



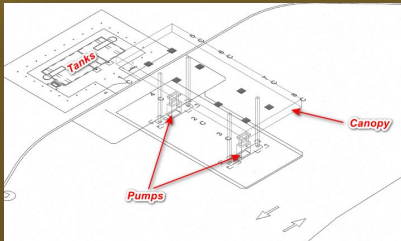
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# Hidden Piece of Alvirne School History



Alvirne High School 1948-1949  
Photo courtesy family of Ruth and Richard Clark

We are familiar with the memorable [Alvirne School Summer Session](#) held at the Alvirne Summer House and the Alvirne Farm from May to August of 1948. This session showed the feasibility of a school in Hudson as proposed by the will of Dr. Alfred K. Hills. When the summer ended, the court findings relative to the trust funds left by Dr. Hills and Mary Creutzborg were still under litigation. This litigation continued until spring of 1949; at which time Hudson proceeded with the design and construction of the Alvirne building which was opened as a junior-senior high school in September 1950.



Based upon the class record kept by Mr. Clark, these 16 students were:

W. Boulanger (Wesley)

W. Boucher (Wildred)

G. Dearborn (Gregory)

J. Forrence (John)

E. Grohosky (Edward)

R. Hovling (Ronald)

J. MacCann (John)

R. Mondoux (Raymond)

N. Moreau (Norman)

T. Pierce (Theodore)

L. Rowell (Louis)

M. Ruitter (Miles)

G. St. Laurent (Gerard)

C. Stultz (Clifton)

J. Warren (John)

P. Warren (Paul)



### Alvirne School (1948-1949)

Richard M. Clark, Sr.

As a result of documentation provided to us from the family of Richard and Ruth Clark, plus some research into Hudson School Reports and the Nashua Telegraph, we find that classes at Alvirne School did not end with the summer session. A class in agriculture was held at Alvirne School under the direction and leadership of Herbert Canfield, Superintendent, and Ralph Linton, Principal of the Junior High School. Here is that story.

Richard Clark of Manchester, a UNH senior studying agriculture education under the GI bill, was engaged by the Hudson School District to teach agriculture at Alvirne School. The second floor of the Lyons House (now the Alvirne farmhouse) was remodeled to provide an apartment for him, his wife Ruth (Preston) and young son Richard, Jr. They moved to Hudson sometime after September 16, 1948. The fall term began October 4, 1948. Standards for work in agriculture, home economics, and industry were set up by the school district. Morning and afternoon sessions were set up for the 16 students enrolled. *(see left)*

Richard was assigned a carriage shed adjacent to the barn as his school room and headquarters. Students were bused to Alvirne by Mr. Oliver. Mr. Clark, along with his students, converted this utility shed into a classroom. It was commented that his students called him the principal, teacher, and janitor of Alvirne School.

By January 1949 Richard Clark and the vocational agriculture students became



## Alvirne School (1948-1949)

more visible to the town of Hudson and the organizations within the town. On January 17, there was an informal gathering at the Hudson Junior High school of parents and friends with Richard Clark, teacher of agriculture at Alvirne School presiding. He introduced Earl Little of the State Department of Education who spoke on vocational agriculture in NH. Superintendent Canfield spoke briefly on the type of school being established in Hudson.

This same month, 16 of the Vocational Agricultural students enjoyed a field trip to Concord visiting the barns of the NH Breeding Association and the mill of the Merrimack Farmers Exchange where grain is ground and mixed for feed. They were accompanied by Mr. Canfield, Mr. Clark, and Edward S. Lyon of the Hills Estate.

On February 13, students competed in a speaking contest held at Wattannick Grange; the first held in connection with the FFA program. Prizes were awarded and the local winner would compete at the state level. First place was awarded to John Warren, age 14, whose topic was "Jersey Cattle". Second place went to Norman Moreau, age 15, whose topic was "Dairy Farming". Third place went to Clifton Stultz, age 17, on the topic of "Part Time Farming". John Warren later competed at the state level and was awarded first place. Prizes for this contest were provided in silver dollars by the Hudson Lions Club.

Later in February and into the spring, Richard Clark was a speaker at both Hudson and Wattannick Granges in Hudson as well as the Pomona Grange; his topic was "The Vocational Agricultural course of the Alvirne School."



## Alvirne School (1948-1949)

Richard M. Clark, Sr.  
and  
Richard M. Clark, Jr.

*All photos are family courtesy of Ruth and Richard Clark*

The Clarks remained in Hudson until his graduation from UNH. They celebrated the birth of their second son, John, on May 21, 1949.

This snippet of history is significant as it shows that classes at Alvirne did not end with summer school. They continued through to June 1949 with Mr. Clark. By September 1949, George Frizzell was teaching agriculture at Alvirne School. The Alvirne building was completed and dedicated September 1950 as a Junior/Senior High School with a Vocational Agriculture program. The farm and buildings of the Hills estate were a part of this school.



After graduation from UNH, Richard secured a position with Grafton County 4-H program. He later returned to his family farm in Goffstown. This farm in Goffstown has since merged and currently being revitalized by later generations of the Clark family under the name of Clark Ridge Farm. ♦

Researched and written by Ruth Parker from the following documentation which was graciously provided by the family of Richard Clark.

1. A written narrative of Richard Clark's time in Hudson as told to and written by his wife Ruth (Preston) Clark.
2. Several photos showing Alvirne farm sign, the utility building, students, school bus and driver.
3. Picture of baby John Clark born Hudson May 20, 1949) and his mother Ruth.
4. A resume of Richard dated showing his prior work at Alvirne School.
5. Voucher showing a refund on rent for September 1948 when the Clarks moved to Hudson.
6. 1948 calendar for Oct-Dec showing the beginning of the school year and indications of his teaching plans.
7. Class records showing those students enrolled.
8. Miscellaneous notes including correspondence with Supt. Canfield and Principal Linton.
9. Some original papers and test results from his students.





FERRY ST

# SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PILOT PROGRAM AT LIBRARY AND FERRY INTERSECTION

[Watch our video outlining the Safety Improvement Pilot Program at Library and Ferry Intersection](#)

The intersection of Ferry Street and Library Street is one of the busiest intersections in the state of New Hampshire with 83,000 to 85,000 vehicles crossing daily. In the past five years we have had around 80 accidents, some with serious injury due to people running the red light.

There are three major roads that run through Hudson contributing to much of the traffic, Routes 111, 102 and 3A combining with nearby bridge access to Nashua.

Recommended by the Highway Safety Committee, we are conducting a pilot Safety Improvement Program and installing white safety strobes on red lights emphasizing a stop. By asking operators during incident investigations, many have stated they did not see the Ferry/Library light as they approached, but saw the light at Ferry/Chase intersection.

If this is a successful outcome, we will be looking to install these alert lights throughout other parts of town as needed.

We are looking for input, feedback or questions you may have. Please email any of the following:

Elvis Dhima - Town Engineer: [edhima@hudsonnh.gov](mailto:edhima@hudsonnh.gov)

Jay Twardosky - Public Works Director: [jtwardosky@hudsonnh.gov](mailto:jtwardosky@hudsonnh.gov)

Tad Dionne - Chief of Police: [tdionne@hudsonnh.gov](mailto:tdionne@hudsonnh.gov)



# 2023 National Night Out

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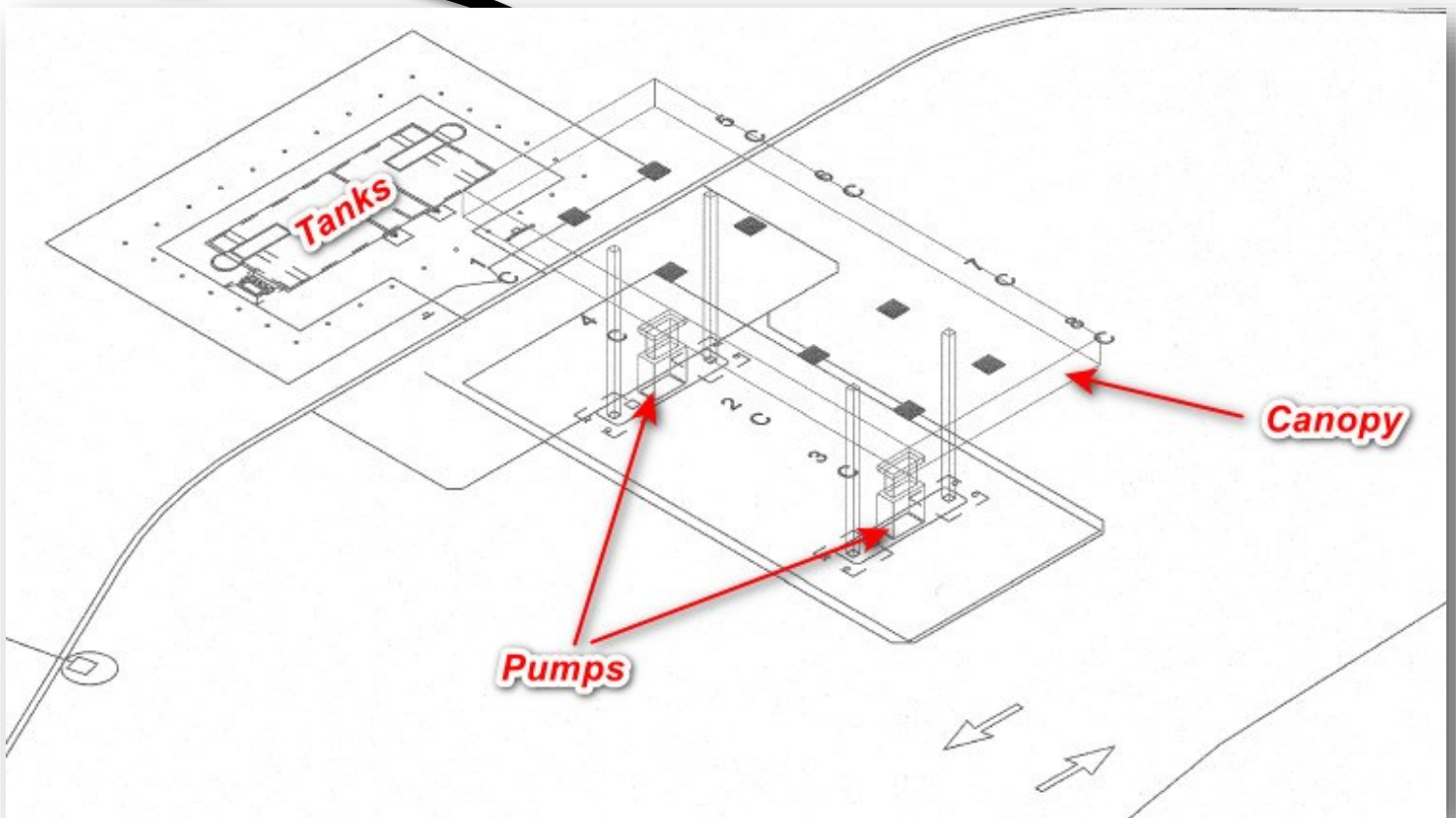
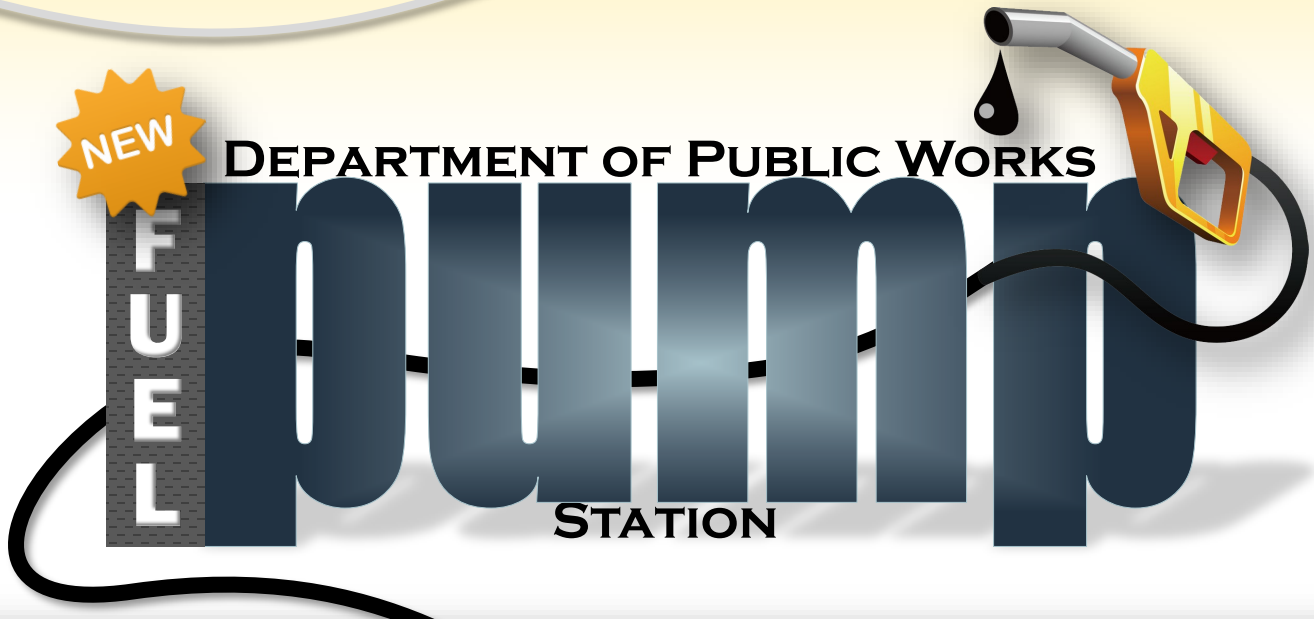
The Hudson Police Department and Rodgers Memorial Library joined forces and hosted a **COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY** last month. It was a great crowd and great weather, here are a few pictures of the event:



As you may already know, the Town of Hudson contracts with WhiteWater to maintain our water system. We are consistently replacing old water meters and WhiteWater is responsible to ensure backflow tests have been completed. If you receive a letter in the mail from WhiteWater or the Town asking to schedule an appointment for either of these services, **please do so by calling 603-324-8318.**

**NEW** DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

# fuel pump station



On December, 13, 2022, the Board of Selectmen approved funding of a new fuel pump station for the Department of Public Works (DPW) by utilizing existing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies in combination with the Paving Program Account.

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**IN** January of 2023, the Town put to bid a contract for construction services concerning the new fuel pump facility. The project was advertised in local papers, the Town's website and email blasts. On July 3, 2023, a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held at Town Hall followed by a site visit to the existing facility and building where five parties attended.

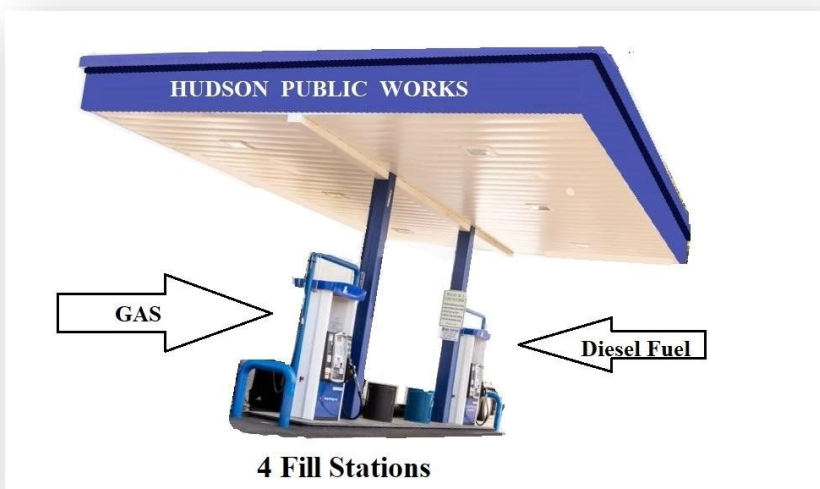
Bid invitations were then sent to four different vendors with three submitting bids. Meeting all requirements, the bid was awarded to SRS Petroleum Services, Corp. out of West Bridgewater, MA. The approval of the Board of Selectmen agreed on the motion to approve the contract for construction services of the DPW Fuel Pump Station to SRS Petroleum Services, Corp. for the amount of, not to exceed, \$791,100 using the ARPA funds in the amount of \$678,082 and the Paving account for the balance of \$113,018.

Currently, there is only one pump for both gas and diesel pumping at a lagging rate of only four gallons per minute. The fuel is stored in 2 tanks, one holding 3,000 gallons and the other 4,000. Our DPW operates with more than 25 vehicles in their fleet ranging from heavy-duty, mid-sized and small trucks with fuel capacities of 80, 50 and 30 gallons respectfully. During any snow storm, it takes over 20 minutes to fill one 80 gallon heavy-duty vehicle, such as a snow plow. Should there be back to back storms, as there have been, our fuel reserve would be depleted and the roads in Hudson would come to a halt.

With the new fuel pump station, two new compartment tanks will be installed holding a combined total of 14,000 gallons of gas and diesel providing twice the capacity we have now. In addition, two new diesel pumps and two new gas pumps will provide the ability for four vehicles to be served at once. The pump capacity will increase from four gallons per

minute to 15-20 rendering less time at the pump and eliminating the long lines of waiting vehicles for fueling. This is an incremental step enhancing some of the vital necessities to keep Hudson in the best possible shape as it evolves.

Ground breaking will begin late September/early October and will be completed in May of 2024. ♦



*Sample rendering of proposed fuel tanks*





# MEETING: **TOWN HALL RELOCATION**



The public is encouraged to attend the Board of Selectmen's public info session to discuss the possibility of building a new town hall in a new location.

**Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00pm**  
**Hudson Community Center**  
**12 Lions Ave.**

# Old Home Days 2023



Town Employees and Board of Selectmen members were targets for dunking at this years Old Home Days! Volunteers were Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer, Dave Morin, Board of Selectman and Brian Groth, Town Planner.



## SUBSCRIBE NOW

### Help Promote Sustainability

Not sure if your "garbage" is recyclable or trash? Learn much more about it at the Recycle Smart web site!

For more information, please click [here](#).

**Hudson Sustainability Committee**

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

Hudson Sustainability  
hudsonsustainability@gmail.com



## HCTV COMCAST CHANNEL CHANGE NOTICE

EFFECTIVE ON OR AROUND AUGUST 8, 2023 COMCAST WILL BE MOVING YOUR LOCAL HCTV CHANNELS

PUBLIC CHANNEL 20 -----> PUBLIC CHANNEL 6  
EDUCATION CHANNEL 21 -----> EDUCATION CHANNEL 8  
GOVERNMENT CHANNEL 22 WILL REMAIN THE SAME

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CONTACT US AT [HCTV@HUDSONCTV.COM](mailto:HCTV@HUDSONCTV.COM)



**American Red Cross**

# Blood Drive

## Hudson Police Department

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant. Give blood.

[LEARN MORE](#)

# ADVISORY

High levels of fecal bacteria detected in the water.

Swimming in this area is not recommended & wading is discouraged.



Do not ingest the water.

For current advisories and recent results:



[www4.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed\\_BeachMaps/](http://www4.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed_BeachMaps/)

[Click here for More](#)



**NHDES Beach Program**  
(603) 848-1905  
[beaches@des.nh.gov](mailto:beaches@des.nh.gov)



The Town of Hudson Department of Public Works is accepting applications for the full-time position of Truck Driver/Laborer.

[More information](#)



20 Years of Service

Thank you Amy for 20 years of awesome service!

Amy McMullen  
Assessing Department

# TOWN OF HUDSON, NH

## BLASTING NOTICE

Rocksplitters Inc. will be conducting blasting at the following location:

48 Friars Drive

Blasting will occur on and off from 8/21/2023 through 12/31/2023.



3rd Annual Friends of Benson's

# FAMILY FUN DAY!

2023

FREE LIVE MUSIC, KIDS GAMES, RAFFLES, AND MORE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH  
11AM - 4PM AT BENSON PARK

- 11-11:30: LETS PLAY MUSIC AND MAKE ART YOUTH CONCERT
- 11:45-12:45: MATT ROBERTS MAGIC SHOW
- 1:00-2:00: WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS LIVE ANIMAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
- 2:15-4:00: BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND: WHILE MY GUITAR GENTLY WEEPS

ICE CREAM, COLD DRINKS, T SHIRTS, AND SNACKS FOR PURCHASE!

SEE YOU THERE!

19 KIMBALL HILL RD HUDSON, NH 03051



## PAY YOUR BILLS ONLINE

- ◆ Water and Sewer
- ◆ Real Estate/Property Taxes
- ◆ Inspectional Services Permits
- ◆ Septic System Review
- ◆ Vehicle Registration
- ◆ Dog Licenses



It's easy and convenient!

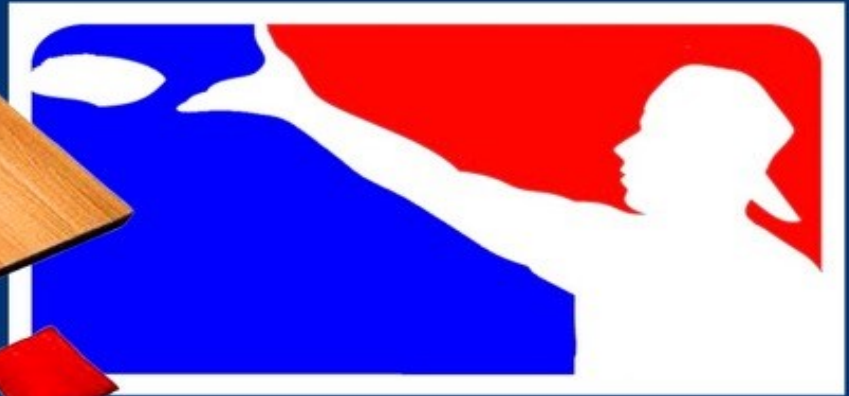
## OUR FACEBOOK FAMILY

See what's going on in each department on social media!

- ◆ Town Hall
- ◆ Rodgers Library
- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Police
- ◆ Fire
- ◆ HCTV

# SUBSCRIBE NOW

# FUNDRAISERS



Brought to you by Friends of Benson Park:

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

A BENSON PARK FUNDRAISER!

### DATE:

Sunday, September 17th

### TIME:

11:00 am

### INFO:

- Set teams
- \$60 per team
- Round robin
- Cash Prizes!

### LOCATION:

Benson Park, Hudson, NH

[REGISTER ON SCOREHOLIO](#)

[CLICK HERE!](#)





## A RECIPE FROM TOWN HALL

# Mom's Swedish Apple Pie

- Apple, peeled & sliced
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 3/4 cup melted butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (if desired)
- Pinch of salt

- Fill ungreased pie pan 2/3 full of peeled sliced apples.
- Sprinkle with 1 tbsp. sugar & 1 tsp. cinnamon.
- In a small bowl, combine melted butter, sugar, flour, chopped nuts, and pinch of salt.
- Pour the mixture over apples and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.
- The pie will form its own crust.

**Brooke Dubowik**

*Planning Department*



In your role as Board or Committee member, you will review various Town topics and issues assisting the Board of Selectmen in making informed decisions and formulating policy.

### CURRENT OPENINGS

Board/Committee	Member	Alternate
Benson Park Committee	1	2
Cable Utility Committee	3	0
Conservation Commission	0	1
Recreation Committee	2	1
Sustainability Committee	3	2
Zoning Board of Adjustment	0	2

To find out more, simply click on the name of the Board or Committee of interest. For an application, click [here](#).



Thank you for your interest in joining the Town of Hudson team.

Paper applications are available at the Town Administration Office or online. You can email, snail mail, or apply in person. Applications are accepted only in response to listed vacancies.

Again, we appreciate your interest with the Town of Hudson.

#### **FIREFIGHTER-EMT/AEMT/MEDIC**

*Fire Department*

#### **CROSSING GUARD**

*Police Department*

#### **TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER**

*Public Works Department*



# September 2023 Meeting Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p><i>Click on any meeting to view the agenda for the specified date.</i></p>		<b>1</b>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>TOWN HALL CLOSED ALL DAY</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><u>Public Hearing - Town Hall Relocation</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><u>Budget Cmte.</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><u>9/11 Observance</u> 6:30pm <u>Conservation Comm.</u> 7:00pm <u>Cable Utility Cmte.</u> <b>CANCELLED</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><u>Municipal Utility</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><u>Library Trustees</u> 7:00pm <u>HEAC</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><u>Benson Park Cmte.</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><u>Sustainability Cmte.</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><u>BOS/School Board</u> 7:00pm <u>Zoning Board</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>

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- Board of Selectmen ..... 886-1224
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- Finance Department ..... 886-6000
- Human Resources ..... 595-6518
- Information Technology ..... 886-6000
- Inspectional Services ..... 886-6005
- Land Use ..... 886-6008
  - ◇ Engineering
  - ◇ Planning
  - ◇ Zoning
- Police Department ..... 886-6011
- Public Works ..... 886-6018
- Recreation Department ..... 880-1600
- Rodgers Memorial Library 886-6030
- Sewer Utility ..... 886-6029
- Town Clerk ..... 886-6003
  - ◇ Car/Boat Registrations
  - ◇ Taxes
  - ◇ Voter Registration
  - ◇ Vital Records



### **NEW SURCHARGES ON EV's BEGINNING SEPTEMBER**

New Hampshire bill establishes a surcharge on annual registration for electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to offset road toll revenues.



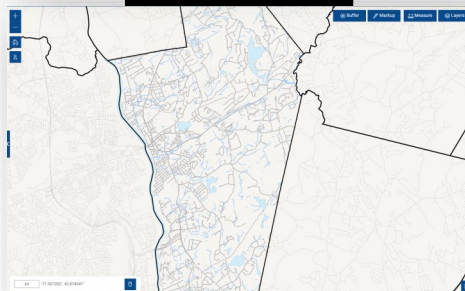
### **9/11 OBSERVANCE**

Please join us in the annual Town of Hudson 9/11 Observance to be held Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in Benson Park.



### **CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED**

The Town of Hudson is accepting applications for the position of school crossing guard. School Crossing Guards average of ten hours per week but it can be more depending on open posts. Great pay!



### **NEW AND IMPROVED GIS FOR PUBLIC USE**

Ease accessibility to public information with online zoning, utility and parcel maps, and other public data. Updates to water, sewer, electricity and roadway infrastructure.

## **Board of Selectmen:**

- Kara Roy**
- Bob Guessferd**
- Marilyn McGrath**
- David Morin**
- Dillon Dumont**



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