@gmail.com.

New Library Building Project

Construction of our new Madbury Library is finally underway! Site clearing is complete, foundation work has begun, and we anticipate opening the doors to the new building by the end of this year.

While construction continues, the Friends are working to complete the final phase of the Capital Campaign. Thanks to our many donors over \$321,000 has already been raised toward the goal of \$350,000. We invite all residents to be a part of this exciting project for our town by making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Madbury Library Capital Campaign.

For complete donor information and to follow the building progress, please visit: www.madburylibrary.org and click on New Building Update and Brochure. To make a secure online donation click on the Friends of Madbury Library link. For more information contact: mplsteeringcommittee@gmail.com.

<i>Tentative Schedule</i>	Madbury Day ~ Saturday, June 1, 2019	<i>Subject to change</i>
Time	Activity	Location
9:00 – 11:00am	Music in the Morning Cafe - Music, coffee and desserts.	Town Hall
9:00am - 2pm	Friends of Library Book Sale & Open House	Madbury Public Library
9:30am - 2pm	Historical Society, Water, and Conservation exhibits, school displays, honoring veterans, spinning, homemade goods, critters, kids' paint wall, face painting & antique cars!	Town Hall and beyond
	Church yard sale, Plant sale, American and Indonesian food concessions, Balloons & bubbles	Madbury Church
11:30am	Parade Line-up at Cherry Lane (cars at Madbury Woods)	Cherry Lane
12 noon	Parade! - Everyone is welcome to join in!	Town Hall Rd
12:30pm	Oyster River Middle School Jazz Band	Town Hall
After Jazz concert	FAST Squad Dessert Auction	Town Hall

Road Closure and Parking for Madbury Day

From 8:00am until after the 12:30 Jazz Band concert, Town Hall Rd will be closed from Rt. 155 to the Moharimet School bus access lane. A detour route will be available through the School parking lot. Parking will be at the School, and the lower Demerritt and Tibbetts Fields off Rt. 155. The upper Demerritt field lot (by the Library) will be for official handicapped placard holders only. The newly paved expansion lot is available for display folks. Additional parking may be available near the Cemetery on Town Hall Rd, if weather conditions permit. A shuttle van will make rounds from the Tibbetts lot.

for three shows. These will be held at 10:30, 11:30, and 1:00.

Summer Reading Finale! July 25, 10:30pm. Join us for a Tie Dye Party, refreshments, and more prizes.

What else? There will be Monday story times at 10:30 and drop-in C.L.I.M.B. (Children Learning, Inventing, Making, and Building) STEM sessions Wednesdays at 3:30. Plus the return of library mini-golf, Wednesday, July 3, 10-5pm.

How About Museum Passes?

Passes to the Children's Museum, Dover; the Seacoast Science Center, Rye; Museum of Science, Boston; Boston Children's Museum and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, are available. Plus the New England Aquarium pass is available through June 30.

Regular Programs @MPL

Read with Digby

Monday, June 20 & Monday, July 15, 3 to 5pm ~ Beginning and experienced readers are invited to spend time with Digby, an outgoing Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, either reading or being read to. Children can sign up for 20-minute sessions. Call, e-mail, or stop in to sign up.

Friends of the Library meeting, June 13, 7:00 pm ~ The Friends support the library through book sales, a basket raffle, and an annual appeal. The Friends have led the fundraising effort that has made the new library building possible. Don't miss the Friends of the Library Book Sale, June 2, 9 to 2.

Daytime Book Discussion Group ~ meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 3 pm, Sep-

tember through June. We will discuss *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini on May 22. On June 27 the group will share thoughts about *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf. The group will not meet during July and August.

Evening Book Discussion Group

~ This group will not meet during June, July or August. Writing Group ~ meets the second Monday of the month at 5:15 pm. Writers are invited to share their works and receive constructive input from other members. The group will meet Monday, June 10, and then not again until September 9.

Quilting Group ~ generally meets Mondays from 1:00-3:00pm. Come in and see examples of their beautiful work throughout the library.