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NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lord! When you sell a man a book you don't sell just twelve ounces of paper and ink and glue - you sell him a whole new life. Love and friendship and humour and ships at sea by night - there's all heaven and earth in a book, a real book.

~Christopher Morley

The New Castle Public Library is enjoying an active summer reading program – *Wildlife by the Waves*. Our kick-off event was a visit from The Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick, Maine with a live Saw-whet Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, Box Turtle & Corn Snake. Children ages 7 to 12 learned about cartooning from Yussra. Our young readers loved reading to Maize, an English Springer Spaniel R.E.A.D. certified dog. And we shared pizza, popcorn, games, art projects, perler beads, and more!

We want to remind community members that we have a large **selection of magazines** available at the library, including:

Bon Appétit	NH HOME
Coastal Living	Oprah
Consumer Reports	People
Disney Family Fun	Real Simple
Down East	Smithsonian
Economist	Vanity Fair
House Beautiful	Whole Living
M. Stewart Living	Yankee
Newsweek	
New Yorker	

Museum Passes: We are excited to offer another museum membership at the library - the Peabody Essex Museum. We continue to carry passes to the MFA Boston, Portland Museum of Art, Currier Museum of Art, and Seacoast Science Center. Stop by the library for more information.

New Materials at the Library

DVDs:

Iron Lady, New Year's Eve, Doc Martin season 5, We Need to Talk About Kevin, This Means War, One for the Money, Wanderlust, A Little Bit of Heaven, Blue Butterfly, Red Tails.

Family Movie Night: Muppets, Hugo, Hop, Alvin & the Chipmunks Chipwrecked, Monte Carlo.

New Books: Lots of Candles Plenty of Cake by Anna Quindlen, Weeknights with Giada by Giada de Laurentis, Limpopo Academy of Private Detection by Alexander McCall Smith, Sins of the Father by Jeffrey Archer, In One Person by John Irving, They Eat Puppies Don't They by Christopher Buckley, Wife 22 by Melanie Gideon, American Grown by Michelle Obama, Blaze of Glory by Jeff Shaara, Red House by Mark Haddon, Wild by Cheryl Strayed.

New Audio books on CD: Defending Jacob by William Landay, Harvesting the Heart by Jodi Picoult, Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua, Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer, Devil in the White City by

Erik Larson, In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson, Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand.

Story Times:

Thursdays at 9:30am

Saturdays at 10am

Library Hours:

Tuesday 1-7pm

Wednesday 1-5pm

Thursday 9-3pm

Friday 1-5pm

Saturday 9-1pm

Happy Reading!

Christine Collins

Library Director

NEW CASTLE POLICE DEPT.

The New Castle Police Department would like to remind residents and visitors that U-Turns on Main Street are prohibited. U-Turns are also unsafe and dangerous due to the limited visibility in a compact area. Please drive safely.



“GREEN WASTE DAY”

The green waste dumpster will be available to island residents one Saturday each month during the 2012 growing season. The dumpster is located in front of the old rifle range next to the library/rec building and green waste volunteers will be on duty from 8 AM to 11AM. No before or after hours dumping is permitted. Because plastic bags are not biodegradable, these must be emptied and reclaimed. Using disposable paper bagging keeps clothes clean and dispositions cheerful.

Please mark these dates.....

September 8th
October 13th
November 17th



RESIDENT STICKERS

Next year residents will have the option of mailing in a copy of their car registration, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, to obtain their resident stickers. As a reminder, residents are allowed up to three stickers per household but the vehicles must be registered in the Town of New Castle. Non-residents property owners are entitled to one sticker for their vehicle.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Town Election was held on May 8, 2012 with a total of 161 votes cast. The voter turnout was light since most of the offices were uncontested. Karen Mitchell was elected as a Supervisor of the Checklist replacing Mary Rauh. Mary has served admirably for the last 6 years and a big Thank You is in order not only from the rest of the Supervisors but also from New Castle residents. When you see, Mary, please acknowledge her years of faithful service! Many thanks also to our capable Ballot Clerk volunteers: Sally Martens and Leslie Parker.

NEXT SUPERVISORS SESSION

The next Supervisors Session will be held September 4, 2012 from 7 to 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. This will be a time for new voters to register. A photo ID is required to register along with proof of New Castle residency. This may be a lease, electric bill, or car registration that shows your street address (NOT PO BOX). Party change is not permitted before the STATE PRIMARY WHICH IS SEPTEMBER 11, 2012.

REMINDER: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
DAY - **NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Darcy Horgan
Karen Mitchell
Sherri Becker, Chair

HOUSE NUMBERS

Voters at the 2012 Town Meeting unanimously approved the adoption of “easily visible and readable” house numbers, so that medical, fire, police or other emergency personnel can quickly identify any residence in the Town. The numbers must be affixed in such a way that emergency personnel approaching a residence can quickly identify the residence as being the correct one. Those who need to change their house numbers to be in compliance with this new ordinance should do so by the end of this year. After 12/31/2012, violators may be fined up to \$25 per day for non-compliance. Please contact the Fire Department at 436-1132 if you require any assistance in the proper location of house numbers.

Note: As part of the new “911 Mapping” process, there is a possibility of about 50 properties being required to either re-number their buildings or change their street addresses (new street names a possibility). Emergency Management Director Dave Blanding and Building Inspector Don Graves are working on this and expect to present tasks and timelines at a future Select Board meeting.

US POST OFFICE

A Reminder from our New Castle Postmaster, Sharon D'Urso:

All mail that is dropped off at the **Main Street** New Castle Post Office during business hours is sent out the same day at the following times:
4:45pm MONDAY through FRIDAY
11:45am SATURDAY.

NEW CASTLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

As you know, the City of Portsmouth has expressed interest in acquiring the New Castle Water and Sewer system in its entirety. One of the first steps in structuring possible transaction is to provide information requested by Portsmouth about the Town's water and sewer infrastructure. That information is being gathered by a committee chaired by Normand Houle, a New Castle DPW member. Additional tasks regarding this conveyance are being identified and will be in process shortly.

The Town welcomes any comments from residents about a possible transfer which can be addressed at the monthly New Castle Public Works Meeting, 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3pm at the Town Hall.

SEWER INCREASE

The City of Portsmouth has advised the Town of New Castle that the sewer rate for the Town has increased. The rate for New Castle residents, which includes the Town's infrastructure charge will be \$11.62 per unit. That increase raises the sewer charge for the minimum of 20 units to \$232.40. Portsmouth has also announced that there will be no increase in water fees this fiscal year.

Please be advised that increases in water and sewer charges are a major concern for the Town and that Town officials are taking steps to address this issue.

WATER LEAKS

Even though water usage fees will remain unchanged for New Castle residents this fiscal year, the cost of water, generally, continues to increase. It is important, therefore, that you have no dripping faucets or leaking toilets. There are FREE dye tablets at the Town Hall that you can use to check if your toilets are leaking. Small leaks in toilets can add up to gallons of wasted water!

SECOND WATER METERS

Now, more than ever, if you are watering your lawn or garden, washing a car or using water for other outdoor uses, please consider installing a 2nd water meter. Since water meter readings also determine sewer usage charges, any flow through the 2nd water meter would essentially not enter the sewer system and your sewer charges would be reduced.

Conservation of water for all uses is key to keeping your water and sewer bill as low as possible. Do only full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher. Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. Use a restricted flow shower head. Change the rubber rings or washers on any faucet that drips. Install new washers at the ends of hoses when you first connect them for the season. Use rain barrels wherever possible to water your garden.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 431-6710, ext. 13 or any DPW Board member.

Walter Liff
Chairperson



NEW CASTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New Castle Historical Society launched into spring/summer with a full slate of projects and programs. An overwhelming crowd attended Neil Novello's program about the Portsmouth Naval Prison in April. We had to turn away more people than we seated. We did a repeat performance of the Naval Prison on May 15th for those who missed it. On May 29th, Bill Hall presented a program on his wife Emily's ancestor, Joe Cilley, New Hampshire patriot, raised on the Isles of Shoals, and a member of the militia that stormed Fort Constitution in the first overt act of the Revolution.

Laurie Clark and Elaine Nollet are redesigning our historical cases. Marj Smith is busy making the grounds beautiful and preparing for spring planting. Deb Soule and Jane Sweeney are scheduling oral history recordings. Nancy McArdle has put together a comprehensive membership data base.

We have acquired a new computer and a new past perfect data base, to enable us to upgrade storage and access our photos and documents. New lighting makes our panels easier to read and light up our cases. The old computer and monitor will be given over to programs for the public. Jim Cerny will install the new computer and work on creating a web presence for the resources that we have.

A scouting party sought out a Reverend Jordan memorial plaque, which was brought to our attention by a member of the Reverend Jordan Society, Jordan being one of our first ministers. We found it between the Coast Guard housing and Walbach Tower, presumably where the Reverend Jordan lived.

The Historical Museum will be open 3 days a week, starting, in May, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 - 4pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Nancy Borden

NCHS WISH LIST

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Joan Hammond
603- 373-0099

NCCC GUILD NEWS

The New Castle Congregational Church Guild will be very busy this Fall. Regular meetings will be held Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 12 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

The Crafts Group will be working on items for the Christmas Fair on all other Mondays, beginning Sept. 10. The Greens Committee will be working on Wednesdays throughout Oct. and Nov. also at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall. All women are invited to help us make those gorgeous creations for which we are so well-known!

Sept. 16, 2012 the Church will hold its annual Guild Appreciation Sunday. All Guild members are invited to attend services at 9:45 AM and afterward, there will be a special reception in the Parish Hall. For those unable to attend the service, please join us in the Parish Hall at 10:30 AM for refreshments and accolades.

October 6, 2012 will be the Fall Rummage/Yard/Collectibles/ Books/ White Elephants and Food Sale from 8AM-1PM at the Parish Hall. All donations are gratefully received.

October 27, 2012 will be our Ham and Bean Supper from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This Supper will feature many kinds of home-baked beans, sliced ham, coleslaw, rolls, apple crisp dessert, with coffee, tea, milk, or cider. This meal will be limited to 120 servings, so make your reservations early!

Our Village Christmas Fair will be held on Dec. 1 at the Great Island Recreational Building – featuring Fabulous Crafts, Gorgeous Greens, Baked Goods, Homemade Candies, Hospitality Baskets, Jewelry, “Red” Elephants, our own Cookbook, Silent Auction, Morning Coffee featuring home baked goodies, and a Luncheon with chowders and lobster rolls. This event is not-to-be-missed!

The NCCC Guild is a non-denominational group for women whose mission is to work for the Church and for other charities. All women are welcome to join us. Annual dues are \$3.00, payable in January.

Deb Schulte
Co-President



OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

TOWN CLERK OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

The office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed while Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk attend a workshop at the DMV.

Reminder: the public office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8am to Noon.

ELECTION NEWS

Volunteers Needed

We are very fortunate to have a fine team of volunteer counters organized by Deb Schulte but for the upcoming elections we need more help! Volunteers work from the time the polls close until the counting is complete, usually by 9:00 or 9:30 p.m.; sometimes their work is finished by 8:00 p.m. This is a fine opportunity to take part in one of our most important civil rights. Interested? Call Priscilla Hodgkins at 431-6710 ext. 11 or send an email to phnewcastle@yahoo.com

New Voter ID Laws

The state of NH passed new voter ID laws that require citizens to provide photo IDs before they can vote in elections. The following explanatory document from the Secretary of State's Office (sos.nh.gov) is included here to help you understand the new laws as they now stand. Some parts of the new laws are under review by the Federal Government and may be changed by the time of the elections.

State of New Hampshire Voter ID Law - Chapter 284 – Explanatory Document

During the 2012 legislative session the legislature passed Senate Bill 289, also known as the "Voter ID" Law. The new law will phase-in a photo identification requirement over a period of time.

What type of photo ID will I need in order to vote?

- For any election *before* Sept. 1, 2013, you will be asked to provide one of the following:
- Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired);
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles);
- U.S. Armed Services ID card;
- U.S. Passport (even if expired);
- Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government;
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or

- Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

- *Before* November 1, 2012, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote.
- *Between* November 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a “challenged voter affidavit.”
- A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

(NOTE: the State has not provided vouchers nor put the procedure into practice as of the time this document was prepared as this part of the law is under review by the FED. – Priscilla Hodgkins, Town Clerk – July 25, 2012.)

Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

After November 1, 2012, if you filled out a “challenged voter affidavit” in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State, requesting confirmation that you voted in the election.

If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 30 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Where can I get more information? SOS.NH.GOV (603) 271-3242 or see your Town Clerk.

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Recreation Center, 130 Wentworth Road

Polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

In order to vote in the primary voters must have declared a party affiliation. Voters have the option to change their party affiliation when they check-in to vote on September 11. This designation may be changed after casting ballots by submitting another form provided by the Supervisors of the Checklist. The deadline to change or declare a party affiliation before Election Day was June 5. In other words, you may not change your party affiliation between now and September 10, but you may do so on Election Day.

IMPORTANT DATES:

REGISTER TO VOTE – no later than September 4 (Supervisors of the Checklist will hold open office hours 7:00-7:30 p.m. at Town Hall) or on Election Day.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day.

GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Recreation Center, 130 Wentworth Road.
Polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES:

REGISTER TO VOTE – no later than October 27 (Supervisors of the Checklist will hold open office hours 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Town Hall) or on Election Day.
ABSENTEE BALLOTS must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS – For voters who cannot be present on Election Day.
Please note: Applications may be mailed in or submitted in person by the voter.

- Absentee Ballot Applications are available on line at <http://sos.nh.gov/> and at the Town Clerk's office. Voters may mail these to the Clerk or may present the application in person.
- The Town Clerk's office will be open between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on September 10 and November 5 to accept last-minute applications in addition to regular public office hours. Applications will not be accepted in person after this time.
- **PRIMARY ELECTION:** If your party affiliation is "undeclared" you must indicate a party affiliation on the Absentee Ballot Application Form. If you are an "undeclared" voter and you do not stipulate a party, your ballot will be rejected.
- If you are already affiliated with a party, but wish to change party affiliation, indicate this on the Absentee Ballot Application Form.
- If you wish to change your party affiliation after the balloting, you may do so by filing a form with the Supervisors of the Checklist. Forms are available in the Town Clerk's office throughout the year and on Election Day at the polls.

