



The Town CRIER



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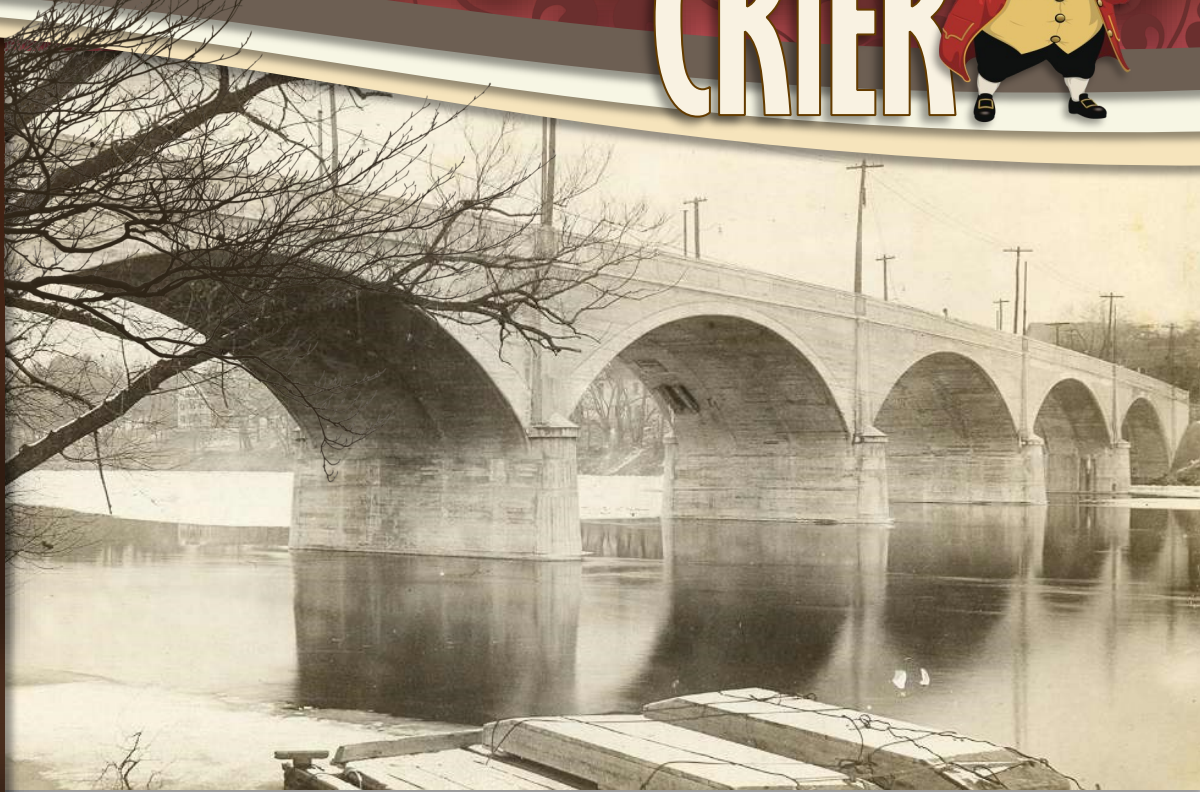
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CROSSING THE MERRIMACK

Part Three

In this, the third in a series of articles, we look at the concrete Taylors Falls Bridge which served our town from 1912 until 1971.

In 1909 the iron bridge was found to be unsafe due to the increase in frequency and weight of the trolley traffic. A committee involving knowledgeable people from Hudson, Nashua, and managers of the street railroad company began a plan to replace the bridge. At first, they planned for either an iron or a steel bridge. After consideration, this plan was tabled in favor of a far more substantial structure of reinforced concrete. By June 1910 there was a contract to erect a bridge with sufficient strength for a 50-ton electric train. This bridge had five arches, four piers in the river, and an abutment on each end. The roadway was 30 feet with a 6-foot sidewalk on the north side.

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Red Granite Plaque at Midpoint of Bridge

A final inspection was made, and the bridge was accepted in November 1912.

I have not heard or read of any dedication of the concrete bridge; nor do I know when this pink granite plaque identifying the names of the individuals on the joint bridge committee was placed on the bridge. The final meeting of the bridge committee was held at the Nashua City Hall on October 13, 1912. The final payment was made to the construction company. The total cost was \$74,430.

By this time the business and population center of Hudson was shifting to the bridge area as shown in these photos of The Twenty Century Store and the White Cross complex along Ferry Street.

Over the years, the traffic from electric cars diminished and ended. Travel from autos increased in both weight and volume. This concrete bridge even survived the flood of 1936. The increase in vehicle usage, plus the demands from the trucking industry took its toll on the bridge.

In 1960 the State of New Hampshire commissioned an engineering firm to conduct studies and make recommendations relative to the ever-increasing east-west traffic flowing between Hudson and Nashua. The resulting report stimulated discussion and controversy which required some 7 years to resolve. During that time traffic problems continued. Traffic continued to increase placing more and more stress on the existing, inadequate, and deteriorating concrete bridge. Almost unnoticed, the bridge had slowly deteriorated to a point of real danger. Load limits were placed on vehicles



Repairs to Extend Life of Bridge

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Ferry Street, White Cross from Webster Street

crossing the bridge and emergency repairs were planned.

While these repairs were underway the bridge was closed to all but pedestrian traffic! Those commuting to/from Nashua would park one vehicle on the Hudson side, walk across the bridge, and continue to their job using a second vehicle on the other side. This photo, taken from the Nashua side of the river, shows the results of the emergency repairs made to stabilize and shore up the bridge.

This bridge remained in service until 1971 when it was destroyed to allow for the construction of the present southern span. Just prior to the destruction of the bridge the granite marker was removed and placed on display at the Historical Society. ♦

Researched and written by Ruth Parker. Photos from the collection of the Hudson Historical Society. Comments or questions can be made to the author via email to HudsonHistorical@Live.com.



20th Century Store at the Bridge

The Hudson Recreation Department presents....

A Night in

HOLLYWOOD

**FATHER
Daughter
DANCE**

Two Nights to Choose from!
May 17th & 18th

6:00pm-8:30pm
@ the Community Center

\$30 a couple, \$5 for each additional sibling

Registration is open ONLINE and will close on 5/5/24, unless it fills prior.
Each night is first come first serve during the registration process. Tix are not transferable or refundable.

DO NOT WAIT! Expected to fill fast!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Please note that if we do not sell the minimum amount for two nights, the event will be merged into one night.

Questions? Email cpeterson@hudsonnh.gov

Happy Earth Day!!! The Hudson Sustainability Committee would like to give a HUGE thanks to all the volunteers who came out this past weekend for the roadside clean up along Musquash Road! We would also like to give a huge shout out to the Hudson Police for providing a safety patrol during the cleanup as well as the Hudson Fire Department for the use of the Burns Hill Fire Station as a Central gathering point. One more big thanks to The Hudson Department of Public Works for the signage and for picking up the trash bags after the Clean up!!



Left: Shawn Trowbridge, Tim Lyko, Tom Graves, Richard Kahn, Phillip Laks, Lisza Elliot, Kory Garnick, Kelly Garnick, Ed Thompson, Nino Ninov, Michelle Redmond, Debbie Putnam

Some Stats from this weekend:

- 24 Volunteers ✓**
- 30 blue bags of recyclables ✓**
- 24 large black bags of trash ✓**
- 1 Car Battery and multiple other large items ✓**
- Roughly 2 miles of Musquash Road cleaned! ✓**

Thanks again for all the help and let's keep Hudson Green and Clean!

Voter Reminder



June 4, 2024

**Deadline to change your
party affiliation before the
State Primary Election**

Two ways to change your party:

- ➔ At the Town Clerk's office, M-F 8am - 4:30pm**
- ➔ Supervisors of the Checklist, Tuesday, June 4, 7-7:30pm downstairs in Town Hall (use side door)**

Beef Kebabs



Marinade

- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, grated
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)
- 2 tbsp. honey, divided
- 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard, divided

For the Kebabs

- 1 1/2 lb. sirloin or New York Strip, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 8 oz. baby Portobello mushrooms, no stems
- 1 red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Instructions

For the kebabs: Add the marinade and the meat to a resealable plastic bag. Seal the bag and massage it gently to coat all of the meat. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or up to 6 hours. Remove the meat from the refrigerator 30 minutes before grilling.

If using wooden skewers, soak in water for at least 30 minutes. Preheat the grill to medium-high heat (400 to 450°). Thread the meat, mushrooms, onion, and peppers on the skewers alternating as you like.

Grill the kebabs uncovered until grill marks form, about 4 minutes. Turn the kebabs and brush the grilled side with half of the glaze. Continue grilling until grill marks form on the bottom side, 3 to 4 minutes more. Turn the kebabs and brush with the remaining glaze; grill to desired degree of doneness (about 135° for medium), about 1 minute more.

Let kebabs rest for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley just before serving.



WE ARE

HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

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

FULL TIME DISPATCHER

TOWN PLANNER

PUBLIC WORKS—MECHANIC

TAX COLLECTOR

ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Board/Committee	Member	Alternate
Benson Park Committee	3	1
Cable Utility Committee	5	0
Code of Ethics	1	0
Conservation Commission	0	1
Municipal Utility Committee	2	1
Planning Board	0	1
Recreation Committee	3	0
Sustainability Committee	3	1
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1	4

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

PFAS Testing for Private Wells Request Form

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of synthetic chemicals that are increasingly being found in our environment. Some PFAS do not break down easily and can move through soil, get into groundwater, and be carried through air. Because they are stable chemicals and move so easily in the environment, some PFAS have been found far away from where they were made or used. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has responded to these emerging contaminants through testing, sampling and monitoring our groundwater, drinking water, surface water and fish, soil, wastewater and bio-solids, and waste sites and landfills; as well as conducting thorough and ongoing site investigations at various contamination origination sites. This website details NHDES' response to PFAS contamination, as well as the agency's ongoing efforts to protect the health and safety of the state's resident and the environment.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has been testing private drinking water wells throughout New Hampshire that are most susceptible to contamination from Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). The following form is provided for residents to request that their well be sampled. Please note that filling out this form does not mean that NHDES will test your well. NHDES is not able to sample the wells of everyone that would like to be sampled. Rather, the locations of each sampling request are compared against NHDES records to determine sampling eligibility and priority.

NHDES downloads and reviews sampling requests on a weekly basis. You will receive an email following NHDES' review of your request that will inform you of your eligibility. If you are not selected for sampling, NHDES will keep your request on file and will contact if you if our investigation expands to include your area. If you have issues completing this form, please call (603) 271-8520. More information on NHDES' PFOA investigation is available at [NHDES PFAS Response](#).

1. Please fill out all the required fields and pay careful attention when entering your address information to ensure we can obtain an accurate location of your well.
2. NHDES is not presently resampling wells that have been sampled previously.
3. Please limit responses to one submission per household.

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MEETING CALENDAR

~ May ~

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<i>Select any meeting to view the agenda for that specified date.</i>	1 <u>Budget Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	2 <u>Planning Board - Special Site Review</u> 7:00pm	3
6	7	8	9	10
13 <u>Cable Utility Cmte.</u> 7:00pm <u>Conservation Comm.</u> 7:00pm	14 <u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm	15 <u>Library Trustees</u> 7:00pm HEAC - 7:00pm <u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm	16 <u>Benson Park Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	15
20	21 <u>Municipal Utility Cmte.</u> 7:00pm <u>Sustainability Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	22	23 <u>Zoning Board</u> 7:00pm	24
 Town Hall Closed MEMORIALDAY	28 <u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm	29 <u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm	30	31

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 - ◇ Car/Boat Registrations
 - ◇ Taxes
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 - ◇ Vital Records

Board of Selectmen:

- Bob Guessferd**
- David Morin**
- Dillon Dumont**
- Kara Roy**
- Heidi Jakoby**



FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Hurry and register! Due to the end of the fiscal year, online registration will end on June 23rd and reopen August 1st for a last chance opportunity!



PUBLIC WORKS FULL-TIME MECHANIC NEEDED

The Public Works Department is hiring to fill the Mechanic Position offering fulltime year-round employment with full benefits, overtime and more.



NH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

If you own or have an interest in a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax and reside in such homestead, you may qualify.



HUDSON RECREATION DEPARTMENT REGISTRATIONS

There are many programs that are open for registration, time to step up and sign up!



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