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TOWN BULLETIN

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News from the Town Office

There was another good turn-out for the second of the summer concert series at the Gazebo in Memorial Park on Sunday, July 14th. For those who missed this concert the same performers will be appearing on Sunday, July 21st. Rounding out the month of July and back by popular demand is the Big Lake String Band on July 28th. A banner announcing the musicians and times of their performance will be placed on an 'A-Frame' by the park until the concert series ends in August.

NHDOT has already put up flashing signs indicating that the South Bound On Ramps will be closed on Monday, July 22nd, and traffic will be diverted North up Interstate 93 to exit 25 and then will be directed back onto the Interstate for the journey South.

On July 16th, the owners of the Laconia Roller Rink came to Ashland to meet with one of the owners of Elpakco to discuss the possibility of putting a roller rink in a vacant space off Winter Street. Both Landlord and prospective tenant would like to appear before the Ashland Planning Board next month as an informational to see if this is a project that they would approve. There is much support in the community for such a facility.

The newly appointed Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Van Valkenburgh, came to the Town office on Tuesday to meet with his predecessor and the Electrical and Plumbing Inspectors and the Fire Chief. He will begin reviewing files and following up on the current permit requirements. Residents wishing to contact Jim can do so by either calling his cell phone (603) 393-1274 or e-mail at jcvanv@metrocast.net. He will be available as needed to discuss issues/permits with residents and will not have set hours as his predecessor.

The Board of Selectmen changed the venue for their meeting on Wednesday morning from the Town office to the Fire Station to accommodate a meeting with the six Utility Commissioners. The Selectmen heard from Barry Gaw regarding the upcoming Circle Triathlon event to be held over the Labor Day weekend. Ashland HEAL will participate in this annual event. The Board voted to approve the re-surfacing of West Street and the repair of the sidewalks on Highland Street. GMI Asphalt will carry out the work on both projects. The Board approved a motion to have the Town's PWD handle the catch basin and culvert work on West Street rather than award this to a third party.

The Capital Improvement Program committee met last evening with the Police Chief, the Parks & Recreation Director, the Public Works Director and the Town Administrator to follow up on their project work sheets and review the proposed ten year CIP spread sheet. The committee will hold a community forum in the fall to outline the Capital requirements that the Town will be facing over the next several years.

The Town office has been notified that a member of Senator Kelly Ayotte's office will be holding office hours in the Town office on Tuesday, July 30th, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Residents who are interested in meeting with Michael Scala should stop by during the allotted time period.

Representatives from Northern Pass will be holding a series of informational 'open houses' over the next several weeks as part of their 'outreach program' with residents in communities and regions along or near the proposed route. These informal open houses will give residents and local government officials an opportunity to learn more about the project's details and to speak one-on-one with Northern Pass representatives. In due course the Town office will be receiving specific details on the proposed route in our community including an overview of the permitting and approval process for this project. When this information is received it will be made available to those landowners on the proposed route.

Town Library News

COMPLIMENTARY ADULT TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE

New Hampshire Music Festival

Family Concert Series at Silver Center in Plymouth

Saturday, August 3rd 2 PM

The Four Elements of Music:

Composer, Conductor, Musician & You!

See and hear the NHMF orchestra, conducted by Music director Donato Cabrera, in kid-sized classical concerts.

A great way to pass the symphony magic from one generation to the next!

nhmf.org

There are a limited number of complimentary adult tickets (valued at \$15/each) available on a first come first serve basis at the library desk. Tickets for ages 18 and under are \$2/each and can be obtained by calling the Silver Center at 535-2787 or online at silver.plymouth.edu

Also, a reminder about the Library Summer Concert Series:

Saturday, July 20 at 7pm

Don Watson presents:

“Welcome Home New Hampshire”

Songs and stories about NH history, people and places.

A fun, interactive and interesting program that brings to life fascinating facts about the Granite State.

Saturday, August 24 at 7pm

Steve Blunt

A family program for all ages...featuring mostly humorous original compositions and traditional American & multicultural selections.

All events are FREE. Refreshments will be served.

Bring lawn chairs or blanket.

Rain Location: Ashland Booster Club, 99 Main St.

Meetings & events scheduled for the week commencing July 22, 2013

Tuesday July 23rd

Ashland Electric Commissioners

Utility Office

6 Collins Street

7:00 pm

Wednesday July 24th

Ashland Board of Selectmen

‘Signing of the Manifest’

Town Office

20 Highland Street

8:30 am

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

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

Thursday July 25th
 Ashland Budget Committee
 Elementary School Library
 16 Education Drive (off School Street)
 6:00 pm

Friday July 26th
 Regional Economic Development Initiative
 Bristol Town Library
 8:00 am

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

Phone (603) 968-4432

Board of Selectmen: Chairman -Jeanette Stewart

Phone (603) 968-7240

Phil Preston

Phone (603) 968-7959

Norm DeWolfe

Phone (603) 968-9630

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

Welfare Department

Phone (603) 968-4432

Welfare hours: 5:30-7:00pm Thursday.

Health Officer

Phone (603) 573-5330

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

Saturday 8am-4pm.

Phone (603) 968-9032

Building Inspector hours: As needed

Phone (603) 968-4432

Jim Van Valkenburgh

cell Phone (603) 393-1274

Library hours: Mon, Tuesday, Thursday 1-7 pm; Friday & Saturday 10 am-

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

Reaching your U.S. Legislator

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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