



# Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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## About this Newsletter

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## A Big Thank you!

As we start the year with Volume 2 of the Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank three people who are no longer on the committee, but were very instrumental in getting this Newsletter started. We'd like to say a big thank you from all of us to Susan Torbitt and Mike and Heather Charkowski for all their help.

## Please Help!!!!

If you've enjoyed our Newsletter this past year and would like to see us continue, please help. Your time or money donation for printing would be greatly appreciated. We also need your news. Please think of us when you have news or an announcement to share. Contact Barbara Helmstetter at [Barbara.S.Helmstetter@Dartmouth.edu](mailto:Barbara.S.Helmstetter@Dartmouth.edu) or [speakupepping@gmail.com](mailto:speakupepping@gmail.com) or by phone at 679-1929

## New Newsletter Website

The Speak Up, Epping! Communications Group is pleased to announce that we have a new website. Come visit us at: <http://sites.google.com/site/speakupepping/> You will find current and past newsletters, late breaking news, business ads and some town links.



## Epping Garden Club

We're helping to beautify Epping. Come join us. New members are welcome. For more information contact Jane at [Whitebarn245@aol.com](mailto:Whitebarn245@aol.com) or 679-2573.

## American Legion Breakfasts

Sunday morning breakfasts will take place once a month (on the second Sunday) from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Epping R.A. Mitchell American Legion Post 51 on January 11 and February 8. The cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children.

## Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club has had a very busy holiday season. Some of it has extended through the weeks because of the weather. However, we did enjoy our annual Christmas party with a special new feature. - Santa Claus. He was fantastic and brought many smiles and laughter to these kids at heart. Our format was different in 2008. Instead of buying gifts for tots, we decided to buy gifts for the residents of Rockingham County Nursing Home. Often times these citizens are forgotten. This was a wonderful opportunity for the members to reach out to other Senior citizens with love and caring.

The Club has also joined the efforts of the Pease Greeters who send packages to service men and women all the time. In addition to collecting items for the Epping Food Pantry, we will be collecting items for the care packages for the military overseas. One special item we are happy to provide is knitted caps for the soldiers in Iraq. They wear them under their helmets. Knitting is a pleasure for most senior citizens and especially knowing these caps are going to such a good cause. We can't wait until they see the crazy colors.

The year 2009 will be full of interesting and

exciting programs. These include visits from an attorney with information on new laws, our local pharmacist with information about new drugs, laws and features that affect all senior citizens. There will also be conservation programs, exchange students and so much more. As usual, our doors are always open to new members aged 55 or over. We continue to enjoy meeting at the Watson Academy every second week in the month. A lot of items are beginning to fill up our storage area getting ready for the April Yard sale. Our continued thanks to the Epping Recreation Department for their endless support.

Residents 55 and older can now find the "Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club" [Brochure](#) at the Town Hall and the Epping Library. We encourage our friends to pick one up and check it out. It will give you a brief idea of our activities and programs. Not everything we do can be listed in the brochure so questions can be directed to the members through the Recreation Department at 679-3301.



## Leddy Center

The Leddy Center is moving to Ladd's Lane! All classes and private lessons will begin the new year on Jan. 5, 2009 at the Leddy Center's new location on Ladd's Lane in Epping.

Leddy Center's first production in its new location will be "Arsenic and Old Lace", opening March 27, and running for two weekends.

Mary Gatchell in Concert will be Friday, May 8, at 7:30pm. Mary and her band from NYC was the opening show at Leddy Center's new theater on November 15. The Leddy Center's Grand Opening featured Mary and her band, preceded with ribbon cutting by Thom Krause, President of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce and a wonderful reception catered and donated by Cafe Nostimo of Portsmouth, NH, owned by Nancy and Dean Zottos of Epping. We hope all of Epping will come and enjoy Leddy Center's new "digs" in this beautiful new theater.

Coming up at the Leddy Center on Ladd's Lane is Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" in July, Mary Gatchell returns in October, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" in October and November and "A Christmas Carol" in December. Join us for a fabulous Season 2009 at the Leddy Center on Ladd's Lane! Visit us on line at the Leddy Center.org!

## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is still looking for new members. Anyone who's interested, please contact them.

## Downtown Revitalization Committee

Anyone in Epping is welcome to join the Committee. For more information, contact Jane at [Whitebarn245@aol.com](mailto:Whitebarn245@aol.com) or 679-2573.



## Scouting Around Epping

Cub Scout Pack 136

The next pack meeting will be on January 21st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Epping Middle School cafeteria.

Our annual Blue and Gold banquet will be held on February 20th at the Epping Elementary School. We will have the Order of the Arrow Native American dance team as well as summer and day camp information.

The March 18<sup>th</sup> pack meeting will be held in the Middle School cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The scales will be available to weigh the Pinewood Derby cars.

March 21st brings our Pinewood Derby to the Elementary School. Each Cub has a race car they have cut and designed with the help of a parent. The wood and wheels are a kit available from the pack committee. Cub Scouts, Webelo's and siblings and guests of a Cub Scout may design a car and race. The cars must weigh no more than 5 oz. and pass the rules inspection.

The pack is registering boys for a trip to the Boston Museum of Science. This trip is an overnight and is April 18th, returning on April 19th. To get more information or to sign up for Cub Scouts call Cliff Cray at 679-5125 or Matt Cray at 679-2677

Boy Scout Troop 136 has several outdoor activities planned. January 17th and 18th they will camp at a site on High Road. They will build shelters to sleep in and work on survival skills.

February 7th is our annual Klondike Derby. The Scouts will compete with Scouts from around Rockingham County at Camp Zion (formally Camp Onway) on Onway Lake in Raymond. They will be tested on many skills. The following weekend will be a cabin camp and fun weekend with the Webelo's from Pack 136. Let's hope for enough snow to go sledding and ice for fishing and skating.

To Join the Troop and get in on the fun call Cliff Cray at 679-5125

Venture Crew 484 and Explorer Post 716 are recruiting new members. Venturing is a high adventure group and the Explorers are looking at what a career in firefighting and emergency medicine is all about. To join either group talk to a member or call Cliff Cray at 679-5125. These groups have nothing to do with a Boy Scout Troop and are run by the youth with adult advisors.

## **Epping Community Church**

### **PHONE-CARE**

The Epping Community Church announces a new service to the community, **PHONE-CARE**. Elders, sick or shut-in individuals who sign up for this program will receive a daily call from a cheerful volunteer Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to see if they are "up and around" or okay.

A contact person given in advance to our **PHONE-CARE** program will be contacted in the event we do not receive an answer to our telephone call so that it may be assured the individual is okay and not in need of assistance.

This service is free of charge to any individual who signs up for this program. For further information please call Pauline at 679-5184 or Kim at 679-2450.

The Epping Community Church Food Pantry is now open two days a week. Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. We have been very fortunate this year to have had a lot of donations from various organizations and people in our community. Thank you so much to the schools, police department, Adam McPhee Foundation, St. Joseph's Parish, Hannaford, Senior Club, Red Knights Motorcycle Club, Fire Department Explorers, Boy Scouts, American Legion Post #51, and so many individuals and families that have donated food or money to help our community members that are struggling during these hard economic times. This past year we have served over 175 people per month which is a tremendous increase over previous years. We really appreciate everyone who has helped us to grow this program for our community.

We also have the Coats of Caring program that is open at the same time as the food pantry. Anyone from infant to adult is welcome to come in and find a nice warm coat at no cost. We also have hats, mittens, scarves and warm fleeces available. Currently we have a limited amount of snow pants,

boots and shoes that are also available.

New this year is our "Soup of the Day Café". This is a free lunch that is offered every Thursday from 11:00 - 12:30 pm at the Epping Community Church. Please come in and share a bowl of soup and visit with some of your friends and neighbors. There are homemade soups that are offered every week. We are located on Pleasant Street across from Epping House of Pizza.

If you have any questions about any of these programs please contact us at 679-5542.

## **Saint Joseph Church**

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, 208 PLEASANT ST (ROUTE 27), EPPING

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Come and give the gift of life.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 25th, 2009. We will have Mass on Ash Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m..

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE OFFICE AT 679-8805

## **Epping Bible Baptist Church**

### Epping Bible Baptist Church Dates

Every Sunday

7:30 - 9:45 a.m. Breakfast Free! Plan to join us.

8:25 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:45 a.m. Second Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Mondays Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

6:30 p.m. Faith Bible Institute at EBBC

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Group at EBBC

Wednesdays Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible Study at

Parsonage

Fridays Jan. 9, 16, 23; Feb. 13, 20

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry at EBBC

Fridays Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

7:00 p.m. AWANA at EBBC

Saturdays Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

10:00 a.m. Faith Bible Institute at EBBC

Saturdays Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

7:00 p.m. Youth Group at EBBC

### Special Upcoming Events

Jan 17, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 Grief Share

support group at The Damascus Road office

## News from the Historical Society

The Epping Historical Society & Museum is open on Mondays from 6-9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY WINTER NOTE:

For public safety concerns, the Epping Historical Society will again be closed during hazardous walking conditions this winter. This is due to the continued parking ban, including parking for the handicapped, in effect in front of the building.

For more information: Joy True at 679-8855 or Madelyn at 679-5482

## Epping School District News



This school year we will have a similar school calendar to last year. There will be no early release days and professional development training days for staff members have been scheduled on days prior to long holiday weekends. Please visit [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) for the 2008-2009 school calendar.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Epping School Board will hold regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. in the Epping Town Hall. The public is invited to attend. Meetings are also televised by ETV.

- January 15, February 5 (deliberative session), and February 19

## Epping Middle School (EMS)

The Spirit of Giving at Epping Middle School

The spirit of giving is very strong at Epping Middle School. The seventh grade Plato Team began the year with a successful UNICEF drive, bringing in over \$200. They continued with the sale of gel bracelets for Friends Helping Friends (FHF). FHF is a non-profit organization in the school which raises funds to be split among families living with long-term illnesses. Now the focus will be helping the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Not only will they be selling angels, but also participating in the Make-A-Wish campaign to raise funds by writing a letter to Santa and mailing them at Macy's department store. Macy's will donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish

Foundation for each stamped letter to Santa when mailed at Macy's.

Students in all grade levels will continue to show their compassion and commitment to helping others by donating new hats, scarves, and mittens to those in need.

The administration, faculty, and staff have served as excellent role models. The EMS Pride! Team raised over \$3,500 in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in October. In addition, the staff raises over \$200 a month through their participation in Denim Days. On the first Friday of every month the EMS staff is allowed the privilege of wearing denim in exchange for \$5. October's money benefitted breast cancer awareness. November's collection helped the local food pantry.

The entire school then participated in a canned food drive and collected nearly 1,300 cans to benefit the pantry.

As you can see the students are learning about citizenship, compassion, and the spirit of giving, in addition to the traditional academic lessons.

### PRIDE ASSEMBLY

Epping Middle School celebrates its students every month at a PRIDE assembly. The administration, faculty, and staff recognize students who epitomize Epping Middle School's Guiding Principles:

- Respect and encourage the right to teach and the right to learn at all times.
- Be actively engaged in learning; ask questions, collaborate, and seek solutions.
- Be on time to fulfill your daily commitments.
- Be appropriate; demonstrate behavior that is considerate of the community, the school, and yourself.
- Be truthful; communicate honestly.
- Be respectful and accountable for your choices.

For December, the following students earned the honors for demonstrating Guiding Principle #1: Jennifer Jarosz from the Hypatia Team; Jamie Craig from the Thales Team; Chelsey Gosselin from the Plato Team; Morgan King from the Newton Team, and Rachel Stone from the Unified Arts Team. Guiding Principle #2: Tina Le from the Hypatia Team; Spencer Holt from the Thales Team; Chandler Brissette from the Plato Team; Sawyer Begin from the Newton Team, and Chris Comeau from the Unified Arts Team.

Students were treated with a wonderful performance by the chorus, directed by Mr. Freed. The students donned Santa and elf hats while they sang and entertained the audience with holiday songs. The EMS band, under the direction of Mr.

Breault, then took the stage and treated the crowd to Christmas carols. The audience appreciated the holiday fun and the talent of the two groups.

## **Epping High School (EHS)**

### **Save the Dates**

- Dec. 24 - Jan. 4 - No School Holiday  
Recess Advanced Placement Exams begin on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Jan. 14 - Winter Concert
- Jan. 16 - No School Teacher In-Service Day
- Jan. 19 - No School Civil Rights Day
- Feb. 2 - End of Quarter 2
- Feb. 3, 4, 5, & 6 - Semester One Exams

### **News from the Freshman Team:**

We are happy to see many freshmen taking advantage of the after school tutoring program. This is available to all, Monday and Thursday 2:45p.m. to 3:45p.m.

In honors, history is moving to terrorist investigations, biology is making safety videos and English is finishing the Antigone project and will be beginning the Canterbury Tales.

The history classes will be studying South Asia next. English is starting a transition unit ending the ancient world and moving towards the Renaissance. Math is currently graphing linear equations in several different forms. Biology is finishing the cell division unit and starting a unit on genetics.

Seminar is working with sustained silent reading, study skills and the current events project. The guidance component is discussing job search skills.

The freshman class recently met with the administration and teachers to find ways to advance our culture towards regard and respect.

All freshman teachers post information on Schoolnotes.com. Usually due dates are for the posted day or the first class after.

The freshman team wishes you a happy and safe holiday!

### **Sophomore News:**

The sophomore class has collected over 150 non-perishable items for the Holiday Food Drive. Way to Go!!

Honors option for Civics, Issues in Nonfiction, Geometry, Algebra II and Physical Science are under way, many students have chosen to challenge themselves.

In Seminar students have been learning about the layout of the Media Center in order to better find

research and reading materials. They will become better researchers with on-line resources in the coming weeks.

Along with Media Literacy 10th graders have also been working with Mr. Cotreau from guidance, on recognizing certain social behaviors and how to deal with them, such as bullying and speaking up for oneself. Discussions related to what's next after completing high school have also begun. Our hope is to have students connect that decisions they make now, both positive and negative, may affect their future.

The 10th Grade Team of teachers wishes all of you an enjoyable holiday season!

### **News from the Darryl J. Rice Memorial Media Center:**

Last month, we completed a trial of a subscription database Opposing Viewpoints. Due to the favorable feedback, Epping High School has subscribed to this database through the school year. While a password is required, students and family may access this and other databases from the EHS homepage, [www.sau14.org/EHS](http://www.sau14.org/EHS) under the "HS Links" section. Students may pick up a database password sheet from the media center.

The word database may not be familiar to you and yet you probably use them every day. A database is a large collection of information, which is organized so that a computer program can quickly search and select the desired data. Reference databases like Student Research Center hosted by EBSCO, Biography Resource Center, Opposing Viewpoints, or Britannica Online allow you to search thousands of books, magazines, and newspapers for a fraction of the cost to buy them in print form. Students need to gain experience using these databases to become better researchers.

### **Athletics**

#### **Winter Season Update**

Epping High School Athletics winter season is in full swing. Epping High School is proud to support six winter teams. These teams consist of Varsity and Junior Varsity Spirit, Girls Junior Varsity, and Varsity Basketball, and Boys Junior Varsity, and Varsity Basketball.

#### **Girls Basketball**

The winter season officially began in mid-November, and will run to mid-March. The girls' varsity basketball team opened the season with a 51-40 triumph over Sanborn on December 9. The JV girls lost at Sanborn in a close contest. The girl's season has since seen two cancellations due to inclement weather. The Raymond game has been re-scheduled to December 22, @ Epping, and

the Prospect Mountain cancellation has been re-scheduled to January 7, @ Epping. The girls will travel to Coe-Brown for a holiday tournament with their first game scheduled for December 27, @ 3:30 vs. St. Thomas. The remaining games will be held on December 28, and 29 and times will be determined by win, or loss of previous games.

### **Spirit**

The winter season for Spirit also began in mid-November. The girls will cheer at all home games as a squad cheering for both JV and Varsity teams. The Spirit squad is holding a Spirit Night on January 30, from 7-9 p.m. This night will consist of the cheerleaders performing a variety of cheers, chants, and routines while raffling off donated prizes from local businesses. The girls culminating activity happens in mid-march with Spirit State tournament.

### **Boys Basketball**

The winter season for boys' basketball began on December 1. The boys have completed the tryout phase of their season, and are beginning to prepare for the Farmington Christmas Tournament. The boys are scheduled to play on Friday, December 26 at 1:00, vs. Portsmouth Christian Academy, and then again on Sunday December 28 at 6:00 vs. a to be determined opponent. The tournament continues on Monday, and the boys will play at either 3:00, or 6:00 dependent on a Sunday win, or loss. If they are fortunate enough to win all their games they will play in the championship round on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The regular season finally kicks off on January 3 with a tilt against Interlakes with a 5:30 JV start, and a 7:00 Varsity start.

Please use the [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) web link for updated schedules throughout the winter. Do this by choosing Epping High School, and then under announcements look for Updated High School Basketball schedules.



### **Project Graduation**

Project Graduation 2009 is sponsoring a Community Dance to benefit Drug Free Project Graduation at the American Legion Hall in Epping on Saturday January 17, 2009 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Open to the public with a cash bar, 50/50 raffle and more. Bring your own snacks! There is a \$5.00 entrance fee.



## **Harvey Mitchell Memorial**

### **Library**

151 Main Street, Epping – (603) 679-5944

#### **November Schedule:**

The staff of the library would like to wish everyone in town a happy new year. If you haven't made use of the library lately, stop by to see what's here. We have new best selling fiction coming in each month, as well as new DVDs and audio books. If you don't see it here, we can get it for you! All you need is a valid Epping street address to get a free library card. There are 4 patron computers with internet for public use, plus wireless internet available to those with their own laptops. We have copying and faxing services and a variety of programs for both children and adults. While the Board of Trustees continues the search for a permanent Library Director, we invite you to introduce yourself to Laurie Dudley, our Interim Director, who is behind the main desk most weekdays.

The library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 2 p.m.

Library Trustees meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 7:15 p.m.– Jan 19<sup>th</sup> and Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Coming up in January and February:**

For Adults:

##### **Eclectic Book Group:**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. – Jesus Land by Julia Scheeres

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. – come in Jan. to find out February's book!

##### **Mystery Book Group:**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month:

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 p.m. – Mark of the lion by Suzanne Arruda

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. – come in Jan to find out February's book!

**Crafter's Night:** We will be meeting in January – date & project undetermined.

##### **Dessert and a Movie:**

A free night out for adults – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month @ 7:45 p.m.

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mama Mia!

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – undetermined – we are open to suggestions!

For Children:

**Preschool Storyhour:** Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Story Explorers Winter Session:** Meets Tuesdays after school 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jan 20 – Mar 17<sup>th</sup>.

This program is for children in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

We will be working on a storybook play to present at Pajama Night in March. Pre-registration required, parents must remain in the building during class.

### **Pajama Night:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month at 6:30 p.m.. Wear your PJs to this fun family event for kids ages 2-8:

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Gingerbread Friends

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Beach Party – Summer Reading Awards

### **Toy Play Day:**

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – Board Games – bring your favorite game to play with and share.

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Teddy Bears' Picnic

**School Vacation Week Movie Series:** Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> –

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> each day at 1:00p.m. Movies recently released on DVD shown on the big screen with stereo surround.

### **Friends of the Library...**

Wish to thank everyone who donated to and bid in our Silent Auction in December. Money raised will be used to provide the library with "little extras" in the way of furniture, programs and supplies.

The Friends hosts an ongoing Food Pantry Donation Box in support of Epping's Food Pantry. Non-perishable items are always welcome to help neighbors who may be struggling this season.

F.O.L. meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month – Jan 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm and Feb 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.

## **Epping Recreation Department News**

### **Fall and Winter Programs**

679-3301 / [rec@townofepping.com](mailto:rec@townofepping.com)

#### Adult Yoga

Mondays and Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.

Upstairs at the Town Hall

\$35 for six-week program, ongoing

Walk-ins Welcome \$8

#### MUSIC LESSONS!

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Mornings, afternoons, or evenings

Joseph K. Murphy – 603-608-8672

#### Taekwondo Classes

ATA of Derry, NH

Epping Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Open enrollment

Middle School Students can join up with the Rec. program until the class starts.

Mondays and Fridays 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The cost for the program will be \$65 per month, uniform will be included.

#### Adult Self-Defense/Cardio Kickboxing Class

Epping Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Open enrollment

Fridays 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

\$30 per month

If you are interested in either program, please call Ms. Snyder - [434-9444](tel:434-9444), at the Derry ATA location.

#### Red Cross Classes

At Watson Academy in Epping

Saturdays and Evenings

First Aid, CPR, and Wellness Programs

Please call 603-766-5440, or go online to:

[www.greatbayredcross.org](http://www.greatbayredcross.org), to find exact classes and dates.

February Vacation Fun! Join the Recreation Department for fun trips, exciting projects and rewarding activities. \$30 per day. Trips will be planned for Tuesday and Thursday of that week.

Please keep an eye out for the upcoming Recreation Website.... Coming soon!

Contact the Recreation Office with questions about any of these programs at 679-3301 or [rec@townofepping.com](mailto:rec@townofepping.com)

## **DONATE YOUR OLD CELL PHONE AND HELP OUR TROOPS CALL HOME**

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Please make a donation of your old cell phone and provide these soldiers with a much needed connection to their loved ones.

There is a drop off box at the Epping Town Hall for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce at 679-5441 ext 101.

## **Now Accepting Business Ads!**

Would your business like to advertise in this newsletter? Business card-sized ads cost just \$25.00 per newsletter issue for in-town businesses and \$35.00 per issue for out-of-town businesses. If you prepay for one year in advance you pay only \$125, which means you get your ad in at least one

issue for free. We expect to send out 5-6 issues per year. We currently email this newsletter to approximately 200 homes and we distribute over 250 paper copies around town. For more information or to place an ad in the next issue, send an email to [speakupepping@gmail.com](mailto:speakupepping@gmail.com).

The money collected from these ads will pay for the cost to print, copy and **eventually mail the newsletter to every Epping home**. What better way to find out what is really happening in Epping!

## Newsletter Schedule

Have we missed your group or event? Please let us know. Our purpose is to include as many Epping groups and events as possible.

The next issue (March-April) of this newsletter will be sent out by **March 1, 2009**. We will accept **submissions through February 20, 2009** to be included in the next issue. Please send your content, including contact information, for consideration to: [speakupepping@gmail.com](mailto:speakupepping@gmail.com)

Thanks for reading! - The Communications Group





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## Epping Calendar of Events for January 2009

Date	Event
December 24 – January 4	No school. Holiday recess.
January 3	EHS Boys' Basketball games with Interlakes JV at 5:30 p.m. Varsity at 7:00 p.m.
January 5	All classes and lessons start at the Leddy Center now on Ladd's Lane
January 7	Girls Varsity Basketball game at home with Prospect Mountain
January 9	EBBC Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
January 9	Pajama Night at the Library 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for kids 2 to 8 "Gingerbread Friends"
January 11	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast 9:00-11:30 a.m.
January 12	Friends of the Library Meeting 7 p.m.
January 13	Eclectic Book Group at the Library 7 p.m. "Jesus Land" by Julia Scheeres
January 14	EHS Winter Concert
January 15	Epping School Board meeting 7:00 p.m. in Epping Town Hall
January 16	No school. Teacher In-Service Day
January 16	EBBC Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
January 17	EBBC Family Movie Night 6:30 p.m.
January 17	Project Graduation Community Dance at the American Legion Hall 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Open to the public with cash bar. \$5.00 entrance fee. Bring your own snacks
January 17 - 18	Boys Scout Troop 136 camp on High Road
January 19	No school. Civil Rights Day
January 21	Cub Scout Pack 136 pack meeting 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Epping Middle School Cafeteria
January 21	Library Board of Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.
January 21	Mystery Book Group at the Library 7 p.m. "Mark of the Lion" by Suzanne Arruda
January 22	Dessert and a Movie 7:45 p.m. Mama Mia!
January 23	EBBC Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
January 24	Toy Play Day at the Library 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Board Games
January 30	Spirit Night 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

## Epping Calendar of Events for February 2009

Date	Event
February 2	End of Quarter 2 at EHS
February 3	Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at St. Joseph Church 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.
February 3 - 6	EHS Semester One exams
February 5	Epping School Board meeting 7:00 p.m. in Epping Town Hall Deliberative Session
February 7	Boy Scout Troop 136 Klondike Derby on Onway Lake in Raymond
February 8	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast 9:00-11:30 a.m.
February 9	Friends of the Library Meeting 7 p.m.
February 9	Holiday Concert for Grades 2, 3 & 5 and Advanced Band at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Gym
February 10	Eclectic Book Group at the Library 7 p.m.
February 10	Holiday Concert for Grades 1 & 4 and Beginning Band at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Gym
February 13	Pajama Night at the Library 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for kids 2 to 8 Beach Party Summer Reading Awards
February 13	EBBC Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
February 14 - 15	Boy Scout Troop 136 and Webelos from Pack 136 cabin camp and fun weekend
February 18	Library Board of Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.
February 18	Mystery Book Group at the Library 7 p.m.
February 19	Epping School Board meeting 7:00 p.m. in Epping Town Hall
<b>February 20</b>	<b>Deadline date to submit material for the March-April issue of the Newsletter</b>
February 20	Cub Scout Pack 136 Blue and Gold banquet at Epping Elementary School
February 20	EBBC Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
February 21	EBBC Family Movie Night 6:30 p.m.
February 23 -27	School Vacation Week Movie Series at the Library 1:00 p.m.
February 25	Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joseph Church 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
February 26	Dessert and a Movie 7:45 p.m.
February 28	Toy Play Day at the Library 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teddy Bears' Picnic

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an email at [speakupepping@gmail.com](mailto:speakupepping@gmail.com) by **February 20, 2009**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.