



# Sandwich Town News

~ 250 Years of Sandwich ~



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## Budget Committee Meetings Have Begun

\* The 2014 Budget Committee meetings are underway. Open to the public, these meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to listen to the departmental and town budget discussions. The meetings are held in Town Hall at 7:00 PM on the following Wednesdays: December 4, and December 18.

\* In addition to the Selectmen, the following serve on the 2014 Budget Committee: **Betty Alcock, Anne Bullitt, Kelly Cox, Julie Dolan, Toby Eaton, and Bryan Peaslee.**

### 2013 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

**TAX RATE: \$11.20**

#### Acceptable forms of payment:

1. Personal Checks
2. Bank Checks
3. Money Orders
4. Cash

**We cannot accept** credit cards or debit cards.

The 2013 tax rate was set on November 1 and tax bills were mailed on November 5. Payment is due on December 10. Anyone unable to pay their tax bill in full may make partial payments which will help to lower the interest once the payment is past due. Pre-payments toward property taxes are accepted in any amount during the year. Continued on page 2.

**Petitioned Articles:** are due no later than February 4, 2014 to the Selectmen's Office.

**Abatement Applications:** are due no later than March 1, 2014 to the Selectmen's Office.



### TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**November 28:** Thanksgiving Day

**December 24:** Town Clerk/Tax Collector open 8:00 AM - Noon;

Selectmen's Office open 7:30 AM - Noon.

**December 25:** Christmas Day

**January 1:** New Year's Day

**January 20:** Martin Luther King Day

**February 18:** President's Day



### **Public Hearing Notice Town of Sandwich Proposed Acquisition of Land**

Pursuant to RSA 41:14-a, the Selectmen will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding the acceptance of a donation of two parcels identified as Map R10 Lot 1 (378 acres on Wentworth Hill Road) and Map U1 Lot 3 (15 acres on Maple Street). The first hearing is scheduled on Monday, November 18th at 5:00 P.M. and the second is scheduled on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 P.M., both hearings will take place at the Sandwich Town Hall at 8 Maple Street, Sandwich.

~ Sandwich Board of Selectmen

~ **Selectmen's Meeting** ~

**Monday evenings at 5:00 PM.**

**250th Anniversary Final Celebration  
Save the Date!**

**Saturday, December 28. See last page  
for more details!**

~ **Life is really simple, but we  
insist on making it complicated.** ~

Confucious



# Town Clerk / Tax Collector

**TOWN CLERK/  
TAX COLLECTOR**

**Office Hours  
Tuesday and Thursday  
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM**

**(603) 284-7113  
Fax: x 6819**

**Town Election &  
Town Meeting**

**Town Election  
Tuesday, March 11  
(Town Hall)  
Polls are open from  
10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

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**Town Meeting  
Wednesday, March 12  
(Sandwich Central  
School)**

**7:00 P.M.**

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**Elections**

**Positions that are up for  
election:**

**\* Moderator \***

**(2 year term)**

**\* Selectman \***

**(3 year term)**

**\* Supervisor of the  
Checklist \***

**(6 year term)**

**\* Trustee of Trust  
Funds \***

**(3 year term)**

**\* Sewer Commissioner \***  
**(3 year term)**

**\* Cemetery Trustee \***  
**(3 year term)**

**\* Library Trustee \***  
**(3 year term)**

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**Filing dates are from  
January 22–31, 2014  
and you may file for  
candidacy at the Town  
Clerk's Office.**

Welcome to the beautiful and crisp weather that the fall and winter season brings! The launch of our **Tax Information Kiosk** has been met with positive comments from taxpayers, mortgagees and lenders. Tax information can be accessed 24/7 on the Town's website: [www.sandwichnh.org](http://www.sandwichnh.org). **Directions:** Under the "Departments" tab, select "Tax Collector" and select "Property Taxes Review Online", which is located at the bottom of the page. Check the status of **taxes, view assessment, payment history, and amount due**. You can even select a date in the future to calculate the interest due on a late payment. The site is extremely user-friendly and everything can be printed. The site is updated frequently with the last update shown at the top right on the screen. Give it a try!

**~ DID YOU KNOW? ~**

In addition to our office hours, most transactions can be completed by mail. We only accept cash and checks.

**We're on the web!** We encourage you to visit our pages on the Town's (new and improved) website: [www.sandwichnh.org](http://www.sandwichnh.org). We have created a list of commonly asked questions as well as the ability to download certain forms.

**Directions:** Under the "Departments" tab, select "Tax Collector" or "Town Clerk". On the right-hand side of the page, select "Files and Documents".

As always, we are available to assist via phone during normal business hours. After hours you will hear a recorded message regarding upcoming events, deadlines, and last-minute scheduling changes.

**2013 Property Tax Information**  
**(continued from page 1...)**

\* Taxpayers needing information in regard to taxation, assessments, credits, exemptions or correction of errors should address those inquiries with the Selectmen's Office where the tax rate and the calculation of the tax bills originates.

\* Tax payers who are typically away this time of the year and are concerned about mail being forwarded may provide an alternate address for the office to send a bill to both addresses to be sure you receive your bill in a timely manner.

\* Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief for qualified homeowners is usually available in May. Please check with our office for more information.

**Answers to Frequently Asked Tax Questions**

1. Postmarks are accepted as the date of payment.
2. Make checks payable to "Town of Sandwich".
3. If you have multiple tax bills, you may write one check for the total amount or separate checks for each property.
4. Tax bills are mailed to property owners, not to lenders. Upon request, we provide tax amounts electronically to bank and mortgage lenders.
5. When paying by mail, If you want a paid tax receipt returned to you please send a self-addressed stamped envelope.
6. When paying in person ,bring in both copies

**Reminders**



1. Make sure you signed your check.
2. Please do not send post-dated checks as they will be returned.
3. If timber has been cut on your property, you may expect to receive the timber yield tax bill in April or May. Please feel free to call the office for tax information, balances due, verification that payment has been received from a mortgage company, or information on pre-payments.

**Election Information**

NH law requires that voting must be in person at the polling place unless: 1) you plan to be absent on election day; 2) you cannot appear in public due to observance of a religious commitment; 3) a physical disability prohibits you; or 4) employment obligations prohibit you from getting to the polling place from the time the polls open until after they close. Applications for absentee ballots must be in writing and be mailed or faxed to the Town Clerk's Office. Each voter must request their own absentee ballot. Declaration of Candidacy forms, as well as Absentee Ballot applications, can be downloaded from the Town's website.

# Town Clerk / Tax Collector

## TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

### Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

(603) 284-7113

Fax (603) 284-6819

### Annie Get Your Gun or Fishing Pole!

That's right...you may now purchase your Hunting or Fishing License at our office! Beginning in 2014, the State will be revamping the application process, and we will be automated. We're awaiting further details, and we will keep you informed.

### \* Please remember \*

If you are a newly licensed hunter, we must see your Hunter Safety Card in order to receive a license. All Firearm or Archery Hunting Applicants must present a previous license for the same license from any previous year or state. A firearm or archery hunting license, bow safety certificate, junior hunting license or hunter education certificate are not acceptable as proof. A \$2.50 Wildlife Habitat fee must be paid once annually on hunting licenses.

For additional information, please visit [www.wildlife.state.nh.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us)

## Vital Records and Marriage Licenses

It has come to our attention that some citizens are not aware that many vital records may be obtained through our office rather than having to travel to the New Hampshire town where the event occurred. We are able to issue certified copies of the following records:

**Births: 1982 - Present**

**Divorces: 1990 - Present**

**Marriages: 1989 - Present**

**Civil Unions: 2008 - Present**

**Deaths: 1990 - Present**

**Civil Union Dissolutions: 2008 - Present**

For vital records prior to these dates, we are only able to issue certified copies of vital events that actually took place in Sandwich. The fee for a certified record is \$15.00 and subsequent copies of the same record purchased at the same are time \$10.00 each.

Marriage licenses are issued through this office for a fee of \$45.00. Both parties must be present to sign the application, and the license is valid for 90 days.



### ~ IMPORTANT ~ SPECIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

A Special State Primary Election to choose candidates for Executive Councilor, District 1, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Town Hall. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The General Election will then be held in conjunction with Town Election on March 11 if the primaries are contested.

### Boats - Register and Renew in Sandwich!

While you may have just put your summer fun to bed for the winter, it is never too early to think about spring and registering your boat (so it is ready when you are!).

Beginning in May of this year, the State began allowing towns to register new or existing boats. Unfortunately, the State DMV has not enabled us to print and send boat renewal notices to you. We suggest when you receive your boat renewal notice in the mail from the State that you simply bring the form into our office, and we will register it for you. DID YOU KNOW - by choosing to register your boat within the town you are helping to reduce the tax burden as it allows fees to come to the town rather than go to the State. We are user-friendly, and we are able to do in-person renewals or renewals via the mail.

As a guideline, the following boats require a registration in NH:

1. Any boat with a motor
2. Sailboats 12' or more with or without a motor
3. Documented boats using NH waters (i.e., boats with names)
4. Any boat being used in NH more than 50% of the time
5. Any out-of-state resident using the boat in NH for more than 30 consecutive days

We will be reminding folks during the November, December, and January renewal months as well as posting information locally. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

### That Dog-Gone Dog!!!!

Just when you thought it was safe to walk your dog ... oops ... you remembered it wasn't licensed!!!

We begin licensing dogs for the year 2014 in January even though the 2013 license year does not expire until April 30, 2014. This year we will be rolling out a new **TOP DOG CONTEST** complete with awards and prizes. Maybe you will be the owner of the Town of Sandwich's TOP DOG! Information will be coming soon; however, participation will not be granted without a valid license for 2014! Do not let your dog get left out!

If you have recently acquired a new dog, please bring a valid rabies certificate to the office, and purchase a license. Fees are as follows:

- \* \$9.00 Male/Female
- \* \$6.50 Puppies (4-7 months old) & spayed/neutered dogs
- \* \$2.00 First dog of senior citizen (65 years or older)
- \* \$20.00 Group license (5 or more dogs)

Please adhere to licensing deadlines in order to avoid fines and penalties. RSA 466:1 states that every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or over shall annually, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year in the office of the clerk.



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## TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

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**Sharon A. Teel**  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
tctc@cyberpine.net

**Jennifer K. Martel**  
Deputy  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
tctc2@cyberpine.net

## SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

**Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
7:30 AM – 5:30 PM  
Friday: CLOSED

(603) 284-7701  
Fax: x 6819

**Catherine S Graham**  
Administrative Assistant  
tos@cyberpine.net

**Jennifer L Wright**  
Selectmen's Assistant  
tos2@cyberpine.net



**Did you know?**  
The assessment data  
is available online on  
the Town's website:  
[www.sandwichnh.org](http://www.sandwichnh.org)  
Check it out!

## Important Motor Vehicle Reminders

Please remember to bring **either** the renewal notice that was mailed to you **or** your current valid registration(s) in order to renew your motor vehicles. You may send someone else to renew your vehicles for you as long as they bring either document.

**Remember - keep those plates and registrations!!** Whether or not you trade or sell your old vehicle, when purchasing a new or used vehicle, please keep your old plates and registration. **DO NOT LET THE DEALER OR BUYER HAVE THEM!** Plates and registrations belong to the owner. They do not go with the vehicle. In order to transfer a registration and plates, as well as have credit from your previous registration applied towards your new vehicle registration, you must present the original, current registration (not a copy) from the old vehicle. We send this to Concord with our daily work.



**Remember** - in order to transfer a registration from one vehicle to another, the first name must be the same on both the old and the new vehicle title and registration.

**Early Renewals:** A reminder to all residents that vehicles may be renewed up to four (4) months early. If you are planning to be away for the winter months, you may be able to register before you leave.

## Selectmen's Office

~ IMPORTANT ~

### 2014 Town-wide Property Revaluation



Under RSA 75:8-a, the town must update their property values at least once every five (5) years. Our last revaluation was in 2009. The law requires that annually, and in accordance with the State assessing guidelines, the Selectmen shall adjust assessments to reflect changes so that all assessments are reasonably proportional within the municipality. Assessors and Selectmen shall consider adjusting assessments for any properties that they know or believe to have had a material physical change; changed ownership; have undergone subdivision, boundary line adjustments or mergers; or have undergone other changes affecting value. It is the Assessor's job to discover, list, and estimate the value of all properties within the jurisdiction of the Town. To insure that all properties are treated uniformly, the Assessor's procedures must conform to State laws dealing with property taxation. Commonly accepted appraisal and accounting practices must be used. This is done so the costs of schools, fire and police protection, and other public services can be prorated over all taxable property in town. Your share of the cost of these services is based upon the value of your property relative to the total value of all property in town. The value of your property, as determined by the Assessor, is called the "assessed value". Beginning in 2013, the Town's Assessors - **Commerford, Nieder, and Perkins (CNP)** - began property data verification. The process will be completed with the revaluation values becoming effective in 2014. Properties requiring an interior inspection will receive notification by mail (from CNP) to call CNP and schedule an appointment. The dates and times will be included in the notification. When all inspections are complete, the assessors will set values based on recent sales of properties in town. Taxpayers will be notified by letter of their value(s), and the list will be posted. After values have been set, taxpayers can schedule an appointment with the assessors to discuss their values. The dates, times, and places of these appointments will be included in the notification letter. When the informal review process is complete, values will be finalized and given to the Town. Subsequent tax bills will be based on the new values. When a taxpayer receives their tax bill, and the taxpayer disagrees with their new value, they may appeal in the form of an abatement request to the Selectmen on or before March 1, 2015. **Please note:** tax bills must be paid in full regardless of an appeal.

# Selectmen's Office

## SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

**Office Hours**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**7:30 AM – 5:30 PM**  
**Friday: CLOSED**  
**(603) 284-7701**



### Did you know?

In our effort to be lean and green, we would love to email your newsletter! If interested, please email Jennifer at [tos2@cyberpine.net](mailto:tos2@cyberpine.net). Remember—give us a shout if you have changed your email address!



### Please notify us...

...if your mailing address or email address has changed. We would not want you missing out on important information—like tax bills and the newsletter!



## Upcoming Application Due Dates (not all inclusive)

1. Abatement Applications (2013 Taxes): Due on/before March 1, 2014. Please refer to RSA 76:16. For an application, please download at [www.nh.gov/btla/forms](http://www.nh.gov/btla/forms).
2. Current Use Applications: Due on/before April 15, 2014. Please refer to RSA 79-A. For an application, please download at [www.nh.gov/btla/forms](http://www.nh.gov/btla/forms).
3. Petitioned Articles for the 2014 Town Warrant: Due on/before February 4, 2014.
4. Tax Credits and Exemptions: Due on/before April 15, 2014. For an application, please download at [www.nh.gov/revenue](http://www.nh.gov/revenue).
5. Charitable, Educational or Religious Organizations: The A-9 is due April 15, 2014, and the A-12 is due June 1, 2014. For an application, please download at [www.nh.gov/btla/forms](http://www.nh.gov/btla/forms).

\* Don't have access to a computer? No problem! Please stop by the Selectmen's Office, and we would be happy to print one for you.

## 250 Commemorative Memorabilia and Tappan Chair Raffle



We still have the 250th Anniversary Books, Commemorative Coins, Commemorative Pewter Ornament, hats, and License Plates for sale (limited quantities for all) in the Selectmen's Office. We will have our items available at the Sandwich Historical Society during the *Christmas in the Village*, December 7 and 8.

We are raffling our last two 250th Anniversary Commemorative Tappan Chairs at our finale event on Saturday, December 28, 2013. Tickets are available for sale at the Selectmen's Office: \$5 for one and \$10 for three. The raffle will be for a PAIR of chairs!! You do NOT need to be present to win....you just need to enter!

### Use of Town Hall

Applications are required to use Town Hall. Please stop by in advance of your event to schedule and fill out the required forms. Please note: Depending on the type of event, we may not be able to schedule it due to a board or committee meeting building held in the meeting room.

**The Selectmen (Fritz, Bud, and Mike) and Cath and Jennifer wish you a wonderful holiday season! Enjoy this very special time of year!**



### 250th Anniversary Time Capsule

Do you want to be in the time capsule...okay, so not really YOU, but your name and a short quote, thought or some words of wisdom? Well, you can! The 250th Anniversary Committee invites (AND ENCOURAGES!) **all** Sandwich folks - young and not-so-young - to sign one of our guest books. They are located at the Selectmen's Office in the Town Hall and at the Samuel H. Wentworth Library. So, if you are newcomer, long-time resident, property owner, business owner, kids - this means you! Remember the autograph book of your childhood school days? This is the same idea. The books will go into the time capsule, which will be opened in 2063. We will have the books available our at our very special "grand finale" event (see the last page of the newsletter for details). We would love to have everyone included - just another way to show your SANDWICH SPIRIT!



# Highway Department and Transfer Station



## From the desk of Jon Peaslee...

I would like to thank everyone in the community for their support as I adjust to my new position as Road Agent. I am enjoying the new experiences and challenges of the position. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call me at (603) 344-6243. Thank you!

### HIGHWAY SHED

**Hours of Operation**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**7:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**(603) 284-6950**  
**(603) 344-6243**

sandwichhd@cyberpine.net

**Jon Peaslee**  
**Road Agent**



### Winter and Spring Road Projects

On the list...Dale Road, Elm Hill Road, Mountain Road, Mt Israel Road, and Upper Road. We will, of course, continue with routine road maintenance for all other town roads.



**What has the Highway Crew been up to?** The crew has been busy with maintenance work on a number of roads - ditching, grading especially after the washouts for the heavy rain received over Labor Day. Mountain Road has been top coated. The Teacup Lake dry hydrant and box culvert project has been completed. We are also working on the Mt Israel Road Improvement Plan. \*\* As always, we appreciate your patience with any delays in traveling throughout the town while the crew is working on the roads. We will do our best to notify you in advance on the Town's website and on the SandwichBoard of any pending road closures or delays.

### Need winter sand? Here is what you need to know!

1. The sand shed for residents is located to the right of the Highway Shed.
2. Sand is for Sandwich residents only.
3. Per storm: Five 5-gallon buckets may be taken.
4. The sand is not to be used by contractors who plow for Sandwich residents.

### Crew Training

The highway crew has received training on the use of chainsaws, and backhoe and grader operation. The crew also participated in "Slip, Trip and Fall" and "Behind the Plow" training provided by the Town's Insurer PRIMEX. The crew also participated in NHDOT training called "DOT Update". Jon and Steven participated in "Preparing for the Winter Ahead" sponsored by Local Government Center.



### Happy Holidays!

The **Highway Crew** (Jon Peaslee, Steven Dow, Travis Colby, Tom Norcross, and Bob Streeter) and the **Transfer Station** (Marilyn Read, Mike Welch, and John Noble) wish everyone a happy holiday season and a safe winter!

### Need a New Year's Resolution? Strive to be a lean, mean recycling machine!

### OPERATION "CUT THOSE CORDS"



- \* If you are disposing an electronic piece of equipment with a power cord, please cut the cord or one of the Transfer Station attendants can assist you.
- \* If the item is still in good, working order, please cut the cord and place it in the Swap Shop. Someone will be right behind you to repurpose it!
- \* **PLEASE NOTE:** the disposal of any electronic piece of equipment, regardless if it is placed in the Swap Shop, is charged a fee. Do not drop off your equipment without seeing an attendant to pay the fee. The town pays a fee to dispose of its electronics, and the small fee the town charges residents helps to offset that cost. Thank you!

### Winter Tips

1. Check your vehicle batteries.
2. Check your windshield wipers.
3. Check your tire tread. You may want to consider snow tires.
4. Ensure you have a winter kit in your car - extra blanket, flashlight, ice scraper, medical kit, food, etc. You just never know!
5. Be watchful of road conditions when driving. Adjust your speed accordingly.
6. Organize a snowball fight.

### Compactor Update

The compactor at the Transfer Station is very near and dear to us. Without it, we would be buried under a mound of trash and recyclables. As such, no construction debris, no matter how small, is to be dumped into the compactor. We run the risk of damaging our equipment (not good and costly to boot)! Please help us and deposit all construction debris in the C&D container. Thank you!!

Transfer Station news continued on the next page...

# Transfer Station (continued)

## TRANSFER STATION

**Hours of Operation  
(Winter)**

**Wednesday, Saturday,  
and Sunday**

**11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**(603) 284-7732**

**Marilyn Read  
Supervisor**

**Mike Welch  
Attendant**

**John Noble  
Part-time Attendant**



### From the desk of Marilyn Read...

Winter is almost upon us. Please remember to be courteous to one another as some folks can maneuver better than others! :) A **new policy** at the Transfer Station - no parking between the lines in front of the compactors. Where can you park, you ask? Please park beyond or in front of the lines. We are hoping this alleviates the bottleneck in front of the compactor. ALSO, please remember our beloved Swop Shop is for EVERYONE, so please help us to keep it neat and tidy. It is better to see all the treasures that way!

### Where do you do your Christmas Shopping?

Have you considered the Swap Shop? No? Why not? What a better way to reduce, reuse, recycle, repurpose, reinvent (do you really want me to go on?!) Here are just a few new reasons (for those who read and love this column for its witty advice and insight).

1. You can park really close! That does not happen at the mall.
2. There is no shame....everyone is doing it! It is, therefore, trendy.
3. You may meet someone new. Crazier things have happened!
4. Very easy on the holiday budget.
5. It is close and convenient.
6. If you saw something you liked at your neighbor's house, who knows, you might see it in the Swap Shop.
7. Okay, admittedly I am running out of new material. Bottomline, it is free,



### TRANSFER STATION REMINDERS

1. **Brush only in the brush pile. Five (5) inches in diameter or less. No exceptions.**
2. **If the gate is closed, do not leave your trash at the gate. Please come back when we are open.**
3. **Be mindful of your speed when approaching/departing the transfer station. Is a tight area with lots of folks moving about.**



**Don't be trashy...recycle!**



**If the people are to be the final tribunal then they must vote for what is right rather than according to their own selfish interests, else we are treading the path of danger.**

~ Henry L. Doherty

## Town Boards and Committee News

### Sandwich Agriculture Commission



The Sandwich Agriculture Commission entered a float in the Sandwich Fair Grand Street Parade, which celebrated 250 years of agriculture in Sandwich. We won first prize in our division! ~ Coming this winter...stay tuned for a talk by a master gardener on heirloom seeds .



### Supervisors of the Checklist

The Voter Registration Board requests, under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that you correct your address either when the Supervisors meet in January 2014 or at the polls on the special primary election on January 21, 2014. The Supervisors will be meeting on January 21 from 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Town Hall after the special primary election. We will meet at other times prior to Town Meeting. Meeting dates and times will be posted at Town Hall and in the *Meredith News*. It is something you must do. Thank you in advance.

Supervisors of the Checklist: J.E. Brown, E. Adriance, and J. Elliott



# Parks and Recreation

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Monday - Friday  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

(603) 284-6473

Leo Greene, Jr.  
Director

Ryan Chappuis  
Summer  
Assistant

parcs.rec@cyberpine.net



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Winter Carnival  
February 1, 2014

Old Home Week  
August 03-10, 2014

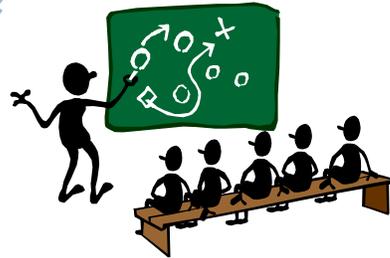


### Upcoming Programs

Adult Pick-up Basketball  
Thursday, December 5  
Mondays & Thursdays  
6:00–8:00 PM  
Sandwich Central School

Youth Basketball  
Monday, December 9  
Grades 1 thru 6  
Schedule TBA

Alpine Skiing  
at King Pine  
Begins Tuesday, January 7



### From the desk of Leo Greene...

The Fall Youth Sports season concluded with a tremendous performance by the both the 3rd / 4th grade and 5th / 6th grades teams. Sixty-two children from pre-school to 6th grade participated in soccer. It was a great year for the kids on and off the field! The 5th and 6th grade team concluded their season by winning the Carroll County Youth Soccer Tournament. They conceded only one goal and outscored their opponents 18-1 over the course of five (5) games. A fantastic effort by the kids and excellent guidance by coaches Ash Nydeggar and Leo Greene. It is definitely a big and busy program. As we look toward our winter activities, please stayed tuned for dates and times.



### Anyone for ICE SKATING?



The skating rink is on the move again. While the Quimby Field was a great location, it unfortunately did not work out. The rink will be relocated to an old familiar place - Remick Park in North Sandwich. My sincere thanks to Jon Peaslee and the Highway Crew for lending a hand for the upcoming season. In addition, I would like to thank in advance the Fire Department and Mike Morton Excavation.



**"Exercise and application produce order in our affairs, health of body, cheerfulness of mind, and these make us precious to our friends."**

~Thomas Jefferson ~



**Time is valuable.**

**VOLUNTEERING is invaluable.**

**Value your time.**

Interested? Basketball will hold some challenges with a full 3rd and 4th grade boys team. We may have more if the numbers justify it. This will require a volunteer coach or two as the gym can be an exciting place to be in the winter with lots of kids flying around. Please contact me if you are interested in helping in any way.



### Did you know?

The Sandwich Fairgrounds is the perfect winter playground? Conveniently located it is the perfect spot for cross-country skiing, walking, snowshoeing, being pulled on a sled...the winter possibilities are endless! Please remember to take your trash with you and pick up after your pet. Be a good steward of this wonderful outdoor space right in the center of town!



This fall the annual U.S. versus Mexico soccer game drew a



big crowd, and the U.S. won 3-1! As part of the festivities, we had a potluck dinner, which was very much enjoyed by our Mexican guests. Every year it gets better and better as town folks bring their grills and family to watch this very exciting (and sometimes intense) soccer match!

# Fire Department

## FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

**Fire Chief  
Louis Brunelle  
(603) 284-7732**

**Fire Warden  
Jim Mykland  
(603) 284-6450**

**Emergency  
911**

sandwichfd@cyberpine.net



**See it  
Hear it  
Report!**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Police Chief  
Douglas F. Wyman, Jr.  
(603) 284-7139**

(Office line)

**(603) 284-7777  
(Officer on duty)**

**Emergency  
911**

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### **Annual Holiday Toy Drive**

**The North Sandwich Store is teaming up with us again to spread some holiday cheer! Please drop off unwrapped gifts at the Police Dept or North Sandwich Store anytime between now and December 21. Our deepest gratitude to all who help to make this a success each and every year!**



**Fire Chief Brunelle reminds everyone...** as we approach winter, please have your chimney inspected and cleaned; check your smoke detectors and replace the batteries; and ensure your driveways are free from snow and ice. It is always a good rule of thumb that if you are having issues getting up and down your driveway, the Fire Department or other emergency vehicles will most likely have an issue as well! We do not want anything to hinder our response time! Another very worthwhile investment is carbon monoxide detectors. Please install one in your home if you do not have one.

Does your family have an escape plan? It can be the difference between life and death in the event of a fire. Please ensure your family has one and then PRACTICE! Make sure your plan includes a safe place to meet, so everyone can quickly be accounted for. **The members of the Sandwich Fire and Rescue wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season!**

### Winter Safety Reminders

- \* Avoid space heaters in bathrooms.
- \* If you use an electric heater, do not overload the circuit. Only use extension cords that have the appropriate rate to carry the amp load.
- \* Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heat source.
- \* Be aware of open flames with Christmas trees.

# Police Department

**The Police Chief writes:** The sun shines lower on the horizon, especially right around the time you are getting out of work. The days are growing shorter. Please remember to keep a safe distance away from the vehicle in front of you. Before the snow falls, ensure you have all the equipment you need. Make sure your vehicle's heater and defroster work. Have a window brush and scraper in your car as well. Always allow yourself extra time and adjust your speed accordingly for



### SCAMS - be aware this holiday season!

The holiday season is upon us and with it comes the bombardment of calls, emails, flyers, etc. asking you to contribute to a variety of charities. Unfortunately, some of the communications are not legitimate. Your best defense against becoming a victim is to remember that if it does not seem right, it probably is not. Secondly, always make a donation to a charity that you know. Personal and financial should NEVER be given out over the phone or send via an email, especially if you did not initiate the communication. If at any time you have any questions or need to report a scam, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department.

### Did you know?

We have a House Watch Program. If you are going away, please call the Police Department, and we will put you on the list. Our officers and our house check volunteers will check your house while you are away. Please note: this program does not substitute for you having your own caretaker.



**"No matter who you are, no matter what you do, you absolutely, positively do have the power to change."**

~ Bill Phillips ~

# Samuel H. Wentworth Library

## LIBRARY

### Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday  
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Friday  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

\* Library will be **closed** on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.  
\* We will be **open** Saturday, November 30 from 10 -12. We will be closed Wednesday December 25 and January 1. \* **Closing time** the week of December 23 and 30 will be 5 PM except for Tuesday, December 24 and 31 when the closing time will be 3 PM. Times and reminders are also posted on the SandwichBoard and on FACEBOOK as well as at the Library.



LEGO CLUB FANS - stay tuned for the schedule.

The **Trustees of the Library** have started planning for the Library's 100th Anniversary in the summer of 2015. Upgrades to some of our existing equipment and furniture are underway and some aesthetic improvements are being discussed. Thanks to the generosity of the **Alfred Quimby Fund**, we now have a new and beautiful Book Drop, which is now located in a more convenient spot in the upper parking lot; a renovated "old" Book Drop, which will be in the lower parking lot for the busy summer and fall months (April 1 - November 11); and new computer carrels in the Reference Room and the DVD area which offers more privacy. Coming soon - a brand new circulation desk by **BEAM Construction Associates**, which will be much more user-friendly for both patrons and staff. THANK YOU ALFRED QUIMBY FUND TRUSTEES! Special lighting for the desk is being donated by **Derek Marshall Lighting** - wait until you see it - SPECTACULAR! The Library Trustees will keep you informed as other plans unfold.



Thank you to all of our faithful patrons - if you are not one, come on in and become one!

### Have you ever considered becoming a volunteer?

\* **Volunteers** are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

~ Erma Bombeck

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As with all committees and organizations, volunteers are highly sought and prized when found. Three of our key "Friends" leaders - **Angie Morton, Robyn Tolles, and Alex Adriance** - will be leaving their positions at the end of the year. We will be sorry to see them go and thank them for their service. Please speak with Glynis Miner, Director, to learn about how you might fit into the Friends organization, so their support of the Library can continue.



### Did you know?

The **Friends of the Library (FOL)** are an **essential** support organization for our library. Their financial and program assistance are invaluable. Through membership fees and two major fundraisers - *Summer Book Sale* and *Spring Plant and Bake Sale* - they provide funding for almost one-third of our book budget and almost the entire program budget. Please consider renewing your membership, starting a new membership or making a contribution of any amount to the Friends this fall...perhaps a gift in someone's name? Contributions can be mailed to: The Friends of the Library, PO Box 341, Center Sandwich, NH 03227.

### Upcoming Programs

1. **"Books Sandwiched In 2014"** : January 13 & 27; February 10 & 24; and March 10. Books to be reviewed are: *The Hare with Amber Eyes*, Edmund de Wall; *Wild*, Sheryl Strayed; *Ike's Bluff*, Evan Thomas; *The Measure of a Nation: How to Regain America's Competitive Edge and Boost our Global Standing*, Howard Friedman; and *My Beloved World*, Sonia Sotomayor. More details to follow.
2. **An evening book discussion group:** requested by many of our patrons, the group will meet the first three months of the new year. Please speak with Lois Brady for more information. Dates to be posted soon.
3. **The Very Ready Reading Program:** a very special story and play time for children (newborn to 24 months) and their caretakers. The group will meet in January and February, and dates will be posted soon.

**Join the library!!**

### Why is the Samuel H. Wentworth Library so GREAT?!

#### Let me tell you the ways!

- A fabulous book, DVD, audiobook and periodical collection
- Friday Story Hour for pre-school kids
- Downloadable books through the NH Downloadable Audiobook Program
- Public computers
- Online, remote access to the Library's collection/reserve or renew a book
- Copier and fax machine
- Community Room available for use at no charge
- Squam Lakes Natural Science Center passes
- Telescope for loan to our adult patrons (courtesy of the NH Astronomical Society)
- Lego Club
- Friday Coffee Hour (courtesy of the Friends of the Library and patrons)
- **AND** helpful Library Staff!



The Director of the Sandwich Historical Society shares...

“Busy” is a word “Busy” is a word which falls short of any term that can be applied to 2013. We knew we wanted to “go big” this year, and with the 250th and a range of events coordinated through the Town’s 250th Committee, it was important that our programming for the year be both supportive and complementary to the work of that group, helping this celebratory year be the best it could be. However, the spectrum of what we have achieved as a community institution has exceeded my greatest expectations and hopes!

As the year unfolded, we hosted a series of Living History Workshops to kick things off in the spring, with a bean supper, photographic digitization workshop, and Opening Day activities which encouraged townsfolk to contribute their stories, family histories, and smiling faces to our seasonal exhibit, “People, Places, and Spaces: 250 Years of Sandwich.” As a centerpiece of this exhibit, we were able to produce the ongoing project “Sandwich Works” by Susan Lirakis and Becky Sinkler, a photographic and biographical study of Sandwichites who have managed the task of both living and working in town. Coupled with both of these elements, we were also able to display the fantastic work of Justin Chapman’s 4th and 5th grade class from Sandwich Central School, who partnered with us in the biennial Joanne Cook Burt Challenge to research local historical figures and their crafts and trades.

As the summer progressed, we once again restarted the Junior Historians program with the inspiration of Marek Bennett, an Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire Artist in Residence. With Marek’s guidance, our small group of budding cartoonists and storytellers delved into the Weed family letters to recreate, in visual stories, the letters of Larkin Weed, Phebe Weed, and Caroline McGaffey. They then also researched their own interests, among them Niobe and Native Americans, and produced a comic book which was distributed at our Annual Picnic. With less than two weeks to spare after this fun week, we held our Annual Picnic to a crowd of more than 100, with a prelude the day before featuring the “Forgotten Arts”, an enjoyable field day that featured demonstrations of spinning, weaving, sewing, antique tool use and identification, post and beam work, and granite splitting.

In addition to this spread of events, we also supported or co-hosted a number of 250th events with informational research, logistical support, and in some cases direct participation. These included the Time Capsule Opening, Antiques Appraisal Day, Joan Cook’s Photographic Journey, Town Charter Vignette, and the Time Capsule Closing- Living History Event (to be held in December). The enthusiasm of the year was mirrored in attendance, which at Society-hosted events and museums was the highest in the past decade--approximately 2,000--and this does not include tallies from the supported or co-hosted 250th events listed above!

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this great institution and its work over the past year, be they staff, trustees, volunteers, or participants! This year’s not even over yet, and we’re already pulling together some great ideas for the next. We hope you’ll continue to be a part of them!

Adam Nudd-Homeyer  
Director



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~ 250th Anniversary Final Celebration ~  
***A SANDWICH TIME CAPSULE OF MEMORIES***  
**Saturday, December 28, 2013**  
**Sandwich Central School**  
**3:00 PM**



The 250th Anniversary Committee cordially invites you to their final 250th celebration event. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of events to include a Time Capsule Program; Oral History Program (developed by the Sandwich Historical Society;) music; scrumptious refreshments from local bakers; a special skit; a raffle for a PAIR of Tappan Chairs (last two!!); fireworks and church bells. We would love to see everyone in costume! Pick a year, any year, and come dressed up. Let's end this amazing year-long anniversary celebration with lots of laughter and fun with good friends and neighbors.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to call or email Jennifer at 284-7701 / [tos2@cyberpine.net](mailto:tos2@cyberpine.net).