

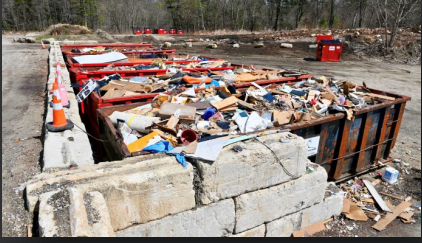


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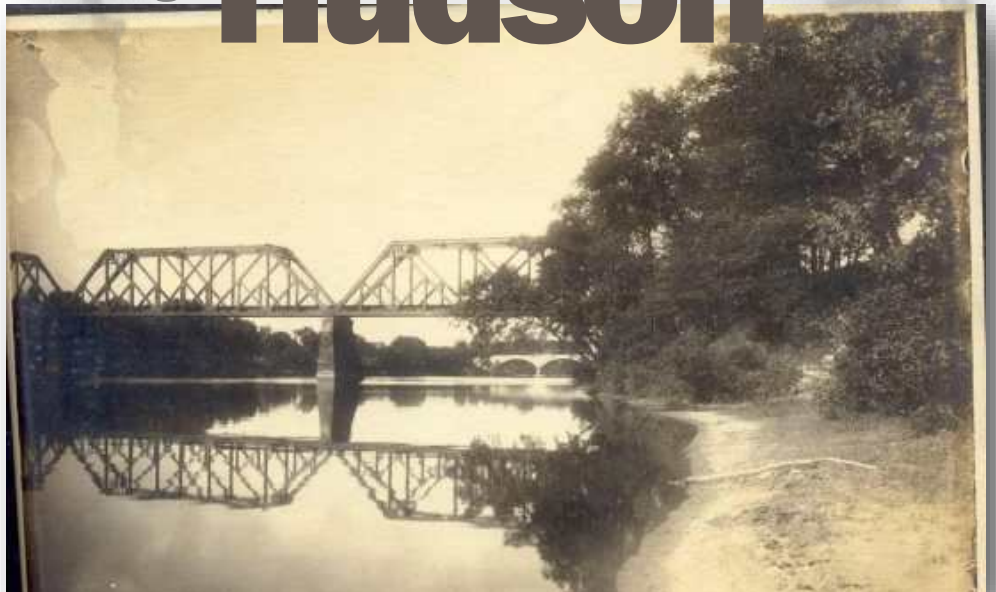
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Route of the Steam Railroad through Hudson



The iron bridge crossing the Merrimack River connecting Hudson and Nashua

Do you have memories of the old Railroad Station when it was located off Greeley Street and a short distance north of Wattannick Hall? How about the old railroad bridge as it crossed the Merrimack River a short distance south of the Taylor Falls Bridge?

Coming from Nashua, trains crossed the Merrimack River south of the Taylor Falls Bridge. The pilings are still visible in the river. Here was first a wooden bridge which burned when set afire by sparks from a passing locomotive. It was replaced by an iron bridge; the metal later being salvaged for use during World War II to support the war effort.

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Trestle crossing over Lowell Road south of Central Street



Railroad bed adjacent to the north section of Westview Cemetery



Train track near Dr. D.O. Smith's garden

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The abutment for the bridge can be seen on the Hudson side of the river in Merrill Park. This is on town owned land and the railroad right-of-way which was deeded to the town in 1981. Part of the old railroad bed is visible opposite the entrance to the park and ends at Gillis Street Extension.

The trains climbed a grade from the river's edge, then crossed over Lowell Road and the trolley tracks on a trestle just south of the junction with Central Street. The railroad tracks continued east over what was land at the town barns, later the skate park (now pickle ball) and through the back yards of several homes on Central Street.

After Hadley Brook Central Street crossed the tracks diagonally to the south side of the railway. It was referred to as Central Street Crossing or Long Crossing, because of the angle. The switching of the road from north of the tracks to south of them created a situation where oncoming auto traffic seemed to be approaching on the drivers right which contributed to confusion and mishaps. This section of Central Street has since been straightened. The taking of the two sections of adjacent land for this purpose accounts for the wide-open area and generous front lawns by Memorial Middle School.

The track then crosses at Burnham Road where two humps are visible. This was called 'Betsy Cutter Crossing' and the road was known as Cutter Road.

The railroad bed is still very pronounced as it goes through the woods adjacent to the northern part of Westview Cemetery. This is easily walked and takes one north of properties on Central Street some of which may be privately owned. It crosses Merrill Brook over a stone culvert and an area which was the trolley bed may be seen beyond the swamp to the north. The tracks crossed the back of the Plaza and were probably beneath part of the White Birch building.

At this point some of the most visible relics of the railroad can be seen. Just east of The White Birch are the remains of the stone trestle on which trains tracks crossed over the tracks which carried the trolleys south to Benson's Animal Farm and on to Pelham.

The train tracks continued east where a row of pines marks the railroad bed before it passed close behind the 1st Baptist Church.

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Train station located at the Hudson Center on Greely Street



Train track near Dr. D.O. Smith's garden

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Crossing at Greeley Street the trains arrived at the station in Hudson Center. It was here that animals and patrons arrived to go to Benson's. Animals were shipped here, and some were walked along the road to the farm. The Jungle Train from Boston brought people on excursions. There was a freight house and siding for handling goods. The station was later made into a dwelling, but when it was no longer in use it was moved to Benson Park and can still be seen there.

Leaving the station, trains passed along the north wall of Wattannick Hall (formerly the Town Hall) and crossed Windham Road.

The trains actually passed through Dr. D. O. Smith's Garden and close by the front of his home. At the height of business with thirteen passenger trains a day plus freight traffic, all burning coal, it must have been quite noisy and dirty. There is still evidence of the rail bed, on private property, seen to the south along Windham Road.

The next crossing was at Clement Road. Some of the railroad bed was used when Route 111 was built. The tracks crossed into what is now the industrial park and onto private property which is posted 'No Trespassing' Some historic descriptions say it curved and climbed up a steep grade as it approached and crossed Lawrence Road. This would take it back across and close to Route 111 on the north.

The tracks then continued east to cross Beaver Brook and the town line. Granite blocks which may have been part of the bridge for the crossing can be seen to the north of Route 111 at the brook. ♦

- Prepared by the Genealogy and Research Committee of the Hudson Historical Society August 2011 and updated July 2022.

The Hills House will be open, nominal admission fee, during the following times:

Friday August 12 6:00 - 8:00pm
Saturday August 13 1:00 - 8:00pm
Sunday August 14 1:00 - 3:00pm

The fee and any donations will be used for the maintenance of the House and operating expenses for the Historical Society.

As part of Hudson's **2022 Old Home Days** celebration (August 11-14), the Hills House will be open for tours selected hours during Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with the usual scavenger hunt and historical displays. This year the displays will include the original video footage of the Alvirne fire taken by Leonard Leach and "The Route of the Railroad through Hudson".

PAY YOUR BILLS ONLINE

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



It's easy and convenient!

New Look for Hudson Transfer Station



A view of the old Hudson Transfer Station located on Old West Road.

The Hudson Transfer Station is a Town asset providing our community with the ability to bring items for disposal which cannot be picked up by curbside services.

This facility was in dire need of an upgrade, including the removal of a failing block wall, drainage improvements, access improvements, compliance with today's industry standards and much needed expansion of our collection capabilities.

If you are a frequent user of the transfer station you can relate to long lines of waiting on West Road. The new improvements include an expansion from 8 dumpsters to 13 dump-

sters and the ability of two vehicles pulling next to one container versus one vehicle at a time. We expect this will reduce the traffic delays, provide residents with easier, safer and a shorter periods of time off loading.

The new facility upgrades will include a canopy over four containers, which will provide weather protection for the metal and cardboard. The entire service area will be paved and will provide better access to all types of vehicles visiting the site. This project was 100 percent funded by the American Rescue Plan Act costing approximately \$900,000 and was completed in approximately 12 weeks.

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Transfer Station before renovation's.



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Approximately 24 months went into the planning and development of the new design with particular attention to functionality and efficiency. In order to construct the new transfer station to meet intended expectations, the Town relied upon William P. Davis Excavation, LLC as the general contractor for assurance of execution.

Since day one of construction, there were prodigious strides made gutting the existing infrastructure creating a clean slate to start from. Here are a few bullets highlighting the build:

- Over 2000 cubic yards of earth was moved
- Over 500 yards of concrete was poured
- Over 110,000 pounds of steel was installed
- Over 1100 tons of asphalt was installed

We hope you find the new transfer station satisfactory and utilize it's purpose to help make your visits easier and more efficient.

Enjoy! ♦

Transfer Station

Hours: Open from April through the end of November every Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon for leaf and yard waste, cardboard and metal disposal only. Passes are not required for yard waste, cardboard or metal.

Residential Recycling & Solid Waste Services Guide: A pamphlet distributed yearly providing information regarding residential services from hazardous waste disposals, holiday garbage pick-up to residential pick-up of bulky and white goods.



Transfer Station during renovation.

Transfer Station passes are still available for pick-up. Call 886-6018 for more information.

Old Home Days 2022

Fun filled event for the entire family! Carnival, food, games, exhibitions, & SO MUCH MORE!

When: August 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th

Thursday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday Noon to 11 p.m. Sunday Noon to 5 p.m.

Where: Hills House Grounds

211 Derry Rd., Rte. 102, Hudson — Across from Alvirne High School

What:

Carnival Rides • Live Free Entertainment • Free Kid Games • Free Petting Zoo
Vendors • Food Trucks & Beer Tent and more!

Huge
Fireworks
Display!!



This is a rain or shine event and some activities may be changed due to weather.

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Registering to Vote in Hudson is easy!

Register to vote at town hall before the deadline next month or register to vote the day of the election at the polling place. No matter when or where you decide to register, you will be required to complete a Voter Registration form. Hudson inhabitants who will be 18 years of age or older on the day of the next election, and a United States citizen, may register. There is no minimum period of time you are required to have lived in Hudson before being allowed to register. You may register as soon as you move here!

Simply visit the Town Clerk's office located at 12 School Street. You will need to complete a standard Voter Registration Form and show proof of having established a domicile in Hudson. Please reach out to the **Secretary of State (SOS)** for printable versions of all acceptable forms of proof of having established domicile. If you do not have documents to prove a qualification, you may prove identity, age, citizenship, or domicile by completing an affidavit that is available from the clerk.

For more information visit our [Election Information](#) page



PRIMARY ELECTION

September 13, 2002

- ◆ **Last day to register to vote before the Primary Election** - You can register in the Town Clerks Office Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. (closed from 12p.m.-1:00p.m.). The last day for the Town Clerk's Office to accept voter registration applications is Tuesday, August 30, 2022.
- ◆ The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday evening, August 30, 2022 from 7:00p.m.-7:30p.m. in the lower level of Town Hall, please use the side door for entrance. This is the last chance you have to register for the Primary Election in September. If you miss this deadline, you can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist at your designated voting location day of election.



GENERAL ELECTION

November 8, 2002

- ◆ **Last day to register to vote before the General Election** - You can register with the Town Clerks Office Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. (closed from 12p.m.-1:00p.m.). The last day for the Town Clerk's Office to accept voter registration applications is Wednesday, October 19, 2002.
- ◆ The final day to register is with the Supervisors of the Checklist and that date is later to be determined. They must be in session for the correction of the checklist at a suitable place in the town between 6 to 13 days prior to the election. Check back later for the date.

From the Zoning Dept...

So you want to do a home or property improvement project?



I would recommend that before you even consider a contractor, that you get a Zoning Determination (preview review) from this Office to identify any potential issues that may need addressing because of Zoning Ordinance requirements.

It is best to stop by Town Hall or go online for a [Zoning Determination Request](#), and submit it to us, as that will review any special considerations you may need to do before you commence with your proposed home or property improvement project.



We are located on the Main Level of Town Hall

Address: 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051

Phone: (603) 886-6008 Fax: (603) 594-1142

Contact: Bruce Buttrick—Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer

Phone: (603) 886-6008 Email: bbuttrick@hudsonnh.gov



HUDSON MASTER PLAN

Interested in Hudson's future?
Take a quick survey to provide your
input on Hudson's Master Plan.
Your opinion matters.

[Master Plan Survey](#)

Town Clerk's Office Closing for Lunch



Due to a staffing shortage, the Town Clerk's Office will be closing for lunch daily from 12PM-1PM through September 2nd.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Recreation Department Happenings

hello,
august



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>10am 1 Pass, Punt, & Kick Competition </p> <p>1pm – Painting </p> <p>2pm - Local Adventure </p>	<p>10am 2 Roller Skating \$10 </p> <p> AFTERNOON MOVIE BREAK</p>	<p>10am – 3 LEGO Contest </p> <p>12pm Hot Lunch – TBA</p> <p>1pm </p>	<p>9am - \$25 4</p> <p></p> <p> 8:30am 11 & up \$42</p>	<p>10am– Game fun! 5</p> <p>1pm – Art & Craft project</p> <p></p>
<p>10am 7 Bracelet Making </p> <p>10am – Lego Contest </p> <p>1pm – </p>	<p>10:15am 8 </p> <p>Wear a white shirt or tank top! Only items that can be sprayed!</p>	<p>10am – 9 Hula Hoop Contest </p> <p>12pm - PIZZA..\$8 </p> <p>1pm – Art & Craft project</p>	<p>10am – 10 Local Adventure Greeley Bball </p> <p>1pm  4 Square</p> <p>2pm - Coloring </p>	<p>10am – Art & Craft project 11</p> <p>1pm </p> <p></p>
<p>10am –  14 Field Games</p> <p>1pm – Art & Craft project</p> <p>2pm - Local Adventure </p>	<p>10am 15 Roller Skating \$10 </p> <p> AFTERNOON MOVIE BREAK</p>	<p>11am 17 </p> <p>12pm-Pizza \$8</p> <p>1pm- Awards! Counselor for a Day!</p>	<p>9:45am 18</p> <p></p> <p>\$42</p>	<p>19</p> <p></p>

we'll miss you

Fall Program coming soon, "check the rec"!



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!

Submit

Last Month's Answer:

Configuration at the entrance to the Hills House

Last Month's Winners:

Lyn Taylor, Lianne Poisson, Deb Freeman and Steve Smith

HINT: If you enjoy walking in one of our many trails in Hudson, you may have seen it along the way.



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 [here](#).

We're
HIRING

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.

We appreciate your interest with the Town of Hudson.

CURRENT OPENINGS

FULL-TIME INSPECTOR — Fire Department

FULL-TIME DISPATCHER — Fire Department

POLICE PROSECUTOR (Attorney) — Police Department

POLICE OFFICER — Police Department

CROSSING GUARD — Police Department



NEWS & Announcements

Contact Us:

- Administration 886-6024
- Assessor 886-6009
- 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
 - ◇ 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

Board of Selectmen:

- Kara Roy**
- Bob Guessferd**
- Marilyn McGrath**
- David Morin**
- Brett Gagnon**



XFINITY/COMCAST OFFERING SENIORS A SMALL DISCOUNT

Comcast (Xfinity) is offering qualified Hudson Senior Citizens a discount on cable bill.



WATER LEVELS LOW, HUDSON ON A TIER 1 WATER BAN

During this hot summer, Hudson's water levels have dropped 30 percent. Utilizing the Tier system will help curb water use and maintain our water at appropriate levels.



CODERED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Sign up today to receive alerts to your phone, email or text regarding important information occurring within town.



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

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



hudsonnh.gov

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Meet Town Hall's Newest Clerk



The Hudson Town Clerk's are happy to welcome their newest edition, Evelyn Hynes-Brock.

Evelyn resides in Hudson with her husband and she brings an abundance of talent and experience to the position.

On her off time she enjoys growing a bountiful herb garden, obviously cooking, dressing like the 70's and bowling.

Don't forget to give her a welcome to her new position when you stop by!

Boards & Committees Meeting Calendar

August 2022

Mark the Date

- Homemade Pie Day
1st
- National Pickleball Day
8th
- National Dog Day
26th
- National Beach Day
30th

[Voter Registration](#) **1**
2:00 pm

[Hwy. Safety Cmte.](#) **3**
8:30am
[Budget Committee](#)
7:00 pm

CANCELLED—
[Conservation Comm](#) **8**
7:00 pm
[Cable Utility Cmte.](#)
7:00 pm

[Board of Selectmen](#) **9**
7:00 pm

[Right to Know Cmte.](#) **10**
6:00 pm
CANCELLED—
[Planning Board](#)
7:00 pm

Click on any meeting to view their agenda for the specified date.

[Municipal Utility Cte.](#) **16**
7:00 pm

[Library Trustees](#) **17**
6:00 pm

[Benson Park Cmte.](#) **18**
7:00 pm

[Sustainability Cmte.](#) **22**
7:00 pm

[Board of Selectmen](#) **23**
7:00 pm

[Planning Board](#) **24**
7:00 pm

[Zoning Board](#) **25**
7:00 pm

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