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New Castle Public Library

There's nothing to match curling up with a good book when there's a repair job to be done around the house. ~ Joe Ryan

We hope community members have curled up with good books as we renovated the library. On December 30th we moved out of the library and over the next two weeks installed new carpet tiles and painted the interior of the library. We certainly got our money's worth out of our original carpet, which was installed in 1990. And we no longer have pink walls and gray trim. Please visit us to see our new, updated look! Thank you for your patience during this project – it is so nice to be open again.

In 2013 the New Castle Public Library received a \$10,000 bequest from The John Butler Smith Trust and a \$5,000 bequest from The Gladys L. Smith Trust. Our library renovation was made possible in part by these generous gifts.

After a four week break (for the holidays and renovations), our “**Drop in for a Stitch**” **Knitting Group** started meeting again on Tuesday, January 21st at 3pm. Please join us to knit, crochet or needlepoint. No need to sign up, come when you can.

A reminder that the **Library Book Group** meets the first Wednesday of each month and is always open to new members. Each year the group reads a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction. If you are interested, please stop by the library for a book list for 2014.

New Materials at the Library –

DVDs: Joss Whedon's *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Heat*, *The Flat*, *Clear History*, *Stuck in Love*, *2 Guns*, *Red 2*, *Jobs*, *Trouble With the Curve*, *The Internship*, *Breaking Bad* (Final Season), *House of Cards* (season 1), *Foyle's War* (season 7), *The Killing* (season 2), *Mad Men* (season 6), *Doc Martin* (season 6), ...

Family Movie Night: *Planes* (PG), *Despicable Me 2* (PG)

New Books: *David & Goliath* by Malcolm Gladwell, *Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri, *Quiet* by Susan Cain, *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert, *One Summer* by Bill Bryson, *The Longest Ride* by Nicholas Sparks, *Police* by Jo Nesbo, *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham, *We are Water* by Wally Lamb, *Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton, *Circle* by Dave Eggers, *Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, *Good Lord Bird* by James McBride, *Dust* by Patricia Cornwell, *The Gods of Guilt* by Michael Connelly, *Valley of Amazement* by Amy Tan, *Weeknight Wonders* by Ellie Krieger, ...

New Audio Books on cd: *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham, *Me Before You* by JoJo Moyes, *The English Girl* by Daniel Silva, ...

Library Hours:

Tuesday 12–5

Wednesday 12–5

Thursday 9–3

Friday 12–5

Saturday 9–12

Story Times: Thursdays at 9:30am & Saturdays at 10am

Adult Library Book Group: 1st Wed. each month at 3pm

Drop in for a Stitch Knitting Group:

Tuesdays at 3pm

Happy Reading!

Christine Collins, Library Director

TOWN MEETING: MAY 13, 2014

Recreation Center, 301 Wentworth Road

Balloting: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Town Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Town offices open for election:

Select Board Member	3 Year Term
Treasurer	1 Year Term
Budget Committee	3 Year Term
Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
Fire Ward	3 Year Term
Library Trustee	3 Year Term
Trustee Of Trust Funds	3 Year Term
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1 Year Term
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
Town Moderator	2 Year Term

Filing period for town offices: March 26 – April 4

Town Clerk office hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Priscilla Hodgkins

Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Library Trustee Brad Greeley and Library Director Christine Collins reorganizing the library after a complete overhaul of painting and carpeting. Photo courtesy of Jim Cerny.

DID YOU KNOW????

The average showerhead spits out 2.5 gallons of water per minute. That means that a person who takes a 10 minute shower every morning uses over 9,000 gallons of water a year.



If your shower fills a one gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, you should replace the shower head with a low flow head. It takes 70 gallons of water to fill a tub. Three quarters of all water is used in the bathroom, and the toilet accounts for 28 percent of use. The average household uses 130,000 gallons per year.

The sewer rate for the Town of New Castle is \$11.38 per unit with a 20 unit minimum which equates to \$227.60 for every four months. The water rate is \$2.94 per unit with a 20 unit minimum which equates to \$58.80 for every four months. Those on the New Castle system pay \$286.40 every four months.



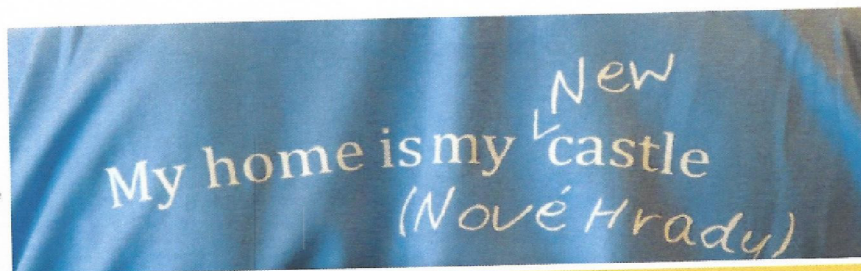
EMERGENCY GENERATOR SAFETY

Tips courtesy of PSNH:

- Never operate generators inside of a home, garage, basement, carport or partially or enclosed space, additionally not near doors or windows.
- Store fuel for generators in properly labeled containers.
- Carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup should be used in nearby enclosed spaces to monitor levels.
- Make sure that extension cords used with generators are rated for the load.

TOWN HALL

The Division of Historical Resources, Department of Cultural Resources of the State of New Hampshire, has certified that the Wentworth Lodge of the Knights of Pythias Hall, better known as the New Castle Town Hall has been accepted for listing in the NH State Register of Historic Places on October 28, 2013. The Town Hall was built in 1897 as a lodge with the town purchasing the building in 1927 to serve as the town hall. There were modifications made to the building in the 1970's to accommodate office space.



Nové Hradý prepares its welcome

The next gathering of the Newcastles of the World will be in the town of Nové Hradý in the Czech Republic from Monday 28 April 2014 until the closing dinner on Saturday 3 May. Mayor Vladimír Hokr and his organising team (pictured right) are well into detailed planning, and we're



sure we'll have a wonderful time in this beautiful town in South Bohemia, just 1 km from the Austrian border.

Coaches will bring delegates from Prague airport on Monday 28th daytime or the afternoon of Sunday 27th, but for those wishing to arrive earlier there will be events in Nové Hradý to enjoy over the weekend of 26/27. At the end of the conference, Nové Hradý wish to encourage delegates to visit the other Nové Hradý in the Czech Republic (Zamek Nové Hradý in Pardubice area on the way back to Prague, east of



the capital). Transport will be provided. Delegates can then go on to Prague for late afternoon flights or stay in Zamek Nové Hradý or Prague overnight and fly on Monday 5th. Registration details for the conference will be available soon on a dedicated website (and linked to ours).

Topics for the conference will include how we make best use of our culture, heritage, buildings and ecology to promote our Newcastles and our lifestyles as places for people to live, to work and to visit as tourists - the "Newcastle card", best practice, regional and twin city cooperation, opportunities for developing business between us all, managing and minimising waste. Also: managing change in our communities (Nové Hradý will discuss the transition to democracy) And especially for youth delegates - unemployment, barriers and prejudice, intergenerational divisions, exchange programmes. Finally - financing the future development of our alliance.



The castle (above) and, below, the Napoleonic chateau, among our conference venues)

Newcastles News

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Fireworks light up New Castle, PA
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SHINSHIRO MAYOR RE-ELECTED

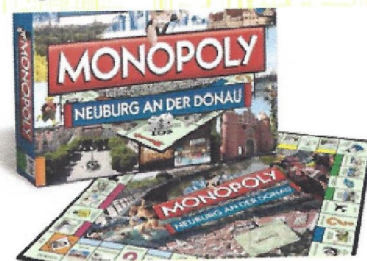


Congratulations to Mayor Ryozi Hozumi who was re-elected for a third term as Mayor of **Shinshiro City** on 10th November. First elected in 2005 Mr Hozumi attended the Newcastles summit in 2006 in Newcastle-under-Lyme UK and in 2008 in Neuburg an der Donau, Germany.

Shinshiro City will host the 2018 gathering of Newcastles of the World, being the 20th anniversary of the first summit which took place in Shinshiro. The then Mayor Yoshio Yamamoto invited a number of Newcastles to meet in his city and that was the start of the biennial gatherings.

GAME ON !

To mark the 10th anniversary of Stadtmarketing **Neuburg**, the agency is promoting the city's very own version of Monopoly, the world-famous family board game. It's been available from October, is a great gift and is selling out fast.



Neuchâtel's Film Festival another Great Success

Founded in 2000, the Fantastic Film Festival of **Neuchâtel** (NIFFF) has become one of the main events of the film year in Switzerland. It has a rich and diverse program, built around a core of fantasy films, but also Asian cinema and digital images. Read more inside - www.niff.ch

NEWCASTLES NEWS

The preceding page is a copy of the latest edition of Newcastle News. This is an organization is comprised of municipalities with the name New Castle. They have published a news-letter and also have a website:

www.newcastlesoftheworld.com

Their next conference will be held from April 28 through May 4, 2014 in the Czech Republic and information about that can be found on their website: www.newcastlesConferences.com

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee is currently meeting weekly to work on the school and town's budgets. The budget meetings are open to the public. The schedule of the meetings is posted on the town website and on the town calendars.

The Budget Committee has the authority to recommend spending levels and formulate the budget that will be presented at the School District Meeting on March 11th and at the May 13th Town Meeting (RSA 32:14). Both Meetings will be held Recreation Building, 301 Wentworth Road.

RYE RECREATION

New Castle residents are welcome to participate in the Rye Recreation. The "Active, Alive and Over 55 Club" brochure has many events scheduled for 2014. This organization pamphlet has lots of information about the classes, registration forms and costs which are available in the New Castle Town hall. Along with classes, Rye Recreation offers fitness classes and clinics for Pickleball. Additional information is also available on the Town of Rye Website at www.town.rye.nh.us

VISIT FROM MHT STUDENTS & STAFF

Last November, grades K-1-2 classes came for a tour of the New Castle Town Hall. The students were given a tour of the building along with a brief overview of the day to day operations of municipal government. Both myself and Accountant Deb Knowles were thrilled to have our first time ever visit from these MHT students and hope that this tradition continues. Deb Knowles said that she enjoyed all the questions the students had about the financial workings of the town.

We received a wonderful thank you note, pictures of the tour and a personal drawing from one of the students.

Pam Cullen
Secretary

Deb Knowles
Accountant



SAFETY ISSUES



A reminder that u-turns in the village are prohibited.

GREAT ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Great Island Garden Club (GIGC) activities continue throughout the winter months – this season learning about trimming and maintenance of our trees, a look towards spring as we learn more about growing plants from seeds, and hearing a how-to lecture on inviting butterflies into our yards with our landscaping choices. Our Club is now 58 strong, and we invite anyone with an interest in gardening to attend one of our monthly meetings or contact Jane Finn (436-7336). **Take a look at what's coming up on our calendar:**

February 4 Meeting New England Stone Walls

The Club will host spouses/guests for an evening dinner and program entitled “New England Stone Walls”. Author Kevin Gardner’s informal talk will cover a few of the main topics of his book about New England stone walls, The Granite Kiss, touching on history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics. He will explain how New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the New England landscape. Along the way, Kevin occupies himself building a miniature wall or walls on a tabletop, using tiny stones from a five-gallon bucket.

March 4 Meeting Gardening from Seeds

Speaker Rita Wollmering will be speaking briefly to the club members about growing your garden from seed, before which she will participate in a hands-on lesson with the 3rd and 4th graders of the Maude Trefethen

School on the topic. Rita is the founder, manager, and grower of The HERB FARMacy.

April 1 Meeting Landscaping for Butterflies

Speaker Michelle Mensinger will bring us an in-depth presentation of New England butterflies and their host plants, including several garden designs. Michelle is Bird and Butterfly Chair for the New England Federation of Garden Clubs, President of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, and a native plant and wildflower advocate.

Coming next issue—our last regular meeting of the year with a program entitled “America’s Romance with the English Garden”, our annual Plant Sale in May, and our Annual Meeting/Luncheon for Members.

Gail Kelly, Publicity



PARKING ISSUES

Please remember that when parking your vehicle to keep your right wheels to the curb.



Our great Public Works Staff: Steve Tabbutt and Chris Pufahl. This is town's newest acquisition – 2013 Caterpillar 420F, thanks to Tom Smith's efforts and hard work. Photo courtesy of Jim Cerny.

RESIDENTS PASSING

By Jim Cerny

With awareness of many deaths and of time passing, I'm drawn to the first stanza of a poem by Emily Dickinson, particularly the phrase *Dum vivimus vivamus* – “While we live, let us live.”

Sic transit gloria mundi
How doth the busy bee
Dum vivimus vivamus
I stay mine enemy!

There were 5 deaths of those who were current New Castle residents in 2013, and another 7 deaths of those who were former or part-time residents. There were 8 actual burials – 5 in Oceanside and 3 in Riverside

Frampton, Jeffrey C. (63) Oceanside.
Gamester, Peter. (70) to be in Oceanside.
Hayward, Bruce G. (48). Oceanside.
Kennedy, Alexander. (64) Oceanside.
Mapel, William Marlen Raines. (81) Oceanside.
Mack, Dian Townsend. (82).
Marchant, Robert M. (78) Riverside.
Smith, Bruce. (83)
Tilney, Nicholas. (77) Oceanside.
Toomey, Elizabeth Neal Rylander. (91) Riverside.
Whitney, Edith. (93) Riverside.
Zuckert, Donald. (79) to be in Oceanside

FRIENDS OF THE PORTSMOUTH HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE

Open House are every Sunday from Late May (Memorial Day weekend) through mid October (Columbus Day weekend) from 1 to 5pm. There is a slight admission to climb the lighthouse.

No reservations are needed, and the tours are on a first come, first served basis. No children under 42 inches tall are permitted to climb to the top and adults are not allowed to carry children up the stairs. Volunteers to help with the open houses are needed! If you're interested in helping let us know at info@portsmouthharborlighthouse.org.