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LIBRARY PARK



Library Park and WWI Monument c1922

- Honoring Those Who Served -

Library Park, that beautifully maintained triangular park bounded by Ferry, Derry, and Library streets was a gift to the Town of Hudson by Mary Field Creutzborg and the efforts of her son-in-law Dr. Alfred Hills. There is a granite boulder with a tablet at the park near the intersection of Ferry and Derry Streets The tablet reads: "LIBRARY PARK – The gift of Mary Field Creutzborg 1911".

World War I Service

The First World War began in Europe July 1914 and for the first years the United States had a policy of non-involvement. After the sinking of the Lusitania and the killing of some 190 Americans and later attacks on US ships, the United States declared war on Germany, April 1917. The Armistice which leads to the end of conflicts was signed November 11, 1918.

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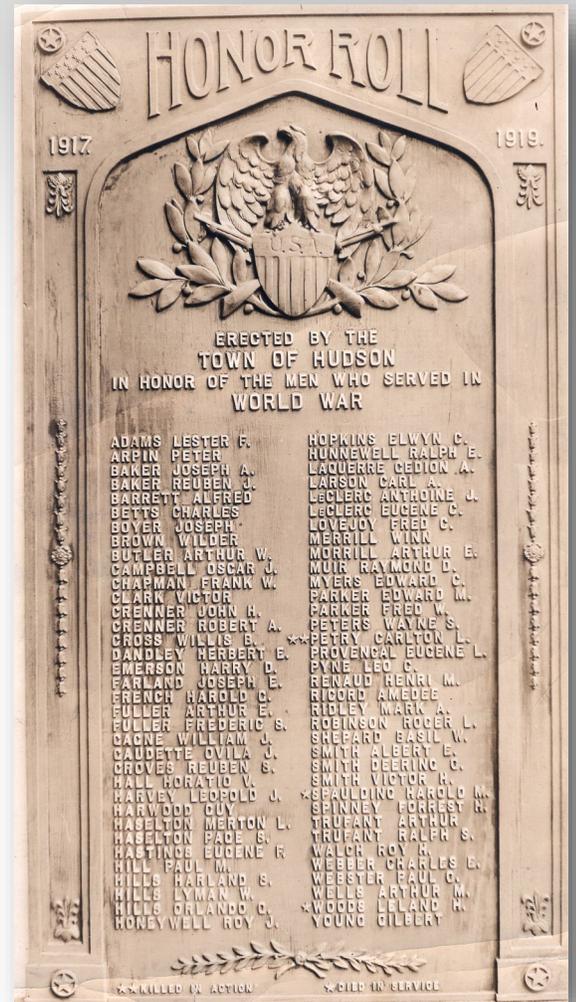
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Between 1917 and 1919 some 71 young men from Hudson were engaged in the Armed Forces. A listing of these servicemen was kept by historian Julia (Webster) Robinson. At the town meeting in March 1920, it was voted to construct a tablet (top photo) to honor these men and by early 1922 this granite boulder with attached bronze tablet was placed on Library Park at a cost of \$977.65 to the town. The Dunklee Construction Co. was paid \$647 to move this huge boulder onto the park and place it on a foundation. The Hillsborough Granite Co. was paid \$30 to cut and shape the boulder for the bronze tablet. The William Highton & Sons Co was paid \$300 for the bronze tablet and setting it into the stone.

Of these 71 service men, 3 lost their lives during the conflict. On June 25, 1922, 3 newly planted trees were formally designated as memorials to these three young men who paid the supreme sacrifice in the World War; a bronze marker was set at the base of each of these trees. These trees were a gift of local members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Chapter. The dedication ceremony was shared between the GAR and the Town of Hudson. The three servicemen memorialized by these trees were Pvt. Leland H. Woods, Pvt. Carlton L. Petry, and Pvt. Harold M. Spalding.



WWI Honor Roll Plaque

This photo of the WW I memorial (page 1) is the earliest I have seen of Library Park; being completely open, uncultivated, and with no landscaping. The pre-civil war cannon (next page) which we see there today was not placed at Library Park until May 1929. Looking beyond the boulder to the left we see the home of Harry Kendrick House (also known as the G. O. Sanders and Lenny Smith House). Noticeable is the spire on the ell of this great Victorian home. To the right of the boulder, we see homes along Derry Road beyond what is now French Insurance Agency.

In sharp contrast to Library Park of 1922, our second photo was taken in 2016 from about the same location (bottom photo). You may ask where are the memorial trees which were planted in 1922 as a memorial to Privates Woods, Petry, and Spalding. We have searched the park, but these trees and their markers could not be located.



WWI Monument c2016

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Hudson’s Field of Honor

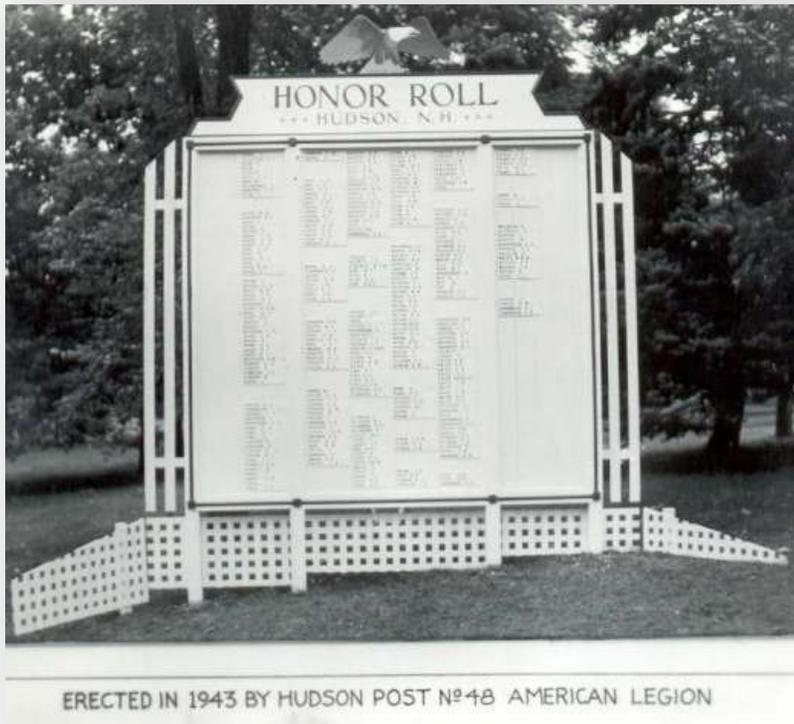
You are encouraged to keep your eyes open for changes to Library Park a couple of weeks prior to Memorial Day when the park becomes the site of “Field of Honor”. This is an effort sponsored by the Hudson American Legion, Post #48, which offers area residents an opportunity to honor military veterans and first responders. A flag with the name of each honoree flies at Hudson’s Field of Honor through Flag Day.

World War II Service

Soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the registration of young men for the draft was begun by the Draft Board of Exeter, NH. Registration of Hudson men began in February 1942 in the lower room of the Hills Memorial Library. Males between 18 and 45 were registered and classified. The total population of our town was then about 3,400.

Members of the American Legion Post No. 48 constructed an honor roll on the east side of Library Park in 1942 (near Library Street). As individual men and women entered the service their name was added to the honor roll. As the number of service men increased the initial honor roll board became filled and was replaced by this larger one.

The Post Commander, Webster W. White, and a committee of three members, Robert Pratt, Chairman, Paul Buxton, and Harold Farnum, with cooperation of the Town Clerk, were responsible for the posting of names. The photo, top right, shows the World War II honor roll with some 368+/- names as listed in the Town Report for the year ending January 31, 1944. After the hostilities ended in 1945 this honor roll remained in place on Library Park. Just how long it remained, I am not sure.



WWII Honor Roll at Liberty Park c1943



Cannon at Library park c1942

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After it was removed there was no War Memorial for veterans of World War II or any subsequent war or conflicts until August 1991 when the American Legion erected the present War Memorial.

The Hudson Veterans War Memorial is in honor all who have honorably served in our armed forces, both living and deceased. This project was started in 1989 and authorized by the veterans' group in early 1990. Past Post Commander "Billy" Mitchel promoted the original concept, which was further refined by other post members. As with most projects of this magnitude, help from many sources were needed. Mr. James Arsenault designed the center of the monument, Hudson Monument Company was contracted for the stones and artwork. Employees of the Hudson Public Works Department volunteered services for the groundwork, concrete was provided by Brox Industries, and Hudson Paving Company formed the foundation. The completed memorial was dedicated Sunday August 18, 1991, as part of Hudson's Old Home Days.



Honoring All Who Served c2016

November 11 is Veterans Day to celebrate all who have served. Originally called Armistice Day in remembrance of the signing of the Armistice, the eleventh month, eleventh day, and eleventh hour, which ended World War I. In 1954 it was changed to Veterans Day. ♦

For more stories about Library Park and other historic markers in Hudson go to [Remember Hudson When ...](#) and select Category "Historic Markers" from the home page. Written by Ruth Parker, Historical Society Volunteer and (Honorary) Town Historian. Photos from the Historical Society Collection. Email: HUDSONHISTORICAL@LIVE.COM.

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 [here](#).

Hudson Sustainability Committee



 Hudson Sustainability
HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM 

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 [here](#).

HAPPENINGS

Around Town

Community FRIGHT RIDE!

Annual Fire Fighters Memorial Service

In partnership with the Professional Firefighters of Hudson Local #3154 and the Hudson Firefighters Relief Association, we held our Annual Firefighters Memorial Service Saturday, October 22nd.

Each year we come together to honor the members of the Hudson Fire Department who are no longer with us. Each of these members are memorialized with a brick in their honor. This year, bricks were added in memory of Captain Richard Marshall and Firefighter Ed Shiebler.

[For more information and pictures, please click here.](#)



We had an awesome time teaming up with CHIPS again this year to jointly bring the Hudson community, the 3rd Annual Community Fright Ride! There is nothing better than teaming up with the community members and groups to help put smiles on so many faces in town.



[Click here to see more pictures!](#)



Meet Our New Fire Truck: **Engine 2**



We are excited to announce that our new Seagrave Marauder II Pumper arrived last month. With its arrival, it has modernized our pump fleet to being less than 6 years old. Also, with this new addition it makes our front-line apparatus, three engines and one ladder truck, all made by the same manufacturer, Seagrave.

This benefits our fire fighters as far as familiarity of the trucks go. After they are trained on one of the trucks, they can basically jump on any of the others and perform their duties without more extensive training. This is a very big plus.

These pumpers are specifically engineered around equipment needs and perform to the high standards required by the fire industry and NFPA. FTS Pumpers feature Seagrave's renowned stainless steel tubular cage cab construction - the best protection in the industry for firefighters. Some features of this apparatus include:

- Marauder 141" Stainless Steel Cab
- Cummins L9 450 HP
- 25" Cab Access compartments
- Whelen LED Warning Light Package
- Waterous CSU 1500 GPM Pump
- Stainless Steel Pump Plumbing
- 750 Gallon L-T tank
- 146" Stainless Steel Body
- Fire Research LED 12V Scene lighting
- 24" Extended Bumper w/Intake and Discharge
- 184.5 Wheelbase
- 1750 GPM pump
- 500 water tank



HOW DOES THE BUDGET PROCESS WORK?

The Town of Hudson operates on a fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of each year. On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, the department heads of Town Hall began presenting their Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) budgets to the Board of Selectmen. These presentations are the beginning of what is commonly known as “budget season.” This first step is just the beginning of our budget adoption process, which will include a line by line review of each department by the Board of Selectmen before handing it over the Budget Committee for their review.

Once the proposed budget for FY24 is presented to the Budget Committee, they will begin the process of creating the final budget, holding a Public Hearing on the budget, and, ultimately, presenting a final budget to the voters at the Deliberative Session.

Beginning [Wednesday, November 2, 2022](#), the Budget Committee will conduct a comprehensive, department-by-department review of the proposed budget throughout the months of November and December. This series of budget presentations delves into details on all areas of the budget and are a great way to see the inner workings of our local government.

Once the Budget Committee completes their review, they will hold a Public Hearing on the budget in January 2023. After that, two public deliberative sessions will be held. One for the Town, [Saturday, February 4, 2023](#), and the other for the school, [Saturday, February 11, 2023](#), where they will publicly review and discuss the respective Town and School budgets. After both deliberative sessions have been completed, the budgets, along with other warrant articles, will be placed on the ballot for the Annual Town Meeting on [Tuesday, March 14, 2023](#).

WHAT IS A DEFAULT BUDGET?

Each year, in the budget article of the warrant, voters are asked if they are in favor of supporting the Town’s recommended budget for the following fiscal year. Should voters deny the recommended budget, then the default budget automatically takes effect. "Default budget" means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. In other words, while the per-unit cost for certain commodities may increase from one year to the next (such as the cost per kilowatt-hour of electricity or the cost per ton of asphalt), the default budget includes the “amount” of the money appropriated for that purpose the previous year, *not the amount that will be required for the same number of units in the coming year.*

This default budget is not an arbitrary figure. It is a legally defined, calculated amount based on the previous year’s budget. It provides all the operating costs of the Town exactly as the previous year adding previously approved obligations and eliminating all one-time expenditures.

IN CONCLUSION ...

We encourage all residents to engage in the budget process, as the investments being made in our community will impact many aspects of daily life in both the short and long term. It is also very important for voters to understand the process of how a budget vs. a default budget works.

Those who may be new to the process or looking to learn more can find all of our budget-related materials and schedules on our [website](#).



TRICK or TREAT

Halloween Spirit



Going way back, Town Clerk, Evelyn Brock as Mrs. Roper.



A donsy of gnomes, from left, Admin. Aides, Doreena Stickney and Brook Dubowik, Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, Town Planner, Brian Groth and Zoning Administrator, Bruce Buttrick.

For Halloween last month, a few Town Hall employees kicked off the holiday in style! Employees from the Land Use department and the Town Clerks office came dressed to impress in their 2022 Halloween costumes. As always, Land knocked it out of the park as gnomes and a Clerk as a TV character from the 70s!

SAVE THE DATE



LIFE
IS
better
WHEN YOU'RE
LAUGHING



COMEDY NIGHT



Saturday, November 12th

**WARNING
ADULTS ONLY**

Tickets go on sale on October 10th and are expected to fill fast!
If you have eight people, you can reserve a table. Contact the Recreation Department for availability, 880-1600.

2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**Saturday, November 5th
8AM - 12PM
Nashua City Park & Ride
25 Crown St., Nashua**

Accepted Household Hazardous Waste includes:

Oil-based Paint	Pesticides	NO LATEX PAINT
Lead Paint	Insecticides	NO ELECTRONICS
Oil-based Stains	Household Cleaners	NO MEDICATION
Polyurethane	Mercury	NO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
Solvents	Fluorescent Bulbs	NO SMOKE DETECTORS
Thinners	Adhesive	NO USED OIL
Antifreeze	Sealers	NO CAR BATTERIES
Gasoline	Pool Products	
Brake fluid	Acids	
Fertilizers	Photo chemicals	

www.nashuarpc.org/hhw



A RECIPE FROM TOWN HALL

Each month we're including a personal recipe provided by a staff member of the Town for you to enjoy!

Turkey (or chicken) Turnovers

- 1 package crescent rolls
- 3oz. cream cheese
- 2 tbs. melted butter
- 2 cups cooked, chopped turkey or chicken
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 tbs. milk
- 1 tbs. fresh chives, or finely chopped onion

Cream together the cream cheese, butter, salt, pepper, milk and chives. Now add the turkey.

Unroll the Crescent Rolls in one piece and separate the 4 rectangles from the dough. You can see the perforations to do this.

Once you have the 4 rectangles, pinch the perforations together so that the filling does not seep out when cooking.

Put 1/4 of the mixture onto the middle of each triangle. Fold the corners together and pinch closed. They may be piled high, so you can just push them down a bit.

Place on a cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm with cranberry sauce.

Chris Lizotte
Town Clerks Office



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	-
Lower Merrimack River Advisory Committee	1	-
Sustainability Committee	2	2
Zoning Board of Adjustment	0	1

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

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- ◆ Septic System Review
- ◆ Vehicle Registration
- ◆ Dog Licenses



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GENERAL ELECTION

November 8, 2022

Don't Forget

To see the 2022 General Election Ballot, please [click here](#).

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



Meeting Calendar November 2022

[Board of Selectmen](#) 1
7:00 pm

[Budget Committee](#) 2
7:00 pm

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

[Budget Committee](#) 7
7:00 pm

GENERAL ELECTION 8
7:00 am - 8:00 pm

[Planning Board](#) 9
7:00 pm

TOWN HALL CLOSED - Veterans Day 11

[Cable Utility Cmte.](#) 14
7:00 pm
[Conservation Comm.](#)
7:00 pm

[Municipal Utility Cte.](#) 15
7:00 pm

[Library Trustees](#) 16
6:00 pm
[Budget Committee](#)
7:00 pm

[Benson Park Cmte.](#) 17
7:00 pm
[Zoning Board](#)
7:00 pm

[Board of Selectmen](#) 22
7:00 pm
[Budget Committee](#)
7:00 pm

[Planning Board](#) 23
7:00 pm

TOWN HALL CLOSED - Thanksgiving 24 & 25

[Sustainability Cmte.](#) 28
7:00 pm

[Budget Committee](#) 29
7:00 pm



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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Voting is one of the most important aspects of our democracy. It is essential to ensure a government follows the will of the people and not the one that forces the people to follow it.

You make a difference!



HUDSON MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission, in assistance to the Hudson Planning Board, has published draft chapters for the current update to the Town's Master Plan.



ISO CLASS UPDATE

ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators, and others by providing information about risk. ISO's expert staff collects information about municipal fire suppression efforts in communities throughout the United States.

Board of Selectmen:

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



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