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New Salem Library News

Challenge Walk to the Boston Public Library: On June 2nd, Thursday, join our Challenge to Walk to the Boston Public Library (74.4 miles) in 90 days! If you accept this challenge, you don't actually walk to Boston, but try to walk 74.4 miles during the 90 day Challenge. Walking kits and all other details are available when you sign up at the library. **This is a free challenge for all ages!**

Computer Class: On June 11th, Saturday at 10:30 am, Adam Suzor will give a class featuring basic computer tips. Learn to insert pictures, the latest Google Drive info and anything else you may want to ask him.

Night Sky: On Saturday, June 25th at the Swift River School, the Night Sky is coming! The first session is from 10:30-11:00 pm and the second session will be from 11:30-midnight. Locate galaxies, learn what is special about the North Star, locate planets, and more! **This is an all ages event.** For more info and to sign-up, please call the

library at 1-978-544-6334.

Play Time Across the Pond: On Tuesday, June 28th from 11:30-1:30 pm, come to Playtime across the Pond at the library. Stories and games from England: *Queenie Queenie*, *Please Mr. Crocodile*, and make your own crown. Read books to earn prizes for all ages at the New Salem Public Library. More to come in July!

Toddler & Pre-Schooler Reading Time. On Thursdays in June - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - from 10:30 to 11:30 am there will be a Toddler and Preschooler Reading Time featuring local readers. Snacks will be provided. People wishing to volunteer as June readers for the program should call the library at 978-544-6334.

Lego Club: The Lego Club will be on Saturday, June 11th from 12:30-2:00 pm. This program is offered at the same time the second Saturday of each month.

Teens and Tweens: Wish you knew how to summon lightning bolts with a bow and arrow or build giant rainbows in the Minecraft world with code? Come to the Library on June 15th from 2:30-4:30 pm and learn to spawn farm animals or monsters instantly and have fun "modding" your world! The set-up is easy for beginners, challenging for experienced gamers and fun for ages 11 and up. You **must** pre-register for this program by calling 978-544-6334. Every Wednesday, snacks, computers, games, movies, all **free** - only for 11 to 18 year olds from any town.

Friends of the New Salem Public Library News

Annual Meeting: The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual meeting on Saturday, June 18 at 4:00 pm in the library. Join us for a relaxed afternoon of wine, cheese, and celebration of our achievements this past year and discussion of ideas for next year.

Old Home Day Giant Book Sale: The Friends will once again be holding their Giant Book Sale on Old Home Day, Saturday, July 16th from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. We will be collecting books for that sale starting July 1st. So start boxing up those old and not-so-old books but please wait till July 1st to take them to the library. We like to keep the library as neat as possible and those piles of old books get messy really fast. Many thanks for all your book donations in the past and we look forward to a **really** big Giant Book Sale this year.

THE 1794 MEETINGHOUSE 2016 JUNE SCHEDULE

Note: See attached for the full 1794 Meetinghouse 2016 Schedule

Tracy Grammer and Jim Henry - Post-Modern Folk 1794 Meetinghouse Grand Opening and Fundraiser!

Saturday, June 11 at 7:30

Tracy Grammer and Jim Henry were an audience favorite in 2015, and they've graciously agreed to kick off this year's Summer Program on Saturday evening, June 11th as a fundraiser for Stage Two of our Capital Campaign. Grammer has become one of folk music's most beloved artists, and Henry is a multi-instrumental powerhouse who has performed with an impressive roster of artists. The show will be preceded by a *Grand Opening Champagne Celebration at 6:45.*

Florence Camerata Piano Trio - Classical Piano, Cello & Violin

Sunday, June 12 at 4:00

The opening weekend also features a masterful classical performance by the Florence Camerata Piano Trio on Sunday afternoon, June 12th, with Dartmouth College piano and harpsichord instructor Gregory Hayes on piano, New England Conservatory MM Joe Jewett on violin, and Richard Mickey on cello.

Grace & Catastrophe - Powerful Folk Duo

Thursday, June 16th at 7:30

Brie Sullivan and Eric Lee, known to the music world as Grace & Catastrophe, are driving in from the Valley on Thursday, June 16th, to present their unique blend of writing styles, voices, fiddle, guitar, and varying musical roots. The duo brings a powerful sound grounded in folk that subtly takes on flavors of bluegrass, jazz, Celtic, pop, and indie rock.

Mark Fisher Trio - Heartfelt, Witty Folk Harmonies

Saturday, June 18 at 7:30

Based in the Gardner area and jumping onto the Meetinghouse stage for your entertainment on Saturday, June 18th, the Mark Fisher Trio is sure to delight audience members with a diverse mix of comedic, personal and socio-political songs topped off with effortless harmony and genial storytelling.

Jay Mankita - Upbeat, Fun Folk — Kids, Bring Dad!

Sunday, June 19th at 4:00

A very special treat awaits audience members young and old on **Father's Day**, June 19th. Jay Mankita is a celebrated songwriter, innovative guitarist, and upbeat, often hilarious touring performer who truly engages, inspires, and entertains. This presentation is not to be missed, so kids, celebrate the day with your Dad, your Grandpa, or both. Parents, bring your kids for an afternoon filled with smiles and belly-laughs!

Mile Twelve - Fresh & Contemporary Bluegrass

Thursday, June 23rd at 7:30

Bluegrass fans won't want to miss the opportunity to see Mile Twelve on Thursday, June 23rd. Mile Twelve is a fresh, hard-driving young band beautifully walking the line between original and traditional bluegrass. Based in Boston, Massachusetts and fast gaining recognition for their outstanding performances throughout bluegrass and folk circles, they create captivating songs and daring instrumental pieces from diverse influences.

The Pangeans - Reggae, Funk, World Music

Saturday, June 25th at 7:30

The Pangeans are a seven-piece World Music Ensemble performing Latin Jazz, Samba, Reggae, Calypso, Soca, Funk, Afro Beat and other forms of African music. They're returning to the Meetinghouse stage on Saturday, June 25th. The group performs original compositions based on traditional rhythms as well as those of other

composers. All members of the Pangeans are highly experienced world touring artists. Dancing in the aisles is encouraged.

Quabbin Valley Pro Musica - Classical Choral Music

Sunday, June 26th at 3:00

Mendelssohn's Elijah & More. The Meetinghouse's resident chorus, Quabbin Valley Pro Musica, known for its varied music and high-quality performances, will perform Mendelssohn's Elijah and more. Dr. Charles Heffernan, professor emeritus of music at the University of Massachusetts, will conduct. Heffernan's conducting and teaching careers have taken him from coast to coast in the US and Canada as he has groomed choruses, music educators, and solo performers.

The Twangbusters - Boogie, Blues, Bop & Twang

Thursday, June 30th at 7:30

The July 4th weekend is always filled with plenty of fun, and the Meetinghouse invites you to start celebrating a little early this year by coming to New Salem on Thursday, June 30th, for some boogie, blues & bop, and a heapin' helpin' of twang! The Twangbusters bust out their own high-energy danceable blend of rootsy rhythms and soulful blues. They mix the best of bluesy country, boogie woogie & barrelhouse into a musical cocktail, shaken & stirred.

*Adult tickets are \$15 (except the Opening and Closing concerts when they are \$20). Teens 13-17 are always \$10. Children 12 and under are always **free**.*

Editor's Note: I hope you will support this summer's 1794 Meetinghouse events. As the building is owned by the Town of New Salem, the 1794 Meetinghouse events benefit us all. Please print the attached schedule and, if I may make a suggestion, post copies everywhere.

New Salem Town Meeting

On Monday June 6th, the New Salem Town Meeting will be held in the basement of the Old Town Hall at 15 South Main Street. Time to be announced. The warrant for the Town Meeting is posted at the New Salem General Store. Come learn how your town meeting works and if you are an eligible town resident, vote on the allocation of town monies.

Old Home Day Committee Updates and Vendors and Bakers Wanted

Updates: There will be a concert/dance with the sax-driven rocking band, *Trailer Park*, at this year's Old Home Day. Stay tuned for details. Also, the *Pied Potter Hamlin* will be presenting a pottery demonstration of all kinds of pottery making. The Tree Committee is sponsoring a *Town Forest Tree Walk*. This will be easy walk of about one hour by Bruce Spencer, a former DCR forester, informing town residents of the history of the town parcel and its trees.

The 1794 Meetinghouse Chicken Dinner Fundraiser is on again this year.

Vendors: The Old Home Day Committee is seeking vendors for this year's Old Home Day which will take place on Saturday, July 16th. Vendors set up at the northern end of

the Common from 10:00-3:00 pm and offer their wares to the Old Home Day visitors. The cost is \$10 for a 10' by 10' area. If you are interested, email nsoldhomeday@gmail.com.

Cake Walk Cake Bakers: If you are interested in baking cakes for the annual Old Home Day Cake Walk, please contact Sunday LeFebvre at Sunday.and.leon@gmail.com or 575-0116. As always, there will be a great prize for the cake voted the best cake by the tasters!

Agricultural Commission News

Pollinator Gardening Workshop: On June 2nd from 2:00-6:00 pm, join New Salem Agricultural Commission members and Carlen Rigrod from The Farm School for this educational workshop with a hands on opportunity. Together we will discuss choices of perennial plants that support improved garden pollination, plan a garden design using mostly native plants and help create a new pollinator garden at the New Salem Community Garden.

Attendees interested in helping us design and plant our garden should wear light work attire, bring gloves and any tools they may use. The New Salem Community Garden and Agricultural Commission appreciate your ongoing interest in our monthly events and have gained admiration for the input provided by you. Thank you and please join us in our community endeavor!

Plant Donations for Old Home Day Plant Sale: We are looking for plants donations for our Old Home Day plant sale to support our fence project. If you have plants that need dividing or want removed, please let Sandy know. She will come over to your home to pick them up or divide them for you. Contact her at 413-219-4458 or sspiewak20@yahoo.com.

Community Garden Plots: There are three available plots at the garden, if you are interested in planting in full sun. The cost is \$10 per plot and \$5 for shed key.

New, Free Magazine about the Quabbin Towns - Uniquely Quabbin

There is a new, free, 56-page magazine with a glossy cover and a photo of the New Salem Route 202 Look-Out by Dale Monette on the back cover. Look for it at New Salem General Store. It contains articles by 20 local writers and has Calendar Listings of Events in the area from for May to September. Note: New Salem resident, Jane Clukay, is the Associate Editor and Calendar Listing Editor.

New Spring Schedule for Worcester to Northampton MaxBus

The Maxbus that stops in New Salem on the way to Worcester and Northampton has a new spring schedule. The bus leaves about an hour later in the morning and returns an hour or so earlier in the afternoon. The schedule can be found at www.maxpressbus.com or at the New Salem General Store.

Council on Aging News

Luncheon: There will be a meeting on Friday, June 10th and Friday, June 24th at 10:00 am for bingo and visiting followed by lunch at noon. Let Hendra Reidy know if you are coming (978-544-2178).

June 10th Menu - Cold plate chicken salad with cranberry, three bean salad, potato

salad, hot dog roll, and Mandarin oranges.

June 24th Menu - Potato pollock filet, butternut squash, spinach, multigrain bread, sugar cookie (diet Lemon Grahams).

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

New Salem Community Garden Update

Updates: We are cleaning and planting our gardens, getting our growing going! We are desperately looking for tool donations and have a barrel in front of the shed for all to drop seasoned tools that still function. We would be elated to have a wheelbarrow, tiller and lawn mower too. Our shed now provides a safe, dry storage space, so please consider upgrading your own, and donate your used tools to our little garden. Rakes, trowels, a spade, pitchfork, and any fandangled tool you've enjoyed would be most appreciated! Buckets, twine, and stakes are good. Straw, or a truckload of bark mulch are also needed, please contact Sandy at 413-219-4458 or sspiewak20@yahoo.com if you can help with that.

Plots available: There are two available plots if you are interested. The cost is \$10 each.

Old Home Day Plant Sale: We are preparing for our Old Home Day plant sale, and will come to your home to divide or pick up any perennials you can donate. Our Community Giving Garden is slowly developing but vegetables plants are needed. Did too many sprout in your greenhouse? Contact Sandy if you have plants for the giving garden. We will tend it, and you may harvest the ripe vegetables from there. Thank you to those who have donated already!

Grant-funded fence: Come August, you may notice Whitney Fence from Northfield installing a cedar post and steel fence around the entire Community Garden growing area. Thanks to a grant through Organic Valley, we now have the funds to complete our needed project!

Prayer Shawl Ministry of New Salem

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of New Salem meets every third Friday of the month in the Stowell Building. This month it will meet on Friday, June 17th. Everyone is welcome to join us. For more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry:
<http://www.shawlministry.com>

Free Home-Visiting Program

Talk, Read & Play is a **free** home-visiting program for families with children two years old and younger who live in New Salem, Wendell, Shutesbury, Leverett and Erving. Help build the foundation for your child's learning. Participants will receive free books, toys and learning materials. When children talk, read and play, they build skills that prepare them for a lifetime of success. To participate in this **free** program or have questions call 978-544-5157. Find flyer and more details at the Community Network for Children's website at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/programs-and-events>

TOWN NOTICES

Board of Health News

Town Litter Raffle: Bob Jillson won the free New Salem Transfer Station bags in the Board of Health's Town Litter Pick-Up Raffle for the month of April. Thank you for helping to keep New Salem clean. Want to enter the raffle? Talk to Rob Roy at the Transfer Station.

Hours Change: During the week of June 5-11th, the Board of Health office hours will be from 9:00-noon on Tuesday, June 7th.

New Salem Democratic Committee

The New Salem Democratic Committee will be holding a meeting on Saturday, June 11 at 9:00 am in the Stowell Building. This meeting comes one week after the state Democratic Convention and our representatives to the Convention, John Ryan, Brian Casey, and Jean Derderian (alternate), will be reporting on what happened at the Convention and unveiling plans for the upcoming presidential election. We will also be discussing plans for a town Democratic meeting on September 10th. Our guest speaker at that meeting will be Chris Donelan, Sheriff of Franklin County.

Board of Assessors Position

The Board of Assessors is seeking a replacement for the pending retirement of Phyllis Stever, who has served for ten years. The board meets twice monthly (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.) through most of the year and meetings are normally under two hours in length. There is a stipend for board members. Please call our office at 978-544-5814, if you are a town resident and are interested in joining the board. Potential candidates would meet with the current Board and, upon their recommendation, be appointed by the Selectboard. When the member's term is expired, they must be elected.

Personnel Committee

Due to a resignation, the Personnel Committee is looking for a new member. Contact Nancy Aldrich at 978-544-6437 if you are interested.

Website Committee

The New Salem Website committee is down to two active members and needs additional volunteers. Please contact Mary-Ellen Kennedy at 978-821-2597 or Nancy Aldrich at 978-544-6437 if you are interested.

Energy Committee

The New Salem Energy Committee recently added a third member to the Energy Committee, but two more openings remain. They are now working with Wendell on grants for energy upgrades at Swift River School. The Town of Wendell has suggested working with New Salem on "Solarize Mass" which provides group rates on multiple solar installations. Please contact Nancy Aldrich at 978-544-6437 if you are interested in working with the Energy Committee.

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.

LOCAL

Miracle on the Millers

An indoor, outdoor event on Saturday, June 4th from 2:00-4:00 pm will highlight the organizations and individuals who were responsible for the transformation of the Millers River from an industrial waste land to its present day clean running waters. It will be held at the Orange Innovation Center, 131 West Main Street in Orange. Leading groups: Millers River Watershed Council, Millers River Fisherman's Association, Trout Unlimited, our legislators, towns, and businesses among others will be telling this fascinating, unfolding story. Hosted by the North Quabbin Trails Association.

A Celebration of Food and Farms

On Tuesday, June 7th in downtown Orange, the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust will celebrate its 30th birthday by presenting three events at its *A Celebration of Food and Farms*.

Get it Work: Greater Quabbin Food Alliance. Free. Learn about local initiatives, connect with others and learn how to get involved at summer gathering of the Greater Quabbin Food Alliance.

Get Your Hands Dirty: Gallery and Garden Party. Free. Get to know your local farmers through photos, videos and stories at the Quabbin Harvest Co-op.

Support Local Farms: Farm-to-Table Dinner. Sliding scale. A farm-to-table dinner catered by Diemand Farm with fresh salad greens from Seeds of Solidarity.

For more information, contact Kathleen Doherty at farmconservation_ameriacorps@mountgrace.org

Orange Solstice Riverfest

On Saturday, June 18th, Orange will hold its annual Solstice Riverfest with a Vintage Baseball Exhibition Game, horse and wagon rides, local bands and performers, kids activities, pony rides, K-9 Police Dog Demonstration, Complimentary use of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards at the Boathouse, a climbing wall, Jumptown giant flag parachute jump, lighted boat parade.

Dale Monette Presentation – Four Seasons at the Quabbin

New Salem Resident, Dale Monette will present his popular *Four Seasons at the Quabbin Reservoir*, a PowerPoint show of his Quabbin Reservoir photographs of animals and scenes, at the Petersham Library on June 8th at 7:00 pm.

UPCOMING

July 7	Definite Maybes at the Meetinghouse
July 9	Samantha Farrell at the Meetinghouse
July 14	Keith Murphy and Becky Tracy
July 17	Gathering Time at the Meetinghouse
July 21	Patrick Coman Band at the Meetinghouse
July 23	Mist Covered Mountain at the Meetinghouse
July 24	Ethan Bremner at the Meetinghouse
July 28	The Lonesome Brothers at the Meetinghouse
July 30	Mitch Chakour – 1794 Meetinghouse Final Concert
July 16	Old Home Day

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