



# Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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## About this Newsletter

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## Check Out Our Newsletter Website

Be sure and check out our Speak Up, Epping! website: [www.speakupepping.org](http://www.speakupepping.org). Each new issue of the Newsletter will be available by downloading it from the website and you can access news from the issue separately by topic. You will also find late breaking news, past Newsletters, town links and calendars.

Also, check us out on our new **Facebook** page! Join us for more late-breaking news and events that did not make our Newsletter deadline. You can connect with us and with other local friends, services, businesses and organizations.

Let us know if you have a community event or pictures that you would like to share.

## Epping Farmers Market

The Epping Farmers Market is again located next to Walgreens on Main Street in Epping. The Market will be held every Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm until September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Several of our local farmers are bringing all kinds of produce there: corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, zucchini, peppers, Swiss chard and other vegetables, fruits and berries, bread and pastries and all types of meat and sausage. There will be honey, maple syrup, gourmet popcorn, waffles on a stick, jams, jellies, sauces and cheese.



## Highnote Festival

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Highnote Festival, a non-profit benefit for the Adam McPhee Memorial Foundation, will be held on **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00 pm until dark at 173 Prescott Road in Epping. Music and events will be held rain or shine. Enjoy fireworks, Skydive New England (demo jump) and tethered hot air balloon rides, weather permitting. The cost is \$15.00 for adults. Kids and high school students are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the gate.

Activities include arts and crafts for all ages, hay rides, a rock climbing wall, snowmobile water cross, Scottish games, local artisan exhibit booths, a horseshoe tournament and more. Entertainment will be provided by Tmud and the Spuds, BBGUN, Wayne from Maine and the Shoestring Theater Giant Puppetry for kids of all ages.

C-R Helicopters of Nashua will be giving rides from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The approximately ten minute ride costs \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under age 12.

Food will be available from Zampa Bistro and Billy Goat Grubb. For more information, please contact us at [www.highnotefest.com](http://www.highnotefest.com)

## American Legion Car Show & Dance

On **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** there will be a Car Show and Dance at the American Legion Post 51, Route 125 in Epping, NH, to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Come and Show your Car, 1975 or earlier from 4 to 7 pm. There will be First Place and People's Choice Awards given. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available, also 50/50 and raffles. There is no entry fee. Donations will be accepted.

There will be a Dance at 8:00 pm with The Backburners. There is a \$10 admission.

Sponsored by the S.A.L. of Epping. All the proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

**Please note:** Sunday breakfasts at the American Legion are on hold until further notice.

## Barn Dance at Epping Town Hall

As in days gone by, the Kendall Chase Auditorium will again ring with the sounds of music and dancing feet on **Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Plan now to join your neighbors and friends for an old-fashioned Barn Dance featuring Two Fiddles along with various Epping guest musicians. Purchase tickets for this event in advance for \$8.00 or \$10.00 at the door. Advance tickets are available from any Historical Society member, at the Selectmen's Office, or at several local businesses. You don't have to dance to make a donation to help make the Historical Society building accessible to all.

In addition to lively music and spirited contras, squares, polkas, and waltzes, the event will feature refreshments and "buying" opportunities. Alcohol is not permitted. Children are welcomed for *free*, but must be supervised by a paying adult.

Since 1986, Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman have been playing for dances as Two Fiddles. Prior to that, Dudley, who has been playing and calling dances for over fifty years, has been the leader of the Canterbury Country Dance Orchestra, the first dance band to make an LP recording of the New England jigs and reels most often used for dancing. As dance fiddlers, the Laufmans have an earthy sound that combines with the beating of their feet as they call out the figures for old time New Hampshire barn and square dances. They are self-taught and play by ear, having learned by the oral tradition.

All proceeds from this Barn Dance will go toward making the Epping Historical Society accessible to all. The Society plans to construct a handicapped-accessible entrance facing Plumer Park, replacing the current Water Street doorway.

The Society thanks the following Epping businesses for their sponsorship and underwriting of this community event: Brewitt Funeral Home and DG Cycle Sports. Special thanks as well for support of the entrance project to: Charles Goodspeed, W. S. Goodrich and The Adam McPhee Foundation

For further information, call the Epping Historical Society at 679-2944.

## Help Support Our Troops All Year

Troop flights returning from or going to the Middle East are met at Pease Air Terminal in Portsmouth, NH by the Pease Greeters, a group of volunteers. The group has over 100 members and they have not missed greeting a flight since 2005. In addition to greeting flights, they also coordinate sending care packages to troops overseas. Packages are sent monthly and items are collected throughout the year.

You can drop anything from the following list to Joyce at the Town Hall or contact JoAnne Schottler at 772-8620 or [jscatlady@aol.com](mailto:jscatlady@aol.com)

### Pease Greeters Care Package Wish List

#### Toiletry items-8 oz. or travel size, no aerosol cans

Chapsticks	Eye Drops	Flip Flops
Hand lotion	Shampoo	White socks mid-calf
Deodorant	Inner soles	Shave gel in tubes
Tylenol	Foot powder	Sanitary items
Aspirin	Conditioner	Mouthwash
Dental Floss	Handi-Wipes	Handwarmers, etc.

#### Food items-individually packed to share

Cookies	Coffee -1 lb.	Dried Fruit
Nuts	Gum	Tootsie Pops, Rolls
Trail mix	Beef Jerky	Granola Bars
Pop-tarts	Hard Candy	Freeze Pops
Microwave popcorn		Slim Jims
Crystal Light, etc.	- on-the-go drink mixes	

#### Fun stuff for the Troops

Frisbees	Yo-Yos
Dice	Playing cards
Baseballs	Small Nerf Balls
Rubik Cubes	Small card games

#### Items that cannot be sent

Any food containing pork  
Adult books or magazines

### **Other ways to support our Troops**

#### **Donate your old cell phone.**

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 or want more information about how you can help the troops, contact Joyce in the Town Clerk's Office at the Epping Town Hall or call 679-5441, ext. 101.

**Our cellphone collecting makes Dear Abby** in a column entitled "Old cellphones take on new life for soldiers calling home." There was a letter from "A Thankful Mom" whose son is an Army Ranger. She

said the program was started by two high school students in Massachusetts in 2004, and has meant so much to so many service members and their families. It helped her son to keep in touch with her from places all over the world. Abby said how very worthwhile the project is and told readers how to support the program. We are one of more than 15,000 collection sites all over the U.S. Nearly 12,000 calling cards are mailed each week and since 2004, more than 150 million minutes of talk time have been provided to our service members.

### **Coupons for Military Service Families**

Manufacturer's coupons are much appreciated by service members and their families, as well as by civilian employees and their families at American military bases around the world. One way to get coupons to the troops is through Troopons, a project operated by SupportOurTroops.org (SOT). SOT does not ship coupons to individual families. Rather, bulk shipments of coupons are sent to base stores (commissary and PX) where families can choose which coupons work out for them.

Coupons can be from newspapers, supermarket dispensers, tear-off pads or mailings like Valu-Pak. However, coupons printed from Internet sites are unsuitable for this project, as are coupons from stores like Target or Shaws, from restaurants, food stamps or assistance vouchers.

Coupons can be current or outdated but not by more than 60 days. They can be for food items (anything suitable for human consumption, including chewing gum and mints), non-food items (pet food, vitamins, housewares, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaning products), or baby products (diapers, wipes). Food coupons are requested most often, followed closely by baby products, then non-food items.

To prepare coupons for the SOT Troopons program, clip each coupon individually. Do not send entire inserts. Separate coupons by category into sandwich-size or quart-size zip-top bags; don't use rubber bands or paper clips for sorting because they can break or fall off. Seal each bag, marking it with the type of coupons enclosed and an approximate total of the face values included. For "buy-one, get one free" coupons, use the highest store price (or your best guess) for its value.

Sort and bag current coupons and expired coupons separately.

Send current coupons to CouponCabin.com, ATTN: Active Troopons, P.O. Box 231, Whiting, IN 46394-0231.

Send expired coupons to CouponCabin.com, ATTN: Expired Troopons, P.O.Box 430, Whiting, IN 46394-0430.



## **Epping Lions Club**

**"We Serve"**

Our next event will be the Highnote Festival on September 8<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will be having a dunk tank, with several local celebrities! Come and try your hand at dunking your selectman, school principal and more. Check our web site – <http://epping.nhlions.org> - for the schedule. We look forward to seeing you!

The Lions also continue to support the eyeglass boxes, located at several locations around town, including the Epping Walmart, Checkers Barber Shop and J&C Optical. Drop off your old eyeglasses to help others who need them.

Meeting times are posted on our website and are generally the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Currently we meet at Checkers Barber Shop downtown. We are always looking for new members interested in fellowship and serving their community. Lions International is an international organization, primarily focused on serving the visually impaired through fundraising.

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### **Senior Moments**

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club checked out the new Merrimack Mall. The first best part was that it was not crowded at all. The second best part was seeing all the "SALE" signs in all the store windows, including Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's, Chico's, Calvin Klein and other stores. We came home with some great bargains. Being as brave as we are, we've decided to return during the holiday season to enjoy the Christmas atmosphere and watch the crowds. That's something senior citizens do a lot.

I'd like to mention one of our favorite friends. That's Meals-On-Wheels who do so much for our community. More volunteers are needed to help prepare the meals. It's so simple to put food in a container and it usually takes less than an hour

each week. If you don't enjoy filling meal containers, there are always pans to wash. Some of us are good at that. They are located in the Brentwood Baptist Church at the corner of Route 125 and North Road in Brentwood. Pretty good meals are served there as well. The suggested donation is only \$2.00. A 48-hour notice is required for attending the lunch and the number to call is 679-4696. The monthly special in August was Lobster! Seniors 55 and over should check it out.

The Rockingham County Nutrition Program Day-Of-Caring is set for **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. This date will have a special meaning when we volunteer along with several other organizations to assist them with their annual Fund Drive. After envelopes are stuffed and labels attached, we sometimes create favors and novelties for various events. It's a long day but very rewarding.

The Epping Recreation Summer Program is in full swing at the Watson Academy in August so we disappear and accept the invitation of the Epping Fire Department to use their meeting room. Fire Chief Don DeAngelis explained the numerous programs and procedures they must create and follow. It was overwhelming. We certainly have a new appreciation of the Fire Department, not only for their quick responses when needed, but for their readiness for any emergency. Epping citizens are very fortunate to be so well protected.

A few trips on our calendar include Fort McClary in Kittery, ME, a scrumptious lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Londonderry on **September 12<sup>th</sup>** and a trip to Putney, Vermont on **October 17<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a full day enjoying the foliage, lunch at the beautiful Putney Inn and ringside seats at the Friesians of Majesty Horse Show.

Only sixteen more weeks! We're already thinking - Christmas - are you? Our annual holiday dinner at Camelot is always special but we also like to do something more as our Christmas project. A few considerations right now are the Orphanage in Rochester and the Crossroads in Portsmouth. If anyone has suggestions, we'd like to hear from you.

Someone asked how we got our long name. Well, originally we were "Epping Senior Citizens Club". Simple enough. However, about ten years ago, the Federal Government asked (no, told) us to change our name because they were ready to build the senior housing on Pleasant Street which would be referred to as "Epping Senior Citizens". There couldn't be two - right? We lost and that's why we are who we are.

I've got to share this with you. My friend told me

how to have light in my home when there is no power (remember those days?). She has several solar lights outside around her home. When the inside lights go out, she brings in the solar lights and puts them in glass bottles or clear containers and has light all night. Then she puts them outside during the day and repeats if necessary. She says they work great. Now, why didn't I think of that?

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Michael Morton who joined us this month. Remember, seniors 55 and over are always welcome.

*Submitted by Irene R. Cote*



## TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST SOME OLDE TIMEY EPPING CHARACTERS

Every town had them. Here are a few of ours:

**John Albert Allen**, one of our Civil War soldiers, had a beard so long that he could easily sit on it and sometimes had to tuck it into his vest just to get it out of the way. He finally got tired of all this kind of sitting and tucking, so one day he cut it all off, tied it to a tree and left the mess hanging there, probably much to the delight of birds building their nests.

When **John Gordon** died in 1849, he left one of the largest farms in Epping to his beloved 80 year-old wife Sophia, who decided that taxes would never be paid on the property again. Never! Our exasperated Selectmen finally gave up after years of trying to reason with her. She was arrested and ordered by the Court to pay up like everybody else. However, all the Town gained from this venture were the legal bills on top of everything else she owed. Sophia Gordon died in 1856 at 87 years of age and apparently still hadn't paid a penny on her taxes. The Epping Town Report of that year pinpoints her as "the principal cause of Epping's debt" and grimly states that "the old lady fortified herself in her castle and bid defiance."

**Daniel Barber** lived on the family farm that 150 years ago became the Hedding Campground. For the last fifty years of his life, rain or shine, he was out there mowing an acre and a half piece of land on his birthday, every July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Barber died in 1876 when he was about 85 years old. The year before he died, he started husking corn and in 33 days had husked a total of 330 bushels!

And no one can ever doubt that **James Locke**,



another of our Civil War soldiers, aimed to please his wife Mary, who was an invalid lady and addicted to attending funerals. Mr. Locke may not have owned any working vehicle but a wheelbarrow, because after loading his wife into one, he would wheel her to and from the latest funeral and probably anywhere else about town she wished to go

Last but not least, there was **Herman Shepard**, a man with one glass eye due to a terrible accident in his barn. He could always make an impression when he removed it, cleaned and polished it up nicely with his handkerchief, and popped it back in. After his long-suffering wife died, he fully expected his daughter Rachel to devote her life to taking care of him. To make sure she stayed put whenever she talked about leaving or when he wasn't around to keep his good eye on her, he would just tie her up. Mr. Shepard just had to learn to fend for himself after Rachel finally broke loose one day and ran off to a life of her own, for which he never forgave her. In time she married, became a mother and a very fine poet and scholar to the end of her days. Her twin daughters were here recently from the West Coast and shared these stories.

**This is the thirteenth in a series of articles**  
**Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson**

## Epping Historical Society

With summer winding down, the Epping Historical Society has been gearing up for a busy fall season. A community Barn Dance tops the list of autumn activities (see story elsewhere in this issue). A vintage clothing display and an October evening program also highlight the calendar.

Some Society volunteers have already begun gathering items of vintage clothing for an exhibit that will run from **October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>**. You can view this exhibit during our normal operating hours on Mondays from 9:00-12:00 or at other times when the building is open. You can make an appointment to view the Society's collections at other times.

Plans are underway for an evening program, tentatively set for **Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm. Watch for posters around town as well as the Society newsletter for program details.

Work on the Folsom Dam/Mill sign project is nearly complete. The Epping Historical Society will approach the Selectmen in September to propose a trail at Mary Blair Park along which to erect the signs.

Thank you for your continued support of the Society. Call us at anytime with any questions at 679-2944.

## Library Expansion Plans Heating Up

Excitement continues to build among Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library patrons, staff, and library trustees as the plan to create a new, expanded Library for Epping residents crystallizes. A flurry of Building Committee and design architect activity has led to floor plans, exterior renderings, and a real sense of excitement about the future of the Library.

In March of 2012, Epping voters approved a warrant article to hire an architectural firm to create a plan for a new Library. In May, the Trustees chose LaVallee-Brensinger Architects from among 14 candidate firms. Architect Ron Lamarre began design work at the beginning of June and worked with Library staff, Trustees, and citizen volunteers on a Library Building Committee to define what spaces and activity areas an expanded library would need.

One early critical decision involved how to expand the existing building, which was constructed in 1964. After careful consideration of all the options, the decision makers determined that the most cost-effective solution to expanding the Library was to replace, rather than retrofit, the existing building. This decision was driven by the major alterations that the existing building would need and the need to keep the Library operating during construction.

The resulting plan calls for a new building in the space next to the existing building. The old building will be removed and a public park will be built in that space. This plan also requires the removal of the former fire station, which the Selectmen have determined that the Town no longer needs after building a new Highway Department structure last year.

The exterior design of the new building captures the flavor of the town's historic Town Hall while featuring 21st century advancements in design. The building design will take advantage of the latest technologies to harvest daylight and reduce energy use.

You can view the latest plans for the new Library by visiting the Library or the lobby of the Town Hall. ETV televises Building Committee meetings, and the public can attend any such meeting to ask questions. Feel free to contact any Library Trustee to discuss this exciting project.

The Library will host a daytime event to discuss the library expansion on **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00-2:00 pm. For more information, call the Library at 679-5944

*Submitted by Michael Vose*

## **The Civil War Roundtable of NH .**

### **Fall schedule 2012**

On **September 14<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday)**, Craig Caba will present "Gettysburg and the Anti-Slavery Movement."

On **October 19<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**, Dan Murray and Jim Sutherland will present "Masons of the Civil War."

On **November 9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday)**, Lorraine O'Connor (CWRTNH) will present " Harriet Dane, Civil War Nurse."

To all those interested, we of the CWRTNH would enjoy your presence and also your membership in our group. Bring your self, family and friends. We welcome all new enlistees (er members).

As a new recruit (er member) you would be part of a 20+ year-old Roundtable. We have hosted many well-known names who have written and spoken of the Civil War, not to mention some of our own illustrious members who have shared their knowledge.

So if you're free on a Friday night, come down and take your oath (er I mean join as a member) and learn about the Civil War and in particular the role of Epping and other towns in New Hampshire who took part in this conflict.

Check our website: <http://www.cwrt-nh.org> to check our schedule and find out more about the CWRT-NH.

Thank you for your interest in advance.

*Submitted by Dan Bennis*



## **Epping Garden Club**

### **New Members Wanted!**

The Epping Garden Club was founded in 1932, 80 years ago, and we were one of the first garden clubs in the state of New Hampshire. Those of us left in the Club want to continue its traditions and as we look around Epping, we want to do whatever we can to beautify Epping. We need help and some new members to accomplish all we'd like to do. Areas that we'd like to improve include the front of the Town Hall, around the Library, the DAR Park, the Safety Complex, some of the triangles at intersections around town and downtown itself. There are lots of ideas, but we need more people

who'll join us in making Epping more beautiful. Donations of plants would also be appreciated. All who are interested, please contact Eunice Miller by calling her at: 300-0064 or contacting her at [eppinggardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:eppinggardenclub@gmail.com).

## **Garden Workshops given by UNH**

### **Cooperative Extension**

No more cabbages, no more cukes, no more bounty for the cooks! Summer is coming to an end, and winter will be here sooner than we wish. Learn how to stretch your growing season into late fall, and even winter, at a hands-on workshop led by UNH Cooperative Extension's Ron Christie on **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

The workshop is \$15 per person or family, payable at the door and will be held at the Rockingham County Nursing Home, 117 North Road in Brentwood. To register, please call Ron Christie, Rockingham County UNH Cooperative Extension office, at (603) 679-5616 or contact him at [ron.christie@unh.edu](mailto:ron.christie@unh.edu). Because of limited space, registration is required.

The final workshop of this series is **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**: Closing Your Garden, Assessing Your Success, and Planning for Next Year. Learn the steps for putting your garden to bed for the winter, assessing this year's success and planning for next year's garden.

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. For more information on programs in Rockingham County or the Master Gardener program, please call 679-5616 or visit [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu)



## **Ledy Center**

The Ledy Center's season continues with Mary Gatchell and her amazing band from New York City returning on **October 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm, for "Mary Gatchell in Concert." "The Wizard of Oz," L. Frank Baum's masterpiece for the whole family, will follow from **October 26<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>**. The 2012 season will conclude with the Charles Dickens family Christmas classic "A Christmas Carol," on stage from **November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Individual tickets are \$18 and \$16, depending on seating, and subscription series are available. The Leddy Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Visit or call the Leddy Center at 603 679-2781 for ticket information or order tickets online at [www.leddycenter.org](http://www.leddycenter.org).



## ETV Schedule

Channel 22 – ETV – Schedule – live programs  
Monday – Sept. 17; Oct. 1, 15 & 29 – Selectmen – 7 pm

Tuesday – Sept. 4 – Selectmen – 7 pm

Tuesday – Oct. 2 - Water and Sewer – 7 pm

Tuesday – Sept. 25; Oct. 30 – Fire Wards – 7 pm

Tuesday – Sept. 18 - Library

Wednesday – Sept. 5; Oct. 3 – Recreation – 7 pm

Thursday – Sept 6 & 20; Oct. 4 & 18 – School Board – 7 pm

Thursday – Sept. 13, Oct. 11 – Planning Board – 6 pm

Friday – Sept.14, Oct. 12 – Civil War Round Table 7:15 pm

Monday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am

Thursday - 3 pm

Monday - 2 am

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Thursday - 2 am

All dates and times are subject to change. Please consult the ETV Bulletin Board or the Town website for any changes or updates.

Always remember that Board meetings are available any time at your convenience by going to

<http://etv22@pegcentral.com>. They are usually available the day following their “live” broadcast.

“Live” video streaming is also available. Watch live meetings anywhere while they’re broadcast: [http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live\\_etv22.html](http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html)

## News From the Town

Election Day for the State Primary will be on **September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Voting will take place at the Middle School Gymnasium from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party will be selecting their candidates to go on the ballot in November for State Offices. Due to recently passed legislation, you will be asked to present a photo ID to obtain a ballot. If you have not yet registered to vote in Epping, you may do so up until **September 4<sup>th</sup>**, or you may register at the polls on Election Day. Voters who are already on the checklist may not change their political party until after the September Primary.

*Submitted by Linda Foley, Town Clerk*

## Important 2012 Voter Information

The following information is provided by the NH League of Women Voters. If you have any further questions, please contact the League at [www.LWVNH.org](http://www.LWVNH.org)

### What NH Voters Need to Know About the Photo ID Law for 2012

Every New Hampshire citizen who is 18 years old or older has the Constitutional right to vote. The right to vote is not changed by the Photo ID Law. The Photo ID Law has no impact on registering to vote. The right to register to vote on the day of the election is not changed.

Below are the changes to expect when registered voters check in with the Ballot Clerks on Election Day

### September 11, 2012 State Primary

Voters will **NOT** be required to show a valid photo ID to the Ballot Clerks in order to get a ballot. Ballot Clerks will **REQUEST** a valid photo ID and offer a handout explaining the future requirement of the photo ID law to any voter who doesn’t show one.

### November 6, 2012 General and Presidential Election

Voters will have **TWO OPTIONS** to get a ballot at the polls:

1. Show a valid ID to the Ballot Clerk  
OR
2. Sign an affidavit

### **Valid photo IDs for November 6, 2012, include:**

1. A driver's license from New Hampshire or any other state regardless of expiration date
2. A non-driver's photo ID issued by New Hampshire
3. A U. S. armed services identification card
4. A U. S. passport regardless of expiration date
5. Any other valid photo ID from federal, state, county or municipal government
6. A valid student identification card
7. A photo ID deemed acceptable by the Moderator, Supervisor of the Checklist or Town Clerk
8. Verification of a person's identity by the Moderator, Supervisor of the Checklist or Town Clerk

Any voter who uses an affidavit to get a ballot on November 6, 2012, will receive a letter from the Secretary of State after the election requesting the voter to confirm that he or she voted. There is no penalty for voters who do not respond to the letter. The letter will also contain instructions about how to obtain a free state-issued voter photo ID.

Any voter who doesn't respond to the Secretary of State's letter within 90 days will be contacted by the Attorney General's office and requested to confirm whether he or she voted. There is no penalty for voters who do not respond to a letter from the Attorney General.

Voting by absentee ballot does not require a voter ID.



## **Scouting Around Epping**

### **Cub Scout Pack 136**

**Pack 136 is gearing up for another year of Adventure & Fun!**

#### **Past Events:**

**Camp Carpenter:** The boys had a great time in July at Camp Carpenter. Many boys earned numerous awards and their coveted Aquanot Merit Badge. Congrats to all the boys - they worked very hard while having a great time. Thanks to all the leaders who took their personal time to be there to support the boys! Thanks Stephen, Eric, Hank and Peter!

#### **September & October Pack Events**

##### **Popcorn Sales:**

We are gearing up for our Popcorn Sales Drive that helps to support Pack activities. Did you know that 70% of sales go directly to Scouting? We would like to send out a special "Thank You" to all our residents who purchase popcorn from the

Scouts. This money helps to fuel the Pack and support fun events like overnight camping trips and sending kids to Scout Camps.

#### **Other ways to help the Scouts: Empties4cash fundraising program:**

We are collecting unwanted or used inkjet cartridges. We will have collection sites at the Library, the Town Hall and possibly the Community Church. If you have unwanted inkjet cartridges at home that you can donate to the Scouts, please contact Andrea Meyer at her e-mail address at [ameyer71@gmail.com](mailto:ameyer71@gmail.com)

#### **Interested in Scouting? About Scouting:**

Scouting is organized into Dens by age groups: 1st grade, Tiger Cubs; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Wolf; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Bears; 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 1st year Webelos; and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos.

The Pack consists of Dens and their families. Pack 136 meets monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Epping Middle School. Pack meetings are filled with fun and they're a way to celebrate Scouting, promote family sense of community and reward the boys for their hard work.

#### **SCOUTING = FUN, Don't miss out!**

We are looking forward to lots more fun events. Some examples of things we plan to do this school year are: Family Fun day at a corn maze, Family Bowling night out with the Pack, Attend a Monarchs game, Winter Fun Day at Camp Dion (the Webelos get to do a sleep over!), Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby race, Rain Gutter Regatta Race, Sleepover on the SS Salem, see historic Battleships and camp overnight on a real battleship, Fisher Cats game and camping overnight on the field. It's going to be an incredible year of Scouting. The boys will all be working hard on their badges for the year.

Thank you to the Epping Community for all of your support. The Pack would like to extend a very big thank you to the Epping Bible Baptist Church for their generous assistance in providing a wonderful, handicapped-accessible meeting place for the Bear Den. We would like to thank the Epping School System (SAU 14) for their generous donation of a handicapped-accessible meeting place for our monthly Pack meetings!

**Come join us at one of our upcoming pack meetings:**

**September Pack Meeting: Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Epping Legion.

**October Pack Meeting: Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Epping Middle



School.

If you can't make one of our meetings but would like more information on joining Cub Scouts, please contact our Cubmaster Craig Clough at [cclough154@comcast.net](mailto:cclough154@comcast.net) or 734-2124.

Join us on Facebook and keep track of the Pack <http://m.facebook.com/group.php?gid=199059685109&fbf=r6c4d2187&refid=46> or for even further information on our Pack, please check out our website: <http://www.pack136epping.org/calendar>

### **Boy Scout Troop 136**

Troop 136 sent a contingent to Summer Camp up at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation. The Scouts were able to earn Merit Badges in such areas as swimming, woodworking, leatherwork, shotgun, archery, first aid and many more. Thanks to all the adult leaders who took a week of their time to accompany our Scouts.

The new Fall Scouting season is about to begin, and that means exciting opportunities to support your Troop through their fundraising activities. Community Calendar sales are ongoing. This presents an opportunity for families to list birthdays and special dates on the calendar for just \$5, and for businesses to advertise on a media that will give impressions for a whole year! Please purchase your calendar soon as the deadline is quickly approaching. Be on the lookout also for the traditional Trail's End Popcorn Sales. Scouts will be going door to door and you can find them in front of local businesses on **September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

The Scouts have planned an exciting new season of activities that include camping, hiking, rafting and so much more. If you know a boy between the ages of 11 and 17 who would benefit from an organization like the Boy Scouts, please contact Les Houston at 679-9595.



## **Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains**

### **Become a Girl Scout**

Girl Scouts are on the go, exploring new places, connecting to exciting people, and taking action to make a difference in the world.

### **Busy Schedule?**

Girl Scouts is tailored to fit your calendar, skills and interests. Try our Camp, Events, Series, Troop, Travel, and Virtual opportunities!

### **Become a Volunteer**

Explore what being a volunteer could mean to you. You can have an impact on girls today, to help them lead for a better tomorrow.

If you would like more information, please visit [www.girlscoutsgwm.org/explore.html](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org/explore.html) or call 888 474-9686 ext165.

*Submitted by Crystal Sexton  
Interim-Director, Membership Growth and  
Community Development  
Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains  
Serving New Hampshire and Vermont*

### **Stratham Fair 4-H auction benefits local youth**

The 2012 4-H Benefit Auction at the Stratham Fair was a tremendous success, with an increase in auction donations and bidders this year. The profit of \$6,600 was the result of generous donations from local businesses and craftspeople, an energized team of 4-H volunteers, and the local community who gathered at the 4-H Exhibit Building to bid at the auction.

The Rockingham County 4-H Foundation sends a great thank you to the local businesses, craftspeople, and citizens who supported the auction with their generous donations, and the auction buyers, auctioneer, and volunteers who made the fundraiser a success for all Rockingham County 4-H youth.

Proceeds from the auction help send local youth to county, state, and national leadership and citizenship development events, support 4-H Youth Development programs, 4-H Afterschool Programs, and provide continuing education scholarships and recognition for 4-H youth and volunteer leaders.

The 4-H Youth Development program of UNH Cooperative Extension strives to create supportive program environments where youth have a sense of belonging and a desire to grow in knowledge and skill. In Rockingham County, more than 1,000 4-H members and 200 adult volunteers and student interns are involved in 4-H through local clubs, afterschool programs, state, and national events. For more information, contact the Rockingham County 4-H office at (603) 679-5616 or visit the web site at [www.bit.ly/RockCty4H](http://www.bit.ly/RockCty4H).



## Epping Fire Department

We have a certified instructor in infant seat installation. Please call 679-5546 and make an appointment to have your infant seat installation inspected.

### Explorer Post 716

The Epping Fire Department Explorer Post 716 is accepting new members. The group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The Explorers, young men and women ages 14 to 20, learn how to use the Fire Department equipment and do search and rescue. Once the probationary (learning) period is over, they may assist on fire calls. Explorers are allowed to ride on the apparatus if seats are available and assist firefighters with the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), supervise the rescue truck and perform many other duties at a fire scene.

The next Explorer meeting is **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. It is "Bring a Friend" night.

For more information call Cliff Cray at 396-9436 or leave a message for him at 679-5446.

### Police Explorer Post 714

Youth 14 and older may also join the Police Explorer post by calling 679-5122.

## Epping Community Church

Epping Community Church is always pleased to welcome visitors. Visiting a church where you have never attended, or where it may have been years since you last visited, can be an intimidating experience. Particularly it can be intimidating when the word "religion" is attached. What will you find if you choose to visit us on any given Sunday morning?

You will find a warm and welcoming group of people who are pleased to have you present. You will not be pressured or forced in any way to join, commit, or put your name on the dotted line regarding joining our church membership. We always welcome new members, but we want individuals to join when they feel God leading them to be part of the spiritual life of our church. Worship is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. The service will last from one hour to an hour and fifteen minutes. Across the course of each month, you will hear a variety of music. Epping Community Church is blessed with a wonderful Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Band. Music will vary from traditional and

classic choral to contemporary praise, blues, jazz and country gospel.

### Sunday School

There is a modified non-traditional Sunday School for children—classroom without walls and Bible teaching unconfined. We teach a positive message of Good News to our children. We want them to know and learn early in life how to grow spiritually in the love of God as witnessed in the life of Christ. The fall date for the first Sunday of Sunday school has yet to be announced, but as soon as we have the date we will make it known.

### Bible Study and Prayer Group

You are always welcome at the Bible study on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am and to participate in our Thursday morning prayer group at 10:00 am.

### Missions

We exist for one reason, to serve God. Our Food Pantry, Coats of Caring closet, and other programs are present not because of works, but because fruits are borne out of right relationship with God in Christ.

We have **Thursday Soup of the Day Café on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.** A wonderful opportunity presents itself around a tasty luncheon on Thursdays.

**The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am** and is located at the Community Church on the corner of Pleasant and Main Streets. Serving families and individuals who find themselves in difficult circumstances, a variety of food items (perishable and non-perishable) is made available. Because there is such great need, we are joined in the effort by St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Walmart, Starbucks, Hannaford's, students and teachers of the Epping School system, the Boy Scouts, the U.S. Postal Service and an entire group of very dedicated individuals within our church and from the community. Suggested items for donation to the Food Pantry are: Cereal, Soup, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Canned Veggies, Crackers, Juice, Pasta, Sauce, Canned Fruit, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Dish Liquid, Laundry Soap

**\*PLEASE NOTE** that because of the ongoing construction, Friday Night Pizza and the Soup Cafe have been temporarily suspended and the Food Pantry will be open only on Saturdays from 9:00 to

11:00 am. When the kitchen and the new food pantry are completed, the Soup Cafe and Food Pantry will resume on Thursdays, as well as the Coats of Caring. The next Third Saturday Dinner will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> with the McPhee Fish Fry.

We also support Church World Service, Christian Hands in Action, Red Bird Medical Mission and various other groups.

Would you like to know more about our church, worship or programs? Call (603) 679-5542 and leave your name, number, question and best time to reach you. We will return a call as promptly as possible.

## **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)

Epping, NH 03042

Office telephone 603 679-8805

### **Calendar**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** – Mom's Group – 9 am

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Squire Dinner – 5 pm

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Women's Reading Group – 9:45 pm

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Mission Dinner – 5 pm

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Yard Sale – 9:30 am to 2 pm (Rain date Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>)

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Blessing of the animals – 10 am

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Squire Dinner – 5 pm

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Mission Dinner – 5 pm

Respect Life Baby Shower – all month collecting items for Birth Right (clothing, diapers, bottles, etc.)

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory Office 679-8805 or check our website at <http://stjosepheppingnh.com> for further information on upcoming events.

## **Epping Bible Baptist Church**

Epping Bible Church is a community of Christian believers who seek to grow in maturity and in knowledge of Jesus. We average 125 people on Sunday mornings and visitors are always welcome to join us. We love to share that Jesus has come that we might have life and have it more abundantly, and are excited to teach how to find that abundant, joyful life!

Our Sunday mornings begin with a full, free breakfast starting at 8:00 am.

Sunday School is offered for all ages beginning at 9:30 am.

Our morning service starts at 10:45 am and is what we call a blended service that contains a mix of both contemporary and traditional elements. Childcare is provided at all of our services by background checked, CPR certified volunteers.

Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm, we have an informal time for fellowship, discussions, questions and sharing.

Small groups exist for men and women who share the desire to gather regularly for mutual Christian growth through loving, learning, serving and reaching others in order to become better disciples of Jesus. They are available at various times throughout the week, including a young adults group, a men's group and a women's group.

We offer Choir for all ages. Practices are held on Sunday evenings.

Prayer meeting meets on Wednesday evenings at the church at 7:00 pm.

AWANA takes place on **Friday** nights for kids age 4 through grade 6.

Faith Bible Institute is a college level Bible course that is held on **Monday** nights at 6:30 pm.

We offer a free food pantry that takes place the second and third **Friday** of each month at 1:00 pm.

Our goal is to serve others in our community and surrounding communities with the love of Christ and to share the Gospel of Jesus death, burial and resurrection with everyone!

Our services can be seen on Sunday mornings on ETV - channel 22, and can also be seen on our website.

Pastor Ron does a devotional online each week, and is always available to serve the needs of our community.

For more information, visit [www.eppingbible.org](http://www.eppingbible.org)

## **West Epping Quaker Meeting House**

Friends (Quakers) have been meeting in Epping since 1772. The present Meeting House was built on Friends Street in 1851 on land given by John Folsom.

We have Meeting for Worship every first and third Sunday at 10:00 am. We meet in silent meditation for an hour. If someone feels moved to share a message they are encouraged to do so. Because our group is small the meeting remains rather silent. We welcome visitors to our meetings to join with us. For those who would enjoy just visiting the Meeting House they may call the Clerk, Fritz Bell, at 244-1119 for a tour.



## Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

Epping's Public Library

151 Main Street, Epping – right next door to  
Town Hall

(603) 679-5944 Fax (603) 679-5884

[www.eppinglibrary.com](http://www.eppinglibrary.com)

The advent of autumn finds the staff, board and patrons of Epping's library in the midst of planning an amazing new building. Last spring we discussed dreams for our future library with architect Ron Lamarre and he has designed a library to fulfill as many wishes on the list as possible. This process continues with a **Building Project Open House** in the afternoon of **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** from **1:00 to 2:30 pm**. Interested Epping residents are encouraged to come meet Ron and talk with him directly as we work towards finalizing the design. The public library is everyone's library. It's YOUR library. Please come by on the 5<sup>th</sup> and let your ideas be heard. Light refreshments will be provided.

### For Adults:

**HMML's Book Groups** – books are available at the main circulation desk. New members are always welcome!

**Eclectic Book Club:** Meets second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Selections explore a wide variety of books.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** – “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society” by Mary Ann Shaffer.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – “The Yiddish Policeman's Union” by Michael Chabon

**Dusty Old Mystery Book Club:** Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, focusing on reading (or re-reading) the classic mystery stories.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** – “Strangers on a Train” by Patricia Highsmith

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** – “Johnny Underground” by Patricia Moyes

**Epping Knit Night** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

This casual gathering enables knitters the chance to focus on their projects without household distractions and make some new friends with a similar interest. For more information contact group leader Marjorie at [marjpim@yahoo.com](mailto:marjpim@yahoo.com).

**\*\* Special Program for Ages 5 and up \*\***

**Who's Watching You? Owls of the World** –  
**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Explore the world of owls with two talented

naturalists and six live owls from “Eyes on Owls” of Dunstable, MA. Learn field marks and naturalist's skills that you can use to find wild owls without disturbing them. Everyone will be treated to a hooting lesson, as well as tips on how to attract and protect owls near you. For ages 5 to adult.

### For Children:

As the school year begins we think back fondly to this year's summer reading program. The 227 kids registered for this summer's Dream Big, Read! Program logged 105,924 minutes of reading, an increase over last summer of more than 20%! That's roughly equal to 1765 hours or 74 days of reading! Congratulations to top readers Josiah Reynolds (5,145 minutes), Mikayla Berger (4,780 minutes) and Joanna Reynolds (4,330 minutes) who will be awarded their prizes with top readers from every age group at the **SRP Wrap-Up Party on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Beginning at 6:30 pm, the party will include a library-wide scavenger hunt, revisiting the themes and crafts that we explored this summer. There will be a community marshmallow roast, complete with s'mores for all readers and volunteers, following the award presentation. Many thanks to our summer assistant, Carissa Johnson and student volunteers: Keelin Berger, Emily Colban, Alissa and Haley Croteau, Stephanie DiFrancesco, Xavier Dixon, Maylee Gagnon, Ryen Gallagher, Erin Killen, Kiley LaFond, Luke and Madeline Marchisio, Casey Needham, Catriona Poulin, Samantha Prince, and Caleb West. All together, these dedicated middle and high school students logged more than 370 hours of volunteer service for the children of Epping. Carissa will be back to help with Story Explorers for one more year before she graduates next spring. We hope to see everyone coming through the library during the school year!

**Preschool Story hour** - Designed for toddlers and preschoolers, this drop-in program meets three times each week, on Wed. at 10:30 am, and Thurs. at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm, providing free play time, songs, stories and crafts for kids and their caregivers.. Monthly schedules are available in the children's room and on our website.

**Reading Friends** – Readers in first and second grade are invited to join Miss Angela for the fall session of Reading Friends. Beginning on **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, this group meets at 4:00 pm on Wednesday afternoons to practice reading aloud with peers. A snack is provided and parents are required to remain in the building. Space will be limited to 8 students so the kids feel comfortable, and preregistration is required. Call or stop by the



library to register for this 7-week program.

**Pajama Night** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday most months at 6:30 pm

Wear your PJs and bring a snack to share to this fun community event for kids ages 2 to 8 and their families. Crafts, stories and library-wide scavenger hunts alternate with PJ Movie Nights approximately every other month.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up Party

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Movie Night featuring “Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3: Viva La Fiesta!” (rated G)

### **Story Explorers**

This after school program for children in kindergarten, first and second grades meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. There are three sessions during the year, each requiring pre-registration, as the class size is limited to 10. The fall session will be our annual 8-week author study beginning **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. The winter session finds us preparing a theatrical presentation of a popular children’s book, and the spring session focuses on the art and science found in storybooks. A snack is provided and parents are requested to remain in the building during class time. Call 679-5944 to register.

**9th Annual Halloween Party - Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Kids and adults come in costume for traditional Halloween games and our spooky scavenger hunt! This is a hugely popular HMML tradition for ages 2 to 8 and their families. Sign up in the children's room to provide a snack for our Finger Food Buffet, goodies from all four food groups, substantial enough to be dinner.

### **Miss Tracie’s Costume Closet**

We have assembled quite an impressive collection of gently used costumes for library patrons to borrow for Halloween. Last year more than two dozen families took advantage of this opportunity. Most of the costumes fall in the toddler and preschool size range, but we also have many in infant sizes and welcome additions to the collection of grade school sizes. The costumes will be available beginning **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** and can be borrowed for the entire “Halloween season”. Save money and effort....re-use!

## **Friends of the Library**

The Friends will be getting back to business now that fall is upon us. They will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, putting their next meeting on **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm. The Friends run an ongoing Book Sale and are selling Epping

Library book bags to help raise money for those little extras that aren't included in the Library's budget. There's talk of another Silent Auction this holiday season and the group is always open to new ideas and new members. For more information check the library website or stop by their first meeting of the season on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Friends also host an on-going Food Pantry Donation Box in support of Epping’s Food Pantry, which can always use additional donations. Non-perishable items are always welcome to help neighbors who may be struggling to make ends meet. The box is located near the front door on the main level of the library.

## **Epping Recreation Department News**

*Home of the "River Otters" and "Avenue A"*

Director: Nicole Bizzaro

17 Academy Street

Phone: 679-3301 Fax: 679-3006

[rec@townofepping.com](mailto:rec@townofepping.com)

[eppingrecreation.org/avenueayouthcenter.org](http://eppingrecreation.org/avenueayouthcenter.org)

Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

The Recreation Department aims to provide the residents of Epping with a broad selection of recreational, educational, and cultural leisure opportunities that will enhance the quality of life for all residents. We are always working to establish new programs and facilities that meet the community’s changing needs.

### **Epping Recreation Job Opportunity**

The Town of Epping Recreation Department is seeking to fill an immediate opening in our Before and After School Program.

Position: Lead Teacher

Hours: The program runs from 6:45 to 8:30 am at the Epping Elementary School and 2:30 to 5:45 pm at the Epping Recreation Center. 20 – 30 hours per week, with additional hours available during “No School Days” and school vacation weeks. This is a seasonal part-time job opening, for the current school year, ending June 22.

Experience working with children ages 5-13, running recreational activities and programs is a must. We would prefer candidates with an education in Teaching, Recreation or a related field. New Grads and current students working toward a related degree are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Salary: \$9–\$10 per hour D.O.E. for lead teacher positions.

If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to the Epping Recreation Department at [eppingrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com)

You will also be asked to complete a Town form which can be found on our website at [www.eppingrecreation.org](http://www.eppingrecreation.org) under the employment tab or you can pick one up at the Town Hall.

This position will be open until we find an appropriate candidate, but we hope to complete this process by October 28.

#### **Preschool Programs:**

##### **Fall Preschool Soccer Program:**

When: Monday Mornings

Time: 10-11 am

Dates: 5-week Class (Date TBA - Start in Sept.)

Location: SAU Field

Cost: \$25

##### **Fall Preschool Sports Program:**

When: Wednesday Afternoons

Time: 4-5 pm

Dates: 5-week Class (Date TBA - Start in Sept.)

Location: Epping Elementary School Field

Cost: \$25 (This class will use T-ball, soccer and other sports to help teach basic sports skills!)

##### **Fall Weekend Preschool Sports Program:**

When: Saturday Mornings

Time: 9-10 am

Dates: 4-week Class (Date TBA - Start in Sept.)

Location: TBA

Cost: \$20

##### **Future Programs Being Planned:**

Little Kids Cooking Class

Toddler Art

Tot Tunes - Music Class

Teddy Bear Picnic

Parents Night Out Programs

**Epping Recreation Department Events:** (Dates to be announced soon!)

**October 2012** - We will be planning to run our Pumpkin Stroll again, with the addition of a Haunted House Experience! More info Soon!

**December 2012** - Town Christmas Party at Town Hall and Tree Lighting!

**March 2013** - Easter Egg Hunt at Epping Elementary School Field (held same day as PTO Breakfast with Easter Bunny!)

**May 2013** - Tons of Trucks (fundraiser for Community Park improvements)

*(We were unable to run Tons of Truck this year, but will be back by popular demand in 2013!)*

**June 2013** - Family Fun Day & Duck Race

Interested in helping out with Community Events? If so, please contact Nicole, Recreation

Director at 679-3301.

**Adult Programs** We have received several requests for more Adult Sports, including Volleyball. We will work on organizing more classes during the fall and winter months, but due to limited space and times in the school, these classes may run in sessions only. We will keep you posted on our progress in bringing more Adult Sports your way.

#### **Adult Basketball**

Want to play some adult basketball? Come join The Epping Recreation Department for some pick up Co-ed basketball in the Epping Middle School Gym Thursday and Sunday nights!

Days / Times: Thursday - 7:30 - 9:00 pm  
Sunday - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Epping Middle School Gym

Cost: \$30 for 10 nights - Please make check out to the "Town of Epping."

Each participant is required to sign a waiver form prior to playing and payment. Waiver forms will be available at the gym. We will have a sign in sheet, to keep track of days used. Once you have used your 10 nights, bring in your next payment of \$30 for 10 additional nights. You won't be allowed to play if we don't have a signed waiver and payment. The payment covers the cost of the staff to provide this program.

Check our Facebook page for updates on programs, including cancellations. We will also notify you via e-mail of any program changes, so please provide a current e-mail address!

#### **Guitar Lessons at Watson Academy**

For children, teens, and adults alike, taking guitar lessons at Epping Recreation is an enjoyable, affordable, and rewarding experience. Taught by a highly recommended music instructor Joseph K. Murphy, lessons are designed to challenge and educate students while personalizing the curriculum to their musical tastes and needs.

Lessons are for ages 8 to adult.

Rates: \$20.00 for ½ hour or \$35.00 for 1 hour.

Contact: Joseph K. Murphy 608-8672

[josephkmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:josephkmurphy@gmail.com)

<http://rockandrollwithme.wordpress.com/>

#### **Ceramics Classes**

We are able to offer Ceramics classes on Friday afternoons for a minimal fee. This program is open to Middle and High School Students, but may also be available to Adults if there is an interest! Please contact us if you are interested!

## **Zumba**

The popular dance aerobics class has come to the Epping Recreation Department! We are pleased to announce our Zumba Instructor Cassandra Mullen, is offering two classes: on Monday and Thursday nights!!

Classes run from 7:45 to 8:45 pm in the Epping Middle School Café. Cost: \$35 for 6-week session or \$7 Drop-In

Please visit Cassandra's Facebook page for more class information and to give music choice suggestions.

<http://www.facebook.com/zumbawithcassandra>

## **Martial Arts Programs at Epping Recreation and EES (offered by Derry ATA)**

Karate Classes

Grades K - 8, Tuesdays and Thursdays at EES, 3:30 - 4:15 pm, \$65 per month

\*SPECIAL: New students who sign up will receive TWO FREE WEEKS!

**\*All beginners receive a FREE uniform!**

For more information or to sign your child up, please contact Mrs. DeNapoli at 603-434-9444 or e-mail at [derryata@aol.com](mailto:derryata@aol.com).

## **Epping Recreation Wish List:**

If you or your family would like to donate anything on our wish list it is greatly appreciated.

Sports Balls (soccer, football, basketball, volleyball)

Canoe Trailer

Bike Helmets

Age Appropriate Movies (G or PG)

Wii Games - Age Appropriate & Fitness Related

PlayStation 2 Video Games

Board Games

Gas Cards

## **Friends of Epping Recreation Department**

This group was originally formed to establish a town park in Epping. Although that is still the group's ultimate goal, they have added the task of improving current town owned recreation facilities that are not covered by tax dollars, as well as offering community special events, some as fundraisers and some just for fun! They work under the Town's Recreation Department as a volunteer group to make a huge difference in our town. If you would like more information about this wonderful group and how you can get involved, please contact [eppingrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com).

## **The Porch**

We are a not-for-profit organization\*. Our goal is to demonstrate the unconditional love of God to our community by building relationships, meeting physical and financial needs, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus that transforms lives.

Epping Lighthouse will benefit the community in numerous ways, including:

Running a youth center for teenagers

Running a children's after-school program

Giving financially to families who are in need

Providing free family counseling

Organizing various programs for teenagers to service others

\*We are currently waiting on the IRS to give us our final paperwork.

## **Kids Club**

Our kids club is for kids in grades 1-5.

We offer free pick up from EES, and provide snacks and drinks at no charge.

We have a structured time of singing, Bible Time and Game Time.

The club starts at 3:15 and goes until 5:00 pm.

## **Teen Central**

Our Teen Central is geared for grades 6-12.

We offer pool, ping-pong, air hockey, and foosball.

We also have computers, a TV, board games and provide snacks and drinks at no charge.

Teen Central opens at 2:30 pm and goes until 4:30 pm

We provide classes and other events throughout the year as well.

We require all of our workers to complete a background check.

If you are interested, please check us out at [www.eppinglighthouse.org](http://www.eppinglighthouse.org) or you can e-mail us at [eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com](mailto:eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com) to request a form for more information!

We are currently accepting applications for volunteers to work at our Kids Club and Teen Central

# **Families First**

*support for families...health care for all*

## **FAMILY MORNING OUT**

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11 am. Free

Starting **September 4<sup>th</sup>** located in the Epping Recreation Center.

Family Morning Out is for children ages birth to

six, with parents or other caregivers. During the first 45 minutes, children and parents together will explore age-appropriate crafts and other activities, have positive play with peers and adults, and enjoy songs, stories and snacks. In the second 45 minutes, children have fun with our child-care staff, while parents relax and have the opportunity to talk about life with kids. Facilitator: Jodi Foster

There is no charge, but advance sign up is required: call Families First at 422-8208, ext. 2.

Epping residents also are welcome to take advantage of the many parenting and family programs, as well as affordable medical and dental care, offered at Families First's facility at the Community Campus in Portsmouth. For more information about the community health center, visit [www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org](http://www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org) or call 422-8208.

In addition to Walmart, supporters of these programs include the state of New Hampshire and the Fuller Foundation.



## Epping School District News

### Happy Retirement

Last June, the Epping School District celebrated the retirement of EES Music Teacher Mary Beth Coleman (31 years), EES Teacher Joan Harris (22 years), EMS/EHS Nursing Assistant Suzanne Kukesh (16 years), and EHS Art Teacher Tobey Harman (10 years). We hope their future years are filled with pride and fond memories of their outstanding and dedicated service to the children of Epping! Our thanks and best wishes to them on their retirement.

### School Immunizations & Physicals

Epping School District requires all students to meet the physical examination and immunization requirements for school entrance. Please check with your medical provider to see if your child is current with immunizations. Information can also be found by visiting [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) under School Nurse for the schools and Parents & Community/Health for the district. School Board policy also recommends that a physical examination be performed within 12 months of starting grade 6 and grade 9. A physical examination must be performed within 12 months of the athletic sport date. Student athletes

continuing to participate in the athletic program must be re-examined within two years of the previous physical examination that is on file. For example, if an exam was performed September 2008, another exam would be required by September 2010 in order to continue athletic eligibility. (Policy JLCA and JLCB can be referenced on the district website at [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) under school board and policy.)

### Concussions

Epping School District requires a baseline concussion test for any athlete participating in competitive sports activities, and a follow up test for any athlete suspected of having a concussion following a contact or collision. The Athletic Department is working with an outside agency to provide on-site testing. For information on concussion testing and accessibility contact the Athletic Director at [laverill@sau14.org](mailto:laverill@sau14.org).

### School Begins

The first day for students is **Tuesday, September 4, 2012**. 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 2012-2013 School Calendar. Students attending Seacoast School of Technology start **Monday, August 27, 2012** per the SST School Calendar. Transportation will be provided to (from) SST from (to) Epping High School.

### Bus Routes

Bus routes will be posted under Parents & Community/Transportation on the district website at [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org), as soon as the information is available. Routes will also be posted at the schools. Questions should be directed to the Superintendent's Office at 679-8003.

### School Board Meeting Schedule

The Epping School Board holds regular meetings at 7:00 pm in the Epping Town Hall. The public is invited to attend. Meetings are also televised by ETV. Agendas and minutes are posted on the district website at [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) under School Board/Agenda & Minutes. Epping Television is also streaming meetings that you can watch live anywhere on your computer at: <http://etv.22.pegcentral.com>

**September 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**



## Epping Elementary School (EES)

### EES Daily Schedule for 2012-13

Epping Elementary School starting time is earlier this year. Here is the schedule for Kindergarten through fifth grade:

**7:55 am** Building open for students to wait in the lobby or to get breakfast.

**8:10 am** Classrooms open for student transition time.

**8:25 am** Official start of day. Students who arrive after 8:25 am are tardy.

**3:00 pm** Dismissal for students who walk home or are picked up by car.

**3:05 pm** Bus students are dismissed.

### Calendar

**Sept. 3 – LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL**

**Sept. 4 – First Day Celebration**

Epping Elementary School parents and guardians of students in grades 1 to 5 are invited to join their children and our teachers and administrators on our first day of school on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:10 to 9:20 am.

First Day of School for Grades 1 – 5

Preschool Orientation

AM Session 10:30 –11:00 am

PM Session 11:00 – 11:30 am

If you have any questions, please contact the Preschool at 679-8003

**Sept. 5 – Kindergarten Orientation**

First Day of School for Preschool

**Sept. 6 – First Day of School for Kindergarten**

**Sept. 12 – School Picture Day Kindergarten – Grade 5 at EES; Preschool at Preschool**

**Sept. 13 – Band instrument rental**

**Sept. 14 – PTO Fundraiser Kickoff at 2:15 pm in the Multi-purpose Room. It runs thru Oct. 1**

**Sept. 22 – Volunteer Orientation \*\***

**Sept. 25 – Open House for Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Sept. 26 – Open House for Grades 3, 4 & 5 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Sept. 28 – Teacher Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL**

**Oct. 1 – PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES art room. Free babysitting in the Library You can access the PTO through their Facebook page, EES PTO or on their website @ [www.epping-pt.com](http://www.epping-pt.com)**

**Oct 1-23 – NECAP Testing**

**Oct. 8 – COLUMBUS DAY – NO SCHOOL**

**Oct. 17 – Picture Retakes**

**Oct. 26 – PTO Monster Mash More information to follow**

### **\*\*Volunteer Orientation on September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This orientation is for **new volunteers** who **have not been fingerprinted** and will be held at 9:00 am. There will be a tour of the school and review of the paperwork that needs to be completed prior to ANYONE being able to work with our students.

If you are a **returning volunteer and have already been fingerprinted**, there is a Volunteer Service Statement & Agreement that must be signed every year before you volunteer in the school. These forms are available in the main office. Please call Cheryl MacLeay at 679-8018, ext. 224 if you have any questions regarding our program in general or this orientation.

*Submitted by Cheryl A. MacLeay*

## Epping High School (EHS)

### Epping High School Dates to Remember:

**September 4 – First Day of School for All Students**

**September 13 – School Picture Day**

**September 28 – NO SCHOOL** for Students (Professional Development Day for Staff)

**September 28-29 – Homecoming** (Details at [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org))

**October 8 – COLUMBUS DAY – NO SCHOOL**

**October 10,11,12 – NECAP Testing** for all Juniors (There will be a BBQ on October 12 after testing is over)

### Email Address Changed?

If your email address has changed, please notify us through our website at: [www.SpeakUpEpping.org](http://www.SpeakUpEpping.org)

### 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 (**November-December**) of this newsletter will be available **November 1, 2012**. We will accept **submissions through October 26, 2012**, to be included in the next issue. Please send your content with contact information for consideration to our Newsletter website at: [www.SpeakUpEpping.org](http://www.SpeakUpEpping.org) or by e-mail to [bhelmstetter@comcast.net](mailto:bhelmstetter@comcast.net).

Thanks for reading! - The Communications Group

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## Epping Calendar of Events for October 2012

September 1	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
<b>September 3</b>	<b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>September 4</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
September 5	Meeting at the Library about plans for the Library Expansion – 1-2 pm
September 6	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
September 8	Highnote Festival 2 pm until dark at 173 Prescott Road
September 8	American Legion Car Show 4-7 pm - free Dance – 8 pm \$10
September 8	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
<b>September 11</b>	<b>Election Day for State Primary in EMS Gym 8 am – 7 pm</b>
September 11	Cooperative Extension Hands-on Garden Workshop 6:30 – 9:00 pm
September 11	Friends of the Library - 7 pm
September 11	Rockingham County Nutrition program Day-Of-Caring
September 12	Eclectic Book Group at the Library - 7 pm “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society” by Mary Ann Shaffer.
September 12	Friends of Epping Recreation - 6:30 pm Watson Academy
September 12	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
September 12	Epping Seniors lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Londonderry
September 13	Fire Explorer Post meeting 7 pm “Bring a Friend”
September 14	Pajama Night at the Library - 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 “SRP Wrap-Up Party”
September 14	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
September 14	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting - 7:15 pm in Epping Town Hall
September 14	EES PTO Fundraiser Kickoff – 2:15 pm
September 15	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
September 17	Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:15 pm
September 19	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library - 7 pm “Strangers on a Train” by Patricia Highsmith
September 19	Cub Scout Pack Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Epping American Legion
September 20	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
September 21	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
September 22	EES Volunteer Orientation
September 22	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
September 22-23	Scouts Trail’s End Popcorn Sales
September 25	Epping Lions Club meeting - 6:30 pm at Checkers Barber Shop
September 26	Cooperative Extension Garden Workshop for Closing Your Garden 6:30 – 9:00 pm
September 26	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
<b>September 28</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development Day</b>
September 28	Barn Dance at the Town Hall – 7 to 10 pm
September 28-29	Epping High School Homecoming
September 29	St. Joseph Parish Yard Sale – 9:30 am to 2 pm (Rain date October 6)
September 29	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
October 1-Nov. 30	Historical Society Vintage Clothing Exhibit
October 1	EES PTO Meeting -7 pm in the EES Art Room
October 4	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
October 6	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
October 6	Blessing of the Animals at St. Joseph Church – 10 am
<b>October 8</b>	<b>COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
October 9	Friends of the Library - 7 pm
October 10	Eclectic Book Group at the Library - 7 pm “The Yiddish Policeman’s Union” by Michel Chabon.
October 10	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
October 10	Friends of Epping Recreation - 6:30 pm Watson Academy
October 12	Pajama Night at the Library - 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 “Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3”(G)
October 12	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
October 12	Mary Gatchell in Concert at the Leddy Center - 7:30 pm
October 13	Epping Seniors meet at Watson Academy
October 13	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
October 15	Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:15 pm
October 17	Epping Seniors Trip to Putney, VT
October 17	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library - 7 pm “Johnny Underground” by Patricia Moyes
October 17	Cub Scout Pack Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Epping Middle School
October 18	Historical Society Evening Program – 7 pm
October 18	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
October 19	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
October 19	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting - 7:15 pm in Epping Town Hall
October 20	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am
October 20	Epping Community Church Dinner – 5 - 7 pm “The McPhee Fish Fry”
October 23	Epping Lions Club meeting - 6:30 pm at Checkers Barber Shop
October 24	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
October 25	“Who’s Watching You – Owls of the World” –Kids’ program at the Library – 7 pm
October 26	Annual Halloween Party at the Library – 5:30-7:30 pm
<b>October 26</b>	<b>DEADLINE DATE for the November-December issue of the Newsletter</b>
October 26	EES PTO Monster Mash
Oct. 26 - Nov.14	“Wizard of Oz” at the Leddy Center
October 27	Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an e-mail at [speakupepping@gmail.com](mailto:speakupepping@gmail.com) by **October 26, 2012**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.