



TROY TOWN NEWS

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SELECTMAN'S CORNER

By Dick Thackston, Chairman Troy Board of Selectman

Voting & You:

We have two elections coming up. The New Hampshire State primary on September 13th and the general election on November 8th. If you are not registered to vote, have never registered, or are afraid to register but would like to, please know that it's never too late. The Selectman's office does not play a direct role in voting, but we understand its importance in maintaining a functional democratic society. If you have questions about voting or need help registering, our Town Clerk is committed to helping people register and vote. The best way to contact the Town Clerk's office is by phone: (603) 242-3845.

Selectman's Office Updates:

The Selectmen's office will be open Mon-Thurs 8:30AM - 5PM. The office will not be open to the public between the 11AM and 3PM to allow staff time to complete tasks uninterrupted. If you call or email during those hours, they will respond to you as quickly as possible after 3PM. Please leave your name and number at the Selectman's office: (603) 242-7722. We encourage you to visit the Town of Troy website, <https://www.troy-nh.us/>.

We find that many calls are about forms or other information readily available on our website (the internet isn't for everyone, we are happy to provide in person service as well, but if you need forms or info quickly you might want to give the website a try).

Candidate's Forum:

The Select Board has scheduled a candidate's forum at the Rec Center on October 27th. The Troy Candidates Forum has proven successful in engaging candidates interested in representing Troy in any office for several years now. We recommend you attend and encourage candidates to attend. History has shown, the more engaged we are as citizens, the more responsive government – big and small – is to our needs. We expect candidates for the State Senate as well as the State Representatives races, and have invited the candidates from the Federal Races as well.

Town Hall Painting:

The Town Hall painting project seems to be a bust at this point for this year. Our contractor, although heavily advertised and supposedly reputable has been incommunicado as well as MIA. At this late point in the year we will need to rebid the project and hopefully get on the top of someone's list for next year.

Transfer Station:

The Select Board is looking to extend the Transfer Station hours to include mid-week hours. The Select Board has received input regarding the "Troy" plastic bags that are supposed to be bought for use of the dumpster. The vendor of many years, the one that produced strong bags with Troy's logo, either went out of business or couldn't handle our business. We don't know because they didn't return our calls. After many months, the Transfer Station ordered bags, but that vendor provided unmarked bags of inferior quality. It is our understanding that bags of the correct strength with the correct markings will be available soon. In the end, the process requires public participation and respect for the environment we are trying to protect, by recycling, reusing, reducing, and composting to the extent possible.

Water & Sewer:

Troy's Water & Sewer System dates back over a century. Our system works well; our water is safe and better quality than many of our neighboring towns & cities. Nothing lasts forever. It is foreseeable that our system for both delivery of fresh water to households and safe disposal of wastewater will require upgrades and changes in the next few years. Currently the Water & Sewer Commission is investigating grants and other sources of funding so that costs are not catastrophically burdensome to either the Rate Payers or the Taxpayers of Troy as a whole. It is a significant factor in the operation of our Water & Sewer Commission that when Troy Mills closed twentyish years ago we lost half of our Rate Base and we lost a significant amount of flow that was needed/required to operate our system as designed. We will be seeing more about this in the next year or two for now the Water & Sewer Commission is working on options.

FB Live Streaming:

Every effort is being made to live stream as many public meetings as possible on Facebook. This is a private effort on the part of one individual, our Moderator, and his commitment to open government and processes. The challenges in getting this seemingly simple task done, have been extensive. The Select Board has been discussing ways to provide greater support for this process. One of the problems is when the meetings run long the battery runs out of his Go-Pro. The Select Board would like you to know that's not an intentional act to cut off access, (we're not that slick), it's just the lack of the right charger, in the right place at the right time.

Tax Anticipation Note:

The Treasurer has worked closely on monitoring the availability of Town Funds and instructed the Select Board to make early payments on the existing TAN. The result of the early payments has been a reduction in interest due to our lender, Mascoma Savings Bank, and a significant reduction in the balloon payment due to pay off the balance. As of this writing the balloon payment was made ahead of schedule and the TAN is now paid off.

Redevelopment Work at Troy Mills:

The Selectmen issued a building permit for redevelopment work to begin at Troy Mills. The permit was issued based on the existing approved Site Plan for the Troy Redevelopment Group. This plan was approved several years ago. Before this year, site plans and building permits in Troy had no expiration. Issuance of this permit does not reduce the developer's obligation to comply with building codes or the site plan review process, but does allow work to begin, be inspected and benchmarks for performance to be established. The Planning Board did accept the developers plans as complete however never took full action as the developer withdrew his new plans when he felt, rightly or wrongly, the Planning Board "moved the goal posts". In addition to the existing approved site plan the developer has provided the Town with a wiring schematic for the project and a design for a fire suppression system not in the previously approved site plan. By going this route, the developer will need to have significant changes to approved site plan reviewed and approved by the current Planning Board.

As always, Thank-you for your support.

FITZWILLIAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

YOGA with Michelle

Davis: 6-week fall session Sept. 14 – Oct. 19: 10AM or 6:30PM. Fitzwilliam Town Hall (upstairs). This yoga class is designed to meet you where you are "at" on the mat. Michelle will emphasize the importance of linking movement with breath, awareness of sensation and alignment within

each posture to help you deepen your practice. Be prepared to challenge your strength and flexibility as you move mindfully in and out of posture sequences in this fun and upbeat yoga class. Brief moments of rest will be inserted between sequencing to allow for posture integration and balance of energy.

\$60/person/6-week session. *A minimum of 8 registrants by 9/9 is required to hold each time slot. Once the minimum is met, drop in registrations will become available as well.*

Register today: www.fitzrec.eventbrite.com

YOUTH SOCCER: Begins the week of 9/5 and runs through 10/15.

Thank you to our Team Sponsors to date: Monadnock Firearms, PLP Composites, Park Construction and Savings Bank of Walpole!

QUESTIONS? Email: FitzRec@Fitzwilliam-NH.gov OR Call: 603-585-7270



AUGUST 2022 UPDATE FROM THE TROY WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Troy Water & Sewer Department serves approximately 460 water/sewer customers and is staffed by 3 full-time employees with oversight from a 5 member elected board of commissioners. In the last 6 months 3 new commissioners joined the board and a new superintendent, Thomas Lambert, was hired. This change of management at both the day-to-day level as well as at the board level made for a good time to begin a top to bottom review of the facilities, properties, equipment, and planning of the department to assess where we are as well as where we should be heading.

The review that began this summer has shown deficiencies that will need to be addressed in the near term as well as identified long term projects that need to be prioritized, budgeted for, and planned out. In our review we have found that in the past, in order to keep our rates and budget low year-to-year, many maintenance projects were deferred for far too long, leaving a backlog of projects that need to be completed for either health & safety, regulatory compliance, or facility/equipment life cycle reasons. Our office manager, Rhonda Sheats, recently won a \$30,000 grant for the department for an Asset Management Program on Wastewater and is working on other grant proposals to help us move forward. We are currently working with an engineering firm on a project study for sewer treatment operations for options to get our monitored copper and ammonia levels back into compliance with state/EPA requirements.

The board along with the staff are looking at every aspect of our finances and functions to determine the correct way forward to get our system back up to the operational levels we need to maintain to serve the town now as well as in the future. This could mean standalone warrant article(s) in the coming years to fund long term savings and water/sewer projects as well as rate structure changes for our customers.

The board of commissioners meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the water department building at 151 Dort Street at 6PM. The commissioners have also added a second meeting each month on the 4th Wednesday for the foreseeable future to allow for meeting with engineers/contractors to review the several work projects we expect to need to address in the coming months.

This letter was approved by the board at our August 10th meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Lang, Chairman
Carl Patten Jr.
Courtney Davis
Benjamin Drugg
Adam Hopkins, Vice-Chairman

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Where Awesome Happens

By Jennifer Momaney

September is library card month! If you don't have a library card, come in and sign up today!

A big thank you to Darline and Stewart Harris for their generous donation of a dehumidifier to keep our books safe from the damp air we've had this summer!

Thank you for reading with us! Together we read over 500 books this summer during our summer reading program!

Join us for the Fun!

Celebrate Banned Books this September! What are banned books? Don't let anyone tell you what to think or want to read. Celebrate your freedom to read at the Gay-Kimball Library!

Tuesday Sept 20th 11:00am Pre-school Storytime with Dr. Suess' *Banned Books* with fun activities and a craft for children ages 2-5

Tuesday Sept 27th 5:50pm Banned Book Club

Mark Your Calendars in October: October 21st – 22nd Fall Book Sale.

Remember we have FREE e-books & audio books AND MAGAZINES! from our NH Downloadable Collection (in co-operation with the State Library & other NH Libraries). Will work with your Kindle, iPad, iPhone, etc. Find the link on our website.

Contact the library for more information, or just to chat: **(603) 242-7743**

Our Hours:

Tuesday – 10:00am - 7pm

Wednesday & Thursday - 2pm - 7pm

Saturday - 10am - 2pm

Do those hours not work for you? You can make use of our **24/7 Library Lockers!**

The **Library Board of Trustees** will meet **Sept 7th at 5:30pm to discuss library business.**



GAP MOUNTAIN LIONS

– WE SERVE

By Nancy Nye

Another September has arrived, and our children are back in school with hopefully less restrictions because of COVID 19. I'm just getting over a bout of it that I picked up while working the Cheshire Fair.



It's been a quiet summer for Gap Mountain Lions in the way of glasses and hearing aids. You must all be waiting for the fall. If you're having problems, please get in touch with me. 603-242-6293.

Our 4th annual YARD SALE went very well thanks to all your donations and all the people who stopped in and bought. The sale went for two days even though we advertised it for only one. There were so many items one day just didn't cut it. Basically, the only things left were books and we donated them to the Fitzwilliam library for their book sale. Our Operation Kid Sight is well funded thanks to your support.

Some club members worked selling tickets at the Cheshire Fair. Half our club was either down with COVID or had just been exposed so we were short staffed. This is one of our biggest fund raisers and hopefully next year will see us back on track.

We held a Diabetes Screening in conjunction with the Dan Baker Memorial Day event. Hopefully this is the first of many screening for the community. Thanks to Troy and Fitzwilliam EMTs and the chief for their needed support, and Dr. Winiki from Peterborough

We're hoping to get back to the schools for our Eye Screening this fall. Marion Wheeler is working with the nurses at both Troy and Fitzwilliam schools so hopefully it will be a go and we can get the children screened. Watch for information being sent home.

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.



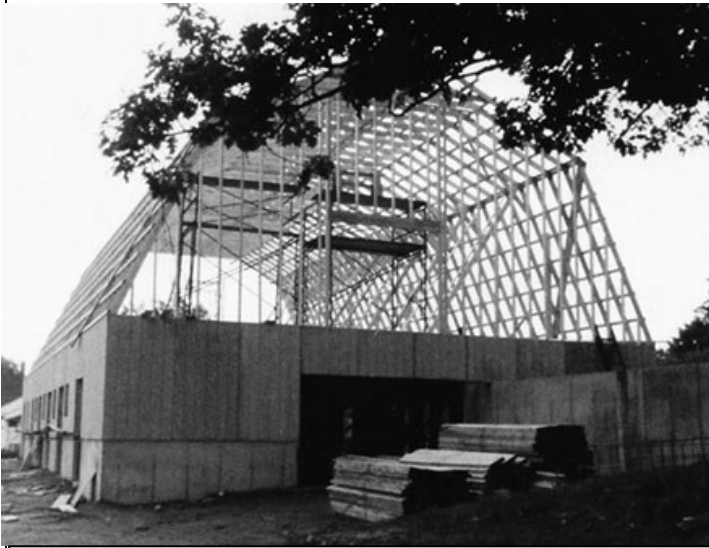
HISTORY OF EAST HILL FARM: 1980s

During the 1980s, The Inn at East Hill Farm grew, with the addition of a lot of new buildings. Trailsend was constructed and the Grandmother's Attic section of the Inn was built. This included the guest accommodations known as Grandmother's Attic, the gift shop, GA living room and restrooms, and the office, which moved from Dave and Sally Adams' house to where it currently is today.



Addition of Grandma's Attic

One winter night, Cottage 2 burned down. Cottage 1 was moved near the barn and has been known as Barnside ever since. New Cottages 1 and 2 were built. The horse barn was added to the cow barn.



Framing of horse barn

The Inn bought the Brick House and built the tennis court in 1982.



A variety of new activities grew with the expansion of the physical facility. During the winter, the Inn held several cross-country ski races on our ski trails. After the race, everyone enjoyed hot dogs and hot cocoa. Guests would gather in the warming hut to take a break from the brisk weather, listening to Irish folk singers, Shamus and Eileen.



In the summer, guests continued to fill the Inn's expanding rooms and the activity schedule continued to grow, now including crafts and other games; for example, during July 4th week, the Annual 4th of July Bocce Tournament was started, a tradition that continues to this day.

Join us next time to see what happens in the 1990s.

SUMMER IS OVER

The end is near.
 There are many tears.
 As the leaves fall.
 I no longer feel tall.
 School is coming,
 I'd prefer to go running.
 The days are short,
 There's no time to build a fort.
 As time flies by.
 I feel the need to cry.
 No shoulder now.
 I don't know how.
 Its all because of Fall.
 The misery is here.
 Its crystal clear.

Summer is over.

By: Angelic Warrior

September 2022

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	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TROY

Summer is over and it is that time of year to get back into the routines of school, work, etc.

What about church? Many of us work hard to be as physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy as possible, but what about spiritual health? Is attending church important? Is it okay to “do church” virtually? The “virtual church” was great during the pandemic and is still a great resource for those who are unable to attend a brick-and-mortar building, however, for those of us who are able, attending a church where the Bible is taught accurately is very important. The fellowship, connection, encouragement and teaching are so good for us! Hebrews 10:19-15 says, “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for he who promised is faithful **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**” Therefore, attending church is important. The feel of “family,” Biblical teaching, encouragement, and prayer support is so

helpful in the day and age in which we live.

We invite those who do not already have a “home church” to visit First Baptist Church of Troy. We are on Route 12 north of the common so look for our white columns and brick building! Our Sunday morning service is at 10:30 am. 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 all of which encourage us to have a closer relationship with the Lord and live for Him.


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 uploaded usually before 10:30 AM 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 that

Jesus Still Saves.

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TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

People have been asking when the Historical and Depot museums are open. Well, we are on our summer hours which means the museums are open at least one day a week through October. The museums are open the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10am to 12pm. We could not offer these hours without the help of volunteers. If you would like to help out, please contact Kathy at 603-242-7731.

We had a successful Craft Fair/Flea Market in July. The Common was busy with vendors and shoppers. We are already planning for next year. We are tentatively considering an arts and crafts fair and looking at Friday and Saturday, July 21st and 22nd. Keep those dates in mind for next summer!

Kim has been working with other railroad enthusiasts planning a Train Day at the Depot on October 15th. Watch for more information!

Historical tidbit: "With Gap Mountain to its east and Grand Monadnock to the northeast, Troy is not without its share of the region's grandeur, some claim that it has some of the prettiest of all views of Southern New Hampshire's famous peak.." "Monadnock Region in Southern New Hampshire, 1938"

Please join the Troy Historical Society and help us continue "Preserving the Past for Tomorrow!"

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Jack GETTENS

For State Representative

I am a 36 year resident of Troy and a first-time candidate for State Representative, District 12, Fitzwilliam and Troy. Today's politics are too divisive and gridlocked. We need common ground solutions to effectively tackle current issues. I am running to find common ground and to pass bipartisan legislation.

I will stand up for the issues important to Fitzwilliam and Troy. To hear about the issues important to you, I am biking around town and knocking on doors. If we haven't talked already, I look forward to meeting you soon!

Running for office is new to me; however, state government is not. I have first-hand knowledge of state government and its programs having more than 25 years of experience working on government health and human services programs, including as former Director of the NH Division of Family Assistance. This experience will help me to make government work for you.

Education Funding: NH relies too heavily on property taxes to fund public education. I will work for fair taxes and fair education funding with solutions that do not pit town against town.

NH Economy: The NH economy is strong, and unemployment is only 2%. I will work to maintain a strong economy and low unemployment.

Community Long Term Care: Many seniors need care services so they can stay in their homes and communities as they age. I will work to make sure these services are available.

Health Care: 94% of NH residents have health insurance. I will work to maintain this high level and to make health care more affordable.

I want to hear from you!

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TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Troy Elementary School is a special place with warm and friendly teachers, students, parents, and staff, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be your principal. I believe in

working collaboratively with staff, students, parents, and community partners in order to continue the success the Troy School Community has worked so hard to achieve over the years. Through this collaboration, I believe we will continue to provide our students with the best education while navigating our way through this ever-changing world.

Our school is made up of outstanding students in grades K-6. Our faculty and staff are dedicated, caring professionals, who love and support one another as both friends and colleagues.

New Staff: In June, we said good-bye to Mrs. Perkins in Grade 1, Ms. Davis-Young, our Special



Education Coordinator in preschool, and Mrs. McCarthy, our Occupational Therapist. We wish each of them luck as they begin their new endeavors. We welcome Mr. Chance Margheim, as the Intermediate Inclusion Facilitator. Prior to being in Troy, Mr. Margheim was a Special Educator in Virginia. He enjoys hiking and already discovered the New Hampshire hiking treasures! Replacing Ms. Davis-Young is Ms. Lauren Klowak. Ms. Klowak comes to the Monadnock School District with many years of experience, having been a special educator at Cutler Elementary. Finally, replacing Mrs. McCarthy is Ms. Visconti as our OT. Like Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Visconti will travel between schools. We welcome everyone to the Troy family and look forward to working with all of you!

Kindergarten and New Students: Incoming kindergarten students as well as new students to Troy School are invited to an Ice Cream Social on **Friday, August 19**. New students are invited from 1- 1:45 PM; kindergarten students are invited from 2-2:45 PM. This will provide our newest students additional time to become familiar with Troy School. So as to keep attendance at a minimum, we ask only NEW students and their parents attend this event. Thank you for your support as we attempt to maintain the health and well-being of our Troy School Community.

Opening Days: This year, the Monadnock School District will continue with "Soft Opening" Days (August 25-26). These days have been created for students and their families to come and orientate themselves to the new classroom, teacher, etc. Classroom teachers will be in touch to set up appointment times for families to come and visit, beginning sometime after August 22. Classes will begin for all students on Monday, August 29, 2022.

Drop off/Pick-up: As last year, parents who bring students to school are asked to drop them off in the loop located by the playground. Bus students will be dropped off by the multi-purpose room (MPR) as well. It is hoped that this will cut down on "wait time" for families. As has been customary, students who are dropped off will be met by school staff to assist them exit their vehicle and move to the playground area.

In the afternoon, walkers will be dismissed as usual. Car riders will be dismissed next using the same procedure as last year from the car loop. Please be patient, as you await your student. Finally, bus students will be dismissed through the MPR.

Please understand that students should not be on school property before 8:20 AM, as there is NO SUPERVISION. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Visitors to School: Visitors to school are asked to call and make an appointment prior to coming to school. Please be aware that while pandemic protocols may have eased, it is still expected that no one will come to school ill. Please refer to the Monadnock School District Reopening Plan found at <https://www.mrsd.org/cms/lib/NH01912397/Centricity/Domain/620/MRSD%20Approved%20Fall%202021%20Reopening%20Concept.pdf>. This link will provide all of the information you will need relative to current District Guidelines. As always, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at school.

Troy Elementary School Parent Teacher Group: Troy Elementary is also very lucky to have a small but fabulous PTO who plans and organizes fun activities and events.

Please consider joining our PTO! They are an open, approachable, creative, dedicated, and fun group of parents who would love to have you join them.



They are committed to joining the Troy School Staff to work together toward the success of all of our children.

Our school is committed to creating a safe environment for all students and staff, where responsibility and perseverance prevail, and respect for others and our community are valued and taught. We want our students to work hard individually and as a classroom and community to achieve an environment where everyone feels valued and believes they can be successful.

Here's to a productive school year!

Dick Thackston



**Candidate for NH State Representative
Cheshire District 12**

- **31 Year Resident of Troy**
- **Chairman of the Troy Board of Selectmen**
- **Former Moderator Town of Troy**

**Vote for Dick Thackston in the
NH State Primary, September 13.**

MONADNOCK HUMANE SOCIETY PARTICIPATES IN LIFE-SAVING PET AIRLIFTS

At-Risk cats and dogs to be Transported from Florida and Louisiana to New Hampshire

Swanzy, New Hampshire – Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) is partnering with NBCUniversal Local, Greater Good Charities, The Animal Rescue Site and Hill’s Pet Nutrition on a special life-saving airlift flight this month to coincide with *Clear the Shelters*, NBCUniversal’s annual pet adoption and donation campaign that runs August 1-31.



The *Clear the Shelters* airlifts will focus on cats and dogs from overpopulated shelters in Florida and Louisiana, and will include vulnerable pets, like asymptomatic heartworm positive shelter dogs, homeless cats and large dogs. The pets will be transported to shelters in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New Jersey, where they will be evaluated and receive needed medical care before being put up for adoption.

The airlifts are part of Greater Good Charities’ Good Flights program and funded by Hill’s Pet Nutrition and The



Animal Rescue Site. The special missions are scheduled to celebrate the month long 2022 *Clear the Shelters* campaign, when NBC and Telemundo partner with shelters and rescues to promote pet adoption and raise needed funds. Since its 2015 inception, *Clear the Shelters* has helped more than 700,000 pets find new homes. To kickoff *Clear the Shelters*, the first flight is scheduled for Aug. 2 and will include approximately 150 cats from South Florida. The chartered plane will depart Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport at approximately 7 a.m. ET and arrive at New Bedford Regional Airport in Massachusetts between 12 and 1 p.m. ET. The cats will be received by Monadnock Humane Society, Northeast Animal Shelter, and MSPCA-Angell in Massachusetts.

"Summertime is when southern shelters are overwhelmed and completely filled up with cats and dogs, and the Greater Good Charities’ Good Flights program makes a big difference in the lives of at-risk animals from the South. We try to help relieve their pressure whenever possible and MHS is happy to be in a position to accept some of the cats in order to help our southern partners," stated MHS Director of Development, Jacques Du Preez.

MHS will be participating in the annual *Clear the Shelters* event this year later this month. For more information about *Clear the Shelters* event or how you can sponsor, please call 603.354.4015 for details.

Monadnock Humane Society is a private, nonprofit 501(c) 3 socially conscious shelter organization that serves 44 communities of the Monadnock Region. Its

mission is to strengthen the animal-human bond by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. MHS receives no state or federal funding and is not affiliated with any other agency or organization such as HSUS or ASPCA. It is supported solely by the generosity of those in our community. For more information, visit www.monadnockhumanesociety.org



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TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Are you hurting? Is there a desperate need in your family? Are you searching for support in prayer, but aren't sure where to turn? Available to all in the community, the Prayer Chain of the Trinitarian Congregational Church provides just this for the Monadnock region and beyond. The Prayer Chain is a group of dedicated members of the church who have committed themselves to a calling of supplication for others through the ministry of prayer.

The members of the Prayer Chain work to share requests they receive from the community through a "phone chain". Whenever a request for prayer is received, the director of this ministry will start the "chain" by delivering the request and whatever details the person wishes to share to the next member who then calls the next, and so on until the entire chain has been notified. Then, every individual commits themselves to continued prayer for the cause. Each request is kept completely confidential by the Prayer Chain members.

In this way, the Prayer Chain is able to provide to anyone in need the assurance that thoughtful members of the Christian community are lifting them up in prayer throughout the day, even when they are unaware of it. This incredible service is available to any and all who desire to be covered in prayer whether for those with a medical appointment, a broken relationship, a stressful situation, an important decision to make, those with loved ones in similar situations, or for any need you or your family may face. The Prayer Chain is ready to pray on your behalf. As the scripture says in *James 5:16*, **"Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."**

To access this ministry there are two available avenues. First, you can call the church at (603) 242-7800 and leave a message which will be forwarded to the Prayer Chain. Additionally, you can submit a written need for prayer through the church website www.trinitariancongregationalchurch.org where a form can be found on the home page. After the initial request, the members of the Prayer Chain also encourage updates so their prayers can be as accurate as possible to the current status of the need.

"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:7

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

***Church Website:**

www.trinitariancongregationalchurch.org

***Church Email:** troycongregational@gmail.com

***Church Phone:** (603) 242-7800

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A New Pastor

Yes, Christ Lutheran Church has a new pastor, at least insofar as my ordination was on the ninth of July. But it's not like I am really new: I have been serving here as Vicar for over two years, and I am hardly new either, this is my fourth career. But it is an indication that we are not stuck in the past. Christ Lutheran Church has a future. We also have a past. A Finnish Lutheran congregation was established as the Lutheran Church of Troy in 1912. Formal acceptance in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod took place in 1964.

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