

# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

## New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD

### ISLAND ITEMS

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#### **VOTING ON NOVEMBER 6**

##### **Residents may vote on November 6 with or without a photo ID.**

Please pass the word: no one will be turned away from voting for lack of a photo identity card. Come to the polls at the Recreation Center on Tuesday, November 6 between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to cast your ballot. Sample ballots are posted on the bulletin board at the post office and at Town Hall.

The Voter ID Law, as it is currently written, will make a photo ID a requirement to vote in elections held after September 1, 2013. For the General Election on November 6, residents who do not present a photo ID may still vote by filling out an affidavit. It will certainly be easier to vote with a photo ID, but the Attorney General's office has made it clear in a letter to Election officials that voters should not be turned away for lack of a proper ID.

At check-in, ballot clerks will ask voters to present a photo identification. The following forms of photo identification satisfy the identification requirement:

- A driver's license by any state, even if expired
- An ID card issued by the NH DMV (voter identity card).
- A non-driver photo ID issued by any state, even if expired.
- A US Armed Services ID card
- A US Passport, even if expired
- Any other valid photo ID card issued by federal, state, county or municipal government
- A valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Moderator, or the Clerk (not a ballot clerk) or
- A verification of the person's identity by the Moderator, a Supervisor of the Checklist or the Clerk.

#### **CHALLENGED VOTER AFFIDAVIT**

If a voter does not have one of the above, they may sign a Challenged Voter Affidavit.

#### **VOTER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD**

Registered voters who do not have photo identification may obtain a photo ID for Voting Purposes from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Stop by the Town Clerk's office to pick up a voucher. There is no charge for this card. The only requirement is that you be a registered voter in the town. Take this voucher to any DMV office to obtain a photo ID.

The Assistant Attorney General issued the following statement in a letter to Election Officials:

*“Under no circumstances should an applicant be turned away at the time and place of registration. Applicants who do not have documentation with them to establish their qualifications should not be told to go get such documentation in order to become registered to vote. Rather, they must be given the opportunity to sign a Qualified Voter Affidavit (for identity, age, or citizenship) or a Domicile Affidavit (for domicile).*

*Similarly, under no circumstances should a voter be turned away at the time and place of check-in for failing to produce sufficient photo identification. If a voter does not present photo identification when checking in to vote, they should not be told to get such identification in order to vote. Rather, they must be given the opportunity to sign a Challenged Voter Affidavit.”*

For more information:

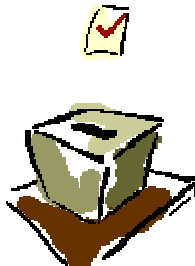
Secretary of States Office website: [www.sos.nh.gov](http://www.sos.nh.gov)

### VOTE COUNTERS NEEDED

Tuesday evening after the polls close a dedicated group of volunteers spend an hour or so counting ballots. We expect a big turnout for this General Election and therefore welcome residents to volunteer to help with the counting. Let me know if you are interested.

Special thanks goes out to Deb Schulte and her posse of volunteers. We are indebted to them for the fine service they provide the town.

See you on November 6<sup>th</sup> !



### **TAX BILLS**

Tax bills will be sent out a little later this year. I'd like to say we will have them in our hands by next week, but it's difficult to predict. In any case, they will be due not earlier than 30 days from the day they are mailed to property owners.

Priscilla Hodgkins  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



## NEW CASTLE PUBLIC WORKS

In the August issue of the Island Items we had shared with you, our residents, that the city of Portsmouth had expressed an interest in taking over the New Castle Water and Sewer system in its entirety. Mr. Normand Houle who is a DPW board member, assembled a committee to gather pertinent information that was requested by the City of Portsmouth. Mr. Houle and his committee have done a fantastic job in doing this and the information is now in the possession of the City of Portsmouth. The Select Board will be following up with a letter requesting that Portsmouth reply regarding their continued interest and what the next steps are needed to be taken. We thank this committee for all of their hours of volunteer time to accomplish this.

We asked for any positive or negative input or feelings on whether or not to turn over the sewer and water distribution system in our August Island Item article. As of this writing, we have had no positive or negative input from the citizens of New Castle. As mention in our last article, you can write the Board of Selectman and copy the DPW board. You are also welcome to attend any DPW board meeting which is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM to express your feelings.

It is imperative that you have no dripping faucets, or toilets that are leaking. There are FREE dye tablets in the town hall/office that you can use to check if your toilets are leaking. We urge you to dye test your toilets frequently. The flapper valves dry out and will not seat properly; thus causing a small leak. This small leak can add up to gallons of wasted water.

Conservation of water for all uses is key to keeping your bill as low as possible. Use 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 after turning it off. Put new washers at the ends

of hoses when you first connect them for the season. Use rain barrels wherever possible to water your garden.

The winter freezing weather is quickly coming upon us. If you do not have freeze proof outside water spigots you will want to remember to shut these valves off and drain them accordingly. Any supply piping that may be prone to freezing should have a heat tape and insulation wrapped around the subject pipe. The heat tapes should be checked to be sure they are functioning properly.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Department of Public Works-- Steve Tabbutt Superintendent 431-6710 Ext. 13 or any DPW Board members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter Liff,  
Chairperson NCDPW



## **GREAT ISLAND GARDEN CLUB**

The Great Island Garden Club is growing! After years of steady membership, this past year saw the GIGC grow by 10 wonderful, multi-talented new members, who come from our own New Castle community as well as from surrounding towns.

In a recent survey of new and old members, the GIGC found that there was a strong interest in getting back to basics, garden design and eco-friendly gardening maintenance systems. So if you're interested in finding out more about gardening and the world surrounding you, come to one of our meetings, held the first Tuesday of each month at the New Castle Congregational Church or call Ann Tarlton, President, at 319-8660 or Nancy Gulley, 431-9252.

**Upcoming meetings and topics are as follows:**

**Tuesday, November 6**

**“Botanical Essence Protection and Aroma Therapy”** – speaker Jane Gee

Learn the magic of flowers, oils, clays, salts and minerals for care of our bodies. (Products will be available for sale.)

**Workshop (As Yet Unannounced)**

**“Creating Interesting Thanksgiving Centerpieces”**

(members only)

**Tuesday, December 4**

**Holiday Luncheon at the Wentworth Country Club**

(members & invited guests)

**Tuesday, January 8**

**“Surprise Topic”**

**On another note...**

**The New Castle Common Library and Rec Center Sustainable Landscaping Project** – this multi-year project comes to conclusion this fall with the addition of fieldstone paths to the various rock benches, as well as ornamental fieldstone details and additional plantings to the library

entrance. Upon completion, the GIGC will also have installed an irrigation system to assure meeting the plantings' watering needs. Come stop by and take a look. Next spring, a dedication will be held at the Center. More information will be available closer to the date.

Gail Kelly, Publicity



## **Annual Report Awards Results for the New Castle Town Report of 2011**

New Castle has been selected as the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner in the population category of 751-1500 for the New Hampshire Local Government Center's excellence in Annual Report Awards Contest. This award recognizes excellence in the production of annual reports – publications that are creative, accurate, informative, and easily understood by the average citizen.

New Castle in the past has won the award twice for second place for the year 2004 and 2009, and twice for first place in 2006 and 2011!

## NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. ~ Dr. Seuss

The library has enjoyed getting organized the three months that fall between the summer reading program and visits from MHT. We have had a special focus on the reading area of the **Macomber Room**. We rearranged bookcases to make more room around the tables, hung some artwork and improved lighting. We hope this area is a little more comfortable for patrons who are looking for good work space or a quiet spot to read.

The start of a new school year means **Book Talks** each month at Friday Morning Meetings at MHT. It is great fun to bring a variety of books to the students and discuss them. It is also helpful for me to get student feedback on books they have discovered. Book Talks will continue throughout the school year. MHT will start coming to the library in November.

**Drop in For a Stitch** - In January the library will host an informal knitting group. We invite anyone interested in getting together to knit to join us starting Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. We will have seasoned knitters on hand to help beginning knitters get going. Please let us know if you are interested!

A friendly reminder to patrons that dogs are not allowed in the library. We love your dogs, but per town policy we are unable to host them in the library. For patrons who have their dogs with them, we have attached a short leash to the bike rack with a carabiner for easy tie-up.

### New Materials at the Library –

**DVDs:** The Artist, Taken, Salmon Fishing in the Yemen, Hysteria, The Hunger Games, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, Jesse Stone: Benefit of the

Doubt, Doc Martin season 5, The Closer season 7, Glades season 2, The Good Wife season 3, Blue Bloods season 2, Modern Family season 3...

**Family Movie Night:** Big Miracle, The Lorax, National Treasure, National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets, The National Parks: America's Best Idea...

**New Books:** *Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian, *Fallen Angel* by Daniel Silva, *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel, *Prisoner of Heaven* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, *A Hundred Flowers* by Gail Tsukiyama, *Inn at Rose Harbor* by Debbie Macomber, *Mission Flats* by William Landay, *Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Steadman, *Casual Vacancy* by J.K. Rowling, *Phantom* by Jo Nesbo, *Mortality* by Christopher Hitchens, *Last to Die* by Tess Gerritsen, *Love Anthony* by Lisa Genova, *Winter of the World* by Ken Follett...

**New Audio books on cd:** *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn, *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty, *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, and several audios for families – *The Cricket in Times Square*, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *The Mysterious Benedict Society*, *Peter and the Starcatchers*, *Theodore Boone series* by John Grisham, *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan, and *Riding Freedom* by Pam Munoz Ryan.

### Library Hours:

Tuesday 1-7  
Wednesday 1-5  
Thursday 9-3  
Friday 1-5  
Saturday 9-1

### Story Times:

Thursdays at 9:30am & Saturdays at 10am

Happy Reading!

Christine Collins, Library Director

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

The State Primary was held on September 11, 2012 with a total of 393 votes cast resulting in 43.8 percent voter turnout. We appreciate the time and talent that our Ballot Clerks contribute. Many thanks go to Leslie Parker, Mary Rauh, Sally Gayer, and Ned Robinson for their willingness to serve.

This election was a practice for the new New Hampshire voter ID law which will be in effect for the Presidential Election in November. All voters will be required to show their picture ID before receiving a ballot. Those who do not have a picture ID will be required to sign an official Challenged Voter Affidavit which will be reviewed by State Officials. The Presidential Election is November 6, 2012 and we are anticipating a serious turnout!

Darcy Horgan  
Karen Mitchell  
Sherri Becker, Chair



# ***NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS TRASH COLLECTION***

## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK**

**TRASH WILL BE  
PICKED UP ON  
WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 21st**



Christmas and New Years week will not change pickup and will be the usual Thursday.



## NEW CASTLE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, December 1, 2012

Save the Date!

The Village Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 8am to 2pm, at the New Castle Recreational Building, 301 Wentworth Road, in New Castle, NH.

Morning coffee with delicious homemade baked goods will be for sale, and don't miss our traditional 'lobster roll and fish chowder' lunch, followed by fabulous desserts.

There will be a great selection of plain and decorated wreaths at the Fair, as well as Greens and Boxwood Trees, Holiday baskets, Holly wreaths, Hydrangea wreaths, and Centerpieces.

Booths also feature The Bake Table, wonderful Hand Crafted items, the Candy Store, the famous New Castle Cookbook, Jewelry and Red Elephants, Gift Baskets, and The Country Store.

And, if you have been *very* good..... Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus will be visiting from the North Pole! Let the kids tell Santa what's on their list...

Make plans to attend, and bring family and friends.

See you at the Village Fair!

For Information Call: 603-436-1776

## **GREEN WASTE DAY**

During the growing season, the Town of New Castle and the Conservation Commission hire a dumpster for garden debris and other green waste. The dumpster hauls away the garden debris to a special green waste landfill site. This is a **FREE** service for residents. The dumpster and the Town's compost pile (open in the spring and fall for leaves) are manned by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer call Town Hall and leave your name.

**LAST Green waste date for 2012**

**Saturday, November 17, 2012  
8 to 11am**

This is the only day for the drop-off of leaves. Leaves must be separate from all other green waste.



## TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

A reminder that the town offices will be closed on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving Day.

## NEW CASTLE RECREATION

The 19th running of the Great Island Road Race was held on October 7<sup>th</sup> and was huge success. Over 1300 people registered for the 5K, with an additional 200+ children participating in our kid's fun runs.

As is our tradition, MHT students submitted close to 30 works of art for our Fun Run t-shirt contest. Our congratulations go to fifth grader Lilly Pinciario for having her drawing chosen for this year's shirt. In appreciation for the artwork submitted, all MHT students were provided free entry into the races.

The money raised from the race will be used to maintain and enhance the playground and skating rink at the New Castle Common as well as support the MHT, Rye JH and Portsmouth track teams. Starting this past year and moving forward, we are also funding two scholarships for graduating high school seniors who live in the New Castle, Newington, Greenland, Rye or Portsmouth. The scholarships are named in memory of Tom Quinn. Tom was a co-founder of the race and produced the artwork for our first 13 shirts. Tom is missed but his name lives on!

The Recreation Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's race, as well as all of you who made a food donation or helped us with their time. The race is such a big success, because of the way the people of New Castle get behind it! We would also like to thank the following sponsors, many of which have ties to New Castle and without which the race would not have been possible:

Ocean Properties/Wentworth by the Sea Hotel, Holloway Mercedes-Benz, Wentworth by the Sea Marina, Gastroenterology PA, Liberty Mutual, Sports Medicine Atlantic Orthopedics, Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Swix, Rocky Coast Print Works, The Runner's Alley and Henrys' Market.

Lastly, we want to thank the Police Department and Fire department/EMS contingent, as well as the following special individuals, who gave so much of themselves to make the race happen:

Pam Cullen, Susan and Roger Epstein, Chet Fessenden, Kate Fitzpatrick, Liz Fregeau, Terri Golter, Bob Hickey, Brad Lebo, Gerry and Cille Marvin, Annie and Norman Rice, Steve Tabbutt and Don White.

Hope to see you for our 20<sup>th</sup> in 2013!



## **Ice Rink Help Needed!!**

We need a volunteer to help coordinate the maintenance on the Great Island Common skating rink. If interested, please contact Guy at 431-0839.



## A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FOR CAPT. BILL WILLIAMS

A 100th birthday party is planned for Capt. Bill Williams on Sunday, January 6, 2013, at 1:30PM, in the Macomber Room of the Recreation Building at the Great Island Common. All Islanders are cordially invited to celebrate with him. A birthday cake along with cookies and punch will be served. Please help us shower him with birthday cards and congratulations for this momentous occasion.

Bill was born in Portsmouth to Chester and Mabel (Pridham) Williams on January 3, 1913. He is a retired sea captain who grew up in New Castle and attended local schools. He grew up in the house at 12 Wentworth Road. Formerly, it was located within Fort Constitution and moved to its present site about 1900. His father bought it for \$300!

At age, 25 he was believed to be the youngest navigator in the U. S. Merchant Marine Service, and had made seven trips around the world. He served with the Merchant Marine Service during World War II, moving all sorts of war material in convoys. "Did you know there were proportionately more merchantmen lost in WWII than in any other service?" commented Capt. Bill. Although he sailed with Iberian Lines for many years, he always called New Castle 'home'. Being a mariner was a natural choice for him as he comes from a long line of sea captains and fishermen in the local Ruee and Pridham families.

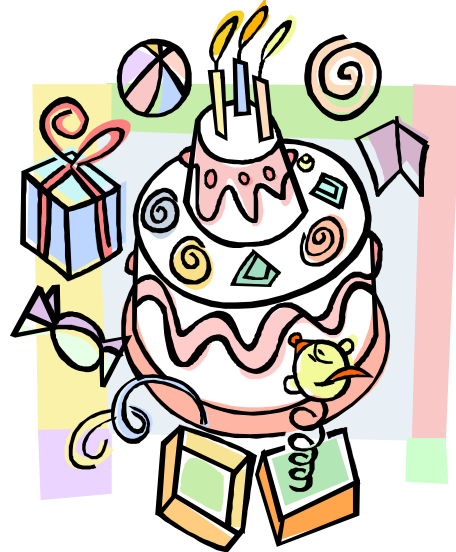
Longevity runs in his family as well. His mother was presented with the Boston Post Cane in 1976 at age 89. Bill is now the official holder of that cane signifying his being the oldest resident in New Castle.

Bill's wife Gladys passed away in 1996. He is blessed by having siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends living nearby.

Capt. Bill has a quick wit and enjoys telling sea yarns. We all wish him continued good health and happy adventures.

See you all at this wonderfully Happy Birthday party!

Submitted by Deb Hutchinson Schulte,  
Town Historian and Bill's cousin



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Old Library. All members are invited as well as potential new members