

NEW SALEM NEWS - September Newsletter

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September 5	<i>Tales and Tunes</i> at the Library
September 6-8, 14 & 15	County Fair – Dorothy Johnson & Andy Lichtenberg Play
September 7	Hilltown Brewfest
September 10	Teens and Tweens Book Club at the Library
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September 11-13	Operation Kimbolton/Wings of Freedom Tour
September 12	Pizza & Pages at the Library
September 12	Tales and Tunes at the Library
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September 19	<i>Tales and Tunes</i> at the Library
September 21	Household Hazardous Waste Day
September 22	3 rd Annual Hootenanny Benefit for the Library
September 26	<i>Tales and Tunes</i> at the Library
September 27	Council on Aging Luncheon
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1794 Meetinghouse Events

County Fair. Recreating the late 1930s, the community musical *County Fair* will inhabit the 1794 Meetinghouse during the two weekends following Labor Day. Under the sure hands of Dorothy Johnson and Andy Lichtenberg, the stage, auditorium, vestibule, and lawn will transform into a 1939 fairgrounds replete with chorus and a parade of engaging characters straight out of pre-war lore. *County Fair* is Johnson's final effort in a thirty-year run of writing and directing that has produced some fifteen community musical scripts in collaboration with Lichtenberg (and previously, Steven Schoenberg), composer. Lichtenberg directs the chorus, assisted by Carolyn Brown Senier.

Crew: Costumes bring 1930s fashion to life. Kate Jansyn Thaw supervises wardrobe with assistance from Genie Casey and cast members. Thaw designed the set. John Ryan and Casey decorated the set. Janet Henderson directs the production's children. Henry Cramer, Adam Frost, and Henry Frost manage lighting. Props are handled by Reid Van Iderstine and Aimee Dupont. Linda Pisano will be stage manager. Linda Overing coordinates production. Cynthia Smith provides production graphics. Marcia Gagliardi created printed materials.

Cast: A fifty-member cast, some of them veterans of all of the productions, has been in rehearsal since early July. Cast members from the North Quabbin and Pioneer Valley include Arthur Adams, Marilyn Adams, Mike Ross, Sue Arnold, Chuck Berube, Genie Casey, Janet Henderson, Dee Waterman, Axel Larson, and Hugh Field, Linda Overing, Bo Henderson, Rachel Gonzalez, Judy Jewett, Brown Senier, Tamara Conde, Ricardo Conde, Christopher Turner, Stacy Senflug, David Van Iderstine, John Ciesluk, Sally Howe, Jane Williams, Martha von Mering, Richard Chase, John Ryan, Denise Andrews,

Charlene Deam, Lisa Finestone, Matthew Turner, Jo Ellen Boskind, and Candy Fetzer. Dorothy Johnson, June Taylor, Tiffany Gaffney, Dorothy Williams, Mica Van Iderstine, Danielle Woodley, Tessa Yohan, Peter Frost, Hanna Dupont, Clare Wasliewski, Aileen Fitzgerald, Carra Fitzgerald, Wren Van Iderstine, Abel Wasliewski, Elizabeth McLeod, and Will McLeod.

Performances:

Friday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 for adults and seniors and free for children twelve and under are available at the door, online at www.1794meetinghouse.org, at New Salem General Store, and Bruce's Browser, 1497 Main Street, Athol.

New Salem Library News

Library Focus Groups: The Library is looking for people of all ages to plan for the future of the Library. Please give a call to 978-544-6334 for details.

Teens and Tweens Book Club: This group will be starting up on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. on September 10th. *The Battle of the Labyrinth* by Rick Riordan will be the featured book selection.

After School Program: This program will resume on Tuesdays beginning September 10th at 3:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Seeking Members: Are you a Friend of the Library? Interested in helping with programming, purchases, and supporting the library in general? Consider becoming one of the directors of the Friends of the Library. We have openings for volunteers who want to join our board.

New York Times Best Seller List Selections Available: The New Salem Public Library has bought the New York Times Best Seller List selections courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Community Service & Craft Club: On Tuesday, September 10th at 3:30 p.m. The Community Service & Craft Club for grades 3-6 will begin at the New Salem Public Library. Every Tuesday after school you can take the bus to the library and enjoy an afternoon of fun. A snack and short recess will be followed by activities like completing a craft, planting flowers, collecting food for the local food pantry, preparing packages to send to our troops and lots more! The program pick-up time is 5:00 pm. Please pre-register by stopping by the front desk at the library or calling 978-544-6334.

Pizza and Pages: Pizza and Pages will meet Tuesday, September 12th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. The September book is *The Battle of the Labyrinth* by Rick Riordan. October's selection is *The Last Olympian* by Rick Riordan. As always the pizza is provided by the New Salem General Store.

Book Discussion Group: On Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m., the Book Discussion Group will be discussing *Ghost Lights* by Lydia Millet. Stop by the New Salem Public Library and pick up a book!

Third Annual Benefit Hootenanny for the Friends of New Salem Library: The New Salem Central Congregational Church hootenanny band, a.k.a. *The HootenZanies*, will

be performing at the Third Annual Benefit Hootenanny for the Friends of the New Salem Public Library on Sunday, September 22nd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Batenkill Farm, 137 South Main Street in New Salem (the very last house on the left). Please bring your own lawn chairs and beverage coolers. Yummy refreshments will be available too! They will be passing the hat to raise money for the continuing improvement of New Salem Public Library's programming, book purchases, electronic readers, computers, and more!

LEGO Building Club: The first Thursday of every month starting October 3rd, the New Salem Public Library will be holding a LEGO and Building Club. Take the bus to the New Salem Public Library after school, enjoy a snack and start building something special with LEGOS. Some weeks wood building kits will be featured. Pre-registration is required, Stop at the front desk or call 978-544-6334. Donations of Legos will be gratefully accepted because....New Salem Library needs LEGOs!

Council on Aging

Bingo and Luncheons: The Council on Aging's luncheons in September will be held at the Town Hall starting at 10:00 a.m. with bingo and coffee followed by lunch at noon. Please call Hendra Reidy (978-544-2178) to sign up by the Monday preceding. On Friday, September 13th, veggie chili, egg salad, pasta salad and a muffin will be served. The menu for September 27th is minestrone soup, turkey salad, broccoli salad and fruit.

Busy B's: The Busy B's will continue to meet every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Stowell Building. We do have air-conditioning, so join us to work on your project in cool, comfort.

Octoberfest Potluck: Save the Date: On Sunday, October 20th, we will hold our annual potluck at the Town Hall. More information in the October New Salem News!!

Community Network for Children Programs

Community Network for Children would like to welcome you back to another school year with a lot of great programming for families and providers caring for young children. We are a Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care grant-funded program, providing learning opportunities and fun for families with children birth to third grade in our school union (Erving, Leverett, New Salem, Shutesbury, and Wendell).

Nursery Rhymes and Tales and Tunes

Come and enjoy stories, songs and movement activities with your child(ren) and other families and caregivers from your community at the New Salem Public Library on Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am. This story and creative movement hour is facilitated by Julie Stepanek. *Nursery Rhymes and Tales and Tunes* is intended for children 0-5 years of age and is sponsored by the New Salem Public Library and Union #28 Community Network for Children.

If you are interested in more information about any of our events or wish to be put on our direct mailing list, please call or email Gillian Budine, Coordinator, 978-544-5157 or Budine@erving.com. You can also access information at our website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/> or find us on Facebook at *Community Network for Children*.

Hilltown Brewfest

The Hilltown Brewfest planning is underway for its 6th annual fest being held on

September 7th. Three bands have confirmed: *The Boothill Express*, *Evenspeak* and *Boston Blackthorne*. Check out the Brewfest website at <http://www.hilltownbrewfest.com/> or check them out on Facebook for up to date information, advance tickets and information.

Operation Kimbolton 2013 / Wings of Freedom Tour

On Wednesday through Friday, September 11-13, a B-17, B-24 and P-51 Mustang, 3 of the most famous aircraft of WWII, will be on display at the Orange Municipal Airport and open for walk-through tours and rides. The event will kick off with a *9/11 Commemorative Ceremony* at noon on Wednesday, 9/11 around 1:00 p.m., prior to the planes arrival. Complementing this year's visit over the 3 days, will be a *WWII Veterans Meet & Greet*, a *WWII Mission Briefing Tent*, a WWII Portrait Exhibit, a pre-1946 Car Show (3:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday), a WWII Dinner Dance (sorry, sold out), WWII Artifacts and ground exhibits, and 1940's entertainment during the day on Thursday, September 12th. The event will wrap up with a special closing ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Friday during which the French Consulate General will award France's Legion of Honor Medal to a local WWII Veteran. The planes will depart shortly after noon on Friday. For a detailed schedule, go to www.flyore.com, or email operationkimbolton@gmail.com for more information.

TOWN NOTICES

Selectboard Meetings

The selectboard will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays, September 2nd, 16th and 30th at the Stowell Building.

Kathy Soule-Regine of the Website Committee will be making the Selectboard meeting minutes available on the New Salem website at www.newsalem-massachusetts.org. Only approved minutes will be posted on the website therefore they may not be immediately available after a scheduled meeting.

Neilson Road Closed

Neilson Road will be closed to all through traffic for up to two months while it is under construction.

Representative Needed for Franklin County Technical School District Committee

The Town of New Salem is looking for someone to represent the Town on the Franklin County Technical School District Committee. If you are interested in serving your town in this capacity, please call the Town Moderator, Calvin Layton at 978-544-7892 or e-mail him at calvin.layton@gmail.com.

County Notices

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Hazardous Waste Collection Day will take place on September 21st, concurrently at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station. This collection provides residents an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, fluorescent lamps, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, please see www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

To participate, residents must pre-register by September 13. Registration forms are available in local newspapers, at town offices, transfer stations, and at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. After registration is processed, your appointment time and directions will be mailed to you. This collection event is **free** for residents of New Salem. Businesses will be charged for disposal. For more information, please call (413) 772-2438, email: info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.

Fall “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Collection

The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding its fall “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Collection on Saturday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The three drop-off sites are: the Buckland Recreation Facility on Rout. 112 South, the Northfield Highway Garage, and the Whately Transfer Station.

Residents may bring a wide range of bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, computers, monitors, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other bulky items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible. Residents do not need to pre-register for the bulky waste collection. However, there are charges for disposal. Disposal fees, in cash only, will be collected at each site. A complete list of prices for the most common items will be available at town halls, town transfer stations, the District office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield, and online at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html. Businesses may participate. For more information, please call (413) 772-2438, email: info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop

The First Congregational Church of Montague and St. Andrew’s Episcopal are hosting *Let’s Make A Plan*, a free 90 minute community education emergency preparedness workshop on Thursday, September 12th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The workshop is designed to teach you how to prepare yourself and your family for emergencies. It is intended to meet the needs of older adults, families, children, people with mobility issues and other health concerns. You will leave the workshop having started your emergency plan, with additional resources for continuing the preparation process, and free items (as long as supplies last) necessary to start your own emergency preparedness kit. Workshop to be held at the First Congregational Church, 4 North Street, Montague. Register at <http://letsmakeaplansept12.eventbrite.com>. More information can be found in the

attached flyer. There is also a *Let's Make a Plan* workshop being held in Greenfield on September 28th. For information, call 413-774-3156 x 136. Registration for that workshop is at <http://letsmakeaplan.eventbrite.com>.

UP & COMING

October 19
October 20

Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Day
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