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# Madbury Musings

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## SELECT NOTES

Spring is here, flowers are beginning to appear, and thoughts are turning to the garden and outdoor activities.....and Madbury Day! It will be on June 11 this year, with great activities scheduled all day long. Highlights include the parade at noon, and the Madbury Volunteer Fire Dept. chicken barbecue in the evening. You won't want to miss this annual event. It's always a great way to get to know your Madbury neighbors a bit better, and to learn something new about your town.

When you're at Madbury Day, be sure to look over the side entry door to the meeting room. There is a new "cricket" on the roof, otherwise known as a diverter. This will help keep the ice and snow from building up on the steps, and make the area much safer during our long New Hampshire winters. There is additional work planned for Town Hall this summer, including some repair work around the doors of the first addition to the building, and power washing of the vinyl portion of the exterior.

There is always yard work that seems to be waiting. When you start it this year, you might take the time to check your mailbox. The Post Office has specific regulations as to height, but the

town would appreciate it if you checked the placement, as well. It should be out of the road right-of-way and set back far enough not to interfere with snow plowing.

We are still in search of someone to assume responsibility for next year's town report, and there is a \$500 stipend for taking on and completing this task. The work period involves about four weeks in January and early February. Duties involve collecting and collating the reports of the various boards and functions of

the town, and some computer skills are necessary. There is an established format and the town works with a printer who has experience with this report. The gracious ladies who prepared the report this year, Diane Hodgson and Peg Irish, are willing to train whoever takes this on. If this is something you are willing to do for your town, please contact Colette at 742-5131, x100 or at [adminmadbury@comcast.net](mailto:adminmadbury@comcast.net).

The state has issued a permit to Madbury so that we can be proactive when it comes to mosqui-

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

**DOVER RECYCLING CENTER** is open year round and available to all Madbury residents. Check the City of Dover website to verify days and times of operation. Permits can be picked up at the Recycling Center by showing some type of identification verifying you live in town.

**MADBURY TRANSFER STATION** is open for the season, usually on the first and third Saturday and second Wednesday of each month. Check your Madbury Calendar for days and times. Note: The calendar is missing the following dates ~ August 6 and 20 and November 26.

**DOG LICENSES:** 2011 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.

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST:** The Supervisors will meet at the town office at 9:00 a.m. on May 5 and June 6 for the ten year purging of files.

**TAX BILLS** are due 7/6/11.

**OFFICE CLOSINGS:** May 30 for Memorial Day and September 5 for Labor Day.

toes. Dragon Mosquito will be monitoring the town and applying larvicide when indicated. The permit includes the application of adulticides in late summer/early fall if necessary, although we hope it won't be. Adulticides are applied only in select areas, i.e. the playing fields, town hall, the library, and the specific area of infection. In addition, Moharimet School is always given the option of being included. If you would like more information, or you are a beekeeper and would like to add your hives to the list or make changes, you can contact Dragon Mosquito at 964-8400 or via their website at dragonmosquito.com. If you would like to opt out of the program, you must do so in writing by contacting Dragon Mosquito at P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885.

Costs are rising in every area. In an effort to provide the most cost-effective service to the Town, the Selectmen have entered into an agreement with the County Commissioners to investigate the possibility of joining with other communities within the county to share purchasing and services. This is purely investigatory, and no community is obligated to participate in the options suggested. However, if there is a way for Madbury to benefit by economies of scale, then it is in the Town's best interest to investigate these options.

May you all have a great summer. See you at Madbury Day!

Joan Sundberg



Cast members from the community performance of *I Remember Mama* (directed by Patt Gleske) in the Madbury Day parade of 1993.

## *Join the Day, Join the Parade*

More than thirty years ago a group calling itself "The Madbury Forum" was formed. Its mission was to look at how Madbury could improve community spirit and foster in its inhabitants a sense of place. The culmination of the project was the re-enactment of a pageant written and performed in 1935, by Jeannie DeMerritt. About 70 residents took part in the pageant and it was even taken on the road to Prescott Park in Portsmouth. The mummings parade advertising the pageant was the origin of the first Madbury Day parade.

Since the early years, Madbury Day and the parade have followed the fun and fancy of residents. It has included demonstrations of local craft, a community play,

exhibits, flea markets, dances, musical concerts, and the ever popular firemen's chicken barbecue. And if you do not know about the famous dessert auction before the chicken dinner, you might need to check your social network. Inflation, outrageous fun, talented auctioneering, and support for the First-Aid Stabilizing Team (FAST Squad) has raised the price of the ever popular rum cake from \$20 in 1988 to last year's winning bid of \$160.

Planning for this year's Madbury Day on June 11 has been underway for some time now, with Nancy Pape leading the organizing. The theme is, Our First Responders, and a schedule of events is listed on the back of this Musings. So consider yourself invited to join in the fun and festivities that serves as one way we can come together as a community.

## Madbury Public Library

The summer months will be active ones at the library. We hope you can stop in, enjoy the activity and spend some time reading books (or listening to books you have down-loaded through our website)!

### The library has been awarded a BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant from the Libri Foundation.

We are unpacking and cataloging \$1,400 worth of books for our collection. We were also selected to receive an additional \$350 worth of math and science books donated by Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman and the Libri Foundation in Eugene, Oregon (in addition to the original grant for \$1,050 worth of books)! The application for the grant was made possible by the Friends of the Library who served as our local sponsors! Each book has a special plate in it. The books are a wonderful addition to our children's collection and we thank the Libri Foundation!

**Unraveling the Mystery of Lyme Disease and Other Tick-borne Illnesses: a personal journey. Wednesday June 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Presented by Suzanne Dev.** Suzanne will share tick rash pictures, resource links and will answer as many questions as she can. Although not a medical professional, Suzanne has also incorporated herbal remedies and wellness practices to complete her personal healing process.

The McGregor Memorial EMS team will offer a **First Aid certification class** at the library on June 15. Contact Nate at call 862-3674 or email [nduclos@mcgregorems.org](mailto:nduclos@mcgregorems.org) for details or to register.

June 1 and 15: **Pajama Time Story Time with Shawna** at 6:30 p.m. We have not done this for

several years and hope families can join us for some evening fun. *There will be no morning story times during the month of June.*

June 11 – The Friends of the Library **Book Sale** will include a silent auction featuring a hooked wall hanging, *The Library Rug*, among other unique items. More information will be available closer to that date. We will also have some fun activities to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Drop-In Chess:** Arthur Tang (a member of the OR Middle-school chess club) and Jason Shuster (the president of the UNH chess club) will run a drop-in chess evening at the library on Wednesdays throughout the summer from 5-7 p.m. Please see our web site for details.

**Rosa the reading dog** would love to read to new and emerging readers during the summer. Check with the library for details.

**Take Away crafts for children** will take place in August again this year. Basic materials will be pro-

vided for each craft. We will begin with a favorite – creating a bed for toys or dolls that children can take home and decorate. Children are invited to bring back the decorated bed during the month for a special overnight just for dolls and toys (children will see their doll or toy again at the end of the overnight).

**Downloadable books, including e-books,** are available through our web site. Kindles should now work with Overdrive. All you need is your library barcode. If you do not have your barcode number handy let us know.

**Online book clubs available to Teens and Adults** – click on the connecting icon on our web page. You can read the first few chapters of a book in your email and if you want to finish it we will get the book for you to check out.

**Trustees:** We welcome Betsy Renshaw and Lauren Winterholer who will serve as our new alternate Library Trustees. The Trustees meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the library.

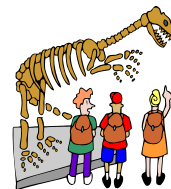
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**The 8th Annual Bob Connors Picturing-Writing Workshop** will take place Monday through Friday the week of July 18-22 from 9 a.m. to noon with instructor Michelle Fitzhenry. Michelle has worked at Moharimet School with both Susan O'Byrne and Renee Torr (each of whom have conducted summer writing experiences here in the past). Children entering grades 3-6 who love to read, write, and illustrate books are invited to sign up for this free writing experience. The children spend the mornings researching, writing, and illustrating a book. They take a mid-morning break for a snack while they listen to stories out on the lawn. By the end of the week they have completed their own, professional, book. Registration has begun and is ongoing until the workshop is filled. There is a \$50 refundable deposit which will be refunded for cancellations up to two weeks prior to the beginning of the week and all checks will be returned to attendees on the first day of the week.

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Museum Passes are available at the library, during the summer (thanks to our Friends):

1. The Children's Museum of NH in Dover
2. Canterbury Shaker Village (until 9/30/2011)
3. The Sea Coast Science Center in Rye
4. Museum of Fine Arts in Boston



**Summer Fun at the Library:** *We are excited to announce that this year's theme for our summer reading program is "One World, Many Stories!" Beginning with a kick-off performance at Oyster River High (ORHS) by master musician/storyteller Odds Bodkin on June 29 and extending through the month of July, we are pleased to be able to offer a diverse array of story times, events, and activities for all of our library patrons. Be sure to register with us and take advantage of the world of books and stories the Madbury Public Library has to offer.*

Registrations for the summer reading program will begin the week of June 27, when readers come in, get their reading logs/ passports and a free book. We will also have a special *Sail Away* story walk at the library during that week, thanks to the Portsmouth Public Library.

Some of the programs scheduled for the summer include:

- June 29: Odds Bodkin will get our summer reading off to a wonderful start on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the ORHS.
- July 14: Granite State Zoo (formerly Wildlife Encounters Zoo) will be bringing animals to the ORHS at 10:30 a.m. This has become a tradition, with different animals each year. It is a wonderful, fun educational experience for families.
- July 20: Carol and Crew returns to the Madbury Town Hall on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Carol entertains the younger set with her puppets and storytelling. There will be no story time at the library on that day.
- July 20 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall – “One World, Same Stars” by the NH Astronomical Society – a great evening event for ages nine and up.
- July 28: The Boston Museum of Science program, “Animal Invaders, Sharing Spaces,” at 10:30 a.m. is free thanks to a scholarship from the Museum of Science for this Traveling Program.
- July 29: Our last event of the Summer Reading Program will be Michael Zerphy who is a comedian/juggler for all ages. Free and open to all at 10:30 a. m. at the ORHS.

Certificates for our younger readers, final surprises and rewards for teens and adults will be available all week at the library during the week of July 25.

<i>Tentative Schedule</i>	<i><b>Madbury Day ~ Saturday, June 11, 2011</b></i>	<i>Subject to change</i>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:15 – 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
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	Town Hall
11:30 am	Parade Line-up at Cherry Lane	Cherry Lane
12 noon	Parade! - Everyone welcome to join in!	Town Hall Road
12:30 pm	Indonesian Street Dance Oyster River Middle School Jazz Band	Town Hall
5 pm	FAST Squad Dessert Auction	Town Hall
6 - 7 pm	Madbury Fire Department Chicken Barbecue Tickets available from any firefighter, the Town Clerk or Town Library. Reserve now! Adults \$12.00 Children \$6.00	Town Hall