



# The Town Crier



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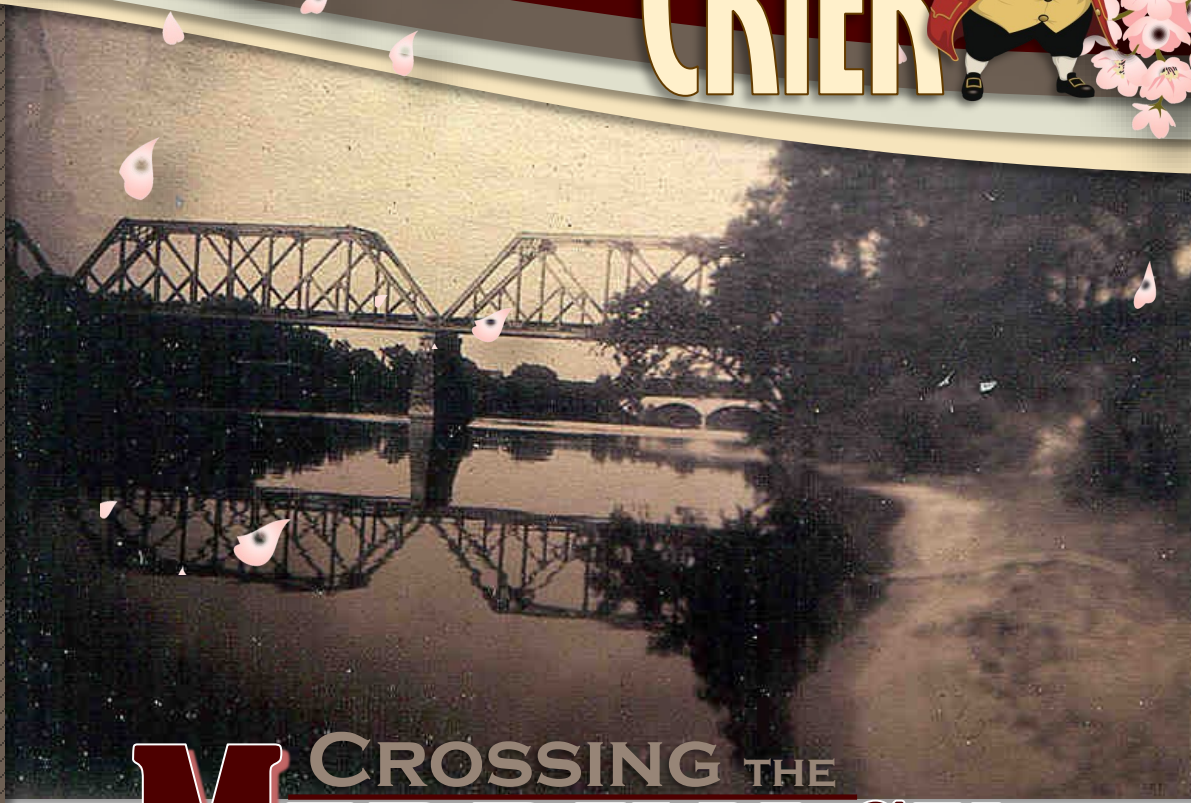
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# CROSSING THE MERRIMACK

*Part Two*

In this, the second in a series of articles about river crossing, we look at the steam railroad and the electric cars (trolleys) serving the Town of Hudson

### Steam Rail Road

Traveling from Nashua into Hudson on the Taylor's Falls Bridge the old abutments for the steam railroad bridge can be seen on your right. The original railroad wooden bridge, built about 1874, burned in 1910 after being set afire by a spark from a locomotive. It was replaced by this iron bridge which stood until the metal was salvaged in 1944 during World War II. These abutments can also be seen from the shoreline of Merrill Park, located at the end of Maple Avenue.

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*Central Street West 1907 — Tracks From Trolley Going West*

The park entrance is built on a part of the old railroad bed. After crossing the river, the steam railroad continued northeasterly, crossing over Lowell Road and the street railroad on a trestle just south of the junction with Central Street, near Hammond Park. The train continued to the station at Hudson Center, off Greeley Street and behind Wattannick Hall. It then proceeded east to West Windham. In this C 1910 photo we are looking upriver at the railroad bridge and the newly constructed cement Taylor's Falls Bridge.

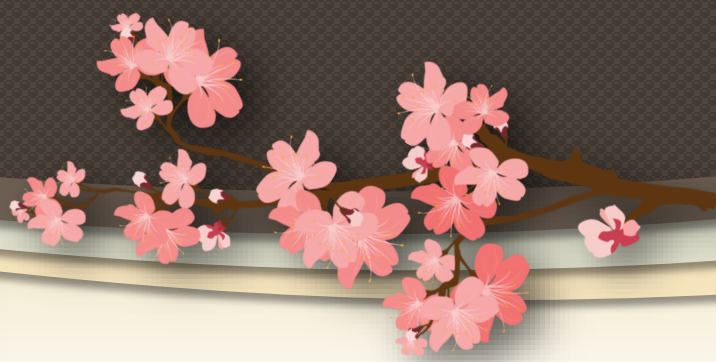
### **Electric Cars (Trolley)**

So, you want to ride the trolley to Manchester, Lowell, or Salem?

By 1893 tracks for the street railway (trolley) were in place from Nashua down East Hollis Street to and over the iron Taylor's Falls Bridge into Hudson ending near the east end of the bridge. For two years this was a horse drawn trolley which provided good service between Hudson and Nashua.

By 1895 it was re-organized as an electric railway and the tracks extended from the bridge onto Central Street and down Lowell Road with a popular stop at the 'five cent limit' where Lowell Road branches into Dracut and River Roads (aka Stewart's Coner). The tracks went beyond this point down River Road to the state line. The infrastructure of the iron Taylor's Falls Bridge was improved to handle the heavier trolley cars and the increase in both trolley and automotive traffic. This line provided service from Nashua to

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*The First Electric Car  
At Hudson Center, N.H.*

*First Electric Car In Hudson Center*

Lowell via Hudson. Hourly trips were made during the winter months and every 30 minutes in the summer. Running time from Nashua to Lowell was about 1 hour 10 minutes at a fare of 20 cents. If you had 10 cents in your pocket you could ride to 'the 5 cent limit', enjoy your picnic lunch, and return home later in the day.

The Hudson, Pelham, and Salem Street railway was incorporated by the state legislature in 1889 with the authority to construct and maintain tracks from the bridge through Hudson Center and on to Pelham and Salem. This line opened in 1902, the tracks went from the bridge up Ferry Street. At the end of Ferry Street (near Burnham Road) the tracks went "off road" behind Westview Cemetery taking a sharp right turn crossing Central Street near what is

now Burger King. From there it continued "off road" through wooded areas, now Bensons Park, and behind the Haselton Barn on to Pelham. Relics of these tracks can be seen off to the right along parts of Speare Road and again when it crosses the Gibson Road before entering Pelham. The speeds required to maintain good travel time were often considered reckless on parts of this line. I have read that some folks even refused to ride this line and some predicted disaster.

Disaster did occur on Sunday afternoon September 6, 1903. Two cars collided on a section of track in Pelham, each car traveling around 25 miles per hour with about 70 travelers on both cars. Many of the passengers on the west bound car were returning home after a visit to Canobie Lake Park. The crash occurred on a hilly curve where visibility was poor, resulting in 6 fatalities; and more than 40 injuries, many serious. The cause of the accident was a misunderstanding of the start-up orders for the train leaving Nashua and heading east. Once discovered, it was too late to stop either of the cars.

Between the huge damages and the safety factor this line was forced into receivership in late 1904, was reorganized in 1907 and 5 years later consolidated into another company. The tracks for the Salem, Pelham, and Nashua line were abandoned in 1924.

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*Trolley on Bridge c 1910*

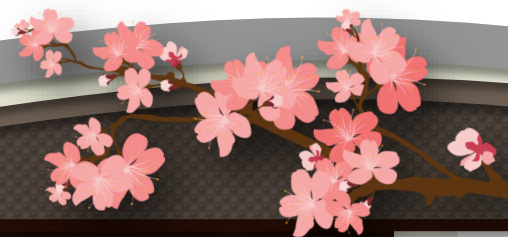
A trolley line from Taylor Falls bridge traveling north along Webster Street, through Litchfield, Goffs Falls, and Manchester was incorporated in 1905. The line opened for public travel 1907 with a 12 mile trip from the bridge to Goffs Falls at a cost of 20 cents and a running time of 45 minutes. Trips were made every hour in winter months and every 1/2 hour during the summer months.

These three trolley lines and the concrete Taylor's Falls bridge built in 1909 did much to expand the growth of Hudson especially in the bridge area, causing the business center of town to shift from Hudson Center to the bridge area.

Before the popularity of the automobile residents relied on the trolley for transportation to/from their jobs, for travel to Nashua, Litchfield, and Lowell for shopping and for recreation!! The owners of each of these trolley lines, in order to increase ridership, invested in destination recreation facilities on each line. Just beyond the state line on River Road was Lake View Park, on the Pelham and Salem line was Canobie Lake Park, and on the Litchfield Road to Goffs Falls run there was Pine Island Park.

The 1920's and the rise of the automobile, was tough on the trolley. Ridership dropped; safety vs speed became an issue. By 1932 all trolley traffic in Hudson ceased. ♦

Reseated and written by Ruth Parker. Photos from the collection of the Hudson Historical Society.



# HAPPY EASTER

From all of us at the  
Recreation Department





## TARGET FLOW CENTER UPDATES

As the Target project progresses, updates will be [available online](#) to follow on the Town's website. Each month will summarize the scheduled course of action proposed by the developer, Clayco.

### April 2024

- Complete rough grading activities at the Earthen Berm.
- Continue sound fence installation.
- Continue the establishment of the building pad.
- Continue Site Utility installations required for the Enabling Scope of Work as weather conditions allow.
- Begin fine grading of Green Meadow Drive after installation of required utilities.

### PHOTO UPDATES



## Meet our re-elected and new Board of Selectmen!

*Congratulations!*

**Dillon  
Dumont**

Vice  
Chairman  
2027



*Welcome!*

**Heidi  
Jakoby**

Selectman  
2027



# Volunteer Clean-Up Day!

# Benson Park

## Saturday

## April 20

## 9am - 2pm

Click Here To  
Volunteer





# HUDSON POLICE

## Canvassing

### CONTACT

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mflynn@hudsonnh.gov

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(603) 886-6011

**Address:**  
1 Constitution Drive  
Hudson, NH 03051

# Justice of the Peace— After Hours Services

The Hudson Police Department is canvassing for local Hudson residents for after-hours Justice of the Peace services. This is a voluntary, unpaid position.

The duties of this service would entail:

- Review and determine probable cause for misdemeanor-level arrest warrants.
- Affirm oaths or affirmations of miscellaneous legal documents.

Requirements for this service are:

- Must be a Justice of the Peace. Those interested in becoming a Justice of the Peace shall complete the process at their own expense.
- No personal relationship (of any kind) with the Hudson Police, Hudson Fire, or Town Elected Officials. This service requirement must be a neutral and detached third party.
- Must provide current documentation and proof of active Justice of the Peace status.
- Should be available during non-business hours within reason.

For more information, please contact Sergeant Flynn via email: [mflynn@hudsonnh.gov](mailto:mflynn@hudsonnh.gov)



# Spring Green Spaghetti Carbonara



## Ingredients

- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 12 ounces spaghetti, such as De Cecco
- ½ pound snow peas, julienned lengthwise
- 1 cup shelled fresh peas (frozen peas)
- 12 to 14 thin asparagus, bottom third discarded and tips sliced in 2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons good olive oil
- 8 ounces small-diced pancetta
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 2 extra-large eggs
- 2 extra-large egg yolks
- ¾ cup freshly grated Italian Parmesan cheese, plus extra for serving
- 5 scallions, white and green parts, thinly sliced diagonally
- ¼ cup minced fresh chives, plus extra for serving
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon

## Instructions

Bring a large pot of water with 2 tablespoons salt to a boil. Add the spaghetti and cook for 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Reserve a cup of the pasta water, then add the snow peas, fresh peas, and asparagus to the spaghetti and cook for 2 minutes longer. Drain the pasta and vegetables together.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a medium (10 to 11-inch) sauté pan over medium heat, add the pancetta, and cook for 7 to 9 minutes, stirring occasionally, until browned. Transfer the pancetta to a plate lined with paper towels and set aside.

While the pancetta cooks, fill a large bowl with the hottest tap water and set aside to heat the bowl. Just before you drain the pasta, pour the water out of the bowl. Put the cream, eggs, egg yolks, and ¼ cup of the reserved pasta water into the bowl and whisk to combine. Immediately, add the hot pasta and vegetables and toss with tongs for a full minute or two, until the pasta absorbs the sauce. Add enough reserved hot pasta water to keep the sauce creamy. Add the ¾ cup Parmesan, the scallions, chives, lemon zest and juice, 1 tablespoon salt, and 1 teaspoon pepper and toss well. Add the pancetta, sprinkle with salt, and serve hot sprinkled with extra chives and Parmesan.



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

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

# 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

*Fire Department*

## FULL TIME DISPATCHER

*Fire Department*

## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOS

*Selectmen's Office*

# Hudson Roadside Pride Just Pick It Up!

**Saturday, April 27 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Meet with other Hudson volunteers at Jette Field and Sousa Field at 9:45 am.

We will collect litter along Belknap from Central to Melendy and Melendy from Belknap to Pelham Road.

Blue recycling bags will be available for you to use when you get together with your neighbors and family to pick up roadside litter on your street or neighborhood.

## ***Let's make Hudson Clean and Proud!***

Sponsored by the Hudson Sustainability Committee  
Info and questions: [HudsonSustainability@gmail.com](mailto:HudsonSustainability@gmail.com)

*Hudson Sustainability will provide gloves, recycling and trash bags and drinking water.*

*You will receive a handy knapsack for participating in the roadside clean-up.*

*Register today!*



### **FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT TIPS When cleaning neighborhood roadsides**

- Wear protective gloves and bright clothing or reflective vest.
- Be aware of traffic as you walk roadside.
- Only Recyclables go into the Blue Bags. Please put trash in black bags.
- The West Road Landfill Site (Town Dump) will be open for residents on Saturday, from 8 am until noon for metal, cardboard and yard waste drop off.
- ***Make Hudson Clean and Proud!***



# RABIES VACCINE CLINIC



Sponsored by GFWC- Hudson Women's Club  
Hosted by the Palmer Center Vet Science Program  
Vaccines administered by Hudson Animal Hospital

**When: SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>  
9am - Noon**

**Where: Palmer CTE Center / Alvirne  
Veterinary Clinic\*  
200 Derry Rd. Hudson, NH**

\*Parking is behind building and past greenhouse

**Cost: \$15 per vaccination (Cash or Check only)**

**NOTE: You MUST bring prior Rabies certificate to receive a  
3-year vaccination.**



## **ATTENTION:**



- ✓ **ALL** dogs must be on a leash!
- ✓ **ALL** cats must be in a secured carrier!

**NEW**

**The Hudson Town Clerk will be ON PREMISES issuing  
dog licenses from 9AM- Noon on 4/13!**

**Questions: Hudson Animal Control – (603) 889-7387**

# MEETING CALENDAR

~ April ~



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 <u>Highway Safety Cmte.</u> 8:30am <u>Budget Cmte.</u> 7:00pm <u>Code of Ethics</u> 7:00pm	4	<b>SATURDAY March 6</b> <u>Planning Board</u> <u>Site-Walk</u> 9:00 am
8 <b>CANCELLED</b> <u>Cable Utility Cmte</u> 7:00pm <u>Conservation Comm.</u> 7:00pm	9 <u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm	10 <u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm	11 <u>Trustees of Trust Funds</u> 3:30pm <u>Zoning Board</u> 7:00pm	12
15	16 <u>Municipal Utility Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	17 <u>Library Trustees</u> 7:00pm <u>HEAC</u> 7:00pm	18 <u>Benson Park Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	19
22 <u>Sustainability Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	23 <u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm	24 <u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm	25 <u>Zoning Board</u> 7:00pm	26
27	28	29	30	

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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

## Board of Selectmen:

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



### LOWELL ROAD WIDENING ENTERS PHASE 2 OF CONSTRUCTION

Please be advised the Town is continuing the widening of Lowell Road to the onramp of Circumferential Highway until June.



### PUBLIC WORKS SUMMER HOURS TO BEGIN

The Public Works Department will begin their summer hours beginning April 1, 2024.



### PROPERTY TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS



The Town Assessing Department wishes to inform residents that the deadline for applying, anew, for any tax exemption is **April 15, 2024**.



### 2024 TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS

Full list of results for the March Town and School election including all 50 Town Warrant Articles.



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