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TOWN BULLETIN

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News from the Town Office

The Ashland Fourth of July Committee met at the Fire Station on Monday evening to continue with their planning for this year's Parade and Fireworks display. The public are encouraged to attend future committee meetings as volunteers will be needed for this year's celebrations.

The Town office was closed on Monday February 18th in observance of President's Day, so the Board of Selectmen's meeting was moved to the following evening. The meeting lasted only twenty eight minutes and was mostly taken up with reports from the Town Administrator, the Public Works and Fire Departments. The next meeting will be for the signing of the manifest scheduled for February 27th in the Town office.

The Foundation for Healthy Communities has recognized that Ashland is playing its part in making a healthier America one community at a time. We have just begun the second year of our grant period and held our community forum where monies from the grant can be put to good use for the healthy eating and active living initiatives that the public voted on at our forum earlier this month. The HEAL Steering Committee will be meeting next week to go over the findings and prepare action plans for the strategies with the appropriate funding. In last week's Bulletin, the public were advised of the projects that will be undertaken by the committee and hopefully those who came to the meeting will champion the project for which they voted. The promotion of public health helps to prevent disease and reduce costs and should become part of our daily lives. As we focus on the special role that HEAL can play in our community, Ashland HEAL is asking everyone to make healthy changes both big and small in their families, our neighborhoods, our workplaces and the school.

Ashland HEAL is pleased to announce that they will be receiving a grant from the Community Health Institute in Concord in order that they can show a screening of HBO's award winning 'Weight of the Nation' documentary series.

Further indications of the depth of this collaborative effort is that resources from the UNH Cooperative Extension Nutrition Connection are already focusing on these issues by offering classes at the Booster Club to the After School Program participants who are learning about active lifestyles and cultural cuisines.

The Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA) held another successful "Kid's Night Out" at the Booster Club on Friday, February 15th, with 16 kids attending. Activities included Sledding, Bingo, Dancing and much more. The next one is scheduled for the Friday, March 15th, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. The AARA has a new Facebook page and will be posting activities for kids and adults. The link to the page is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ashland-Area-Recreation-Association/241241709345040> or just search "Ashland Area Recreation".

The Town office sent out 'Earth Day 2013' flyers as a reminder from the Conservation Commission to support Earth Day by composting yard and food waste. Order forms for compost bins, scrap pails and rain barrels can be found on the website or in the lobby at the Town office.

Our Auditors, Roberts & Greene, are in the Town office today conducting an audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities at December 31, 2012. They are expected to be here for a few days.

Meetings & events scheduled for the week commencing Feb. 25, 201

Tuesday February 26th

Ashland Electric Commissioners
Utility Office
6 Collins Street
7 pm

Wednesday February 27th

Ashland Board of Selectmen
Town Office
20 Highland Street
8:30 am

Ashland Planning Board
 Work Session
 Town Office
 20 Highland Street
 6:30 pm

The Ashland Board of Selectmen`s meetings can be seen on public access local channel 3 at the following days/times:

Ashland BOS CH 3 Regular Schedule:

<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>
12:00 PM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	12:00 AM	07:00 AM	12:00 AM
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	07:00 AM	12:00 PM	09:00 AM
09:00 PM	08:00 PM			05:00 PM	05:00 PM

Important Telephone Numbers

Town Office hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. & Fri. 8am-4pm; Thursday 8am-5pm

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Board of Selectmen: Chairman Jeanette Stewart

Phone (603) 968-7240

Vice Chair Dan Golden

Phone(603) 968-3484

Phil Preston

Phone (603) 968-7959

Police Department

Phone (603) 968-4000

Fire Department -NON EMERGENCY-

Phone (603) 968-7772

Public Works Department

Phone (603) 968-3166

Utility Department hours: 8am-4pm Mon-Fri.

Electric

Phone (603) 968-3083

Water & Sewer

Phone (603) 968-4002

Parks & Recreation Department

Phone (603) 968-9209

Health & Welfare Department

Phone (603) 968-4432

Welfare hours: 5:30-7:30pm Thursday.

Transfer Station hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12-4pm;

Saturday 8am-4pm.

Phone (603) 968-9032

Building Inspector hours: Thursday 3:30-5pm

Phone (603) 968-4432

Library hours: Mon, Tuesday, Thursday 1-7pm; Friday & Saturday 10am-2pm. Closed: Wednesday & Sunday. Phone (603) 968-7928
Ashland Food Pantry hours: Thurs.12-6 pm; Fri. 12-6 pm; Sat.10 am-2 pm
Closed: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Phone (603) 968-9698

Please remember the Town website at www.ashland.nh.gov should be consulted when looking for specific information about the Town.
This newsletter helps the Town Office share information and establish a direct connection with our audience, the residents (and taxpayers) of Ashland who are unable to view our website or attend Selectmen meetings. We try to keep them informed and remind them of the many ways their local government is working to improve their quality of life.

Paul C. Branscombe,
Town Administrator