
Madbury Musings

Volume 11, Issue 2

Madbury, NH 03823

May 2009

www.townofmadbury.com

SELECT NOTES

It's spring, the flowers are blooming, and so are the mosquitoes. Once again, Dragon Mosquito will be monitoring mosquito activity in town. If the particular type of mosquito that causes West Nile Virus or Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is found, a localized larvicide will be applied. This has been effective in the past. Using a larvicide treatment now should greatly reduce, and perhaps prevent the need for more aggressive spraying later in the season. We should all take sensible precautions, however. Remove yard items that contain standing water to eliminate breeding areas. Use a protective spray if you are outside, and cover up if you are outside early or late in the day.

This is the time of year that we make new Board appointments. We still have some vacancies to fill. We are in need of an alternate for the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Conservation Commission. If you have an interest in serving your community, and getting to know your community and its citizens a bit better in the process, please contact Colette at 742-5131x100.

The Selectmen have joined a movement across the country called The Silver Star Families

of America in declaring May 1 "Silver Star Banner Day". This is a day to honor the sacrifice of the men and women of our Armed Forces, and to remember the wounded and ill soldiers. These soldiers and their families can be identified by the Silver Star Banners placed in windows and the Silver Star Flags flying.

For those of you who have material for disposal, September 12 has been tentatively designated our annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Dover Recycling Center. When the date is finalized, the information will be posted at Town Hall.

It won't be long before we gather to celebrate Madbury

Day. This year's date is June 13. There are activities all day long, with something for everyone. The day ends with a dessert auction to benefit the FAST Squad, and a chicken barbecue to raise funds for the Madbury Volunteer Fire Department. Gathering at the Town Hall to celebrate Madbury Day is a great way to catch up with old friends, and to make new ones. You don't want to miss this!

For your convenience, e-mail addresses for various town offices are available on the town website:
www.townofmadbury.com.

Joan Sundberg

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

DOVER RECYCLING CENTER is open year round and available to all Madbury residents. Permits are available at the Dover Recycling Center and you should bring some type of identification that you are a resident of the Town of Madbury.

MADBURY TRANSFER STATION is open for the season. Check your Madbury Calendar for days and times.

DOG LICENSES: 2009 Dog Tags are now overdue. You are encouraged to license your dog prior to June 1 to avoid further penalties. A male or female dog license is \$9.00 and spayed or neutered dogs are \$6.50. Owners over 65 years old can register one dog for \$2.00. A current rabies certificate is required. A \$1.00 per month late fee will be charged for each license after May 30, 2009. A \$25.00 civil forfeiture for each dog may also be assessed after June 20, 2009.

TAX BILLS are due July 1, 2009.

BUILDING INSPECTOR OFFICE HOURS: Monday 6:00 -7:00 PM and Thursday 8:00-9:00 AM

OFFICE CLOSINGS: May 25 for Memorial Day and September 7 for Labor Day.

Town Tax Collector

A little explanation of your FIRST property tax bill for 2009.

Actually this bill is an ESTIMATED tax bill, based on one-half of the 2008 tax rate (which was \$20.77 per thousand of valuation). So, if your valuation is the same as last year's, this bill should be approximately half of the TOTAL property taxes you paid in 2008. If you made any improvements to your property since April 1, 2008 which required a building permit OR if you were visited by an Avitar assessor since last April 1 for data verification of your property, your assessed value may have changed for 2009. In this case your NEW valuation times one-half of \$20.77 per thousand will be your first bill for 2009. This FIRST bill is due Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The new tax rate for 2009 will be set in the fall (usually early Oct.) and the SECOND and FINAL bill will be mailed (usually mid to late Oct.) and it will be due on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. If the new tax rate is higher than 2008, your final bill will reflect the new rate and what you paid in July will be credited to the total due.

A confusing fact is that the tax year is April 1 to March 31, so we are paying bills that somewhat behind and somewhat ahead of Madbury's fiscal year of Jan 1 to Dec. 31. The first and second bills do NOT cover any specific time period. The first bill is merely an ESTIMATED bill and the second bill is the ACTUAL tax bill for the year.

Never hesitate to call the Tax Collector with questions regarding your bill, including whether your escrowed taxes have been paid by your bank on a timely basis.

Recreation Commission

The PAWS 4 A CAUSE and the second annual Madbury snowshoe race sponsored by Acidotic Racing to benefit the CVHS took place on 2/21/09. The day started off with the PAWS 4 A CAUSE guided snowshoe trek on the trails behind the town hall led by Chris Dunn of Acidotic Racing. About 20 people and their dogs took part in the trek and approximately \$200 was raised for CVHS which was generously matched doubled by a friend of CVHS. All participants shared in a treat of cookies, hot chocolate and biscuits at the end of the trek.

100+ people then turned out for a night of snowshoe racing and orienteering over a 5K course through the woods behind the town hall with part of the proceeds going to benefit CVHS. The night culminated with an award ceremony sponsored by Redhook Brewery.

Library News

We continue our Backyard Farming series with two more programs in May:

- On May 20 at 7p.m. Peter Leavenworth will present, "Chickens in your Backyard, Eggs in the Basket". Learn all about raising chickens for eggs, their common pests and problems, building coops and start-up costs.
- On May 27 at 7p.m. Craig Stephan will present "Building a Root Cellar in your Home." Once you have a successful backyard farm or become a member of a local CSA you will need a place to store all your locally raised produce. Craig will provide all the information you need to build a root cellar.

Upcoming Programs

CPR class at the library will take place on May 13 from 6:00-8:00pm. The McGregor Memorial EMS offers this class for two-year-certification in CPR and AED. The materials cost for this free program is \$20. To register contact Nathan Duclos at 603-862-3674 or nduclos@mcgregorems.org. Go to www.mcgregorems.org for more information.

Later in the year the McGregor team will be running a babysitting class and a separate First Aid class at the library. We will post the dates at our web site.

Summer Reading program

The children's librarians of Durham, Lee and Madbury will present brief overviews of the programs at both elementary schools and to some of the classes at the Middle School. Summer events which are open to everyone (even if they are not part of the reading program) include:

- Steve Blunt, children's musician and storyteller, on July 2 at 10:30 a.m. (ORHS)
- Drum Circle with Larry Brickner-Wood – an evening event for teen readers (DPL at 6:30 p.m.)
- Wildlife Encounters Zoo on July 16 at 10:30am. (ORHS)
- Madbury teen event – Mime workshop (more under "grants.")
- Super-Cold Science on July 23 at 10:30am (Madbury Town Hall) – presented by an educator from the Boston Museum of Science through a BMS grant.
- Symphony of Whales with Steve Schuch – a family event with limited seating at the Lee Safety Complex on July 28 at 6:30 p.m. This will require pre-registration for seats.
- In addition there will be a special final event on July 30 for children enrolled in the summer reading program.

During July we will have story

time at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays with no story time on Thursdays as most of our special events for children will be held on Thursdays. There will be no formal story times in August **but** we will have special “take away crafts” available for our young patrons. They can complete each weekly craft at the library or at home.

Bob Connors 6th Annual Summer “Picturing Writing” Camp

Held in the library meeting room from 9 a.m. to noon during the week of July 20-24, this week of creativity will once again feature inventive and talented Renee Torr as our instructor. This art and writing experience is open to all Madbury children entering grades 3 through 6. The end products of this experience are truly wonderful. A maximum of 12 children may attend, with a waiting list for residents of Durham and Lee. This program is free thanks to the Friends of Madbury Library.

Grants

The Children’s Literacy Foundation (CLiF) grant includes:

- \$2,000 worth of new children’s books for the Madbury Library. The formal presentation by CLiF representatives of 110 books will take place at the Moharimet Elementary School on June 10.
- A free children’s program for the Moharimet students at the school on June 10.
- Kids N More Child Care in Madbury will receive free books and a free children’s program on the same day. (The Madbury Library was asked to nominate a local child care facility to be a recipient of free books and a children’s program as a new part of this grant).

Opportunity Online Hardware grant from the Gates Foundation.

- Thanks to this grant we will have two new laptop computers

for our patrons to use to access a world of information. These computers will enable us to give computer training/classes at the library!

2009 Kids, Books and the Arts grant -Families of teens take note!

- Critically acclaimed mime, Robert Rivest is coming to Madbury to work with ten of our teens. A student of Marcel Marceau, Robert trained for over 10 years with internationally renowned masters of mime, dance, theater, and improvisation. Rivest will conduct a **Mime Theater Workshop as a special mid-summer event for teens** as part of the summer reading program. The 2009 KBA grant is funded *in part by a grant from the NH State Library and donations from the Bryne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the NH Library Association.*

We the People “Picturing America” Bookshelf grant.

- Check our website for the new titles we’ve received through this generous grant.
- A set of laminated prints of famous American works of art. To be catalogued and checked out individually to families or teachers.

New Museum Pass

Our patrons now have access to museum passes to five museums!

- We thank Barbara Lilly for making a new Currier Museum of Art pass available to Madbury Library patrons. Barbara has been bringing us eggs ~ which are lovingly adopted by patrons (who often make a donation to the library). This “egg money” was used to purchase a one-year Museum pass to the Currier. What a wonderful NH story! Each Currier mu-

seum pass provides free general admission for up to 2 adults. Children 17 years and under are always free. On exhibit until June 14th is original work by Caldecott Medal-winning artist **David Macaulay –“Building Books: The Art of David Macaulay”** This would be a wonderful reason to visit the Currier Museum in Manchester.

Library Assessment and Building Program

With funding provided by the NH Charitable Foundation and the Friends of Madbury Library, library consultant Claudia Morner has completed the Madbury Library building plan. Claudia, Nancy Bergeron our Library Director, Betsy Renshaw President of the Friends of Madbury Library and other interested parties will meet with the Selectman to discuss the plan on May 18.

Summer Computer Skills Classes!

Thanks to the Gates Hardware grant we can now offer small classes to teach the general computer skills you want to learn or hone. Come learn about email, word processing or spreadsheets. Contact the library if you are interested in taking one of these classes. You name the topic and we will try to meet your needs!

Madbury Day – featuring a library Book Cart Drill Team and a Friends of the Library Book sale.

Come join our Book Cart Drill Team! We are looking for volunteers of all ages to share in some serious silliness with us. Remember to walk down the street to the Madbury Day Friends of the Library Book Sale at the library on June 13 from 9am-3pm. All proceeds support the library, bringing us wonderful programs, matching funds for grants and museum passes. Your donations of gently

used books (no text books please) or cash to the Friends are most welcome.

Book Groups

Both the daytime and evening book groups will meet in May and June, followed by a summer hiatus and resume in September. The daytime group will meet on **Monday May 18 to discuss *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver** and on June 22 at 2pm to discuss **Michelle: a biography** by Liza Mundy. The Evening book group will meet on June 2 to discuss **The Nine** by Jeffrey Toobin.

Other On-going programs:

Story time for toddlers – Monday at 10:30am (20 minutes of books, songs and fun)
 Story time for pre-school children - Thursdays at 10:30am (45 min. of stories, songs, movement and a craft). Please note: there will be no

Thursday Story time in July and no story times in August.

Craft & Quilt group meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 6:30pm. Check with the Library about their summer schedule. FOML meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm. Trustee meetings are usually held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 9 a.m. Patrons are always welcome.

Downloadable Audio Books now available to Mac and iPod users!

At last we are able to download titles in the format which makes it possible to use your Mac and iPods to download and listen to audio books. Take your patron barcode number to our web page, scroll down the left side of the page and click on the downloadable audio book icon to enter the world of listening pleasure. A tutorial and directions are available to the Overdrive web site. Or call us.

Welcome to our newest Library Trustee!

Welcome our newest Library Trustee Alternate, Don Melvin! Don has served our town in many capacities over the years and he has agreed to join us here at the library. We are looking forward to having him on the library team.

For more information about our library events go to www.madburylibrary.org. Use our website to view the library catalog and put books on hold. Use your library barcode number to download audio books to your computer, MP3 player or iPod. Read articles from Consumer reports and other magazines and newspapers. Check the dates of upcoming events!

Stop by the Library to get one of our new refrigerator magnets with our library hours.

<i>Tentative Schedule</i>	Madbury Day Saturday, June 13th, 2009	<i>Subject to change</i>
Time	Event	Location
9:00 – 11:00 am	"Music in the Morning" Cafe - Live Music, coffee, donuts, scones, bagels and more	Town Hall
	Crafts & Games (OR Preschoolers & 4H)	Town Hall
	Children's Fairy Houses & Tea Party	Town Hall
9:00 am - 2 pm	Church Yard Sale, Plant Sale, Food Concessions	Church Yard
	Broom Making and Spinning Demo	On the Green
	Special Exhibits	Town Hall
	Friends of Library Book Sale & Open House Summer Reading Program Pre-registration	Madbury Public Library
	Madbury Sugar Maple 4-H Fund Raiser Exhibits, activities, fire trucks & more Roberta's Clown Balloons & Bubbles OR Preschoolers, Alex's Lemonade Stand, Girl Scouts	Town Hall
11:30 am	Parade Line-up at Cherry Lane	Cherry Lane
12 noon	Parade! - Everyone welcome to join in!	Town Hall Road
After Parade	Veterans Service	Town Green
12:30 pm	Indonesian Street Dance Oyster River Middle School Jazz Band	Town Hall
1:30 pm	Banana Box Relay	Town Hall
5 pm	FAST Squad Dessert Auction	Town Hall
6 - 7 pm	Madbury Fire Department Chicken Barbecue Tickets available from any firefighter, Town Clerk or Town Library. Reserve now! Adults \$12.00 Children \$6.00	Town Hall