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## **Celebrating Fifty-Three Years of Independence**

How will you celebrate July 4, 2022? Attending a parade. Participating in a family or neighborhood cook-out. Doing yardwork around your house. A day at the beach or a trip to the mountains?

Let's look at how local residents celebrated our country's fifty third Independence Day! The date is July 4, 1829, the place is Nottingham West, NH. The occasion is the celebration of the fifty third anniversary of American Independence. This celebration occurred at and around the town common at what is now Hudson Center.

But first, a sense of what the common and the surroundings might have been like in 1829...

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The Common was a 3 1/2-acre triangular piece of land from the farm of Deacon Henry Hale. This parcel had become cut off from the rest of his farm because of roadways. It was surrounded by what is now Windham Road, Kimball Hill Road, and Hamblett Avenue. It looked more like a public pasture than the evenly mowed and landscaped area of today. It did include the cemetery but if there was a wall around it; it was a

loose stone wall. The common and cemetery date back to about 1771. At that time the only village in town was a small one around the town common. This consisted of three stores, a tavern (inn), the North Meeting house, the post office, a practicing doctor, and 8 or 9 residences.

When British troops marched from Boston to Lexington and Concord in 1775 word of an impending battle was sent throughout the country. The news reached Nottingham West be-

fore noon of April 19 and again word was sent out to various sections of our town. By that same afternoon 65 men equipped

for war with muskets and ammunition had gathered at the common ready to march to Lexington. These men were organized under the command of Capt. Samuel Greeley. They left for Lexington on the evening of April 19, 1775.

The common had no fir trees; no mill stones, no cannon, no flagpole, and no minuteman marker as seen today. And, before you ask, today's route 111 did not exist. The land used by this route was all part of the common. The earliest known photo of the common dates to 1888.

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Minuteman Marker at Hudson Center Common 1975.



This c1888 photo of the Hudson Center Common shows the view from the home of Eli Hamblet on Hamblet Avenue.

#### FOR THE N. H. PATRIOT. CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH OF JULY.

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Newspaper account of the Fourth of July Celebration of 1829 as printed in NH Patriot & Gazette.



This building is known as Wattannick Hall, the home of Hudson Grange No 11.



This c1895 photo shows, left to right, Henry C. Brown; Ina Louise Brown, daughter; Clara Bryant Brown, his wife; and John and Eliza Brown the adoptive parents of Henry. The Baptist church had been organized for 24 years; they held services in the <u>North Meeting House</u> which was located near the site of the present Wattannick Hall. This meeting house had been used for town meetings since about 1771 The Baptist Society owned the north meeting house since 1811; their pastor was Rev. Benjamin Deane. As there was no parsonage house he provided his own dwelling place; a house near the meeting house on Hamblett Avenue facing the common on the eastern side.

Where the Baptist Church is located today there was a dwelling and a store - Marshall's store. To the left of Marshall's store was the home and barn of Reuben Greeley. In 1829 this was the site of the Post Office. His house remains today and is the parsonage house of the First Baptist Church.

Opposite Marshall's store on the other side of the common and across Kimball Hill Road was James <u>Tenney's Inn</u> or tavern. The building has since been demolished and the site of this Inn is kept mowed by the Hudson Highway Department. Dr. Dustin Barrett , the resident physician, and he lived nearby on Windham Road.

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The remainder of the article lists various toasts given by some of the citizens in attendance. Here are a few of them:

The Fourth of July - "When Americans shall cease to celebrate the birth day of their Independence, and forget those sages who proclaimed it - then will men have become degenerate and unworthy to be called the sons of Freemen."

**The Constitution of the United States** - "A cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to every true American."

**"The evolutionary Heroes**, who planted the tree of liberty and watered it with their blood. - We pledge our own to cultivate and defend it."

All stories are written by Ruth Parker, honorary Town Historian and a volunteer for the Hudson Historical Society.

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reating an awe-inspiring panorama, United States flags were flown in a solemn formation at Hudson's Library Park during May and June of 2022. This stirring display of 175 flags brought the community together in a patriotic tribute to honor our Veterans. Each U.S. flag represents an individual and tells a story. Flags may be sponsored to honor individuals serving in our military, veterans who have served and first responders who serve our communities. The event was the perfect opportunity for all of us to remember and honor our many heroes who serve and have served to protect us all.

The Stars & Stripes reminds us of who we are as a people. Americans meet the challenges of history and overcome hardships becoming stronger. That is just who we are. The United States flag represents our solidarity in creating a brighter tomorrow.

The Hudson Field of Honor <sup>®</sup> display is a gift to the community made possible through donations, sponsorships and the efforts of the American Legion Hudson Post 48.

This is an experience hard to describe, but never to be forgotten, and in this year the display signifies hope in the future.

- Colonial Flag Foundation

BENEFITTING CHARITY: American Legion Hudson Post 48

HOSTED BY: American Legion Hudson Post 48

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: Project Chair/PR Chair: Dave Mayopoulos Co-Chair: Valerie Harnadek Fundraiser Chair/Treasurer: Michael Glenn PR Chair: Leonard Lathrop Field Coordinator Chair: Dave Morin





# **W**SBRUSH CUTTER

he Department of Public Works roadside vegetation management program lately upgraded its machinery with a cutting-edge Kubota M6S-111 diesel tractor. It's a beast.

This new machine will help the DPW with keeping vegetation in check. Some of the abilities of the new cutter has is to keep sidewalks and pedestrian paths clear and free from overhanging vegetation, remove trees close to the roadway which could result in accidents, improve winter road maintenance in snow and ice areas and better control noxious weeds and root system surges.

The Kubota M6S-111 tractor is designed for the small to mid-sized producer with features, like the Kubota Swing Shift that delivers multiple speeds con-

trolled by a single lever. This new tractor fits perfectly into Kubota's M-Series line of tractors; it is flexible enough for any job Hudson needs.

The new model features Kubota diesel engines matched with transmissions equipped with Kubota's Swing Shift feature, providing shifting from the operator station. Also, the M6S is offered in the four-wheel drive M6S-111SHDC and M6S-111SDSC and the two-wheel drive M6S-111SHC. The M6S-111 replaces the M108S in the series.

The new model features a Kubota-built V-3800-Tier IV diesel engine rated at 114 HP (Engine HP @ Rated Engine RPM, According to 97/68EC) and 95 PTO HP (PTO Power @ Rated Engine RPM, Manufacturer's Estimate). Kubota says that constant RPM management memory minimizes repetitive actions, which helps make front loader work more efficient. The V-3800-Tier IV engine features a common rail fuel system, intercooler and exhaust gas recirculation, as well as a diesel particulate filter (DPF) and a selective catalytic reduction for minimized emissions.

Eight additional speeds are activated with the auxiliary range lever, which is positioned to the left of the tractor seat. A creep option adds eight slower speeds to the 16F x 16R, for a total 24F x 24R as a dealer-installed option.

The Swing Shift Plus, standard on the F32 x R32 transmission in the SDSC model, makes 16 speeds available through a single lever control. An optional creeper ads 16 additional speeds for the SDSC model, bringing the total gear selection to 48F x 48R.Operator Station

The Kubota M6S-111 is ergonomically designed to make the operator more comfortable. The front loader joystick control is designed to operate smoothly, and the steering wheel tilts up to a 41-degree angle, allowing easier operator entry and exit.

The Kubota M6S-111 comes with two rear remote valves as standard equipment: one self-cancelling detent valve and one float detent valve, with an optional third remote valve. An internal cylinder 3-point lift system is standard, and an external cylinder option rated up to a 2600-lbs. 3-point lift capacity.





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Hudson Police officers, from left, MPO Taylor Morin, MPO Ron Cloutier, Lieutenant Patrick McStravick and right, Officer Leandro Sosa

#### **New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial**

Law enforcement officers from across the state, family members, government officials and citizens gathered at the State Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on the grounds of the State House in Concord, NH for the 30th Annual New Hampshire Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service. The ceremony is organized by the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Association and held each year in conjunction with Law Enforcement Memorial Week as a way to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty protecting their fellow citizens.





## **Lowell Road Widening Project**



Proposed sidewalk route from Hudson to Nashua

#### The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion and improve the air quality on Lowell Road due to poor levels of traffic service along the corridor during peak hours.

This project will address current challenges and address future traffic volume increases due to regional development and growth. Approximate daily volume traffic varies from 35,000 vehicles per day to 40,000 vehicles per day. This project will introduce an exclusive southbound right turn lane from Haffner's Service Station entrance onto Circumferential Highway. Pedestrian improvements will be constructed making this intersection ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant at the Wason & Lowell Road intersection.

In addition, a sidewalk landing will be constructed to Sagamore Park Road which leads to Sagamore Park and a through path to Sagamore Bridge and into Nashua. The Town has secured the funding through a 80% state and 20% local funds program. This project is scheduled for bidding this summer. Stay tuned for the construction schedule.

*This project was made possible by the Hudson voters passing Warrant Article 15 in 2018.* 

On April 24th, the Hudson Fire Department placed Squad 4 in service at Central Fire Station. Squad 4 will be a versatile piece of equipment for the department serving primarily as a forest fire truck. When planning for the truck was taking place, the cabinetry was designed so the truck could be used as a spare apparatus for Squad 1, the departments rescue truck, when it is out of service for maintenance. Also, during the planning stage, Chief Buxton determined the need for a new town forestry unit. The taxpayers voted to approve the funding to purchase a new Squad 1, and, to save the residents money, he used the old Squad 1 chassis and pump and installed a forest fire body.

*New Fire Apparatus* 

The Hudson Fire Department placed in service the new Squad 1. The truck was built by Alexis out of Alexis, Illinois and is on a 2020 Ford F550 chassis with a 300 gallon per minute pump and 300 gallon water tank. During the design of the new truck the fire department eliminated the crew cab and added an additional cabinet to better distribute the equipment carried on the truck. The Squad will run from the Central Fire Station.

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*To learn more about the Hudson Fire Department, <u>click here.</u> For a complete listing of all the Hudson Fire Department apparatus, <u>click here.</u>* 







## **Burning Permit Applications** <u>APPLY OR RENEW ONLINE NOW!</u>

New applications and renewals of burning permits can now be made online. Applying for or renewing your burning permit online is subject to condition.

We encourage everyone to utilize our online submission system to obtain or renew your burning permit.

**REMINDER** - All requests to burn must still be made through the Burning Request Hotline at 603-816-3293.



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## **Employee Recognition** For 20 Years of Service

20 years is more time than most people spend at a single company. 20 years is more time than some companies have even been in existence. To have an employee that has been dedicated to your company for over 20 years is a great asset, regardless of job title or role. Here are a few of our valued employees:



Dave Cayot Special Investigations Bureau Commander

- 2007 MPO
- 2014 Sergeant
- 2017 Lieutenant
- 2019 Captain



Mike Mallen Lieutenant AEMT

2019 Lieutenant





Marty Conlon Lieutenant AEMT







Todd Berube Lieutenant Paramedic

• 2019 Lieutenant



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## Welcome Amanda Bowen! IT Technician

Amanda joins the Town of Hudson, NH with vision and drive as an IT Technician and aspiring cybersecurity professional. Her top skills are engineering and problem solving and thrives when a challenge arises.

Amanda possesses a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Communications with self-taught skillsets. She has spent time in healthcare, the automotive industry, news media, commercial photography and is currently a member of the US Press Association. She is also an entrepreneur with a small web design and development company and loves to use her voice to advocate for healthcare reform and awareness.

Amanda resides in Goffstown, New Hampshire alongside two children, two dogs, and three chickens.

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Special Olympics New Hampshire





From left, Michelle Vachon, records clerk, Officer Colby Morton, legal division, Anyssa Sevigny, dispatch and SRO Cassandra Avery.



From top left, Lieutenant Steve McElhinney, Police Chief Tad Dionne, Captain Dave Cayot, Officer Frank McInnis, Officer Rob McNally.



## **2022 Law Enforcement Torch Run**

This was the first Torch Run in two years due to Covid-19.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is a grassroots fundraiser and public awareness event. Law enforcement officers throughout New Hampshire carry the "Flame of Hope" to the State House to celebrate and send off Team New Hampshire to the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida.

We started our run at Tracy Lane and Route 102 at the Londonderry Line accepting the torch hand-off from Londonderry PD.

We ran all the way south on Derry Street to Highland Street passing supporting students at Alvirne who come out to cheer us on with some running a short distance with us! At Highland Street we turned left and then right onto Pleasant Street then crossed Ferry Street to First Street. From there we turned right onto School Street in order to pass the supporting students of H.O. Smith and Library Street.

We turned left onto Library Street then right onto Central Street stopping at Memorial School where we were met by a generous amount of student support! Total distance - 6 miles!

Anyone wishing to make a Torch Run donation – please mail a check to: Special Olympics New Hampshire – P.O. Box 3598, Concord, NH 03302. Or, click here to donate.

#### **2022 Hudson Summer Events Forecast** Rogers Memorial Library Old Home Days

August 11th – 14th

Log on to see all of this summers scheduled events enhancing social, cultural, economic and intellectual growth through a comprehensive collection of materials suited for everyone!

Enjoy various vendors, live music, food, petting zoo, demonstrations, contests, games and exhibits, fireworks and carnival rides! Log on for more info.

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## Hudson Town Forest Grows with Recent Land Purchase



Did you know the Hudson Town Forest grew by an additional 28 acres on May 13, 2022? After a lengthy negotiation process and a lot of help from the Conservation Commission's town liaison, Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, papers were finally signed transferring ownership of approximately 26 acres from the Mary MacFarlane Trust to the Town of Hudson.

The property is adjacent to the original Hudson Town Forest, which was purchased by the Town in 1936, located off Kimball Hill Road and with this additional acreage brings the overall land area to over 80 acres. The Conservation Commission members would like to encourage Hudson residents to spend some time enjoying the trails and wildlife that this pristine property has to offer.

We look forward to continuing our efforts to add more open space within our community for all to enjoy.





## The Senior Center Is ...

The Recreation Department is excited to announce the Senior Center is now open five days a week!

Please see the weekly <u>schedule</u> or the <u>newsletter</u> for more details on the Center's summer's schedule.

#### Water quality friendly lawn care and fertilizer recommendations for northern New England

According to a recent survey, it's likely that you and your neighbors believe having a lawn that is safe for the environment is very important. However, some lawn care practices can create water quality problems. Excess nutrients that run off our properties into local waterbodies can trigger algal blooms that cloud water and rob it of oxygen.

Many of us enjoy the time we spend working on our lawns and are willing to try new practices as long as our lawns continue to look nice. Here are some easy practices for creating and maintaining a truly healthy lawn that is both attractive and safer for the environment.

## <u>EASY CARE LAWN TIPS</u>



For additional resources, please visit University of New Hampshire's HOME LAWN CARE

## Hey There! Volunteers Needed!

Benson Park depends upon volunteers to help maintain, restore and preserve it. Volunteerism is high within the park as demonstrated by the attendance at clean up days that are held throughout the year.

For more information on how to join, please click <u>here</u>.



1 unit of water equals 748 gallons.

Each unit of water costs \$3.30. Your rate has not changed since 1998!

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# **Recreation Department Happenings!**



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**HINT:** It sits at the entrance to one of the most historic structures in town.

# Where Is This?

Each month we're posting a photo of a popular landmark found right here in Hudson. When you have figured out the answer, click on the submit button below. We'll reveal the correct answer in next month's issue along with the names of who guessed it right!



Last Month's Answer:

Trolley car on the gazebo in Library Park Last Month's Winners:

Terry Stewart, Colleen Ryan & Christopher Lessard



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	-
Municipal Utility Committee	1	-
Sustainability Committee	2	2
Zoning Board of Adjustment	-	2

To find out more, simply click on the name of the Board or Committee of interest. For an application, click <u>here</u>.



Thank you for your interest in joining the Town of Hudson Team! We offer a wide variety of services and employment opportunities for all.

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.

We appreciate your interest with the Town of Hudson!

## **CURRENT OPENINGS**

<u>FULL-TIME INSPECTOR</u> — Fire Department <u>CROSSING GUARD</u> — Police Department POLICE OFFICER — Police Department



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Kara Roy Bob Guessferd Marilyn McGrath David Morin Brett Gagnon

# Announcements

## **Electricity Rates to Soar Next Month**

In New Hampshire, the energy supply price – or default energy service rate – for Eversource customers changes twice a year on Feb. 1 and Aug 1.

Unlike previous summers when supply rates typically decrease, this year, customers that receive their energy supply from us will see an unprecedented increase in the supply portion of their bill.

On August 1, the default service rate will change **from 10.669 cents per kilowatt hour to 22.566 cents per kilowatt hour**, pending approval from the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.



New Hampshire Department of Energy

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#### <u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u> <u>DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY</u>

While there is only one utility that can deliver the electricity you use to your home or business, you have choices when it comes to who supplies you with the electricity you use.

#### EVERSOURCE PAYMENT ASSISTANT PROGRAMS

The New Start program helps you eliminate your outstanding balance in as little as 12 months by simply making on-time monthly payments.



**EVERSURCE** 

#### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Find important registration information and deadlines for the 2022 New Hampshire State Elections.



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## **2022 Property Revaluation Update**

The Assessing Department continues to inform Hudson taxpayers that we are having a revaluation of assessments for all property in Hudson conducted for the 2022 property tax year.

A Revaluation is the process of performing all of the necessary Market Analysis and Valuation steps to determine accurate and equitable market values for all properties within a municipality. The purpose of a Revaluation is not to raise taxes. It is to create an equitable distribution of the property taxes, based on market value, required to meet the needs of local schools, local government and the county. We expect to mail out notices of new assessments in the month of August.

It has been 5 years (2017) since the last town-wide revaluation was conducted. State of New Hampshire constitutional law, as well as statutory law, require that cities and towns perform revaluation activities at least once every five years so that all properties can be brought to current full and true market value.

Click here to see the <u>2022 Revaluation</u> <u>Details.</u>

