

## NEW SALEM NEWS - July Newsletter

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### 1794 Meetinghouse June Performances

July 9: *Hayley Reardon* – Accomplished 18-year old contemporary folk singer/songwriter who has shared the stage with Tom Rush, Christine Lavin and Peter Yarrow. Boston Globe Magazine's 2012 *Bostonian of the Year*. Thursday evening at 7:30 pm

July 11: *The Pangeans* – Ensemble performs Latin jazz, samba reggae, calypso, soca, funk and African music at 7:30 pm

July 12: *Bradley Bartlett-Roche* – Young Athol native extremely accomplished piano and saxophone player. A real entertainer! 4:00 show.

July 16: *Mount Peru* – Boston-based indie rock band playing 60s pop, 70s glam and vintage country, soul, blues and folk music at 7:30 pm

July 18: *The Jolly Beggars* – Local favorite performs Celtic music the evening of Old Home Day after the 1794 chicken dinner fundraiser.

July 19: *Massmouth: Storytelling with Norah Dooley & Friends* – Good old-fashioned storytelling, as well as a “story slam” for the whole family at 4:00 pm.

July 23: *Lisa Martin* – Named Best Country/American Artist in the 2015 Worcester Music Award, Martin plays country and folk rock at 7:30 pm.  
July 25: *Trailer Park* – High-energy rock and roll band that has opened for NRBQ, Little Feat and Los Lobos performs at 7:30 pm.  
July 26: *Jacqueline Schwab* – Pianist for Ken Burns’s documentaries performs vintage all types of American songs  
July 30: *The Tin Pan ‘Valley Trio* – Bill Shontz of Holyoke, Rob Fletcher of Erving and Lenny Zarcone from Greenfield (formerly of the Wright Brothers) interpret jazz standards in their unique way at 7:30 pm  
August 1: *Vance Gilbert* – Remarkable breakout singer/songwriter, a consummate entertainer, Gilbert puts his stamp on folk, pop and jazz music at 7:30 pm.  
Go to [www.1794meetinghouse.org](http://www.1794meetinghouse.org) for more information and ticket info.

### **Old Home Day Committee Looking for Old-Fashioned Fun Games Volunteers**

The theme of this year’s Old Home Day on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> is *Old-Fashioned Fun*.  
*Volunteers:* We are seeking volunteers who will help out for about 30 minutes on Old Home Day with old-fashioned events or games. The schedule of events for Old Home Day is attached. If you would like to help, email [nsoldhomeday@gmail.com](mailto:nsoldhomeday@gmail.com) or call 978-544-3410 or 978-544-2660. We will match you up with an activity of event of your choice.

*Old-Fashioned Contests:* We will be having old-fashioned contents: the old sack race, the three-legged race, a potato relay and a wooden hoop and stick race. The wooden hoop and stick is at the library. It is can be signed out and practiced with when the library is open.

*Ice Cream Maker.* We are looking for an old-fashioned crank-operated ice cream maker, email or call the contacts above.

*Vendors:* Also, as always, we are looking for vendors. It is only \$10 for a 10’ by 10’ spot, if pre-registered, or \$15 on the day of the event. A registration form with all the detail is attached.

*Cake Walk:* Interested cake bakers, please contact Sunday Lefebvre 978-575-0116.

*Save the date: **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.***

### **The New Salem Community Garden**

Just a quick note to invite anyone who has perennials that need to be split to give Sandy Spiewak a call at 1-413-219-4458. The community garden is having its 2nd annual plant sale fundraiser at Old Home Day, and we appreciate all the plants you can spare. We now have vegetable plants in our Giving Garden. As they begin to bear fruit please help yourself! Thanks to Joe Cuneo and Cal Coolidge for donating pepper, tomato, kale, eggplant, swiss chard and cucumber plants! We also have a pallet planter with lettuce and parsley along with petunias and sunflowers for added visual interest. Thanks to Robert Roy, our newly constructed shed is being stained. We hope to have a bench in place before Old Home Day too. Come visit.

### **New Salem Library News**

*Summer Reading Program:* Calling all Super Heroes! The library is launching the Summer Reading Program – Every Hero Has A Story! July 7th through July 28th –

every Tuesday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The Summer Reading Program is open to people of all ages with prize drawings, a reading club and more. Join the reading program and enter the raffles. All programs are free.

July 7 - *Meet a Local Super Hero* - Dan the Fireman is reading to us! Come thank Dan and help make a card thanking our Fire Department for being ready to be our heroes! Help make a Super Scarecrow for the New Salem Library Children's Garden. We'll walk to the garden to install the scarecrow and pick some veggies! (Young children should be accompanied by an adult.)

July 14 - *Stomp Rocket* workshop. Come make a tiny superhero and send him flying! Who can design the highest flying hero? The most colorful? Then we'll move on to an even BIGGER stomp rocket.

July 21 - We'll build our own Superheroes to put on the New Salem Old Home Day float. What's your super power? A variety of materials will be provided to create a figure to go on the float.

July 28 - *Super Hero Training Camp*. Come train to be a super-healthy superhero. Jump rope, throw a Frisbee, try some brain games, thread your way through the super hero maze.

Aug. 4 - Field Day! Ice cream, balloon races, three-legged race and water balloon toss. Be ready to get wet and have fun! Drawing for prizes.

All the Summer Reading Programs subject to change due to weather. Children are invited to go to the Community Garden with their adult to pick from the Children's Garden. Parents of children under 11 must stay in the library, or accompany their child outside. All adults are invited to participate with their child. Come have some fun! For more information call 978-544-6334.

*Teens and Tweens Club*: We've been learning to sew this month! Come see our float in the New Salem Old Home Day Parade July 18th where we'll model some of our creations.

Next month is our big "Make your own video game" program! July 1st, 15th and 29th, starting at 3:00 pm. Call to register so we'll have enough computers for everyone, or bring your own laptop to work on. This will be a really fun program!

On the 8th we'll work on putting some finishing touches on our parade float.

On the 22nd, weather permitting, you're invited to **the** water balloon fight of the summer! Come early and help fill balloons. Invite your friends! What do you wish you could learn to do? Call and tell us! We'll be here all summer, every Wednesday, from 1:30-5:30.

You're invited! The Teens and Tweens Club is open to kids 11-18, from **any town**! Call 978-544-6334 for more info.

*Museum Passes*: The New Salem Public Library has received two more museum passes as donations from the Clark Institute in Williamstown and the Brattleboro Museum in Brattleboro VT. Please check the availability of these and our other passes, purchased by the Friends of the New Salem Public Library, at the front desk. The Friends of the New Salem Public Library have also recently funded a Butterfly Museum Pass. It should be here soon!

*Book Discussion Group*: The next book is *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Come pick up your book on July 1st. It will be discussed on Wednesday, July 29th at 7:00 pm. We hope you can join us!

*Computer Help:* Sue Dunbar is available for one-on-one computer help anytime, but especially on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Please ask Sue if you are having a computer problem or would like to learn a computer program, such as Excel.

### **Friends of the New Salem Library News**

*Kindle Basket Raffle:* The Friends of the New Salem Public Library is holding a Kindle Basket Raffle! Included are an Amazon Kindle 4GB 6" Touchscreen eReader with WiFi and a \$25 Amazon Gift Card. The basket is on display at the New Salem Public Library and on the Friends of the Library Facebook page. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Drawing will be held on Old Home Day (Saturday July 18) at 1:00 PM. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available at the New Salem General Store or from a FOL Board member. Thank you for your support!

*Giant Book Sale:* Time to get ready for the Giant Book Sale sponsored by the Friends at Old Home Day in July. Take a look at your book shelves and pick out all the old books you've already read or those new ones you will never get to. You can drop them off at the library between June 27th and July 11th. That will give us time to put them in order before the sale and not have them pile up too high for too long in the library. We accept all books (except those that are moldy or torn), CD's DVD's and books on tape. NO magazines or encyclopedias, please. We especially like to have a wide assortment of children's books. So now is the time to clean out those books you have been collecting throughout the year. And many thanks!

*Beverages Available:* The Friends of the New Salem Public Library remind you that we have coffee, tea, cocoa, and cider available to patrons. Check out the Keurig machine and offerings on the table next to Diana's window. Donations are gratefully accepted for these beverages.

### **Council on Aging News**

*Luncheons and bingo:* In June we will meet twice at the Town Hall, gathering at 10:00 am for Bingo and coffee with lunch at noon. Please call Hendra Reidy to sign up (978-544-2178). On Friday, July 7th, the lunch will be Jambalaya, brown rice, tossed salad, and pear crisp. On Friday, July 24th, the lunch will be Cheese lasagna with meat sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread, and fresh fruit. Tanya Quinn, from TD Bank (Athol branch) will come to speak to us about the newest scams.

*Old Home Day:* On July 18th the Council will hold its annual Tin Can Auction. If you have a hand-made item for our auction, please call Judy Jewett (978-544-2216) or Hendra Reidy (978-544-2178). We will be putting three baskets together: Chocolate, Breakfast, and Family Fun. If you have an item to contribute for the baskets, please let us know. Be sure to stop by to see what wonderful prizes we will have on display and maybe buy a ticket!!

*Busy Bs:* We continue to meet on Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Stowell Building. Bring your sewing project and join us.

### **2015 Hilltown Brewfest - Save the Date: September 12**

Brewfest planning is underway! Brewers are lining up, food vendors are confirming and things are falling in place as we have three months until our next Brewfest fundraiser!

Three bands have been confirmed - JB Murray & The Music, Boston Blackthorne and Housejackers are all ready to rock this year's fest!

This is our 8th Annual Hilltown Brewfest and it gets a little better and a little bigger every year. We appreciate your attendance at our fest and we try very hard to make it a memorable day for everyone as we raise funds to support our local fire departments.

### **Swift River Valley Historical Society Schedules Hikes and Bus Trips in Quabbin**

Limited spaces so contact the office immediately by phone (978-544-6882) or email at megansrvhs@gmail.com.

*Bus Trip #2:* Sunday, October 4th Prescott bus trip, depart from SRVHS at 11:00 am.

*Hike #3:* Sunday, October 18th, hike to Indian Kitchen & plane crash site, meet at gate 40, 11:00 am.

Hikes are free; a \$25 per person donation is asked for bus trips, space reserved in advance. Send checks to: Swift River Valley Historical Society (SRVHS) at P.O. Box 22, New Salem, MA 01355.

## **TOWN NOTICES**

### **New Salem Debt Exclusion Vote for Broadband Access**

There will be a town vote on Monday, July 20 from noon to 8:00 pm in the New Salem Town Hall Annex at 24 South Main Street. This is a vote for a debt exclusion for broadband access for the town.

### **FY2016 Real Estate and Personal Property 1st Quarter Tax Bills Due**

This is to remind you that FY2016 1st Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills have been mailed out and are now payable. The due date for this quarter's bills is August 3, 2015. Payments received after that date will be charged interest and fees.

Payment stubs for this bill as well as the FY2016 2nd Quarter bill were included in the mailing sent out at the end of June. If you have trouble locating the stub and wish to find out the amount due you may call (978) 544-5775 and leave a message stating your name, phone number and the address of your property. The Tax Collector will call you with the amount of your bill. You may also email your request for this information to newsalemtax@aol.com.

**NEW!** It is now possible to look up your bill information online at [www.unitaxonline.com](http://www.unitaxonline.com) whether or not you plan to pay online.

- Enter [www.unitaxonline.com](http://www.unitaxonline.com) in your web browser.
- Select Town of New Salem from the drop down menu on the home screen and click Submit.
- Select bill type under transactions (Motor Vehicle, Personal Property or Real Estate).
- Then click on "Need help locating your bill?" on the transaction screen.
- Fill in the requested information and your bill information will be provided.

Non-cash payments may be deposited in the tax payment drop box located in front of the town hall at 15 S. Main Street or mailed to the Tax Collector's office at 24 S. Main St., New Salem, MA 01355. Bills may also be paid online at [www.unitaxonline.com](http://www.unitaxonline.com) - please note that **the online option is not available after the due date**. Cash payments may be made during the Tax Collector's office hours at 24 S. Main Street on Tuesdays 5-7pm and Thursdays 10am-Noon.

### **New Salem Transfer Station News**

*Winners:* The winner for them May Cleanup New Salem contest Tom Fournier. He won a package of 10 trash bags for cleaning up the side of the road. If you are interested in trying to win some free bags, talk to Bob at the Transfer Station and he will let you know what you need to do to try and win. Thank you Sue and Bob for caring about keeping your town clean.

*Suggestion Box at Transfer Station:* There will be a suggestion box at the New Salem Transfer Station. If you have any suggestions for ways to improve the Transfer Station just leave it in the box.

### **Selectboard News**

*Selectboard Meetings:* The Selectboard normally meets at 7:00 pm. on every other Monday at the Stowell Building. If the Monday is a holiday, the Selectboard meet on the Tuesday of that week. To verify a meeting date, contact the Town Coordinator at 544-6437.

## **UP & COMING**

September 12	NSGS Brewfest
September 11, 12,18,19,20	<i>Country Store: A Radio Play</i> at the Meetinghouse
October 4	SRVHS Prescott bus trip
October 18	SRVHS Hike to Indian Kitchen & plane crash site

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