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TOWN BULLETIN

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News from the Town Office

Sixteen Ashland Fire Fighters responded to the two alarm fire at the Riveredge Marina on the evening of Sunday April 28th which is still under investigation. The Ashland Fire Department responded very quickly and saved much more of the property from being engulfed in flames.

The Ashland Budget Committee met on April 25th and made the following appointments: Mark Scarano, Chair; David Ruell, Vice-Chair and Fran Newton, Secretary. The Committee wrote to the Board of Selectmen and made a request that when the annual audit is received by the Town that there be ample time to review same to make any commentary. The Committee has alerted both the Selectmen and the Town Administrator of the financial documents that they will require each month as part of the reporting process to the Budget Committee.

The Town's Auditors have advised that a draft of the Financial Statement should be with us by the end of this week. There has been a slight delay due to some corrections to the report.

There was a disappointing turnout for Child Safety Day on April 27th sponsored by the Ashland Fire Department at the Elementary School, which was probably attributed to the fact that many families were on school holiday. However, Chief Heath and Fire Fighter Kendall B. Hughes were on hand to inspect children's car seats. Fire Fighters Brad Ober and Ingrid Heidenreich, with Ashland HEAL Bike-Pedestrian Committee member Joe Mazzone, were available to inspect bikes and helmet sizing. The Town office thanks them all for volunteering their time.

The Sunday morning 'Walk with Paul' has increased in size due in part to the warmer weather. Hopefully we shall see a significant participation as the weeks evolve. June 1st to the 7th is classified as "Walk NH Week" with the official kick-off beginning on May 31st with a walk in White Park in Concord. This is a State-wide health initiative centered on bringing Towns, Schools and Businesses together. The Ashland HEAL Steering Committee is encouraging the community to take part in this Walk NH Week and join the 'Walk with Paul' on Sunday June 2nd, meeting at the Town Beach parking lot at 8:30 am. The HEAL Steering Committee would welcome any feedback from the community walkers regarding the 'walkability' of the Town where they go, as this would assist in the preparation of their report to the State.

The Ashland HEAL Steering Committee has been very busy with the three initiatives in Town and has been invited to participate in the one year anniversary of the Grant award in Concord on May 8th. The Bike-Pedestrian Committee is to establish a "Re-Cycle" program that will entail donated bikes being restored to their original glory and returned to the community along with a bike helmet. This initiative is in its infancy but anyone willing to donate an old bike should contact Paul Branscombe at (603) 707-9370. More details on this program will be forthcoming in future Bulletins.

Members of the Ashland HEAL Steering Committee met with representatives from the Common Man restaurant last Tuesday to determine the direction the restaurant will go in supporting the healthy eating initiative.

NHDOT has confirmed that when the ramp closure takes place at Exit 24 **the detour will no longer run through Ashland** and into New Hampton. The detour for the Exit 24 South Bound On-ramp closure will now detour traffic up Interstate 93 to Exit 25 where drivers will see the exit to change direction and come South on Interstate 93. The State is requiring the contractor to complete the Exit 24 bridge work during 2013.

Emery & Garrett, the firm that monitors the condition of the Ashland Landfill, presented the Town Office with their 2001-2012 Post Closure Monitoring report. Overall, the cap is in excellent condition and performing according to its design. No methane was detected. The next report will be submitted after the end of the 2013-2014 monitoring period. There are four primary tasks that Emery & Garrett carry out annually: Groundwater level & Quality monitoring; Methane gas monitoring; Inspection of the Landfill surface and reporting to NHDES.

Town employee Health Insurance costs have risen by 6.7% over the 2012 rates. Effective July 1, 2013 the single increase will be \$46.34 monthly; the two person \$92.67 and the family \$125.11. These increases will be held through June 30, 2014.

A number of residents e-mailed the Town Office to find out why the water level in the river had gone down to uncharacteristic levels. This was done to accommodate work being carried out on the turbines.

On Monday the 29th the finishing touches to the Town Hall chimney were carried out by Red Mountain Construction. New flashing had to be installed to stop the elements from coming under the roof.

The Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA) is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner tomorrow, Friday May 3rd, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Ashland Booster Club on Main Street. This event is a fundraiser for the tuition scholarship program for the Ashland Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Program. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children age five to twelve. To volunteer or reserve your seat call (603) 968-9209 or e-mail info@yahoo.com

The AARA has successfully moved the 'backstop' on the ball field to make it easier for younger children to play and have more room behind the 'backstop.' The AARA also donated brand new fencing to cover it and they wish to acknowledge thanks to Ashland Lumber for donating concrete and to our Public Works Director for his assistance.

The organization has also installed two garden beds located adjacent to the Booster Club to be used by the Summer Camp participants. Materials and labor were donated by Tree Solutions and the wood was cut as a donation by Sean's Rough Sawn Lumber.

The Board of Selectmen's next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 6th in the Library at the Elementary School at 7 pm where District 2 Senator Jeanie Forrester will be a guest speaker.

Ashland Elementary School News

Ashland eighth grade students Rachel D'Ambruoso and Joselynn Lyford served in the New Hampshire State Senate on Thursday, April 18 as guests of Senator Jeanie Forrester of Meredith representing State Senate District 2. They were nominated by Ashland Social Studies teacher Brad Wolff. The purpose of the page program is to promote positive citizenship and civic education while students observe and assist in the business of a N.H. State Senate session during their lawmaking deliberations. The

students learned about some of the current issues facing the people of New Hampshire, including education and employment.

They were able to listen to proposed solutions for those problems and the discussion and debate which took place. Rachel D'Ambruoso is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed D'Ambruoso of Ashland. She is an honor roll student and member of the National Junior Honor Society, active in volunteering for community service activities through the school, participates in art club and school music activities, plays on the school's interscholastic softball team, and is serving as Vice-President of the Class of 2013. Joselynn Lyford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Lyford of Ashland. She is an honor roll student and member of the National Junior Honor Society, active in volunteering for community service activities through the school, participates in art club and school music activities, plays on the school's interscholastic softball team, and is serving as Secretary of the Class of 2013. They were selected for nomination by the Ashland Elementary School faculty based upon civic interest, academic achievement, and community involvement

The annual Penny Sale will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2013 in the William J. Tirone Gymnasium starting when the doors open for inspection at 5:00 p.m. Drawings will begin at 6:00. Refreshments will be on sale during the evening as well. If you're doing any spring cleaning and have any no longer needed items that are clean and in good condition (no clothing, please) donations for the White Elephant Tables will be gratefully accepted. They may be dropped off at the gymnasium, but please call a day ahead (968-7622) so that someone will be available to open the doors. The Penny Sale is organized and sponsored by the Ashland faculty and staff and proceeds go to the Helen P. Knowlton Scholarship which is awarded to an Ashland student who will graduate from high school this spring.

Meetings & events scheduled for the week commencing May 6, 2013

Monday May 6th

Ashland Board of Selectmen
Elementary School Library
16 Education Drive (off School Street)
7:00 pm

Tuesday May 7th

Ashland School Board
Elementary School Library
16 Education Drive (off School Street)
7:00 pm

Ashland Water & Sewer Commissioners
Utility Office
6 Collins Street (side entrance)
7:00 pm

Wednesday May 8th

Ashland Water & Sewer Commissioners
'Signing of the Manifest'
Utility Office
6 Collins Street (side entrance)
9:00 am

Ashland Budget Committee
Location to be determined
6:00 pm

Ashland Conservation Commission
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	08:00			05:00	05:00
PM	PM			PM	PM

Important Telephone Numbers

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

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Paul C. Branscombe,
Town Administrator