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SELECTMEN CORNER

Selectman's Office Updates:

The New Hampshire Department of Business & Economic Affairs, under the InvestNH Municipal Per Unit Program Grant, has awarded the Town of Troy a grant in the amount of \$290,000. This represents \$10,000 for each of the Twenty-Nine approved housing units being built in the Troy Mills redevelopment project at 30 Monadnock Street. Had the originally anticipated One Hundred Fifteen Units been approved by the Town the grant would have been \$1,150,000 to the Town. Similar grants have been awarded through-out the State of New Hampshire for projects that the State sees as significantly addressing the housing shortage in our area. (If you are familiar with West Swanzey, you'll see that project moved through the approval process quickly and is rapidly approaching completion.)

Getting 100% caught up on our financial audits remains elusive. We are however gaining, and are only two years behind. We expect to be caught-up by year's end. The staff in our office has been managing and maintaining our financial records in exemplary fashion for the last several years. In addition to making the auditing process easier it makes running all of the town departments easier: the departments know what they have to spend and know what they've spent. It also makes the budgeting process much easier at the end of the year. The Budget Committee can now build a budget using accurate numbers.

Town Common:

We would like to thank **Mark & Ryan Huntoon** for handling the re-mulching and some weed eradication work on The Common. We would also like to thank **Deb & Steve Sawyer** for replanting the day lilies in the northern triangle in the middle of Route 12. The lilies had become so intermixed with weeds after several years of neglect that it was almost impossible to weed the bed and we decided the best thing to do was have the Huntoons clear the beds, bring in clean loam, and start over.

Town Hall Projects:

The Town Hall painting project has been off to a slow start due to weather and scheduling issues. We are hopeful that it will start soon. We are very conscious of having a limited window of time to get the work done. The plan this year is to get the main portion of the building done on all four sides top to bottom.

We do not expect to have the clock tower done or the clock refaced this year. The clock mechanism is in good working order however the gear that operates the hands on the front has a large chip out. The missing section of gear makes the front face of the clock non-functional.

We have begun RFP preparation for repairs to the foundation and under pinning of the first floor of Town Hall however, before we put these projects out, we are reviewing several additional aspects of the building. We are addressing the highest priority items first and doing the work in the correct sequence, so we are not ripping up this year's work next year.

Troy Town Taxes:

You have probably received your Troy tax bill by the time you read this. Remember this bill is one half of last years bill and does not represent this years tax rate or any new assessments. New assessments and/or re-assessments as well as this year's tax rate will be established at the end of the year and go out sometime between October and November.

Quick Reminders:

Water & Sewer Bills are now being managed by the Selectmen's Office. W&S Bills can no longer be paid at the W&S plant, only at the Town Hall, (there's a Blue Box on the front of the building or can be brought to our office during open hours). Payments can also be mailed.

There's a bunch of things that shouldn't go down your drain because they gum up the works on the other end i.e. paper towels, baby wipes, diapers, anything with nylon fibers woven in, and cat litter just to name a few.

Anything that requires a building permit should start with an application to the Selectmen's office, even if it requires Planning Board review and or a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment the process starts with an application to through the Selectmen's office.

Visit the Town of Troy website, <https://www.troy-nh.us/>, we have found that the majority of calls to our office are about forms and other information that is readily available on our website.

As always, we thank-you for your support.
Dick Thackston—Select Board Member

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STATE HOUSE UPDATE

By Dick Thackston State Rep. Cheshire 12 – Troy & Fitzwilliam

New NH Business Filings Are Booming, NHSOS Reports

New Hampshire's economy keeps booming, and more residents are looking to themselves to create the next opportunity, according to the New Hampshire Secretary of State's (NHSOS) Corporation Division. The state reached the milestone of 100,000 LLC and corporation annual reports processed this year, a 7.5 percent increase over last year.

"The number of LLC formations in New Hampshire also continues to increase each year as a result of New Hampshire's strong economy," the NHSOS office said in a statement. "On average, over 2,000 new businesses are forming each month with our office, most of which are small businesses."

<https://nhjournal.com/new-nh-business-filings-are-booming-nhsos-reports/>

Parents Rights Legislation Fails in NH House

Broadly stated, parents and families support legislation, which would prevent school employees from keeping information about a student's on-campus behavior secret from parents who ask about their own children. Because that includes behavior regarding sex and gender, Democrats have labeled the bill anti-LGBT, arguing that parents are too dangerous to be allowed to have this information about their children. The School Custodian can have the information about a child, everyone on the "Campus", but the parents and families cannot. It seems to me there should be some fairly obvious middle ground here but absolutely no one was looking to work this out. A handful of absences among GOP members and near-perfect attendance by Democrats in the closely-divided House left Republicans without a functioning majority. When Republicans began defecting to add amendments to the Senate bill, the battle was lost with any number of vicious and vindictive attack being made. Consequently, I supported the motion which did pass which was effectively to put the issue off till the next session of the legislature when hopefully something more like a rational discussion leading to a consensus can be arranged.

<https://nhjournal.com/nh-dems-nuke-parents-rights-legislation/>

SB 263-FN, Passed the House Un-Amended

Despite several attempts, (32 to be exact), to amend this bill by Republicans in the House this bill passed exactly as sent over by the Senate. The Democrat Majority limited debate on this bill and amendments running counter to the traditions of the NH House which is typically more open and transparent. It's not a terrible bill but certainly merits additional consideration.

The Bill extends the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program and reestablishing the commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program. This bill

reestablishes and revises the membership and duties of the commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program. The commission is repealed November 1, 2028. The Bill removes the transfer of funds from the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund to the granite advantage health care trust fund.

The Bill Permanently extends the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program by removing the prospective repeal of the program that was to take effect on December 31, 2023. Medicaid Expansion without a sunset provision, and Medicaid spending have grown to over one third of our state's budget. Medicaid continues to grow as a percentage of our state budget. Those of us proposing a sunset feature in this bill of six years would be more than adequate time to evaluate the program and extend, revise or revisit the program. A program this big, complex, and expensive deserves a periodic review and reauthorization by the elected representatives.

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By Jennifer Momaney

A big THANK YOU to everyone who made our book sale a success!

Summer Reading – This year we kick off Summer Reading with a **Tie Dye Explosion!** Come to the library **Saturday June 17th** between 11am and 2pm to sign up for summer reading, and get a free t-shirt to Tie Dye. While supplies last!

Storytime: Wednesdays – 3:30pm story and craft for kids 4+

A to Z Storytime: Tuesdays 11am Preschool Storytime with stories songs and puppets

Banned Book club: Tuesday June 27th we will be reading *A Brave New World* by Alexander Huxley

Mark Your Calendars: Summer Reading Starts June 17th

With everything we've all been through for the last few years, let's come together as a community. Join the Read-A-Thon to benefit the Helping Hands Food Pantry!

Come on everyone...

Our Hours:

Tuesday – 10:00am - 7pm
Wednesday & Thursday - 2pm - 7pm
Saturday - 10am - 2pm

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By Nancy Nye



It's hard to believe June is already here. Half the year is over and we're getting into the warm summer months.

You might not be thinking of getting an eye exam, glasses or a hearing aid but now is the time to get yourself a makeover and prepare yourself for the coming months. Touch base with us for an application.

Members of the club planted all the flowers in the cemeteries, and they are looking beautiful! Black flies notwithstanding we had a fun time getting all the barrels ready for Memorial Day.

Our **BIG YARD SALE** is fast approaching. Our drop off days for any donations you might have are **JUNE 10, JUNE 24 and JULY 8** from 10-noon.

Check us out on Facebook. Gap Mountain Lions

Call Nancy @ 242-6293 or Marion @ 585-9465 if interested in joining the world's largest service organization or if an application for our help is needed.

DO YOU HAVE TIME NOW AND THEN TO GIVE SOMEONE A RIDE?

The Community Volunteer Transportation Company, or CVTC, is looking for more people to become part of our volunteer driver team. Do you have time on your hands?



Our drivers are all volunteers and use their own vehicles. They receive an optional reimbursement of \$.655 per mile on the trips they provide. CVTC provides transportation for non-emergency medical appointments, social services, grocery shopping, banking, and/or visits to the pharmacy.

Trips needing a driver are listed on our website and each driver can use his/her computer to determine which trips would fit in with their plans. For those drivers who do not use a computer, our staff will help select trips that match time availability and complete a monthly mileage log.

Our volunteers contribute to the health, wellness, dignity and independence for all we serve. Please join us. It's easy and most rewarding. **Give CVTC a call today at 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5. for more information.**

CVTC provides no-fee transportation for individuals without access to transportation because of age, ability, income, and/or life circumstance.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30	

TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Here it is, June already. As I was trying to think about what to write, I thought what happens in June? It hit me, graduations happen in June and then I began thinking of my high school graduation. What a shock to realize my high school graduation was 60 years ago!

My class was the first to graduation from Monadnock Regional High School. Oh, how I dreaded changing schools in my senior year, after spending three years at Keene High School. Well, it turned out to be my best high school year. The teachers were new so there was no comparisons to older siblings. I remember having English with Mrs. Bedard and Mr. Nugent and French with Miss McCushing and Mrs. Feagley and I had chemistry with Mr. Rocheleau.

When we toured Monadnock before the school year began, we were surprised to see individual showers in the girls locker room. Much better than the gang shower at Keene High. Another memory was the aroma that filtered through the school around lunch time. The cooks made the best rolls!

It was the first year that I had joined groups because I didn't have to worry about a ride home. I became a baton twirler and our squad spent the summer taking twirling lessons from Clara Gomarlo. She took us to meet a champion twirler in Massachusetts who gave us some

pointers on twirling. Our first parade was on Main St. in Keene. I also joined the ushers club that year. My mother

and I worked together to make a wrap-around skirt which was to be part of my usher uniform. We ushered many events but the most memorable was when the Harlem Globe Trotters came to play in the new gym. Well, that's my little bit of history. I didn't have to check "The History of Troy" for that one.

Now to let you know what is happening with the Troy Historical Society. On Saturday, June 3rd between 10am and noon, there will be a sign up at the Troy Depot to begin forming a new Depot committee. Also, Bradford G. Blodget will be there to autograph his new book on railroads in New England. If you are interested in helping with the Depot and the Budd Rail car, now is a good time to learn what is needed.

Our big event is coming soon! The July Arts and Craft Fair will begin on Friday, July 14th with a chicken BBQ on the Common beginning at 5pm. The Rec Dept. will be providing a delicious meal. Around 7pm, the Westmoreland Town Band will be providing music from the past to the present. Join us to sing along, dance, or just listen to their sound.

The Historical Museums are open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Our business meeting is June 21st at 4:30pm at Kimball Hall. Please join the Troy Historical Society and help to us continue in **"Preserving the Past for Tomorrow!"**

TRINITIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

In the book of Philippians, the apostle Paul writes to the church, saying: **“I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”**

In like mind, the Trinitarian Congregational Church recognizes today the completion of a great work that began in the Lord more than three years ago, for it was at such time when the church began to beseech the Pastor for a Bible class. This desire came from the congregation's greater commitment to the study of the Word of God, which is taught each week from the church's pulpit. Regardless of the message on Sundays, parishioners undoubtedly hear the statement made from Pastor Clark to “read your Bible,” having become the church's anthem. This desire for a Bible class offered a way to practice the foundational Christian pursuit of Bible study while also taking advantage of the Pastor as a resource in biblical doctrine.

From these foundations, the weekly Wednesday night *Evenings in the Word* were born. Beginning with the *Gospel of Matthew*, each week Pastor Clark would teach one chapter of the Bible, following the instruction found in *Nehemiah 8:8*, **“They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.”** Going verse by verse, line by line, and even word by word, each teaching would provide hermeneutical insights into the customs, language, and religious contexts of the time of writing to provide clarity and deeper theological understanding for listeners. The life changing revelations each week's teaching offered only deepened attendees' hunger for the Word of God.

However, not only were these messages taught live each week, but every hour-long expository teaching was separately recorded, edited and shared online as a record for the church, local community, and beyond. These messages continue to be made available in DVD and CD formats through the efforts of a partnering ministry whose members continue to search out new ways to expand the reach of these messages of truth.

Altogether, the *Evenings in the Word* Bible class covered the ministry of Jesus Christ in all four gospels and the early church in the Book of Acts. This endeavor spanned 158 weeks and over 4,700 Bible verses.

When Pastor Clark would begin a live Bible class, he would often read the following scripture from Matthew 11 where Jesus spoke to the crowds and said, **“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”** At its completion, the fully expositied teachings of the New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts are available for anyone who wants them. Now, it is up to those who truly hunger and thirst for righteousness to take the time to listen.

Find *Evenings in the Word* playlists on YouTube! Channel Name: TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*Sunday Morning Service ~ 9:30 a.m.

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A community spaghetti dinner was held on April 28th at the Samuel Paul Community Center to benefit the Monadnock Girls Softball Program. We would like to thank the Troy Recreation Department and the Troy Community for your support. We appreciate you!

Chad Beede,
MRHS Varsity Softball Coach



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dads and Grads

As school ends for another year, we congratulate all who are graduating from whatever level of school they are in. Our prayer is that each graduate will go on to be all that God wants them to be! As we raise our children, it is so important to encourage them to have their own faith and trust in Jesus as their Savior and to follow His leading as to what they are to do in their lives so that it counts for eternity.

Last month we honored all our moms and this month we have the privilege of honoring all dads! There are many references to fathers in the Bible. Fathers have a great deal of impact on their children's lives and on who/what they become. The best thing a dad can do for their child is to be there with them and to set a good example in how to be a godly person. Fatherhood is an awesome task but well worth the effort!

We are grateful for all the dads in our lives so on Father's Day we will honor them with a small token of our appreciation. All dads are invited to attend this special service at 10:30am! **Happy Father's Day to all dads!!**

Knowing Christ as Savior and having fellowship with others of like faith is very important! For that reason, we invite those who do not already have a "home church" to visit First Baptist Church of Troy. We are located on Route 12 North of the common. Our Sunday morning service is at 10:30am. During that time, we focus on four things: singing hymns and songs in praise to the Lord, praying for one another, the teaching of God's Word, and fellowship with one another.

We meet for an informal time of prayer at the church on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. All are welcome to come as we share praises and prayer requests and discuss any questions concerning the previous Sunday's message. It is a great time to encourage one another.

The Sunday morning messages are available to everyone. The messages are on Pastor Donn's ministry website www.biblelabs.com. From the homepage, click on the link titled "Bible Book Commentary" under the heading "Audio Message Library" and that will take you to the message series. The current message is usually uploaded before 10:30AM every Sunday.

If you have a prayer request, or want to be added to the list of those who receive the link to the messages via text or email you are encouraged to email Pastor Donn at pastor@troybaptist.com or Sue at suewill@me.com

The podcasts are also linked from the homepage at <http://www.biblelabs.com>. **We would love to hear from you.**

There is always a warm and friendly welcome at First Baptist Church of Troy where we believe **Jesus Still Saves.**

CHRIST LURTHEN CHURCH

A Biblical, Confessional, and Liturgical congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod

Imagination is a wonderful thing. We can use it for good to improve our lives, or to care for each other. We can even use it to proclaim the kingdom of God. But too often we imagine vain things like looking to entertainment for joy, or a job for security, or money for happiness.

But I am going to ask you to make the leap from imagination to faith. Do you live like the sun will come up tomorrow morning? The Lord God is the One who makes that happen. He is the Lord of all. He is the source of life.

That is where faith begins.

There is this lie going around that life just happened in some accident millions of years ago. If that were true, you don't have any value, you are nothing more than an accident of nature. If that were true we could do whatever we want—lie, cheat, steal, and murder each other because we come from nothing and we go back to nothing.

Do I need to convince you that's wrong? I'm sure I don't.

Look around you. Look at the people you love. There you can see the best of God's creation. God created you, and not just some process in which people are born and then die. No, God created you.

But He did not create you to die. Still, we are all headed for death. Why? To be brief, there is something in human nature that hates God. That hatred kills us: little by little it drains life out of us.

And here is a paradox: Jesus, the very One who gives life, showed how much He values His creation by dying Himself. Jesus has already taken our hatred for the Father into Himself on the cross. He died there. He took your sins to the cross and then to the grave with Him.

He rose from that grave. Your sin is still buried there.

His resurrection is our resurrection. Don't imagine that. Your imagination will fall short, way short of that reality. Believe it. Know it for it is as sure as death.

-Pastor Schneeflock

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