

# The Tuftonboro Times

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## New owners breathe new life into the old Cheney Farm

If you have had the opportunity to drive on Route 109A from Wolfeboro to Center Tuftonboro you have passed the Cheney Farm. The stately white farmhouse, sitting on top of the hill with the big attached barn, is on the left just past 19-Mile Brook. In 2006, with help from a Natural Resource Conservation Service grant, Tuftonboro purchased an easement from Wayne and Brenda Cheney that ensures the farm will be preserved as a community landmark. The easement protects the farm from development and preserves the view of the farm and the historic house and barn structures. The easement restrictions remain with the deed and pass down to all future owners.

Last year, after being in the Cheney family for more than 100 years, the farm was put on the market. In early 2020, Elizabeth and Avery Woodworth looked at it and fell in love with the property and the town. In May, 2020, they purchased the property from brother and sister, Wayne Cheney and Brenda Schultz.

Elizabeth and Avery also own a five-acre farm in Byfield, a village in the town of Newbury, MA. Restoration is not a new concept to the Woodworths, as they have renovated two homes and a post and beam barn since they have been married. Avery is a self-employed contractor renovating houses in Newburyport, MA while Elizabeth is an illustrator and stay-at-home mom.

In mid-June, my wife Joan and I, along with Steve Wingate, had the opportunity to sit with the Woodworths and talk about their plans for the property. We also had the chance to meet their son Caleb and his fiancé Ellie, who have moved from Colorado to help with the farm. We sat and chatted for a while and then went on a tour of the property.

A lot of work currently being done on the property is behind the scenes. Like any big project, you start with the basics. In this case, that involved cleaning out the barn, storage shed, out buildings and grounds. At the same time, the family has been evaluating the condition of the house and barn and are looking at the viability of the wells. The Woodworths are still undecided as to what exactly the next steps will be or what needs the most attention.

Most of the house and barn are in their original built condition, and Elizabeth and Avery want to keep as many of the buildings as authentic as possible.



**A Tuftonboro landmark, the farm was recently sold by brother and sister, Wayne Cheney and Brenda Schultz. Their family had operated the farm for 100 years.**

Even though the house was built in 1865, it appears the barn was built sometime earlier (Elizabeth and Avery believe it was built somewhere around 1790 and repurposed from a different location). They have been removing windows and glass to make sure that they are not damaged in the restoration project and can be put back when needed. Over the course of the summer, a lot of their attention will be on the barn. The barn has seen better days and is in need of some major repair and rebuilding.

The first order of business will be to get the buildings weather tight. The structure of the house seems sound, but there needs to be some foundation work and stabilization under some parts of the building. All the plumbing, heating, and electrical systems will be evaluated and brought up to current standards. Windows will be re-glazed, repaired or rebuilt in the original style. The house will see some updates on the inside, but the outside will remain as it is today.

Elizabeth and Avery plan to do as much work as possible by themselves but will call in licensed professional contractors when required. Sounds like a lot of work for two people, which is why their son Caleb and his fiancé Ellie have moved out to help. When asked about a timeline on the project, the Woodworths estimated it going to take ten years to get the buildings and grounds to where they want them to be.

During all of this they have been maintaining the property. They have decided to have the fields hayed by a local farmer, and they will keep the edges of the fields mowed themselves. Elizabeth has planted a no-till garden on the east side of the barn. Gravel has been put down in the driveway to maintain the integrity of the drive and to keep the dust down. When asked about her vision for the property, Elizabeth answered "To create a spot for immediate and extended family to come and play".

As we left, Elizabeth pointed out an interesting fact. The Cheney's bought the farm during the 1918 Spanish Flu, and the Woodworths purchased the farm during the Covid-19 pandemic. We can only hope this means the farm will stay in the Woodworth's family for the next hundred plus years. After talking with them, I think they will be great stewards of this property.

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission is responsible for administering the easement on the farm property. The Commission feels fortunate that Elizabeth and Avery Woodworth are taking over the farm. The couple are experienced at historic preservation and enjoy farming. Tuftonboro residents will have the benefit of enjoying this picturesque and historic property in perpetuity.

**Steve Scapicchio**  
**Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

# Great Meadow Wetlands Trail: progress despite delays

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission (TCC) hopes everyone is well and coping with the pandemic. For the moment, the Great Meadow Trail project is one more victim of Covid-19. But with the current loosening of restrictions, the Commission believes that work could resume on a limited basis. Volunteers would work in small crews, no more than three or four people on a shift. Two people would work on construction, remaining well-spaced, and one or two people would carry in supplies.

In the meantime, the TCC has submitted a permit application to NHDES to cover the

boardwalk and bridge installation over wetlands and is waiting for their approval. The TCC will also be ordering needed materials through the Tuftonboro Association, who raised funds last year to cover the parking area construction and some materials cost.

The project likely cannot get started again until mid-summer. While it will be hot, sticky, and buggy, the delay will also give the water table time to go down, making the work sites dryer. If there are willing volunteers, especially younger ones, they can be put to good use. The TCC had arranged to use volunteer campers from Camp Belknap to

carry in most of the materials but have just learned that Belknap has had to cancel its summer camp season. Workers will try to precut as much as possible to reduce the weight of many of the parts, but, in the end, carrying everything in will be the most challenging part of the work.

Thanks to all who have taken an interest in the Great Meadow Trail Project. When work resumes, the TCC will give everyone at least two weeks' notice on proposed work dates.

**Steve Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

# No-Till Community Garden a big success with gardeners

If you happen to drive by the Tuftonboro Community Garden (CG), the first thing that you should notice is that there are black pathways delineating the plots in the garden. This year TAC made the decision to have the CG be managed as a no-till garden. The silty soils in the CG are fragile and lack structure. That makes them vulnerable to erosion from wind and water. Repeated plowing of such soils can exacerbate this erosion. No-till is a type of soil conservation farming. Instituting no-till agriculture in the garden will have several long-term benefits.

Improved soil structure is a big benefit. Tilling disrupts the natural structure of soil and disperses some of the carbon that soil needs into the air. No-till means you are keeping more of the nutrients your soil desperately needs right where they belong.

Erosion can be reduced by leaving more residue on the surface in the months when there are no crops growing. Preventing rain or melting snow from running off the soil means that beneficial nutrients work their way down into the soil.

No-till gardening minimizes the compaction of the soil. Soil gets compacted any time equipment drives over the surface. This means the air and water pockets present in soil that allow for the movement of water, crop roots, and soil organisms get squeezed out by the weight of the equipment. Since no-till reduces the amount of equipment used, the threat of compaction is reduced.

A final, perhaps more noticeable, benefit is provided to the community gardeners. Because there will be no annual tilling, the garden plots are now permanent. This means that gardeners can have the same plot year after year if they desire. Having the same plot in consecutive years allows gardeners to add permanent structures to their plots and plant perennial crops and flowers.

## CG Composting Project Update

Over the past two years TAC has worked

to develop a composting demonstration project. The project was initiated and spearheaded by Ron Sundquist and is now being shepherded by Geoff Blackett. Through the participation of the community gardeners, vegetative debris can be added to a series of bins and, eventually, be turned into compost that can be used back on CG plots. The project provides a demonstration of various ways a home gardener can do composting at home. TAC is currently working on a composting pamphlet that will be available to residents interested in producing their own compost.

Last year you may have noticed a large green tumbler (Jora) that was part of the composting project. This Jora was purchased through a grant and was to be used to demonstrate food waste composting. As most community gardeners seem to be composting at home, the Jora did not get as much use as TAC had hoped. So, this summer the Jora has moved to Camp Sentinel as part of their food waste composting program. If you are interested in this project, please contact Camp Sentinel ([info@campsentinel.org](mailto:info@campsentinel.org)).

## Plowed Edges of the Community Garden:

You may have noticed that the back and side edges of the CG have been plowed. Considering the change in the CG to no-till, you may be wondering "what gives?" That area has, in the past, been used for various crops (sunflowers, pumpkins). Last year the area was planted to oats to keep the weeds down and to provide a cover crop for the soil. If demand for CG plots increases, we could use some of these areas for additional plots. Long-term (the emphasis being on "long-term"), the TAC would like to convert these spaces to native wildflower meadows. (The fall issue of the Times will explain the benefit of native wildflower meadows.) Until we can get that project under way, we need to provide some sort of cover crop. It was decided to plant buckwheat this year as buckwheat provides

more benefit to pollinators than oats. If you are interested in this project and would like to help, contact the TAC.

## Tuftonboro Community Garden

The Covid-19 pandemic may have caused us to physically distance and wear masks, but it has not kept the intrepid gardeners of the Tuftonboro Community Garden (CG) down. This year all the plots in the CG have been spoken for, and there have been a couple of late requests for additional plots.

Look on the back page of this publication for a great picture of the Community Garden in "full flower."

If you take the time to visit and stroll through the CG you can see some of the differences that switching to no-till gardening has made in the garden. There are several permanent, raised beds of various sizes, shapes, and materials. One bed even has asparagus! One ingenious gardener has used pieces of culvert to make raised "pots" for their tomatoes. You will see a tool shed, chairs and benches, and garden signs. There are bean poles, ladders, strings, and other methods for growing crops vertically. One plot is being cultivated to produce crops for the food pantry. Gardeners have planted a variety of vegetables and flowers. If you get a chance stop by and get inspiration from the various plots, or just enjoy the handiwork of your neighbors. You might even pick up a few tips if you chance on one of the gardeners. If you do stop by to chat, please be considerate, physically distance, and wear a mask.

Be sure to check out the Tuftonboro Community Garden Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/groups/239220610720369](https://www.facebook.com/groups/239220610720369).

**Susan Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission**

# Covid-19 forces town to move voting location this fall

The Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020 continues to have an impact on daily life in Tuftonboro. One aspect of normal life in the town that has been affected is the fall election season. The Tuftonboro Town House, traditionally the town polling place, is too small to accommodate the social distancing required by the Covid-19 protocols. For this reason, the Tuftonboro Central School gymnasium, normally the site for Town Meeting, will also be the polling place for the State Primary Election (September 8) and the General Election (November 3).

Other election-related changes because of the pandemic include an interpretation by the NH Secretary of State and the NH Attorney general regarding the requirements for obtaining an absentee ballot. In a joint statement they wrote “in light of the current public health state of emergency, Emergency Orders #16 and #26, and current public health

*guidance on social distancing and avoiding being in public in groups of 10 or more, all voters have a reasonable ground to conclude that a “physical disability” exists within the meaning of RSA 657:1. Therefore, all voters may request an absentee ballot on that basis.”*

The same reasoning also provides an opportunity for persons wishing to register to vote to do so by application to the Town Clerk rather than appearing in person. Contact [townclerk@tuftonboro.org](mailto:townclerk@tuftonboro.org) for more information.

For those who choose to vote in person, they will find a different look to the polling place itself. Firstly, all poll workers and election officials will be masked and utilizing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by the State through a grant by the Federal Government. Sneeze guards will separate the ballot clerks and the Supervisors of the Checklist from the

voters. Masks will be required for entry to the polling place and one-time surgical masks will be available for any voter who forgets to bring their own.

Disposable pencils will be provided to each voter which they may keep or discard, and a disposable “voting mat” will be provided to each voter on which they can place their ballot and avoid contact with the voting booth itself. Hand sanitizer will be provided to voters and election workers. Painter’s tape will be applied to the floor of the polling place to mark a six-foot separation where lines are liable to form. Entry and exit from the polling place will be through separate doors.

It is hoped and expected that these changes are not permanent, but during this most unusual period it is best to err on the side of caution. As we often see on signs in our neighbors’ yards, “This is Tough, But So Are You!”

## Board of Selectmen adjust to meet coronavirus challenge

Since last we wrote, the Covid-19 pandemic has occupied much of the Selectmen’s time and efforts. We were forced to close the Town Offices from the general public, reduce the operations at the Transfer Station, ensure that our first responders and police officers were adequately protected and compensated, and review our Parks and Recreation events and services.

As the first pandemic events have slowed, we have been able to reopen the Town Offices to the public, but we are requiring that everyone coming into the building wear a mask, in hopes that we can avoid further outbreaks in Town. We have also reopened the Transfer Station, and the Swap Shop is open as well.

Meetings of the Selectman and other boards remain a challenge. It is still important to limit the number of people at any public meeting and to maintain social distancing. The Selectmen have been holding their weekly meetings at the Town House and initially set up a phone conference system to allow for public input. As the pandemic conditions continued, the Selectmen had internet access installed

at the Town House so that public input could be via video and more closely resemble public attendance at their meetings. Both systems as well as their access information are noted at the bottom of this article.

Many of the annual Town events, such as the Old Home Days activities, concert series at the beach, and various youth activities have had to be reevaluated, and that effort continues. Our Parks and Recreation Director has been diligently reviewing and restructuring these events and activities so that we can have as normal a summer season as possible. Please check for scheduling updates at the Town Offices, Town website ([Tuftonboro.org](http://Tuftonboro.org)) or in the Granite State News.

The Selectmen are committed to maintaining the operations of our Town government. We only ask that you do all you can to keep yourselves and the community safe and healthy.

**Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen**

**Lloyd Wood, Chairman**

**Bill Marcussen**

**Chip Albee**

## Police chief speaks out about training

As the State has begun to reopen and summer residents have arrived, Tuftonboro’s population has begun to swell. With more people out and about the Tuftonboro Police Department has become busier. Due to COVID-19, access to the police facility at the Town Offices remains limited.

Fortunately, there have been no employees who required isolation. Because of the size of the facility, with four employees who work within 6 feet of each other, if one were to test positive or be exposed to anyone with the virus, it is possible several employees could be required to self-quarantine. Several municipalities in New Hampshire have had to face

that problem, including one that had all but one part-time officer in isolation.

The Department and the Selectmen continue to move forward with meetings on a new police facility. That process has discovered some misconceptions. To clarify, there is only one evidence storage area labelled as “small evidence.” This area is limited to the property room officer. There is a room on the plan labelled “large storage” which is a garage space. Another place with “evidence” is a storage area for supplies, chemicals, and firearms, which is accessible

*If you would like to join a Selectmen’s meeting remotely\*, please join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/996433941>*

*You can also listen via telephone:*

*United States (Toll Free): 1 877 309 2073*

*Access Code: 996-433-941*

*\* Please note that you will be able to interact during public input using the online service. However, you will only be able to listen to the meeting via telephone. Members of the public wishing to speak using the online service, please notify the organizer via the chat box. If you have any issues attending this meeting electronically using the aforementioned instructions, please call 603-569-5903.*

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# Fire & Rescue prepared for the worst, hopes for the best

Can you believe it is midsummer already? What started out as a quiet season has turned into another busy one for the Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue Department. Our summer community arrived months early for the most part. (Who could blame them? What better spot to ride out a pandemic?) But even with these early arrivals the department did not get the usual increase in calls that it normally sees with our summer arrivals. However, the Department is catching up to normal quickly with a variety of calls and one of the Ww biggest increases in structure fires in the mutual aid areas.

We are well-prepared and braced for the worst, but, thankfully, for some reason we did not see the increase in calls surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic that we all saw on the nightly news. (Not yet.) I for one am going to chalk it up to "good old common sense," luck, and the fact that we isolate to some extent by the way we normally live. Everyone keep up whatever you are doing. It seems to be working. Stay healthy, and the department thanks you for your efforts.

The early summer heat has given us a stark reminder of the just how hot it can get. The intense heat and humidity create numerous problems for area fire departments including an increase in calls for heat-related issues. Plus, firefighters are quickly exhausted when they must work outside during emergencies. So please, when the temperature rises, please hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate some more. You really cannot drink enough to replenish the fluids that

are being lost when it is so hot, especially if you are working outside. Good old water is the best option for hydrating yourself. There are many commercial sports drinks on the market that claim they are the best for replacing lost nutrients and electrolytes, but, for mere mortals, they can, in fact, cause problems if they are the only thing that you drink. It is a good idea to mix your sports drink at least 50/50 with water to dilute it down.

While everyone suffers during these heat waves, the sick and elderly can be the most affected. If you have an elderly relative or neighbor, please check in on them and remind them to keep drinking, even if they do not feel like it. Due to physiological changes and or medications the elderly may be taking, they often do not realize they need to drink. They might not feel the need to drink when in fact, they are already in a constant state of dehydration. So, it takes extraordinarily little water loss in people who are dehydrated for them to have a severe heat emergency. Some sign and symptoms that you may notice: profuse sweating; the lack of sweating but the skin is very warm to the touch; change in the person's normal mental status; and, if you gently pinch the person's skin and it does not return to normal when it is released, can all be signs of dehydration. You should try to get these people relief as soon as possible. Some ways to do this are: bring the person into an air-conditioned room, get them to drink lots of water or, if

they are having a heat emergency, call 911.

The summer is a great time to get out and enjoy the water. If you do go out on the water on a boat, please wear your Personal Floatation Device (PFD) or have them readily available. It is a law that all children under the age of 12 must wear an approved PFD. There have already been numerous water-related deaths in NH this season so please use caution in and around the water.

Since the pandemic has rolled over us (along with the necessary precautions) the department misses the chance to speak with folks on a regular basis. The Central Station lobby remains open for business as usual. If no one is visible from the window, please push the call button for assistance. If we are in the building, we will come to assist you as quickly as we can. We may be out of the building for an emergency or on other department business. If no one is available please call 569-3381 and leave a message. We will call you back as soon as we can.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer. Embrace the new normal and remember to be patient. We are all in this together. And maybe, just maybe, someone else is having a worse day than you and could use your understanding. I am sure you would appreciate theirs.

Stay safe.

**Caleb Pike, Capt.**  
**Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue**

## Transfer Station, Swap Shop resume normal operation

Summer is here! This year has been one to remember due to the dramatic effects on everyone caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Current employees at the Transfer Station remain the same: Robert Dean, Kerry Long, and Ralph Bussiere are per diem attendants. Barry Colbert, Rob Edwards, and Clay Gallagher are full time employees.

After federal and state response guidance was issued concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, our initial response was to close the recycling building and only collect household trash in the compactors. We concentrated on staying open for trash while keeping safe distancing with no interaction between employees and residents to minimize any chances of spreading the virus through contact or air droplets. We appreciated the public's support and understanding through that timeframe. As the federal and state governments eased guidance restrictions, we did the same, and established outside recycling points for glass, plastics, aluminum and steel cans, and limited construction debris. Again, the public's support and understanding through that timeframe was appreciated.

As further re-opening guidance was given from the Governor, we opened back up to providing all normal services and recycling. The recycling building

is now back open, and the swap shop is open as well. We are still following social distancing guidance, and highly recommend wearing masks while in the recycling building. Masks and gloves are required in the swap shop.

The following services are open for recycling:  
Corrugated Cardboard inside the recycling center for recycling.

Aluminum cans inside the recycling center for recycling.

Steel/Tin cans inside the recycling center for recycling.

Plastics 1-7 (no rigid plastic or plastic bags) Used motor oil only – (no larger than gallon containers) inside the recycling center for recycling.

Lead Acid batteries inside the recycling center for recycling.

Rechargeable batteries inside the recycling center for recycling.

Fluorescent bulbs and mercury containing items inside the recycling center for recycling.

Glass Bottles and Jars are still recycled but collection is outside the end corner of the recycling building by the loading dock. Residents will drive up next to sign "GLASS ONLY" at the 30-yard container and then dump their glass only (No plastic bags or boxes)

directly into the container

Other Notes:

Mixed Paper is to be discarded in household trash in compactors

Electronics, Tires, Propane tanks, fridges, scrap metal, brush and yard waste (See attendant as charges apply.)

Hazardous Waste Collection days will be on 25 July and 1 Aug from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. These dates are confirmed, but at this time we still do not know the locations due to some towns dropping out of the Lakes Region Planning Commission program because of the pandemic. The two dates above are when Tuftonboro residents can drop off 10 gallons of material free of charge. All Tuftonboro residents may also drop hazardous waste material off at the Wolfeboro hazardous waste facility, at their own expense, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the third Sat of each month from May thru October.

Controlled medications collection dates will be published as soon as we know them. Collection will be at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station by the Police Department and usually occurs twice during the summer and fall.

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# The “new” Tuftonboro Free Library waits to greet patrons

At a time when the spirit of community means more than ever before, this issue's library column features many thanks.

Thanks to Karen Baker of **The Country Bookseller**. When TFL's book jobber suspended deliveries to New Hampshire, Karen worked with us to implement “Buy/Read/Donate,” a special promotion offering a 10% discount to library patrons who agreed to purchase books from a wish list of desired acquisitions, and donate them to the library after reading them. The wish list included fiction and non-fiction for all ages.

Thanks to Autumn Siders, who set up the bookstore's website and tracked the purchases – three dozen books sold over the month of May, with a retail value of well over \$1,000 – and also the generous donors: Cindy Barnard, Dawn and Dave Childers, Gina Finocchiaro, Diane Guerriere, Pat and Mike Hodder, Joy Jones, Linda MacDonald, Mo Marsh, Joyce and Jack Munsey, Mary Ann Murray, Winnie O'Shaughnessy, Tom Perry, Kim Reed, Anya Robinson, Sue Schultz, and Vicki Zimmerschied. All the donated books have now been catalogued and are available to check out. (See below for details on how to place a hold and pick up your checkouts.)

Thanks to the “Informal Gathering of Gardeners,” a dedicated group of Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro green thumbs who have donated hours of their time and treasures from their own gardens and from **Spider Web Gardens** to get a huge start on landscaping the areas around the new addition and parking lot. Organizers Faye Friedrich and Jeremy Hodgdon were backed up by Sally and Bill Andersen, Denise Ferriman, Cindy and Stan Janiak, Sarah and Paul Matlock, and Maureen and Jack Minahan, who also funded purchase of a sprinkler and hoses.

Thanks to Mike Phelps, who contributed his backhoe to dig the large holes for the pink dogwood, blue spruce, and balsam fir that Adam Stockman, who also donated the blue spruce, delivered via forklift. The group moved Gary Southard's memorial granite bench to the top of the wildflower-seeded slope behind the building, where it is flanked by purple lilacs donated by Marsha Hunter and blueberry bushes donated by the Janiaks. Cory Hunter of **The Village Green** made a very generous donation of mulch. Much remains to be done in the seasons to come, but it is all shaping up beautifully!

Thanks to volunteer Kevin Chester, who donned mask and gloves first to help Dennis unload the packed storage container across the street, and then to reshel-



**Custom-made sneeze guards are in place awaiting patrons of the renovated Tuftonboro Free Library. They were built by Code Officer Jack Parsons.**

the entire adult fiction and non-fiction collections – literally thousands of books -- once all of the new steel shelving was installed last month.

Thanks to Sharon and Dan Flaucher, who decided that the new cupola needed a weathervane, and worked tirelessly to make that happen at a time when Coppertops was closed first for the winter, and then for the virus. If it has not been installed by the time this issue goes to press, keep an eye out for an iconic symbol of the library as a portal to the universe!

Thanks to Anthony Mento at **SMP Architecture**, and most especially to site supervisor Adam Downs and the entire **Bauen Corporation** crew of subcontractors, who worked tirelessly to complete renovations to the old building while the library was closed. The project has finally reached the punch list stage, with only a few items remaining to check off. The new library is beyond what we ever imagined in the planning stages, and it is beyond frustrating not to be able to throw open the doors and celebrate with everyone who hung in there for over a decade, and finally made it happen.

Thanks to Jack Parsons, Tuftonboro's Code Enforcement and Health Officer, who designed and built the custom plexiglas sneeze guards shown in the photograph. He even framed them in natural maple to match the new stacks and circulation desk trim! These and the hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes also on view are part of the next phase of reopening, which we are working on now.

Although the building remains closed to the public until further notice, the library is open, and contactless curbside pick-up service is available 6 days a week, Tuesday-Sunday.

Patrons can browse new acquisitions from the drop-down list at the top of the page of the online catalog. Log in to place holds on new and/or older books, movies, and audios directly, or call (603) 569-4256, or email [holds@tuftonborolibrary.org](mailto:holds@tuftonborolibrary.org) with specific or general requests.

Staff will contact patrons to confirm holds and schedule a pickup time. Filled requests will be checked out, packaged in labelled bags, and placed on the table right outside the new main entrance, ready to go. Pickup times are scheduled at staggered intervals on Tuesday from 11-2; Wednesday-Friday 11-5; Saturday 11-3; and Sunday 11-2. This allows staff time to pull, check out, and bag materials for pick up every morning, and to disinfect surfaces and equipment at the end of each day.

Please return all library books, DVDs, and audios in the new drive-up freestanding book drop on the sidewalk right outside the old main entrance. All returns are quarantined for 72 hours before being shelved and re-circulated. Please hold onto any donations for now or drop them off at the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station.

Finally, thanks to TFL's Board of Trustees, and of course to all our much-missed patrons, both resident and seasonal. Dennis, Lynn, Ellen, Deidra, and I are grateful for everyone's patience and cooperation with this carefully phased approach to reopening. Please know that at every step of the way, we will take stringent precautions to protect and ensure the continued health and safety of our community.

**Christie V. Sarles**  
Librarian/Director

## Hikers cancel planned summer activities, move towards fall

The Hikers organization has been part of the Tuftonboro community for many years, but very few years have posed such a challenge. While we had many events planned for 2020, we could not have anticipated that COVID-19 would become a part of

our reality, or that we would have to cancel all those planned activities. Despite what will be a long road ahead, The Hikers are forging forward and planning for a new season.

Thank you for your continued support of our

organization, stay well, and wishing you all an enjoyable summer. We shall see you in the fall.

**Faye Friedrich, President**  
The Hikers

# A letter from the President of The Tuftonboro Association

July 10, 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The issue of the Tuftonboro Times you have in your hands kicks off our primary fundraising effort for the year. Your donations are the sole means of support we receive. COVID-19 concerns have sharply reduced the social interactions that are part of the hallmark of the association and the town, yet life goes on, as this issue will attest. In time, our activities will fully recover, and your financial support is critical to our operations. Remember, we are a 501(c)(3) organization which means all donations are fully tax deductible.

Since 1965 the Tuftonboro Association has been dedicated to working with members of our community who are concerned with and interested in the welfare of the community. Our interests include the conservation and preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the community and support various projects of a charitable and civic purpose in the community. Our major, ongoing activities include:

- Great Meadow Wetlands Trail - Our efforts at working with the Towns' Conservation Commission to open public access to the Great Meadow via Sodom Road. Good progress has been made, with a parking lot completed and trail all marked out. Construction will proceed this summer, but at a reduced pace due to the virus.
- The *Tuftonboro Times* - Published four times a year and distributed free to every Tuftonboro mail recipient.
- Candidates' Night - A forum typically held in February that provides residents with the opportunity to interact with candidates for local offices.
- Town wide roadside cleanup - Typically held in late April to help cleanup local roads after the winter thaw and before summer.

If you have questions or would like to become involved, please contact Mark Howard at (603) 539-2001 or email [mark.howard.nh@gmail.com](mailto:mark.howard.nh@gmail.com). Our activities and projects are funded by membership and donations. As the cost of publishing and distributing the Times continues to increase, many of our supporters generously provide additional contributions to assist with the expense. For those who are active on social media, we now have a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/tuftonboroassociation](https://www.facebook.com/tuftonboroassociation). Thank you all.

Sincerely,

*Mark Howard*

**Mark Howard, President**

# A history of local involvement: the Tuftonboro Association

*Editor's Note: This article is based on an article "How it all began" by former editor Jeanne Tempest, and a second article, originally published in The Tuftonboro Times in 2014.*

Roger Wingate was a revered Tuftonboro Town Moderator for eighteen years, but there was a time when he and some of his friends were not met with reverence by Tuftonboro residents.

A summer resident in the mid-1950s, he was concerned that Tuftonboro had no zoning regulations and no master plan. He and seven other Tuftonboro Neck summer folk, all men, decided to do something about it. The efforts of these "flatlanders" were not welcomed by the local folk, but that did not deter the group whose aim was to protect the quality of life that had brought them all to Tuftonboro in the first place.

Roger recalls: "At first, we had no name. We were all non-year-round residents." They came from communities that had recognized the need to control growth and were intent on addressing the issue here. "We were persona non-grata," said Roger, and it wasn't just the Selectmen, but many year-round residents who were opposed to their activities.

Roger Wingate's son, Jeff Wingate, writes "The Tuftonboro Association was started to help bring zoning to the town. There was no zoning at all [in 1965] in Tuftonboro... So the Tuftonboro Association helped guide in zoning with community meetings."

Jeff goes on to say "Dad [Roger Wingate], Gordon Thayer, and Don Linnell I remember as the main organizers." A long-time friend of Roger Wingate, Neil Hansen, remembers that Roger once told him that he, along with two other Tuftonboro residents, approached the Board of Selectmen to secure its approval on the formation of a new association, which would educate and inform townspeople about zoning and other public issues. A brochure published in 1990 states that the Tuftonboro Association was "Organized in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire, September 10, 1965."

From its humble beginnings in 1965 to Candidates Night and the Road Clean-Up in 2020, the Tuftonboro Association has been an active voice for conservation and civic improvements in the town of Tuftonboro for fifty-five years. Through its publication of *The Tuftonboro Times* the Association fulfills its goal to facilitate intra-town communications and to enhance the town's sense of community. Former President of the Association, Robert Theve of Melvin Village, said it best twenty-five years ago when he stated "... this organization of dedicated volunteers performs an important function in serving the community."

How important? Consider the number and magnitude of the projects in which the Tuftonboro Association has been involved over the years. In 1992 the Association was a driving force behind the approval and construction of the Route 109, 19



**The late Roger Wingate was there in 1965 when the Association was formed.**

Mile Bay Bypass and the construction of the then-new Town Beach. In 1990, with help from the state's Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP), the Tuftonboro Association raised \$35,000 in donations to facilitate the purchase of 55 acres of unspoiled wetlands opposite 20 Mile Bay as well as an abutting 33-acre conservation easement. Those lands would become the Cecily Crowe Bentley and Wayne Parkhurst Wild Park.

The Association's active interest in conserving Tuftonboro's natural resources continues to this day. In 2019, a \$6,000 donation from the Tuftonboro Association funded the construction of a parking lot at the head of what will become the Great Meadow Wildlife Trail, an on-going project jointly sponsored by the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission, the Tuftonboro Association, and the Board of Selectmen.

The Great Meadow lies between Sodom Road and Rt. 171 (Mountain Road.) The trailhead parking is just past the Town Garage on Sodom Road towards County Road. The trail will head down the slope toward the north and will be about a one-mile hike. The main purpose will be for education and for viewing of the Great Meadow. This will leave most of the wetlands untouched and available to wildlife. There is already a sign, donated by Ray Everest, set up at the parking area.

In 1997, the Tuftonboro Association published a book, *Tuftonboro, New Hampshire: Cemeteries, Graveyards, and Burial Sites, 1800-1995*. This was an enormous project undertaken by the Graveyard Committee of the Tuftonboro Association in 1993. The book catalogs the 56 burial sites in Tuftonboro, including 47 historic family burying grounds, called "graveyards" to distinguish them from commercial burying grounds called "cemeteries." The book can still be purchased, either at the Town Offices or by contacting the Tuftonboro Association, P. O. Box 121, Melvin Village, NH 03850.

For more than twenty years, the Tuftonboro Association has published *The Tuftonboro Times*, a quarterly newspaper devoted to the comings and goings of Tuftonboro. The *Times* features a

Community Calendar. It includes articles from town officials, town committees and local organizations. Often there are special features and photographs chronicling the town's history and historic buildings. The newspaper is mailed free to every active mailing address in Tuftonboro and is supported solely by donations from Tuftonboro Association members and other contributors.

Each year the Association sponsors a town-wide roadside cleanup, organized in recent years by Lee White, a former member of the Tuftonboro Association Executive Committee, and presently by Sue Wingate, a current member. Despite the Coronavirus, 2020 marked the 17<sup>th</sup> year for this community activity.

The Association organizes the Annual Candidates' Night held every February in anticipation of the town elections in March. It has prepared and circulated petitions for cable TV, for condominium fire regulations, for a town building code and, in the beginning, for a town planning board and zoning regulations.

In 1987, Col. Potter Campbell of Melvin Village became President of the Tuftonboro Association. He would remain President until the spring of 1995. During those years, the Association played a major role in town projects, including the formation, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, of a Recycling Committee. At the Association's Annual Meeting in 1991, a presentation had been made detailing the state's upcoming requirement to close the town dump, start a recycling program, and to establish a landfill. The report of the Association's Recycling Committee in 1992 led to the creation of a town committee, chaired jointly by Michael Phelps and Ann Hackl. Their report became the basis for the Tuftonboro Transfer Station as it is known today.

Under Potter Campbell's leadership, the Tuftonboro Association became a New Hampshire Nonprofit Corporation on July 27, 1989. In the original Articles of Agreement, it reads "The object for which this corporation is established is: To be informed of the general problems of the Town of Tuftonboro and interested in its welfare. To work towards conservation and preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the community. To support various projects of charitable and civic purpose in the community." In the most recent by-laws revision, the wording of the first line has been changed to read "To be aware of, concerned with and interested in the welfare of the community."

The Tuftonboro Association, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and all donations are fully deductible.

**Daniel F. Barnard, Jr.**  
**Editor**



# Historical Society museum will open for the summer

A lot has changed since the last *Tuftonboro Times* was released. The Historical Society, along with everyone else, had to make major changes. It did have a public gathering on June 24, with masks and social distancing, at the Museum Barn, where New Hampshire Humanities speaker Steve Taylor gave an interesting talk about "New Hampshire Roads Taken or Not". There was also a winner in the Society's successful basket raffle to help with the maintenance fund. Congratulations Norma Dickey!

The Museum will be open this summer with regular hours: Wednesday and Friday's 2:00 to 4:00 and Saturday's 10:00 to 1:00. This year the display includes a David Warren model of the steamboat "Cyclone," built in Melvin Village by H. Blackstone and Sons. It was built to carry freight and eventually becoming a passenger boat with an upper deck. It was owned and operated by the Lamprey family of Tuftonboro. Have you seen the Museum's collection of information on steamboats on the lake? Most of the photos and information was donated by Carroll Lamprey.

There will be no Trivia this summer as our

hostess, Mindy Jones, died suddenly this spring. She is sorely missed.

On July 22 at 2:00 p.m., Rick Van de Poll, ecologist and naturalist (who previously did a natural inventory of the Great Meadow Wetlands) will lead a hike into the Great Meadow for anyone who wants to see this incredible natural resource. The hike will take approximately two hours. Interested persons should meet at the Tuftonboro Town office at 1:45 p.m., and then car-pool to the parking lot off Sodom Road. Rick will also give a talk that night at the Historical Society Museum at 7:00 p.m. Please Note: There will be no pot-luck supper.

August is cribbage month, with games played on the first three Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 in the barn. It is a fun round robin evening lasting until 8:00. Beginners are welcome!

On August 22, the Society will bring back its craft fair, farmer's market and bake sale. This will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run until 1:00 p.m. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in selling their "wares" and would like to rent space at the fair, please contact [jackierollins@roadrunner.com](mailto:jackierollins@roadrunner.com). All vendors

and visitors will be asked to practice social distancing.

New Hampshire Humanities speaker Glenn Knoblock will present "New Hampshire on High-Historic and Unusual Weathervanes" on August 26 at 7:00 p.m. What buildings in Tuftonboro have weathervanes?

On September 19, there will be a barn sale at the Museum barn. For more information contact Sue Weeks at (603) 520-0395.

On September 23 at 7:00 p.m., the Society will meet at the newly renovated Library and get an update on the history of the Library.

All Historical Society activities are open to the public. The Society is very aware of the pandemic and will do its best to keep everyone safe. Anyone visiting any of its activities should wear a mask and social distance. Masks, hand sanitizer and gloves are available at the museum. See the Tuftonboro Historical Society Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/tuftonborohistoricalsociety](http://www.facebook.com/tuftonborohistoricalsociety)) for any updates or changes.

**Jackie Rollins, President**  
**Tuftonboro Historical Society**

## Friends of the Library make four new appointments

The Friends of the Library (FOL) Board of Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of the following people to the Board: Carla Lootens, Laureen Hadley, Vicki Zimmerschied, and Helen Hartshorn. They join current members Linda MacDonald, Maria Coussens, Julie Langer, Sarah Matlock, Barbara Widmer, and Carolyn Sundquist. Christie Sarles is our library representative and Paul Matlock is the Library Trustee representative.

Due to the continued closure of the library we were not able to meet in person, so a Zoom meeting was held on Monday June 8. Christie gave an update on the status of the library, indicating that due to protocols for cleaning there is no date for reopening. Much discussion followed on what activities the FOL

was comfortable with going forward. Subsequently, the board voted to cancel the September Gala and the Artisans Craft Raffle. The President's letter has been delayed until sometime later in the summer with the details to be worked out for mailing. Since all our fundraising efforts, which support the library, have been canceled, there was much discussion on how to fill that void. Suggestions included an online auction, online donations, and an article for the *Tuftonboro Times*. Vicki Zimmerschied volunteered to check out our Facebook page and would update it, as well as look into how to accept online donations.

We have several volunteers waiting in the wings to help once we are able to have events, specifically the grand opening of the library. Who is not frustrated

that we have our beautiful new library and we can only look at it from outside? Oh well, it is there for us when it does finally open.

If you would like to help out in any way by joining our band of volunteers, please contact me at [csundquist@roadrunner.com](mailto:csundquist@roadrunner.com). If you would like to send a donation to the Friends (it would be most appreciated), the address is: Friends of the Tuftonboro Library, PO Box 73, Ctr. Tuftonboro NH 03816.

We will Zoom again in July...sigh.

Keep Safe and Be Well.

**Carolyn Sundquist, President**  
**Friends of the Tuftonboro Free Library**

## Grange #142 cancels sale, meets while social distancing

Although the Covid-19 Pandemic has prevented the Tuftonboro Grange #142 from having regular meetings, the Grange is alive and well. We continue to support each other, our neighbors, and our community.

July 10 brought us together for our annual ice cream social at the home of our Master, Florence Perkins. Members brought their favorite sandwich fillings, and we practiced social distancing while enjoying an evening meal together. Picnic favorites such as salad, watermelon, and the like were followed by making our own ice cream sundaes. It was a treat to be able to gather and share what has been happening with each other.

Although the July Penny Sale has been cancelled, the Grange is hoping to hold one in October.

Looking back on days gone by, I came across

some photographs of our Grange Members. Included in the collage on this page are Ernest Perkins, Florence Perkins, David Perkins, Wayne Perkins, Joy Perkins, Ann Pike, Martha Peterson, Charles Whitten, Jean Whitten, Georgene Sellinger, Mary Ann Murray, Phoebe Willey, Barbara Leslie, and Jinny Janik. See how many of us YOU can identify.

*Tuftonboro Grange is the oldest fraternal organization in Tuftonboro. We are a non-profit interested in enhancing the lives of our neighbors and our community. Our members are from diverse backgrounds. We welcome anyone interested in forging friendships and helping our community.*

**Joy Perkins, Secretary**  
**Tuftonboro Grange #142**





# Church suppers suspended at Tuftonboro landmark

How many properties are there in Tuftonboro, NH that are listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places? If you answered "Just one" you would be correct. The Tuftonboro United Methodist Church (TUMC) building, located at the Tuftonboro Four Corners on Route 171, just east of the intersection of Ledge Hill Road, Durgin Road, and Mountain Road, was added to the National Register in 1997.

The building is historic because it is descended from the first church built in Tuftonboro in 1820, "a small building, un-plastered on the interior, and heated by a fireplace." Not only was the Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as the United Methodist Church) the earliest religious building, it also housed the first religious congregation in Tuftonboro, which was formed in 1804 and met in the "Old Peavey House," currently the oldest building in town.

The application of the Church to the National Register includes the following historical information: "On November 24, 1849, the five members of the Tuftonboro Meeting House Committee, Jacob Nutter, Jesse H. Drew, Daniel Grant, Orrin H. Durgin, and Havilah D Canney, purchased the present church lot for \$108. On January 14, 1854, the same five men of the 'Meeting House Committee to build the

*new meeting house," deeded the lot for \$108 to the seven trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Tuftonborough, By the terms of the latter deed, the Trustees were required to repair 'the house now erected on said land' whenever it needed repairs."*

It would appear, then, that a new building had been erected in the intervening four-plus years, which is why the Tuftonboro United Methodist Church dates its current building at 1853. A rear wing was added to the structure in the late 1940s or early 1950s. The online encyclopedia Wikipedia states that the church "is one of the finest examples of ecclesiastical Greek Revival architecture in New Hampshire's Lakes Region."

Today the TUMC may be best-known for its seasonal church suppers, which unfortunately have been suspended because of the current pandemic. Sadly, this is the Church's primary fundraiser. The Church has a small group of congregants, six or seven at a typical Sunday worship service. Several area ministers and lay preachers contribute to the pulpit, but services have not been held there since March 22 of this year.

Still, the proud old building is an integral part of Tuftonboro's colonial history, and the only structure



**Tuftonboro United Methodist Church**  
in town with a plaque from the National Historic Register.

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# Summer Concert Series continues at 19-Mile beach

The Tuftonboro Park and Recreation Commission has announced that the annual Summer Concert Series at 19-Mile Beach will continue during the pandemic of 2020. There is free admission, and the public is asked to bring their own food or snacks, a favorite chair, and/or a blanket, and to respect the fact that social distancing will be in effect and mandatory. All concerts start at 6:30 p.m., and end at 8:30 p.m.

The first concert will be on Thursday, July 23, and will feature the Wooden Nickels Band from Middleton. With guitar-playing Matt "Maddawg" Chamberlin doing the lead vocals, Steve Cameron on lead guitar, George Chiavares on drums, and Bob

"Buddy" Hackett on bass, it promises to be a rollicking evening of rock, classic rock, and rhythm and blues.

The following Thursday, on July 30, Tuftonboro resident and former Conway Elementary School principal Brian Hastings will bring his Sky Road Band to the pavilion at 19-Mile Bay. Next up will be the Terry Collins Band on August 6, followed on August 13 by the ever-popular Carolyn Ramsey Band from Wolfeboro. Carolyn and her daughter Jessica, along with Chuck Farrell on guitar, Brad Clark on bass, and Mike Chatigny on drums have been bringing rock and folk music to the Lakes Region for years.

The 19-Mile Beach was also where the Tuftonboro

Parks and Rec Cornhole League began its season on July 14. Two-person teams will be competing every Tuesday night during the regular season until August 25, when the season-ending playoffs will begin. For more information contact Dennis Zilembo, Parks and Rec Director, at the Town Offices.

Finally, the Tuftonboro Town-Wide Yard Sale, originally scheduled for this past spring, has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 3. Interested participants can register online at [www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org) or by emailing [parksandrec@tuftonboro.org](mailto:parksandrec@tuftonboro.org).

**Dennis Zilembo, Director**  
**Tuftonboro Parks and Rec Commission**

# Day Camp opens as Camp Sentinel begins its 71st year

At Camp Sentinel "The Outdoors are Open!"

Camp Sentinel is a community mission of Tuftonboro, NH. We are excited that summer is here, and that the arrival of children brings laughter, new friendships, and hope! We are open this summer for Day Camp. We are excited for giving kids and families an amazing outdoor experience this summer.

Sentinel has always been a place of rest and renewal. We are blessed to have 600+ acres and a mile of water frontage on Dan Hole Pond in which to spread out and explore. Fresh air, warm campfires, and enjoyment of the beauty of nature bring peace to the soul.

Since 1949 Sentinel has offered a safe, fun, Christian summer camp experience for youth starting as early as age five. Our camp staff enjoy spending time with the campers, listening to all that is going on in their lives, and "pouring" an encouraging word into their lives.

Camp Sentinel's ministry motto is: "Where Relationships Are Built and Lives Are Changed." These relationships are built through the programs we offer. Activities include swimming, archery, canoeing, paddle boating, arts and crafts, traditional campfire, soccer, volleyball, basketball, frisbee golf, Bible study, and more.

Check out our website for more details at [www.campsentinel.org](http://www.campsentinel.org) or call the main office at (603) 539-4839. We look forward to hearing from you!

Our mission is to create a welcoming environment for Christian relationship building and spiritual renewal. Within the stillness of God's creation and through the guidance of the staff, people are moved from discovery into authentic relationships with others and with Jesus Christ.

**Kevin Van Brunt, Director**  
**Camp Sentinel**

# Local resident appointed interim director of Libby Museum

The Libby Museum is Opening for its 108<sup>th</sup> Summer.

After a spring full of starts, stops, and a few unexpected hiccups, the Libby Museum will open its doors to the public on July 15th.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, whether the museum would open at all was uncertain until mid-June, when Wolfeboro resident (and Tuftonboro Central School graduate) Catriona Lennon was appointed by the Town Manager, Jim Pineo, to lead the reopening team as the Interim Director of the Libby Museum.

Lennon is a 2017 graduate of Brewster Academy and a current student at the University of Vermont majoring in Community and International Development with a minor in Economics. She has worked at the Libby Museum as an assistant curator for two summers and has a passion for local history.

Gabrielle Hermann, a Governor Wentworth Regional School District support teacher, will work alongside Lennon. Hermann worked as the museum's assistant curator in the summer of 2019 and has returned to the Libby to continue educating visitors on the museum's history. Additionally, two local Brewster Academy students, Jake Apgar and Timothy O'Keefe, have volunteered their time to help clean the museum, uncover artifacts, and prepare for this year's opening.

The Libby Museum team is dedicated to ensuring an educational, safe and welcoming visit to all of its patrons this season. In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, museum staff has adopted protocols to protect the health of visitors. These include one-way traffic throughout the museum, masks worn by all staff members, and social distancing. Additionally,



**Fund-raising continues to fund much needed repairs for the 108-year-old Libby Museum. Over \$1 million has already been received out of \$2.8 million required.**

a new position has been created that is dedicated to consistently disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and ensuring COVID-19 protocol is followed.

Due to these changes, the Libby Museum has changed its operating hours. The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. The museum will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Despite the recent complications regarding the pandemic, the Libby Museum is continuing its fundraising efforts for the restoration of the building. In 2019, Alba Architects of North Woodstock, NH produced plans for a \$2.4-\$2.8 million restoration of the building that include an addition to anchor the building as well as create enough space for a collection of 200 North American animals to be donated to

the museum upon completion of the project. The restoration plan would also include installing an HVAC-System that would make the currently unheated and uninsulated building temperature controlled to protect the collections inside.

Through pledges, grants, donations, and a \$300,000 capital fund that was voted on in March 2020, the Libby Museum has raised over \$1 million dollars towards this project in a single year.

It is unclear at the present time if the restoration as planned by Alba Architects will move forward. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen, who act as the Libby Museum Trustees, are weighing the options.

**Catriona Lennon, Interim Director  
The Libby Museum**

## Sunday services continue online for Melvin Village church

The Melvin Village Community Church is a community church where all who would like to share in worship and fellowship are welcome. We strive to meet people where they are, providing an environment to share together in our faith journey with God and serve the local community.

“Providing the best environment for old and young together to experience and share in the richness and generosity of Christ.”

Sunday morning worship looks a bit different

these days, with services continuing online. You can be a part of the journey with us. Simply find the Sunday service online at [www.mvccnh.org/church-life](http://www.mvccnh.org/church-life). Each week you will find God-centered, Bible-based teaching, and a message to encourage you in your faith journey. The MVCC is an active church in our local community, helping those in need through our FEET FOR FUEL program. If you are a neighbor in need of assistance, please call the church at (603) 544-9661.

This Summer, Pastor Kevin Van Brunt continues a sermon series on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). Follow the church on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mvccnh/](http://www.facebook.com/mvccnh/) or on the church website [www.mvccnh.org](http://www.mvccnh.org). If you would like more information about the church community, please contact the church at (603) 544-9661 or email us at [secretary@mvccnh.org](mailto:secretary@mvccnh.org). Blessings,

**Pastor Kevin Van Brunt  
Melvin Village Community Church**

## Uncertainty hangs over Lakes Region Curling fall season

In the best of times summer is a quiet time for most curling organizations. This year, with a pandemic hanging over every type of group activity, the enforced quiet is doubly painful.

Not only are curlers belonging to Lakes Region Curling closed out of their home rink (Pop Whalen Ice and Entertainment Arena in Wolfeboro) but even the usual chance to participate in summer leagues at Plymouth State University has disappeared, with the

school's ice arena now converted into a surge hospital intended for Covid-19 patients.

The big question hanging over curlers across the country is whether their beloved leagues will materialize in the coming fall. A national organization, USA Curling, has offered guidelines for safer participation in the sport. The guidance includes the use of masks by all participants, social distancing of the eight players competing on each 2000-square-foot

sheet, and, most jarring, the use of a single sweeper for each stone delivered.

This, of course, assumes that ice arenas will open for curling and other activities – hockey, figure skating, and public skates, among others.

At best, these limitations make planning for the coming year an uncertain endeavor.

So, what do curlers do over the summer? Well,

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Due to the uncertainty of scheduled events during the these times, there will be no Community Calendar printed in this edition of *The Tuftonboro Times*.

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## Police, continued from Page 3

to officers. The application for a grant for the new building is still in process.

Administrative Assistant Vicki Kinnaman has resigned. We certainly thank her for her 13 years of service to the Police Department and to the Town. The Department will miss Vicki at the station and many others will too. We will be looking to fill the position after advertising the opening.

COVID-19 also impacted the effort to locate a new cruiser. Model year changeovers, factories shut down and police vehicles being destroyed in riots have made it hard to locate a silver Tahoe. One has been located outside of Cleveland, Ohio. Showing how connected we all are to other areas, the manager of the dealership who dealt with the Chief has a sister living in Tuftonboro.

The Tuftonboro Police Department is working on reviewing changes to policies and procedures to reflect current national issues. The Chief has been addressing concerns sent to him about what is going on all over the country. Governor Sununu has appointed a Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency. The Commission has

been meeting and gathering information. They will be issuing a report near the end of July. President Trump has issued an "Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities." One part of the order states the need for law enforcement to be credentialed by independent bodies. The most prominent of these is the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). While it is worthy, it is costly and time consuming. Tuftonboro is a member of the regional CALEA group: Northern New England Police Accreditation Coalition (NNEPAC).

The New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police (NHACoP) have been undergoing reviews since last year. The mission statement has been revised, and it is working on a statement for advancing New Hampshire law enforcement. This process was started prior to the death of George Floyd. The Tuftonboro police will be looking at the changes they need to implement due to recommendations of the various commissions as well as any new legislation.

The NHACoP has recommitted to the *Six Pillars of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing* as part of the proposal to Advance New Law Enforcement. The six pillars are: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing

and Crime Reduction, Training and Education, and Officer Wellness and Safety.

Some have raised concerns about hiring practices. Although some municipalities have not done pre-employment psychological screening and polygraph or voice stress analysis, Tuftonboro has always done them. The Town complies with laws, rules, and guides on hiring practices established by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council (PSTC).

New Hampshire has never trained "chokeholds" or "neck restraints" in use of force training. The PSTC training includes de-escalation through Verbal Judo as part of the academy. The NHACoP is working on Implicit Bias and Procedural Justice training. It can be expected that after all the reports and changes to the laws, there will be a significant increase in the training requirements of law enforcement officials for fair and impartial policing.

All the above while continuing to answer calls, check traffic complaints, provide other services, and being short a key person in the office. The Department stays busy.

We look forward to a safe summer.

**Chief Andrew Shagoury**  
**Tuftonboro Police Department**

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## Transfer Station, continued from Page 4

Transfer Station Stickers 2019-2020 are available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The current stickers are orange in color with black lettering and they are \$5 per sticker. Please make sure you have the current sticker displayed on the front window of any vehicle you drive to

the Transfer Station. This helps us ensure that only Tuftonboro residents are using the facility and that our taxpayers are only subsidizing Tuftonboro solid waste.

Now that we have the recycling building back open, please join us and assist in reducing all our taxes by recycling (plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass,

and cardboard). Residents that continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are just throwing tax dollars down the drain and costing everyone more money in taxes. The more material we keep out of the household waste compactors, the more tax expense we avoid.

**Clayton Gallagher, Supervisor**

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## Curling, continued from Page 10

like most good stewards, they see to the care of their equipment. Stones need to be checked for any damage to the underside that would prevent them from running true when they are thrown down the ice. (Since every curling stone is perfectly symmetrical, it is possible to flip a damaged one over, attach the handle to what was the underside, and play on for years to come.)

Brooms – not the horsehair brooms used in days of old, but padded brushes covered in colorful nylon material – need to be checked for wear and cleaned. Tanks used to lay down "pebbles" on the ice, as well as hacks – the ice equivalent of starting blocks in track – are checked for damage and repaired as needed.

And the "nipper" – a device housing a five-foot wide blade as sharp as a razor and used to "nip" the tops off the pebbles – needs to be sharpened and treated for any rust.

So, planning for the future, uncertain as it might be, carries on. In addition to monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, Lakes Region Curling is planning its Annual Meeting for late August. The event – which will be held virtually via a Zoom session this year – provides an opportunity for LRCA organizers to report financial and other activities to the organization's membership. And the meeting lets curlers vote for members of the board who will oversee the organization and its activities for the next

three years.

Members of the Tuftonboro community who are LRCA members will soon be receiving invitations to join the Annual Meeting. As with many organizations this year, the association will "meet" via a Zoom call. The event is expected to take less than an hour and will help ensure that curling remains a mainstay of Lakes Region winter activity for years to come.

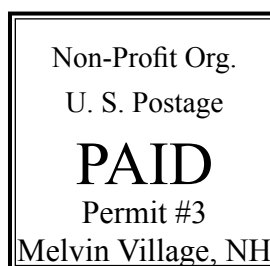
Information about curling in general and the Lakes Region Curling Association in particular, is available on the organization's web site at [www.lakescurlingnh.org](http://www.lakescurlingnh.org).

**Rich Masse, President**  
**Lakes Region Curling Association**



**Behold the Tuftonboro Community Garden, a haven for would-be farmers growing produce for individual consumption and the Food Pantry. This year, every plot has been cultivated.**

The Tuftonboro Association  
P.O. Box 121  
Melvin Village, NH 03850



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