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hank you for taking the time to read our new monthly e-Newsletter! We created The Town Crier because we want to establish a trustworthy and reliable place for you to find information you need to know and live effectively in Hudson.

The Town Crier will connect you to interesting, helpful and timely information bridging you to the civic side of life and local government.

You'll find essential links to related topics, information about Town services, Town Hall news stories, Town departments, important press releases and public notices.

As many of you know the Hudson-Litchfield News used to be the resource most people turned to for news about our town. It is the goal of this newsletter to bring you information on a timely basis that you might find relevant or useful in your daily life.

We intend to produce this newsletter at the beginning of every month so you can keep track of what's happening in Hudson.

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### **HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT EARNS PRESTIGIOUS CALEA AWARD**

Recently, four members of the Hudson Police Department traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend the 2022 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) conference. Business trips, as one might expect, for Police Officers are rare, but this was definitely a

special occasion. Recently promoted Chief Tad Dionne, along with Captain Dave Cayot, Lieutenant Steve McElhinney, and Sergeant Mike Corey represented the Hudson Police Department during the agencies final review hearing, following a four year re-accreditation process with the hopes of obtaining Meritorious, Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation status, through CALEA. While this most recent assessment would only encompass the agencies performance over the last four years, the



journey to national police accreditation for the Hudson Police De- partment started over *forty years*  ago, when the agency had a much different reputation.

In the 1980's the Hudson Police Department was not known for its professionalism or commit-

ment to community policing. In fact, *The New Hampshire Times* wrote a five page story in the October 7, 1981 issue boldly titled: "The Worst Police Force in the State?" – things needed to change.

Not surprisingly, change in law enforcement best comes from within and the men and women of the Hudson Police Department wanted a new reputation. Over the coming years, policies and procedures were developed and in 1999 the Hudson Police obtained State Law Enforcement Accreditation

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status under then Chief Richard Gendron and Accreditation Manager, Captain Bill Pease. Hudson's reputation was changing.

After obtaining State Law Enforcement Accreditation, the Hudson Police Department was first granted Advanced Law enforcement Accreditation status in 2003 through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This process involved an extensive review, by the commission, of the department's policies and procedures, along with a physical inspection of the department and numerous interviews with Officers, staff, and the public. As an agency we have maintained that high standard through yearly evaluations, culminating in an onsite inspection and interviews with staff every four years. But what is CALEA and why is it important?

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) was established in 1979 under the direction of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Sheriffs' Association and the Police Executive Research Forum as a private, nonprofit corporation tasked with creating a national law enforcement accreditation model.

Member agencies voluntarily maintain comprehensive and uniform written directives that clearly define authority, performance, and the responsibilities of the agency. These directives are intended to provide a framework to ensure Officers provide consistent service to our citizens to anything from a car accident to a natural or man-made critical incident.

In more recent times, CALEA has continued to prove its worth to the Hudson Police Department and the Town of Hudson through progressive policy changes and requirements concerning data reporting and transparen-

cies had been required to com-"As an agency, we have maintained a high standard through yearly plete yearly data reports which evaluations, culminating in focused on police accountability. Staan on-site inspection tistics are compiled annually and detail and interviews officer's contacts with citizens during arwith staff rests, traffic violations, incidents concerning every four use of force, biased based policing, and deyears." partment Internal Affairs investigations. These

reports are even available for viewing on the <u>Hud-</u> <u>son Police Department</u> website.

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More recently, during the Covid-19 Pandemic, CALEA policies and procedures, which had already been in place, provided the Hudson Police Department with the ability to quickly transition services and ensure a continuity of operations through an unprecedented crisis. What's more, CALEA's policy and training platform, PowerDMS, allowed the HPD Administration the ability to publish updated protocols and town policy changes to our officers and staff and ensure virtual trainings were conducted and documented.

The Hudson Police Department is committed to providing the highest quality police service to the community we proudly serve. CALEA has helped us maintain that commitment and ensure we are following national best practices, anticipate challenges confronting law enforcement, and provide clear direction focused on community expectations.

Of the approximately 18,000 police departments in the United States, only 926 are currently certified through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. We are honored to hold this unique distinction and will continue to commit ourselves to upholding the high standards of service which the citizens of Hudson deserve.

<sup>-</sup> Lt. Steve McElhinney is the HPD Accreditation Manager and has served with the Hudson Police since 2007.



n June 1995, the Town of Hudson and the Hudson Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Richard E. Gendron, achieved a major milestone when the Police Department moved into their new facility at 1 Constitution Drive. This facility was later showcased to the town at an open house where over 1300 residents toured it.

History shows us that a second milestone was also met, as this was the first time in the history of the Hudson Police Department that they had their own facility.



Police and Fire Chief Harry J. Connell (left) and Deputy Harry Emerson spend some idle time in the old police office on Ferry Street.

## **Our First Police Chief**

Harry Connell served on the Police Force from 1913 until 1921 when he became Hudson's first Police Chief, serving in that capacity until 1946. He also served on the Fire department from 1912 and as Fire Chief from 1921 until 1946. The Police Department shared space in the leased Fire Department Building on Ferry Street. This building, located about where the Gulf Station is now, was later claimed by the State for access roads to the new bridge.

For more on the story, please click here.



Webster Street looking north, just after the intersection with Ferry Street, c.1920

### Hudson's Police Court

In the early 1900's Hudson had a police court with George W. Clyde and Nathaniel Wentworth acting as judges. There was a small grainery, left, on the bank of the Merrimack River off Webster Street which also served as a house of detention (jail) for individuals until they were released or transported to Nashua for longer stays and more secure accommodations.

According to the Town Report for the year ending 1918, the town paid Law and Ingham \$13.00 to move a safe and cells. However, it did not state where they were moved from or to. Also, a brief article in the February 19, 1918 edition of the Nashua Telegraph, tells us that a young man named Roland Abbott had plans to repair and remodel the building and use it as a club house for the young people of Hudson. It is doubtful that this club house ever became a reality. We do know the building was later moved to Ferry Street, placed on a foundation and used as part of the dwelling at what is now 88 Ferry Street.

For more on the story, please click here.



Officer "Andy" Polak and the cruiser on Derry Rd. in front of Goodwin's Fried Clam Stand, c.1942

### Officer "Andy" Polak and our Second Chief

Andrew "Andy" Polak served 34 years as a member of the Hudson Police Force and 26 of these as Police Chief. For the year ending January 31, 1943, the Police Department operated with a budget of \$3,200; including \$1,826 salary for H.J. Connell as Chief, 13 part time officers earning .50 per hour, and expenses for operating the police cruiser. Of the police officers Andy logged the most hours, earning a salary of \$350.50 for 701 hours! In April 1946, Officer Polak was appointed Chief after Chief Harry Connell resigned due to poor health. Chief Polak remained in that capacity until his retirement in October 1972.

At the beginning of Chief Polak's tenure, the Police Department operated out of the 4 stall garage on Ferry Street leased by the town for the Fire and Police Departments.

For more on the story, please click here.

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Central Fire Station, c.1942

### How to Build a New Station Without Raising Taxes

Hudson was rapidly growing and so were the activities of the Police and Fire Departments and their leased garage was inadequate. The Selectmen and Fire Department had a plan: borrow money to purchase supplies and build the station with volunteer workers. The annual lease payments would just about pay off the loan. The Town voters approved the plan and by 1953 the Fire and Police Departments moved into the new facility.

Town Selectmen soon moved their office from the basement of the Hills Memorial Library into the new Central Fire Station. Later the upstairs was used for temporary classrooms, then for meetings and classes for both departments with space for supplies.

For more on the story, please click here.





Top left, breaking ground for Town Office March 1965; top right, completed Town Office Building 1970; bottom left, actual jail cell key; bottom right, jail cells in basement of the Town Office (photo credit Vin Guarino)

### **Town Office Building Constructed** — Police Move Again

By the end of 1965, the initial 4,800 sq. ft. Town Office Building was completed and the Selectmen, Police Department, and other town departments moved into the facility. In 1974 a 30 x 60 foot addition was built and in 1985 a second addition was approved by the town. All this while the Police Department remained in the 12 School Street facility until 1995 when Chief Gendron moved his department into their own facility at 1 Constitution Drive.

For more on the story, please click here.



Draft rendering of the expansion of the Hudson Police Department

### 2022 And Beyond ...

In March 2022, the voters of Hudson approved and addition/renovation to the Police Facility. This \$5,928,980 consists of a 5,775 sq. ft. addition to the rear of the building and 9,544 sq. ft. renovation of existing floor space.

All articles are written by Ruth Parker, Town Historian (honorary) and a volunteer for the Hudson Historical Society. To contact the Historical Society, please send email to: hudsonhistorical@live.com.

The Hudson Police Department would like to express our gratitude to the residents of Hudson for voting "<u>YES</u>" on Warrant Article 9 in the 2022 March election.

For a virtual tour of the police department, please click here.



# Public Works Keeps Benson Park Beautiful

The Town of Hudson Department of Public Works is a dedicated team of workers whose primary goal is to maintain the approximately 190 miles of the town's roadways in order to ensure public safety.

Another important objective also includes continuous grooming and maintenance of Benson Park's 166 acres throughout the year.

They are responsible for the continuous mowing, tree trimming, mulching, maintenance issues, 911 Memorial grooming and the function of the aerator system in Swan Lake.

### 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>.

# New Inspectional Services Vehicles Have Arrived



We are happy to announce our two new Inspectional Services vehicles recently went into service. These Ford Ranger pick-ups have replaced a 2005 Chevy Colorado and a 2004 Chevy Tahoe.

We're off to another busy start with over 3,300 inspections completed in 2021 and 2022, you may have already seen them on the road throughout town today.

These new vehicles are equipped to aid in the daily functions of our Inspectional Services team.

## **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 <u>here</u>.



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# **Meet the New CTOR TRUCK Meet the New**

he Town of Hudson DPW took delivery of a new 2100i Vactor truck in November of 2021. This \$435,000 investment incorporates the latest technology and power available today. This truck is built on a Freightliner 114 SD chassis powered by a 400 horsepower Cumming diesel engine.

The robust dual stage fan system will vacuum sand, gravel, and rocks as large as 6 inches in diameter. This vacuum power is used for cleaning catch basins in town,

We are thankful to the residents of Hudson for voting to purchase this important piece of equipment.

again resulting in fuel savings.

The operator can see the water level, tank levels from the front station.

The large 12 cubic yard debris tank allows for fewer trips to the dump site.

removing food grease from the wet wells at the sewer pump stations, and remov- The cyclone filtration system and the water ing debris from sewer manholes.

The heart of the water system on this truck is a 3,000 PSI rodder pump-fed by 1,300 gallons of onboard water. This pump supplies the handheld spray guns and the 600' jet flushing system that is used to clean sewer mains.

The front of this truck is full of technology. The operator controls the vacuum system, the water system and the engine controls from one central station. All of the systems are designed with fuel savings in mind. The operator can control the water flow and pressure from the front of the truck using less water to feed the jet nozzle out into the sewer main, and turning up the water flow and pressure as they are pulling back and cleaning the mains. This results in less water use and lower engine RPM during the cleaning process.

The vacuum system is a three setting system running on lower engine RPM for easier jobs, and running at a higher RPM for the real tough can be completed on low or mid power. Once of equipment.

ring keeps airborne dust to a minimum.

Technology isn't just in the truck, the operators use an IPad, tied into the towns GIS system to record the catch basins they clean and do an inspection of the catch basin including photographs. This helps the town maintain compliance with the EPA MS4 Permit.

This truck has to be available year round to respond to sewer calls, to handle that need this truck is equipped with a cold weather recirculation system which prevent the water system from freezing.

The Town of Hudson owns and maintains over 4,200 catch basins. Each year the DPW sets a goal to clean over 1,400 catch basins. The Sewer systems consists of over 80 miles of mains ranging in sizes ranging from 8" to 36". It is our practice to routinely clean several miles sewer mains, especially in areas prone to grease buildup, to keep the sewer system free from clogs and backups.

jobs. Since putting this truck on the road we We are thankful to the residents of Hudson have found that over 75% of the work we do for voting to purchase this important piece



# Hudson Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers

he Hudson Police Department announces the hiring of two new officers. We are very happy to welcome our new employees who help fill vacancies created by retirements and resignations. Brian Davenport and Nicholas Collishaw came aboard on April 4, 2022, and May 9, 2022, respectively.

Officer Davenport is originally from Norwood, Massachusetts where he also graduated high school. He then enlisted in the United State Marine Corps. Brian served with the 1st Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Marines as a machine gunner from 2011 -2015. Following his time in the Marines, Brian enlisted in the United States Army and served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment from 2015 - 2018. After his Honorable Discharge, Officer Davenport graduated from Endicott College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He had previously worked with the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services since 2019. Officer Davenport resides with his wife, Amanda, and their two daughters in Southern New Hampshire.

Officer Collishaw is originally from Hudson New Hampshire and graduated Alvirne High school in 2009. After Graduation Officer Collishaw attended NHTI and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Nick later attended Granite State College where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with a minor in Finance. He is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Leadership.

Officer Collishaw is currently serving in the New Hampshire Army National Guard as has so served for 14 years. He started as a Military Police Officer assigned to the 237th Military Police Company where he was deployed to Afghanistan in 2013-2014. Currently, Nick holds the rank of Sergeant First Class with the 195th Regional Training Institute. Officer Collishaw previously worked as a Certified Police Officer for the Hollis, NH Police Department from 2017 to May 2022.

Both the officers will undergo inservice training at the Hudson Police Department. Officer Davenport will attend the full time police academy this month and then Field Training Evaluation Program following his graduation. Officer Collishaw will be assigned to the Field Training Evaluation Training following his in-service.

Story by Chief Tad Dionne

The Hudson Police Department remains committed to hiring the best candidates. HPD offers extremely competitive wages



and benefits. There are a multitude of disciplines and assignments for a career at Hudson. We are still actively seeking candidates for position of Police Officer. Please contact Officer Ron Cloutier at (603) 886-6011 or rcloutier@hudsonnh.gov.



From left to right, president of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce, Kelly Goddu, Recreation Department Director, Chrissy Peterson, Board of Selectmen Chair, Kara Roy, State Senator, Sharon Carson

# 2021 Citizen of the Year

The Greater Hudson Chamber is excited to present the Citizen of the Year Award for 2021 to Chrissy Peterson. Chrissy is a Hudson resident and a positive force in our community is being honored for her leadership, generosity, and dedication to community. Many know Chrissy as the Director of the Town of Hudson Recreation Department, but everyone knows her for her endless positivity and giving spirit for all she does in our community.

Chrissy first became involved with the Recreation Department in 2012 when they were looking for a volunteer to maintain the website and volunteer to run their new lacrosse program. The administrative aide position opened later that year for which she was hired rapidly and soon became invaluable by taking on more responsibilities and roles going above and beyond the standard. Chrissy created new events such as the Halloween Parade in the Park, Mother-Son Game Night, themed Father-Daughter dances and an Annual Scholarship Program.

In addition, Chrissy volunteers for numerous groups in town. She volunteered as the Head Coach for the Hudson Litchfield Bears cheerleading program for eight years; served on the Hudson Litchfield Bears Board as their Vice President; serves on the Friends of Alvirne Lacrosse; contributes to numerous PTOs in town; donates her time to the Hudson Food Pantry; coached Fiddlesticks, and volunteered to help with the Telethon for the Food Pantry.

It is more of what Chrissy gives to our community that is worth recognizing, it is her heart, her positivity, and her unwavering community spirit she shares every day. She inspires people of all ages to get involved in their community, to be the change and do better for our community.

For more information on the Greater Hudson chamber of Commerce, please click here.





#### The Hudson Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5791 & Auxiliary,

held its annual Loyalty Day/Scholastic Awards ceremony on Friday, May 6th, 2022 at the Post Hall in Hudson. The event honors citizens, students, educators, public servants and others who have made significant contributions to the well being of our community. Each Hudson recipient was recognized by their superiors for their contributions and for this reason chosen for nomination. Here are this years Hudson recipients:

#### **STEVEN DUBE**

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**FPO Steven Dube has been** an active member of the **Hudson Fire Department** for over 40 years. In the last 30 years, Steven has concentrated his efforts in **Public Education and Fire** Prevention. In the last ten years, he has assisted Hudson Fire with the integration of the Inspectional Services Division. Retooling his skills to help bring efficiency and consistency to building and life safety practices in Hudson.

### **SHERRIE KIMBALL**

**Executive Coordinator** Sherrie Kimball assists the **Command Staff and** supervisors for the Police **Department by** coordinating events, administrating accounts and budgeting. She has been a critical component and a constant in her position over the past four years with our staff transitions seeing the promotions of two police chiefs, four captains, six lieutenants and eight sergeants.

#### **MATT TOPPER**

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**MPO Matt Topper has** been employed with the HPD for eight years and has been assigned to the **Special Investigations Di**vision (narcotics) as a detective who's primary role is to target and take down drug dealers operating the limits of the Town of Hudson. MPO Topper also works with the Nashua Police Detectives in a joint effort (Granite Shield) targeting dealers in both Nashua and Hudson.

#### **DOREENA STICKNEY**

**Doreena Stickney is the** Administrative Aide supporting both the Engineering Department and Conservation Commission and has been employed by the **Town of Hudson since** May 2013. Doreena plays a critical role in projects such as the Pelham Rd. Bridge, Library Common expansion and the widening of Lowell Road while serving residents and customers with their requests and concerns.

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# Hudson Recreation Departments Summer PROGRAMES We're BACK

## Summer PROGRAM: Details

#### **Registration Opens online on May 231**

To register, please click here

### Summer Program Dates & Times: June 27<sup>th</sup> -August 19<sup>th</sup> Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

For Summer Program, please click here.

Please note, participants must be 6 years old to register. No exceptions will be made. Birth certificates are required for all 6 year olds.

### Offered to Hudson residents only

- \$325- Hudson residents
  - \$225 for each additional child
- \$175 10 day Pass Book (residents only)
- \$5 Before hours care (8:00am-9:00am)
- \$5 After hours care (4:00pm-5:00pm)

#### Questions? Call 880-1600 or email

cpeterson@hudsonnh.gov or nbusnach@hudsonnh.gov

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### ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS on 5/25 Ends 6/301

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- Check the volunteer box on the registration form!
- Little Kickers 3yrs-4yrs.... \$50

Hudson Recreation Departments

- plays just on Saturdays
- **RICES &** Grades K- 2nd ..... \$60 -League plays on Soturday's
  - Grades 3rd- 8th .... \$60 this league practices one night a week and games

# **Click & Register Here!**

Register NOW

For more information or questions, email Chrissy Peterson at cpeterson@hudsonnh.gov or Call 880-1600

LIKE US on FACEBOOK! Town of Hudson Recreation Department

# HAPPENINGS Around Town

# We're HIRING

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

FULL-TIME INSPECTOR — Fire Department CROSSING GUARD — Police Department POLICE OFFICER — Police Department



# 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 will reveal the correct answer in next month's issue along with the names of who guessed it right!

### SUBMIT

Former selectman Rhona Charbonneau donated it to the town and most likely everyone passes by it without realizing!



# **Interested in Serving?**

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	2	2
Cable Utility Committee	3	-
Municipal Utility Committee	1	-
Planning Board	1	1
Recreation Committee	2	-
Sustainability Committee	1	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>.



## Contact Us:

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Board of Selectmen	886-1224
Fire Department	886-6021
Finance Department	886-6000
Human Resources	595-6518
Information Technology	886-6000
Inspectional Services	886-6005
Land Use	886-6008
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

### Board of Selectmen:

Kara Roy Bob Guessferd Marilyn McGrath David Morin Brett Gagnon

# NEWS & Announcements











### 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.

#### PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

NHDRA is offering a larger group of homeowners the opportunity to apply for property tax relief.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

From now through November, you can bring your hazardous waste to either Nashua or Milford for proper disposal.

### EMERGENCY RESOURCES FOR RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS

Governor Chris Sununu announced an assistance program to assist eligible residents who cannot pay their rent/utilities due to COVID-19.

### ANNUAL WATER BAN

Hudson is currently issuing a water ban effective May 1st to September 30th, 2022.



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## **New Fire Marshal**

In February, Dave Hebert was promoted to the position of Fire Marshal. Dave has been a member of the fire department within the Inspection Services division for the past eight years, serving as an Inspector and most recently as the Building Official. He has proven himself to be a critical member of the department, whose skills and abilities will serve him well in this new role. As Fire Marshal, Dave will lead the Inspectional Services division managing our Community Risk Reduction programs. We congratulate Dave on his promotion and wish him

# **Dog Registration Deadline**

Online dog registration ended on Tuesday, May 31st. Please see the following for delinquency fines:

- As per state law, beginning June 1, 2022, a one dollar (\$1) fine will be added at the beginning of each month to any delinquent dog registrations.
- You have until the end of business day Friday, June 17th before fines are sent by certified mail.
- Beginning Monday, June 20, 2022, you will be responsible to pay your regular dog registration(s), plus the \$1 fee, a \$25 fine and a \$7 certified mail fee.



For more information, please click <u>here</u>.



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