

# Common Threads



The Newsletter of Harrisville, New Hampshire

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## M'LUE IS RETIRING: A TRIBUTE OF REFLECTIONS

### *From M'Lue's daughter Laura Carden:*

Running a general store was a romantic fantasy of mine until my mother made the impossible possible. When Historic Harrisville asked if I'd be interested in reopening and managing the store, my heart lifted and then sank. My son was less than a year old. There was no way I could singlehandedly take on a project like that. My mom was visiting from Cambridge that day, and my memory is that she offered to come up and help me as simply as if she were offering to do my laundry.

In the beginning, neither of us knew what we were doing. The strain of the learning curve was so extreme that I remember having the funniest, disjointed conversations because we could hardly talk, we were so frantic!

This wasn't the first time my mother has pivoted, leaving the comforts of the known for the various discomforts and adventures of the not yet known or not yet learned. Born the third of 12 children of an airline pilot, she has lived in many places in the United States and abroad. Just a few of her accomplishments, starting with the most influential, are mother of two daughters, 20 years apart, the first manager of America's first weekly open-air crafts market, a popular weekly food columnist, an uncompromising hotel

pastry chef, an award-winning public radio producer, an executive producer of a business radio show, an executive producer of audiobooks for Simon & Schuster, gardener, potter, baker, extraordinary friend and grandmother, beloved baker at the Harrisville General Store. (What's next I wonder? Make no mistake, there will always be a next.)

The morning of our big opening day was also the morning of the Ice Storm of 2008. I woke up to the cracking limbs of the great pines in front of the house. The predawn world outside had been shellacked with ice and littered with fallen tree limbs and power lines. There was no way we were opening. I called my mom. And where do you think she was? At the store, boiling water for coffee on the gas stove and

peeling apples for pie pockets by candlelight! It had not even occurred to me that opening was possible. It had never occurred to my mom that it wasn't. That's what first endeared us to the community I think, and then it was simply her indefatigable presence, her pastries made with love, her determination to greet everyone, if not by name, then at least with a smile and maybe a sample from the kitchen.

In the beginning, I thought she was working so hard to support me and my dream. But after I left and she stayed on for years after, it was clear that she was deeply committed





to the store. It is impossible for me to describe how much and in how many ways my mother has given to the store and by extension the community it serves. And I know it has given her a great deal in return, in the form of that community, and from the satisfaction of good work done well, and from those random, electric, quixotic, honest exchanges with other humans, with moments, with LIFE, that she delights in.

Thank you for making my dream come true, Mom.

**From Linda Willett,  
former director of Historic Harrisville:**

The mother and daughter team, M'Lue and Laura, were the first to manage the Harrisville General Store for Historic Harrisville; prior to 2008, the store was leased to store operators who owned the business. It was a bit of a stretch for HHI to take on ownership of the store just then, another stretch in a series of stretches, but one recognized as essential to both HHI and the village. Village stores were closing all around New England; the conventional wisdom was that it took an inordinate commitment of time and energy to run a successful store in a small town. It was also said that there must be something sufficiently special about the store to attract



**From Jeannie Eastman:**

Rising early, I often went to a front window in my apartment where there is a partial view of a side window in the store. Light coming from that window told me that M'Lue was inside, as she usually was by 3:30 a.m., and that an array of delectable pastries would be ready for the first customers: blueberry muffins, cinnamon braid, apple turnovers, cardamom buns (that exquisite knot of sweetness), and so much more. But it wasn't just about the food. M'Lue's contribution to the store was also about setting a tone of kindness and friendliness, which make our store the best gathering place possible. Those human qualities come easily from someone as selfless as M'Lue, and they inspire other employees to be the same. I, too, am

enough people to make it viable.

On the morning following the ice storm, which will always be associated with the store opening, I was greatly relieved, and encouraged, when I saw M'Lue calmly carrying on, sorting out all sorts of challenges that running a store without electricity required. Once again we were really fortunate, just the right people had come along at just the right time.

It was after I had one of M'Lue's chicken pies, and later a scone, that I knew that our good fortune included the something special that would attract people from far and wide, and from Nelson.

**From Leslie Downing:**

The first day M'Lue was at the store, we were greeted with a big "Good morning!" which was the case every day we ate breakfast or had midmorning coffee at the store. Such a pleasure. She always took care of any odd food need with another smile. We were especially excited when she had a new goodie that she was trying out for the store and we got a small sample. Always yummy! I always came with my husband, Russell, and when available our friend Jeff Enright. A special treat for the men was when she shared one of her "jokes" with them. M'Lue, we will miss your presence at the general store as you enjoy a very much deserved "retirement."

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a better person for having known her. Congratulations, dear friend, on your retirement. Spread your wings, fly if you must, but please return and stay close.

**From Barry and Karen Tolman:**

Our thoughts of M'Lue are often visual. Visions of her walking that short trek from the Twitchell House [her home] to the store through all kinds of weather—snow, rain, ice, mud, dark nights, moonlit nights, warm summer nights—to get to the store long before dawn to start the coffee brewing and the ovens warming; and to get the pastry boards and bowls ready for crafting flour and butter and other carefully selected ingredients into puffs and squares and rolls and braids and other magical pastries inspired by M'Lue's artistry each day. Thank you, M'Lue, for sharing your talents with us for all these years. Retire well.

**From Kathy Bollerud:**

M'Lue quietly created a warm, welcoming, cheerful "home" for the community. She surrounded us with complex smells, delicious tastes, beautifully presented food, and soulful music. Her vision was more than a store, a place to buy, but rather an experience, a place to be with each other. What a gift!

**From Barbara Michelson:**

I moved to the area around the time Laura and M'Lue took over the general store, so I have no idea what their effort replaced, but I have always been amazed by the scope and quality of M'Lue's baked offerings. If I came in early, M'Lue would be soldiering away cheerfully in the tiny workspace. If I came at noon, she'd be gone, home to care for baby Henry and replaced in the kitchen by Laura. I have so greatly admired her indomitability and her talent.

M'Lue's retirement will be a loss for gastronomes, but it will no doubt be a gain for the community she has helped in so many ways in her "spare time."

Congratulations and thank you so much!

**From Pamela Worden:**

For many years, the heart of the Harrisville community has been the Harrisville General Store; and the heart of the store has always been M'Lue. It was her baking, of course: her cider doughnuts were the stuff of legend and people came from miles away to get them while they were still warm. But perhaps even more important was her kind-

ness, her bright spirit, and her intuition. She always knew when to come out from behind her floured table to resolve a problem with her calm presence and her wise counsel. We do miss her.

**From Pat Colony:**

I was always amazed when I would wake up in the wee hours of the morning to see M'Lue's lights on or see her car going down the driveway and turning toward the store. Lucky Town!

**From Les LaMois:**

It is my good fortune to have met M'Lue at the time Laura and she were running the store. M'Lue, the Exalted Baker, and I, the less exalted Monday dishwasher.

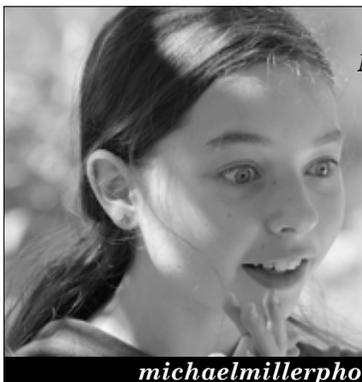
M'Lue baked, more often than not, night-time early. I would arrive after sunrise to an impressive aftermath of pots and pans; whisks and mixing bowls; spoons, spatulas, and measuring instruments of absolutely all sizes, used to create the delightful range of her baked goods.

M'Lue, gracious lady that she is, would often give me a little head start on the dishes if she still had the energy. She would give me the heads up when she would be returning a bowl with a bit of mixes, frostings, or fillings still left in it. And then there was the ultimate occasional scone, jelly roll, turnover, or slice of cake sampling from her oven. It was high living for which I was grateful.

Thinking back on those mornings, I realize that no matter how long before sunrise she had been up baking, she always greeted me with a smile and friendly words. That is still the way it is whenever and wherever we meet today. M'Lue holds the joy of living in her apron pocket, and hands over a bit of it at every turn—especially the chocolate. Thank you, M'Lue; let me get those dishes!

**From Susan Holland:**

When the rebirth of the HGS was given to the daughter-mother team of Laura and M'Lue, I volunteered to dish-wash. And it quickly felt like I hit the jackpot, to watch M'Lue creating divine confections that I got to taste (so perfectly sugared, never too sweet!). I was stunned to learn she began at 3 a.m. even in winter's jaws. Flour reigned! On her face, her apron, and the floor. She kneaded endless batches of flakey pie dough seemingly effortlessly (but the endless making of chicken pot pies became her least favorite thing). M'Lue's Yule Log remains famously to-



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die-for, including its artistry beyond words. Amid all, she did Costco shopping for the store and I occasionally went along to help. My first time, having never seen the likes before, I was dumbstruck and was double that when we hit check-out with two giant carts piled dangerously sky-high. She generally did it all solo, loading, and unloading her car. I think it was then we began having weekly martinis together. Thanks, M'Lue, for your gifts for our sweet tooth for the past 12 years and, especially, for your M'Lue-ness.

**From Emmi Nakazawa Haddock:**

I'm so lucky to have stood side by side with M'Lue in the kitchen of the Harrisville General Store, learning everything I now know about baking and cooking. Before meeting her, the only thing I knew how to make were restaurant reservations. She also introduced me to "The Archers" on BBC, a soap opera that has been airing since 1950, and I now listen to daily on the podcast. As the show is set in rural England farmland, we often would say loudly, "We're talking about a show! We're not gossiping!" as we discussed the exciting plot lines in the early mornings in the kitchen. I really miss those days. I hope to have her join me in my kitchen and cook and bake together again soon. Congratulations, M'Lue. I love you!

**From Mirriam Sharrock:**

M'Lue taught me the importance of remembering people's names. I knew faces. I had grown up in Harrisville. These were my town folk. Every time I greeted someone coming in the store, she would call me back to the kitchen and ask, "Now, what was their name?" I'm embarrassed how rarely I could answer that question. And if I couldn't deliver, she

would tell me to go find out, yes, right away. You can imagine how awkward those moments were; "I know I've known you like forever, but what's your name again?" I quickly started logging names so as not to have to ask again. And my goodness she was right! How welcome one feels when greeted by name!

I always have, and still do, admire M'Lue's energy. She knows how to pace herself for a long day, and I mean loooong day. She was always up hours before the sun, as evidenced by the lights in the store that seemed to be on, no matter how early you were up. The only time I personally might happen to see M'Lue on her way to work is if I had stayed up too late. Despite her long days she was never in a frenzy, but seemed to be able to just keep plugging away endlessly. She takes everything in stride. One thing at a time. I suppose that's the way to conquer anything.

**From Samantha Rule:**

Working with M'Lue was always interesting, and never dull. Never one to descend into complacency, each morning at the store would find M'Lue embarking on some terribly ambitious confectionary endeavor, one far more sophisticated than you'd ever expect to find at a tiny general store in Harrisville, New Hampshire. Inspired by her extensive travels, she'd make French crullers, tarts, elaborate layer cakes, Danish cardamom buns, all from scratch, each recipe painstakingly worked through again and again until near perfection. I'd sometimes just watch her hands work, such a delicate but exacting touch she had with her doughs and batters. That's what it takes, you know, to be a real master baker: a combination of precision and intuition, hands that can feel just the right consistency or else the dough will be overworked and the whole thing tough



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COVID-19 Came to Harrisville

At the beginning of March, only five months ago, we knew very little about the coronavirus that had recently been identified as a pandemic. It was a threat, but we had no real idea of the means of transmission, symptoms, treatment, or magnitude. By the time of our Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, there was some discussion about the dangers of large social gatherings, but Harrisville went ahead and held its meeting. It was well attended. Within two days, some area towns, which had later town meetings, had cancelled or rescheduled them, and people were beginning to realize that this virus was going to have a huge impact on us all.

One Harrisville resident, Richard (Rich) Lavatori, had attended Town Meeting and continued his normal activities. A week later, he started to feel weak and sick, with coughing and constant throat clearing. By this time, news broadcasts had made us more aware of symptoms, dangers, and what our reactions should be. Rich did go to Urgent Care to get a COVID-19 test, although he didn't get results for six days. By March 26, he felt awful, learned he tested positive for the disease, and after one consultation with ambulance personnel who said his vitals were OK, he called again in the middle of the night. He was taken to Cheshire Medical Center and put into the ICU immediately. Although Rich never had a fever or sore throat, he had developed pneumonia and the big fear was his ability to overcome it. Luckily, with wonderful nursing and a strong constitution, he was able to move out of the ICU and then be released from the hospital in eight days. Two weeks of quarantine at home and much rest followed, then a long, slow recovery to regain weight and strength.

In retrospect, Rich feels very lucky to have caught COVID-19 early, for the hospital was not strained by many other sick people. He got excellent care, and medical follow-up visits at home and the contact tracing were both thorough. He has no definite idea where he caught the virus but suspects the source may have been at a winter lobster fest he attended in Keene on March 7. It was chilly, and he spent most of the time inside at a bar table with many people crowded around. That's only his best guess, though.

Rich's may be the only COVID-19 case in Harrisville, and hopefully our diligent social distancing and mask wearing will continue to protect us. We in Harrisville are also fortunate to live here where it is relatively easy to isolate ourselves and still enjoy the beauty and peace of nature. Let's hope we can continue healthy, and that cures and vaccines are developed expeditiously. Be well, all.

Sherry Sims



and incredible. I once made an iPhone video of her kneading the Christmas stollen dough she made each year for all of our volunteers and delivery folks. She's got the broadest grin on her face and her hands are just so tenderly and firmly working all the while, her whole body one with the beautiful rhythmic movement of the dough. M'Lue is undoubtedly a master.

It wasn't just baking knowledge M'Lue would impart to us. We are a kitchen full of young women, full of drama and passion, broken romances, marital missteps, bad fashion, and all of the messiness that raising kids and being 20, or 30, involves. M'Lue was always willing to listen and give counsel, generously sharing stories and experiences from her own life, encouraging each one of us to respect and remain true to ourselves, be strong and bold, never to compromise our integrity. We have all, at one time or another, been bolstered by her advice. I always took her compliments to heart, perhaps because she also wouldn't hesitate to let you know when the salad you were working on was total crap or you needed to brush your hair or that you forgot to order butter, AGAIN.

Recently, M'Lue has decided to retire from the store, and it has been difficult for me to figure out how we will integrate that loss. I have decided that to endeavor to replace M'Lue is futile. It just cannot be done, and any effort to do so would inevitably fail. Her talent and contributions are beyond compare. So we must content ourselves to miss her, savor the memories of working together, dedicate ourselves to the success of the Harrisville General Store, and always remember to never, no matter what, allow the butter or the eggs to run out.

### A PERSONAL THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thoughts on my experience having COVID-19.

A personal "thank you" to Harrisville Fire and Rescue who were at my door in less than 15 minutes after I called 911 at 1:45 a.m. They stayed at a safe distance until the ambulance arrived.

Also, after eight days in the hospital, I received several phone calls from the police department asking how I was doing and if I needed any assistance.

The response from the people of Harrisville, those I knew and those I didn't, was overwhelming. So many stopped by with food and drink during my quarantine.

As has been said in *Common Threads*, to "the good people of Harrisville," big thanks!

Rich Lavatori

# Andrew Maneval Announces Campaign for NH House of Representatives

Andrew Maneval, a former selectman in Harrisville, has announced that he is running for the New Hampshire State House of Representatives seat in District 14. This is the seat currently held by Craig Thompson, who is now a candidate for the Executive Council.

In addition to having served on the select board, Andrew is currently on the Zoning Board, is the treasurer of the Harrisville Fire Company, and chairs the town's Broadband Committee. He has served on many local committees and nonprofit boards, on the Planning Board, the fire department, and as emergency management director. He runs a small business in Harrisville, called Chesham Consulting, LLC, where he provides consulting services in the insurance business and serves as an arbitrator and mediator of disputes between companies. Mediation requires skill in facilitating good decisions among opposing views—a very useful skill in the legislature!

Earlier in his career, Andrew was an executive in a Fortune 100 company and a partner in a New York City law firm.

Andrew and his wife, Marylou DiPietro, bought their house in Chesham in 1998, where Marylou ran an antiques shop called Chesham Depot Antiques. They have two grown children. They recently moved to the village, where Marylou works as a playwright, and Andrew can walk to his office in the mill. Harrisville and New Hampshire were examples of “love at first sight” for Marylou and Andrew, although Marylou’s connection goes much further back: Her father started Franklin Pierce College in the 1960s, while the family was summering/living in Rindge.

Will Rogers once said, “I don’t belong to any organized party, I’m a Democrat.” Andrew is running as a Democrat, which includes a very broad spectrum of views and policies. He says his skill is as a pragmatist, someone committed to getting things done. In government the critical qualities for success include commitment, open-mindedness, transparency, analysis, and respect for other people; to hear other responsible views. These are the qualities that Andrew says he wants to bring to Concord.

New Hampshire is a wonderful state. Andrew says that his goal is to help make it even better. That would include economic development (so that we have a dynamic and diverse citizenry and a cutting-edge economy), environ-

mental protection, top-flight health care and education, and preservation of rights memorialized in the federal and state constitutions. One critical aspect of New Hampshire’s development is bringing high-speed Internet and great cell service to our rural areas. We’re well on our way to doing that in Harrisville (not quite done!), and that work must continue elsewhere.

I asked Andrew *why* he is running for state office. He said, “Social and personal responsibility means we should not simply pass burdens on to future generations.” As examples, he said, “Climate change will hurt our children far more than us. Eliminating sensible regulations benefit corporations but will often cause far more damage later on. Economic injustice doesn’t harm the one percent, but ultimately all of society, especially the working and middle classes will suffer from the splintering that injustice causes.

We can sometimes get by on neglected roads, bridges, etc., but major work put off now is far more expensive later. Many more examples exist. We must build on the courage that ‘social and personal responsibility’ requires.”

Andrew believes that, as a country, we are also struggling with principles of civility, honesty, integrity, and bipartisanship. He thinks we can and must do better. While he notes that we will always have political disagreements—differing views are what bring about progress—that does not mean that we should be deriding each other or dividing ourselves into feuding, antagonistic factions. In New Hampshire, working together is how progress happens. Andrew felt, as a select board member, that he really did “represent everyone” in town. This is an essential skill and one that Andrew says he intends to bring to the NH State House of Representatives.

*Laurie Katz*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**The Battle of Harrisville Pond:** I appreciate Gordon bringing this much forgotten episode of our history to life. However, I heard a different story from old-timers back in 1975. They told me that Captain Twitchell lobbed zucchinis, not bricks, at the Quig. I believe that this provided the subconscious motivation for the Zucchini Festival.

*David Blair*



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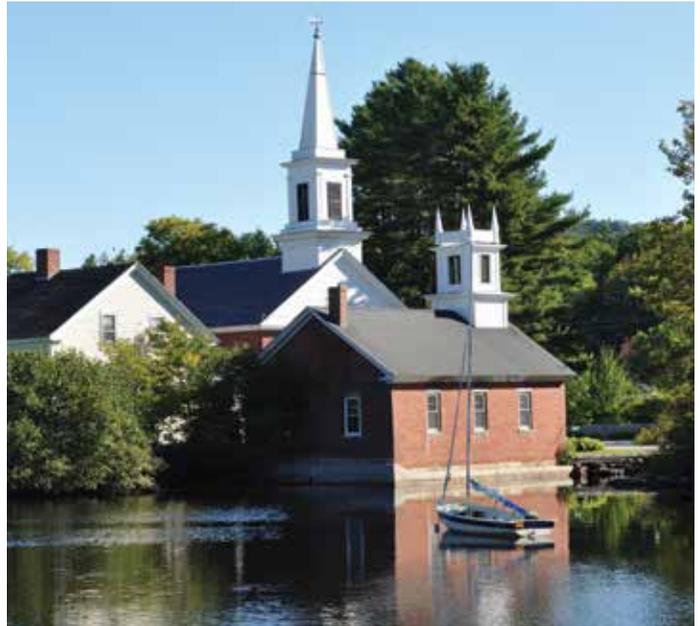
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2020 was a challenging year. COVID-19 hit our country and the world with a vengeance. While many of our usual activities came to a screeching halt, the one thing that did not stop was the need to support our community and make sure we were all looking out for one another. As such, a portion of funding this year went directly to support individuals and families most affected by the pandemic.

Please think about what you most appreciate in Harrisville

**Thanks to your generous donations, here is what we were able to help support from fall 2019 to spring 2020:**

- **The Community Church of Harrisville:** for local individuals and families affected by COVID-19
- **Harrisville Wells Memorial School:** support for kids to participate in the ski program and a contribution toward purchasing ukuleles for the music program
- **Loom Poetry in Harrisville:** for continuing conversations about poetry and invited guest poets, free to the public
- **Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund:** now rescheduled for July 3-5, 2021
- **Town of Harrisville Transportation Committee:** a contribution made for a feasibility study for a crosswalk near the general store
- **Voices of Xperience:** for a recording and archival project; interviews with several elder citizens about life in Harrisville



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## EVERY SATURDAY A STANDING VIGIL

Every Saturday, people from Harrisville, Dublin, Nelson, and Hancock participate in a Community Action Standing Vigil to mourn the losses of our larger community, to end systemic racism, and for equal rights for all.

We meet at 11:45 at the Dublin Community Church/Yankee Magazine parking lot, with our masks, and some come with signs. We spread out along Route 101 for an hour. At 12:50, the bells of the church are rung for 8 minutes, 46 seconds. We quietly depart at 1:00 p.m.

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*Kathy Scott, Harrisville Community Action Group*

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## Community Church News

These past few months have been months of dramatic change for our little church community. Our town, our country, our world have shown us how flexible and creative we can be and how much we love and value our community and each other. Each and every time we don our mask and go out in public, we show our love for one and other. Our community has been lucky so far, and it is our hope and prayer that we continue to take precautions to stay healthy and well.

In that vein, we suspended worship services in mid-March. Each week since, Pastor Traceymay has sent two emails updating our community and giving us inspiration. Each weekend she has given us scripture readings and a sermon, via email, video, and available on the church's Facebook page. Russell French has also been videotaped each week providing music. This has kept our little community in touch, inspired, and connected.

The last Sunday of June and July, CCHC held worship services outdoors. We gathered at 9:00 a.m. in the front of the church building. We brought our masks, our lawn chairs, our own communion.

We set our seats six feet apart, and Russell French provided music, although we did not sing. It was a blessing to see our community face-to-face and worship together once more. The church is planning to have other outdoor worship services on August 30 and September 27 at 9:00 a.m. There maybe more services added; please check the church's Facebook page or email [CommunityChurchNH@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityChurchNH@gmail.com)



We may have suspended regular worship service, but our efforts continue to support our community. We have been collecting donations for 100 Nights Shelter and Kitchen in Keene. There is a box at the side door off Island Street where you can place donations 24/7. Currently the shelter is requesting:

- Peanut Butter – 18 oz. plastic
- Saltines / Graham Crackers
- Canned Beef Stew
- Canned Pasta – Beefaroni, Ravioli
- Canned Soup – 12-20 oz. size
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Fruit Cups – 4-pack
- Granola Bars/Nutrition Bars
- Instant Flavored Rice or Noodles
- Instant Flavored Potatoes
- Tuna or Chicken or Pulled Pork – 10 oz. or smaller cans
- Instant Oatmeal individual packets
- Pudding Cups – 4-pack

Lastly, CCHC long ago established a Community Care Fund to support those in our community in times of need. This fund has been quietly and discretely administered for many years and has assisted many. We would like you to know that there are resources available should you find yourself in need. Please reach out to Pastor Traceymay Kalvaitis at 603-715-0990.

Stay safe, care for one another, spread love.

## The Value of Wetlands and Our Rain Garden

Wetlands are one of the most productive and useful parts of a healthy ecology. Bogs, swamps, and marshes are all wetlands that play many roles in keeping our environment healthy. Wetlands are areas that are underwater at least part of the time. Here are a few reasons why we should preserve and protect our wetlands.

Wetlands protect and improve water quality—they are biologically rich in plants, animals, and microbes that can effectively filter, remove, and break down the by-products of civilization. Like the kidneys in mammals, wetlands are nature's way of processing biological wastes, filtering sediments and some kinds of pollution to return clean, clear water back into streams and ponds.

Wetlands provide fish and wildlife habitats and support an amazing diversity of life. Many species live in or near wetlands. Migrating birds stop to rest and dine in wetlands along their path.

Wetlands store floodwaters by acting like a sponge to absorb and retain excessive stormwater run-off during rainy times, while they release water during dry times back into streams and lakes. These valuable functions are the result of the unique natural characteristics of wetlands.

Wetlands are characterized by the types of plants and soils found in and near them. Wetland plants have to be able to survive in both very wet and very dry conditions and are associated with certain types of soils. They may



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be dry at times during the year yet still be considered a wetland if they are underwater or wet at other times. Only a trained conservation scientist can accurately assess the presence of wetlands and delineate wetland boundaries.

The Harrisville Pond rain garden, now scheduled for construction in August, will be a form of man-made wetland that performs many of the same critical functions. The rain garden will gather water flows from the Prospect Street bridge and Blood Hill and store them to protect the pond from water-borne contaminants and sediments like winter road salt and sand, vehicle oil drips, and air pollution washed down in heavy rains. The rain garden will also provide physical protection for the boat ramp by redirecting damaging rain flows into safer and better ways.

The rain garden will also be an educational tool. Its displays will show a dozen ways homeowners can landscape to help retain and slow down stormwater flows. Over time, as more folks create clever ways to trap and slowly release the stormwater runoff, Harrisville can grow more resilient in the face of the increasingly heavy, longer-lasting rains that are being caused in our region by climate change.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has great information in its "Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management: Do-It-Yourself Stormwater



Solutions," available for download at <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/>, or just google "NH Soak Up the Rain."

Thanks for helping Mother Nature to continue to support us all!

*Harry Wolhandler, Harrisville Conservation Commission*

## The Mysterious Book Club

The Mysterious Book Club is the brainchild of Pegg Monahan. We started last year and have been meeting every third Thursday of the month ever since.

The mystery novel is a great genre: a murdered body (or more) and a protagonist to solve the murder.

It took a couple of months to hit our stride, and now our discussions flow easily and are always interesting and entertaining.

Through our discriminating story selections we travel the globe, getting acquainted with different cultures and geographies.

In July we traveled to South Africa by way of *A Beautiful Place to Die*, written by Malla Nunn. The story is set in a small town on the border between South Africa and Mozambique. The beauty of the South African landscape is deeply contrasted by the gritty circumstances of the new apartheid laws of the early 1950s.

In this first book of a series, we are introduced to

characters representing the oppressed and the oppressors, interacting in complicated relationships. The murdered body in this story is an Afrikaner police officer; and the protagonist, an Englishman who won't be getting on his hands and knees before those in power.

Through other riveting novels, we have traveled to Canada, England, France, Italy, Ireland, Scotland, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, landing in different eras and circumstances.

We take up new authors and revisit the familiar, reading *The Murder of Roger Akroyd*, by Dame Agatha Christie, and *The Moonstone*, by Wilkie Collins, considered to be the first detective novel.

Our discussions are fun and illuminating. New members are always welcome. We meet on Zoom, the third Thursday of every month. Contact Pegg at [pegg @ accelara.com](mailto:pegg@accelara.com) or me at [lamois @ icloud.com](mailto:lamois@icloud.com).

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## In Remembrance, Marina Powdermaker

In her last days, Marina Powdermaker kept a journal, writing about her daily experiences, about her hopes, about her dying. In the mornings, she would share it with us. Marina's wisdom, suffering, gentle celebration, total presence in the moment was a great lesson in these days. She longed for a graceful death and questioned what that might mean. Ultimately, she answered that it was total authenticity . . . just being her open-hearted self in every moment.

Marina had been planning to move to a home in New Mexico before her diagnosis with cancer. The illness made that move impossible. On the last day that she was able to write, Marina shared what she had found here in her Harrisville community:

Upon further reflection, the distance traveled [to New Mexico] was intended to bring me to a greater experience of what I imagined "tribe" and "community" and "human



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connection" to be. And that has been the greatest lesson, the deepest "ah-ha's" gathered from this journey. For me, for those fully in my life in a fully different way now, the travel is nought. It is a traverse inward that has made all the difference. Inward, rather than outward where I have—and others too, I believe, have—found the deepest distance traveled. We have gone nowhere when it comes to distance traveled—yet everywhere when it comes to space and depth and breadth traveled. I realize I am in a different place. As I look toward New Mexico and what I imagined to create through that move . . . I have it here. . . . It always was here. Yeah, the weather sucks. Yet, perhaps, as I look forward to a life I am likely not going to travel now, I can embrace how much had already arrived for me by stopping here [in Harrisville] for a more extended time.

*Kathy Bollerud and Jack Davis*

## Hilltop Kitchen at Aldworth

Aldworth Manor has been standing on a hilltop above Harrisville since the home was moved there in pieces by railcar and ox cart in 1908. Since that time, the buildings and grounds have been in private use. In June of 2019, the event venue Aldworth Manor officially opened to the public as a full-service restaurant on Monday and Thursday evenings with the opening of Hilltop Kitchen at Aldworth.

Hilltop Kitchen at Aldworth, the restaurant and catering business located at Aldworth Manor, is owned by business partners Shane Long and Erin Hammerstedt. The two first met in late 2016, when Erin interviewed for a job at Historic Harrisville and remembers thinking that she wanted to get to know Shane, feeling he would be a fun and inspiring person. About a year later, Shane invited Erin to come see the manor to help him with the monumental rehabilitation project. That meeting sparked a friendship that grew strong during the course of weekly "old chair nights" when the two would sit in beat-up old upholstered chairs on the patio of the unfinished manor and talk and dream over a drink or two. During this dreaming, they discussed the recommended demolition of the manor's 1960s concrete block dining hall. Both being fiscally minded preservationists, they decided it could be gutted and remodeled into a catering kitchen to serve the events held at the manor. They

also agreed that it would be fun to open a restaurant where the town's residents could get out and enjoy good food and drinks in the unique atmosphere of Aldworth Manor.

Shane and Erin are more than dreamers, however. They're doers. So they set to work to make the dream a reality. They found some cool old kitchen cabinets and swinging kitchen doors at an architectural salvage warehouse and designed the kitchen around them. Then the talented Aldworth construction team, led by Shane's dad, Roger Long, with the help of talented craftsmen including Les LaMois and Whit Shonk, built it. In the gutted out, wet old concrete block addition, a big, bright commercial kitchen was created.

Meanwhile, Shane and Erin focused their spare time on traveling to do "research," dining out with great frequency and taking notes about atmosphere, food, and drinks. The duo spent a weekend in Portsmouth studying craft cocktails, made several trips to Boston to eat at some fun underground social clubs and classic establishments, and even took a trip to Italy to learn firsthand about a fare that would feel well-suited to the mansion at Aldworth. Armed with lots of knowledge about what they did and didn't like, Shane and Erin then created a restaurant and bar with menus including foods and drinks that they themselves would want, using local and seasonal ingredients as the backbone of this menu. Shane provides the kitchen with eggs from the chickens he



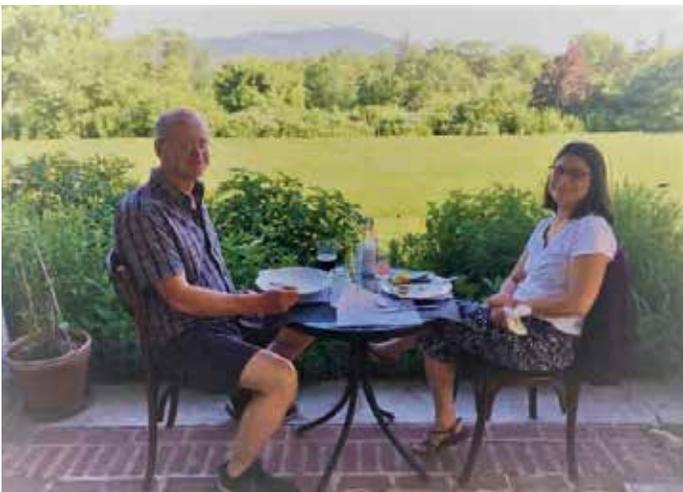


raises on site and maple syrup from the manor's 170 acres, and Erin and her kitchen crew make cocktail mixes for the bar, including specialty drinks for each season.

Although Hilltop Kitchen closed for three months due to COVID-19, the restaurant is now open again, providing an amazing opportunity for socially distanced outdoor dining. Currently open by reservation on Monday and Thursday evenings, Hilltop Kitchen serves dinner to approximately 120 to 150 guests each week, employing 14 people. Erin and Shane feel fortunate to have found talented cooks, including Laurie MacKeigan and Kelsea Brumaghim, who prepare delicious food that people enjoy. Shane and his lead bartender Shelby Malcolm shake up some fun cocktails, often

with names related to Aldworth's history, and a strong team of servers led by Madison Brumaghim deliver it all to their guests' tables. Erin and Shane do their best to keep pricing affordable and maintain a broad range of menu and price options so that locals can come regularly, and not just for special occasions.

If you have been to Hilltop Kitchen already, you can feel the renewed energy that exists at Aldworth Manor, which is now open to the public for the first time. If you haven't been there yet, you should go. Have a drink and a bite to eat on the hilltop while you enjoy the flowers and views of Mount Monadnock. Please call (603) 827-2854 for reservations.



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# Walk on the High Wild Side

Pack up your car with the kids for a day trip to VINS, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee, Vermont, for a unique educational experience designed by Harrisville's own Tom Weller of Weller & Michal Architects.

The Canopy Walk at VINS is an ADA barrier-free 400-foot boardwalk through the treetops some 45 feet in the air. Along the way the canopy walk has several special features. The Spider's Web, with overlooking Owl's Nest, is a 22-foot octagonal net suspended 45 feet in the air and strong enough to hold two elephants and more people. The life-size Eagle's Nest approximately 50 feet above the ground has two eagles with nest, created by a local Nelson artist, Wendy Klemperer, from welded recycled steel rebar. A Treehouse towers some 100 feet above the ground and rises above the treetops with a view of the Ottauquechee River and the distant hillside.

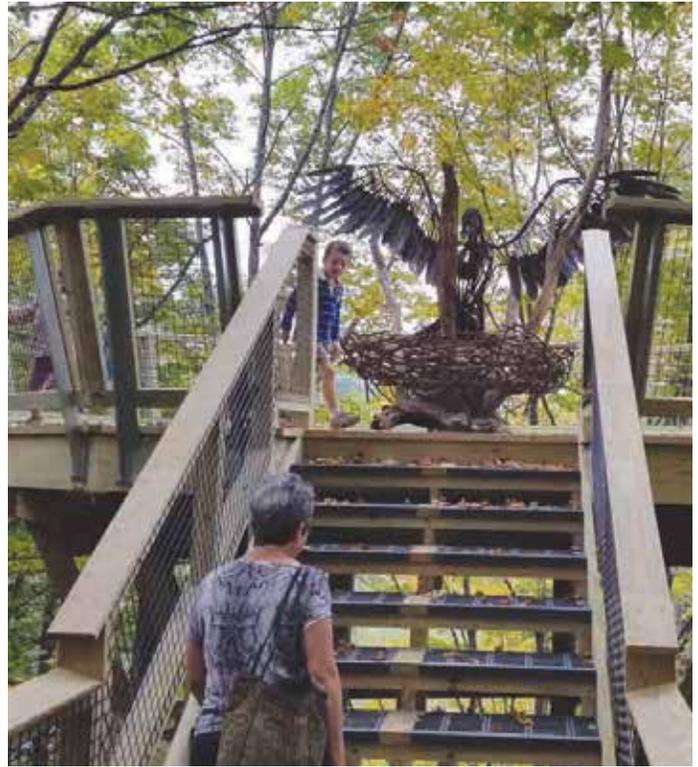
Tom has been working on this fanciful project for more than four years, drawing on his treehouse building experiences

as a kid, to create this magical multigenerational experience for all to enjoy. In his element climbing trees in the woods with his brother, Tom enjoyed observing the world from a bird's-eye perspective—the canopy walk shares that experience.

Visit the website at <https://vinsweb.org/> for directions, hours of operation, and the daily educational programs for the entire family.

The Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) is a nonprofit, member-supported, environmental education, research, and avian rehabilitation organization headquartered at the VINS Nature Center in Quechee, Vermont. Open year-round, the 47-acre campus features state-of-the-art raptor enclosures, exhibit spaces, classrooms, and interpretive nature trails, including our new Forest Canopy Walk. VINS places a priority on bringing high-quality, compelling, and engaging education programs to people at the Nature Center, in the community, and in schools throughout the region.

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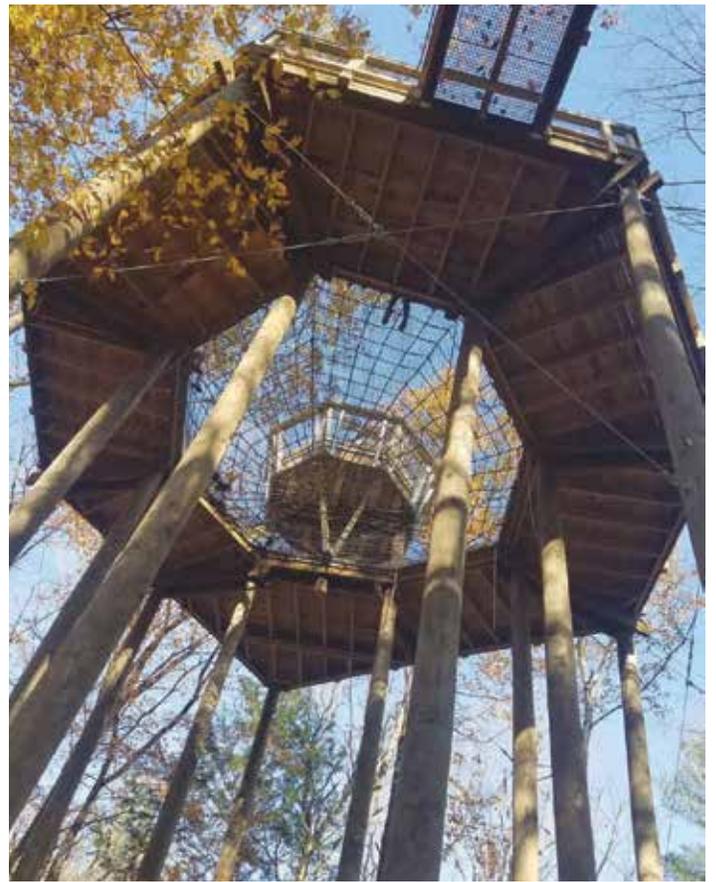
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## Responses from Kids About COVID-19

Remote learning went well for me. I was able to work on assignments in the morning and then I could play the rest of the day. I also liked getting more time with my family.

This summer I've been swimming and kayaking most of the time.

I miss the teachers and all of my friends. I'm hoping to see them in the fall.

*Sylvia*



## Harrisville Says a Fond Farewell to Postmaster Tom Wood

Harrisville residents gathered outside the post office May 29 at 5 p.m. to celebrate Postmaster Tom Wood's last day and retirement. The group, wearing masks and socially distancing themselves, cheered and gave Tom a round of applause.

Tom's fans also gave him cards and gifts. Local children—Isla, Avery, Arden, Ryker, Roman, Wesley, and

Camilla—presented their drawings to him, and a number of four-legged fans wagged their tails, certain the gathering would result in the usual dog biscuit, which they have come to expect during each post office visit. (It did.)

Mary Armstrong shared a song about Tom that she wrote as a tribute to the Harrisville postmaster—"Big Tom, P.O. Tom"—which was sung to the tune of Jimmy Dean's



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**“Big Bad John.”** Here are the last three stanzas:

*He never complained if you forgot your box key  
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If you had a question, he always had time  
And if problems occurred, he'd fix 'em up fine—our Big  
Tom—[clap, clap]  
Big Tom—P.O. Tom—[clap, clap]—Big Tom*

*If you had not a clue as to what was the day  
Just get to the P.O. and check the display  
From ceilings to floor and of course the front door  
An array of decor; can't ask for much more—our Big  
Tom—[clap, clap]  
Big Tom—P.O. Tom—[clap, clap]—Big Tom*

*We say thanks to our Tom—yes, our big P.O. Tom  
You've been great for our town; yes, you are the bomb  
Social distancing makes it hard to say bye  
We'll stay strong with Becky and try not to cry—for Big  
Tom—[clap, clap]  
Big Tom—P.O. Tom—[clap, clap]—Big Tom*

Becky Tedford is acting postmaster until Tom's position is officially filled. Tom reports that since retirement he has been fishing, playing golf, riding his Harleys, repairing floor joists in his barn, and enjoying an occasional afternoon nap.

“I miss the schedule, the responsibility, and the people (A LOT!!!),” Tom says.

We miss you too, Tom!

*Michelle Aldredge*



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# TOWN OF HARRISVILLE NEWS

## Electric Aggregation Committee Community Update

As noted in the last issue, the purpose of this committee is to identify what benefits to Harrisville residents, businesses, and the municipal entity can be realized through a community power plan. We will utilize the Community Conversation format to present and discuss our findings with you in order to shape a community power plan proposal for Town Meeting March 2021. The first meeting is set for September 21, 6:30-8 p.m. Bear with us as we navigate the logistical challenges to adhere to safe social gatherings in these extraordinary times (see Save the Date box, elsewhere).

Meanwhile, here's an update on what we are learning:

**Purchase power.** The first and most obvious benefit is the potential to strike a contract for residents, businesses, and the municipal entity that offers electricity rates more attractive than what we pay as single-household or small-business consumers. Have you felt or experienced the limitations of choosing an attractive rate plan for your home or business? Notice a bunch of fees?

A few facts about rates caught our attention. Roughly 90 percent of big business rate payers use third-party electricity suppliers and not the standard utility. But less than 30 percent of residential payers use a third-party supplier in New Hampshire. Large entity users are able to leverage their purchase power to secure rates in the low-6 cents per kWh. By contrast, single household offerings are typically take-it-or-leave-it plans, with the current Eversource default rate at 8.3 cents/kWh. It's hardly equal.

Take a look at your electricity bill to see how your kWh rate compares to the Eversource rate.

As a community buyer, we would expect to position ourselves to access more attractive bulk rates, smooth out price volatility, and clear up predatory contract practices. This is one area the committee is investigating. What services and what cost can third-party suppliers offer us? Who are those brokers? We have spoken to three of them. What's the best approach to get there? Any plan must include an opt-out option for anyone who does not want to participate.

**Renewable energy sources.** Another benefit is the pathway to reducing reliance on fossil fuels, which is proving costly and environmentally destructive. Renewable energy is clean energy produced by solar, wind, and hydro energy.

Several towns and cities in the state are in process or have committed to a vision of 100 percent renewable energy by 2030, e.g., Keene and Peterborough. Specifying a certain mix of renewable energy sources in the power supply is one way to "go green" and assert a demand for cleaner, sustainable electricity. This is another area the committee is investigating—what is possible and how to secure local, renewable energy. And at what cost? One of the attractions of renewable energy is that it may be cheaper in the long run.

**Reserve fund.** Above and beyond good contracts, predictable rates, and renewable energy sources, there is the potential to build a community reserve to fund energy-related improvements and opportunities. We are becoming aware of a range of different and creative reserve programs that have been set up to develop local contractor installation and servicing capacity, investments in local power generation, and electric meters that will save money for residents and businesses. We are collecting information about what other towns have accomplished, which we will also discuss with you in September.

Check out Community Power New Hampshire (CPNH). CPNH is the municipality-run entity we described in the last issue. CPNH has been an invaluable resource to our work. It's worth noting that their website is loaded with information about community power—what it is, what's possible, and what's at stake, along with the legislation passed last year that makes this all possible. Go online to take a look: [www.CommunityPowerNH.org](http://www.CommunityPowerNH.org)

On behalf of the committee,

*Andrea Hodson and Ned Hulbert*

### SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

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## Blending Solar into Our Historic Landscape

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Protecting this architectural history is in the domain of New Hampshire's Historic District commissions. There are currently 56 local Historic Districts in New Hampshire, each with a governing commission comprising volunteers who serve to offer technical assistance to property owners. It is the task of these commissions to preserve the landscape and the historic character and quality of the properties in their care.

Naturally, protecting the historical nature of an area often comes in conflict with contemporary lifestyles and needs. Established Historic Districts are currently being challenged to respond to this new era of green technology. Insulated windows, spray foam insulation, mechanical ventilation, and now solar modules are some of the issues historic districts have had to grapple with recently.

Solar is now in the lexicon of our local landscape. We have seen its emergence here in the Monadnock region with rooftop and ground-mounted modules for electrical energy production via photovoltaics (PVs). To a lesser extent, we have seen solar hot water (SHW) with its larger and bulkier rooftop collectors find a place as well. Keene's Historic District Commission recently permitted a rooftop PV solar array on the Methodist church on Court Street.

But can solar systems fit into historic properties? Do they belong there? Will they weave into the architectural fabric of our own Harrisville village? I believe that the answer is (often) YES! Done correctly, solar installations can be carefully integrated into our sensitive historic areas. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Department of the Interior gives us some guidance. Generally, solar panels should not be installed on a principal facade of a building that faces a public right-of-way. Preferably, solar panels should be installed on an area that is least visible to the public, such as on a new addition on the property, like a garage. Perhaps a ground-mounted installation could be partially concealed in a backyard. Solar panels and mounting systems that match the roof's color scheme and have a lower profile are encouraged. The industry itself has responded to the increased demand and is slowly making more unobtrusive designs available. It is

possible for solar panels to be installed so they are the least obtrusive while still efficiently collecting solar radiation.

Having had a part in founding one of the first solar installation companies in the region (Solar Source), I saw our home, business, and industrial customers very happy with their solar energy investment. Having an electrical power plant or hot-water production apparatus on their own roof spoke strongly to their sense of monetary independence and self-reliance. It also fostered a deeper sense of environmental stewardship. They became a valuable team partner in the reduction of fossil fuels while reducing the critical carbon footprint of our planet.

As the cost for solar PV has become considerably more affordable in recent years, property owners in these historic areas want to capitalize on the monetary as well as the environmental benefits. Preservationists by nature, they seek to not only preserve their homes and properties, but they also want to play their part in preserving our environment.

I have always found these words to be the most instructive: "A historic district is not the same as an outdoor museum. It is not frozen in time, nor is its purpose to bring everything back to a particular time period. The purpose of a historic district is to ensure that new construction and significant renovation are respectful of existing character." *New Hampshire Preservation Alliance Handbook*

Indeed, I believe that the addition of solar panels, if done correctly, can be respectful of the existing character. Ultimately, it comes down to how well a local historic commission knows the emotional pulse of its own community and is mindful of the most effective ways to serve it.

Harrisville recently passed a Solar Ordinance, however our Historic District Commission (HDC) has no specific regulations for the installation of solar panels. Therefore new regulations will need to be drafted and presented at an HDC public hearing at the town hall for approval. A draft sample of the new solar regulations will be presented on the town's website for preliminary review in the coming fall months. Please weigh in with your thoughts or concerns via email or letter to our town hall for consideration. Thank you.

*Doug Walker*

*Doug Walker is a board member of the Monadnock Sustainability Hub and the Harrisville Historic District Commission.*



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## News from the Town Clerk's Office

It is hard to believe that we are beginning our sixth month of special considerations to protect the health and well-being of our neighbors. I sincerely want to thank you all for your cooperation and understanding of the protections put in place. It is a little more work for me and a little more work for you too, but the benefits far outweigh the inconvenience. I am sure you will agree.

There is so very much to address from the clerk's office this month. I hope you will read it all and read it carefully.



### UPCOMING ELECTIONS

We have two elections this fall

- **State Primary Election**, Tuesday, September 8, 8 a.m.–7 p.m. in the Town Office
- **State/Presidential Election**, Tuesday, November 3, 8 a.m.–7 p.m. place TBD

Many are concerned about the risk of being exposed to COVID-19 when voting. The state will be providing personal protective equipment for the poll workers as well as for the general public. You will also have the option of voting via absentee ballot. On the most recent absentee ballot applications, there is a new box:

- **I am unable to vote in person due to concern for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).**

If you are not currently registered to vote in Harrisville, you can use this same form to request to register to vote and to vote absentee.

You can call 827-5546, extension 2, or email the town clerk's office to have an absentee ballot application sent to you, or you can find one online. Applications may be mailed, emailed, or dropped off at the town clerk's office.

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You can follow up on your absentee ballot requests and see the status at <http://sos.nh.gov/VoteInforLook.aspx>

Absentee ballots will be mailed out to those who submit a qualifying absentee ballot application as soon as we receive the ballots from the state. **The actual ballots MUST be return via the US Post Office or handed directly to a clerk's office employee**—Cathy Lovas, Amy

Roberts, or Neil Sandford. **Absentee ballots CANNOT be left in the town office with any other personnel, nor slid through the door or window.** This will cause the ballot to be invalid and will not be counted. Ballots are accepted up until 5 p.m. the Monday before the election.

The town clerk's office will be open Saturday, September 5, 8–11 a.m., and Monday, September 7, between 3 and 5 p.m. to accept delivery of absentee ballots.

**ELECTION DAY**, Tuesday, September 8, 8 a.m.–7 p.m. at the Town Office, 705 Chesham Road.

If you choose to vote in person on September 8, we will do our best to accommodate you as quickly as possible. There will be a limit as to how many people will be allowed into the building at any one time, so please expect that there may be a line that will be outdoors. We will be asking you to wear masks; if you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. This is not only for your safety but also for the safety of the folks working at the poll. We really appreciate your help as we navigate these new procedures.

The town clerk's office has been closed to the public since March. You have been extremely cooperative in the months that followed with our new processes in place. I joke that I think everyone spent their stimulus checks on motorcycles, boats, campers, and cars because we have been busier than ever! Beginning August 1 we are slowly opening up our office to the public. In the past, we had early morning hours and evening hours as well as one Saturday a month; however, the DMV help desk is still on modified hours and we will be open only hours corresponding with theirs. We ask you to wear a mask and to bring along your own pen to use. We will also limit how many people may be present in the lobby area to four persons.

#### Our temporary new hours are:

\*\*Tuesday 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(Notary not available August 26, September 2)

\*\*Thursday 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

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tions needed from the town clerk. Wednesdays and the first Saturday of the month, the clerk's office will be open for all transactions (elections, birth certificates, notary services, dog licensing) with the exception of any DMV business.

We ask that **ALL** registration renewals be processed through the mail **ONLY**. You will receive renewal reminders through the mail the month before your renewal. Should you wish to renew earlier (you are able to renew up to four months in advance), please call for a quote.

The town clerk's office will be **CLOSED** Tuesday, September 8, during the State Primary Elections.

Lastly, and most important, I would like to welcome Amy Roberts to the clerk's office. Amy will serve as my Deputy Clerk. She is already trained for elections and will be up to speed shortly, we hope, in titling and registering boats and cars. Many of you already may know Neil Sandford as the Deputy Tax Collector, but he has served for many years as an Assistant Clerk, providing backup when need during illness and vacations.

We all wish you good health; stay safe, wear a mask, and wash your hands!

*Cathy Lovas*

## Select Board Community Update

**Broadband.** As you may recall, the town was awarded the Broadband Infrastructure Bond end-July. After receiving the funds, we made the first-installment payment to Consolidated Communications. (Recall, we awarded the project earlier in the year.) This first payment effectively activates Consolidated to start installation of the fiber optic cables throughout town, which will bring high-speed Internet connection to every household and business that elects to opt in. Keep abreast of progress at the town's website (2020 Warrant Article 3).

**Gravel Pit.** We applaud the Gravel Pit Committee for its approach and results, fulfilling the town's mandate to study the uses and conditions of use of the new gravel pit parcel, end-June. The committee's recommendations were so well considered that the board accepted the report and all its recommendations. The report can be viewed at the town's website. Thank you, Ryan Stone, Chair, and members Max Boyd, Michael Davidson, Scott Neary, and Wes Tar (2020 Warrant Article 5).

**Highway Department.** The 2020 road rebuild project continues up Willard Hill and along Mason Road (Warrant Article #8).

**Fire Department Fire Permits.** As you know, anyone who wishes to burn clean, ordinary combustibles such as leaves, woody debris, untreated wood, and dimension lumber or have a camp or cooking fire **MUST** have a fire permit. And written permission from landowner as may be applicable. Contact Wayne Derosia at the Fire Department or one of our Forest Fire Wardens to secure a permit. It is now possible to review burn

permitting guidelines and to purchase open burning permits online—visit the NH Division of Forests and Lands ([www.nh.gov/nhdfl](http://www.nh.gov/nhdfl)).

See updates from the **Electric Aggregation Committee** in this issue, page 16. And, from the **Town Clerk's office** about the September and November primaries, page 18.

As we roll into the end of the summer and early-fall seasons, these **reminders**: to hikers and cyclists on the roads at night to wear **reflective clothing**. Drivers, be alert to **speed limits**. Be especially **mindful where you park**—at the boat ramps, at the store and post office, and on the roads. Do not block others. **Lake Host teams**, classified essential service, will be at the boat ramps to check for invasive species. And, finally, at the beach, on the trails, and around and about town, please continue to **help each other stay healthy and survive**.

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# Library News

Good news! We are moving into our next phase of “re-opening.” Please keep in mind that due to the nature of the pandemic, we may go back and forth a bit, depending on the risk level in our community/area as well as compliance by patrons in adhering to the following protocols.

## Beginning on Tuesday, July 21:

- The library will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 until 6 p.m. Anyone interested in coming in must make an appointment first by calling the library, 603-827-2918, or emailing the director at sweaver@harrisville.lib.nh.us
- Only one person or family/household group, up to five people in all, will be allowed in at a time, and visits will be limited to 20 minutes. Please arrive promptly and leave after your 20 minutes is up in order for surfaces to be wiped down before the next party arrives.
- All people entering the library must wear a face covering. Please put it on before entering the building.
- When you first come in, there is a hand sanitizer dispenser mounted on the wall. Please sanitize your hands before coming into the main room.
- The bathroom is closed to the public at this time.
- Any items that you touch/handle but don’t take out need to be placed in the “quarantine bin” that is located in the center of the room. Items will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the shelf.
- Computer usage must be arranged in advance. The librarian will not be able to assist patrons at the computer or printer/copier, and you must also bring your own office supplies: staplers, pens, tape, etc.
- Curbside pickup of library materials will continue and will be available Monday through Thursday afternoons and Sat-

**Mystery Book Group** is the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This is now being done virtually. See p. 9.

**Museum Passes:** At the time of this writing some museums have closed, but VINS has recently opened. Please check the websites of each museum to see details. Many are offering virtual programs.

urday mornings.

- Returned items should be put through the Book Return slot in the front door. (All returned materials are quarantined for three days before going back on the shelf.)
- Although we will be taking every precaution possible, we cannot guarantee that library material is free of the COVID-19 virus.

## This is how curbside service works:

Books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines may be checked out. The OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) is here:

[opac.libraryworld.com/opac/signin.php](http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/signin.php)

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- When you see an item in the catalog that you would like, you can request it directly from the catalog, or you can call or email the library to reserve it and have it checked out to you. If you need training in how to use the OPAC, please call and we can walk you through the process.
- Curbside pickup: materials will be placed in the pickup bin in a bag marked with the patron’s name.
- Returned materials should be placed in the book slot in the door, as usual, and will be quarantined for 72 hours, then covers wiped with disinfectant before being checked out again.
- Patrons can email materials to the library to be printed, and staff will leave them in the bin, just like any other curbside pickup.

## NON-FICTION

*Winterlust: Finding Beauty in the Fiercest Season* by Bernd Brunner

*The Battle of Arnhem: The Deadliest Airborne Operation of World War II*

by Antony Beevor

*Pandemic: Tracing Contagions, from Cholera to Ebola and Beyond* by Sonia Shah

*White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*

by Robin Diangelo

*The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance*

by Laurie Garrett

*How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi

*The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History* by John M. Barry

*The Next Great Migration: The Beauty and Terror of Life on the Move* by Sonia Shah

*Why Fish Don’t Exist: A Story of Loss,*

*Love, and the Hidden Order of Life*

by Lulu Miller

*Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our*

*Worlds, Change Our Minds, and Shape Our*

*Futures* by Merlin Sheldrake

*For All Who Hunger: Searching for*

*Communion in a Shattered World*

by Emily M. D. Scott

*The Museum of Whales You Will Never See:*

*And Other Excursions to Iceland’s Most*

*Unusual Museums* by A. Kendra Greene

*Falastin (a cookbook)* by Sami Tamimi, Tar

Wigley and Yotam Ottolenghi

*Say I’m Dead: A Family Memoir of Race,*

*Secrets, and Love* by E. Dolores Johnson

*Surviving Autocracy* by Masha Gessen

*The Language of Butterflies: How Thieves,*

*Hoarders, Scientists, and Other Obsessives*

*Unlocked the Secrets of the World’s Favor-*

*ite Insect* by Wendy Williams

*Pelosi* by Molly Ball

*What You Need to Know About Voting and*

*Why* by Kim Wehle

*Galileo and the Science Deniers*

by Mario Livio

*Hell and Other Destinations*

by Madeleine Albright

## FICTION

*The Bone Fire* by S. D. Sykes

*Simon the Fiddler* by Paulette Jiles

*The Big Finish* by Brooke Fossey

*The Engineer’s Wife (based on the true*

*story of the woman who built the Brooklyn*

*Bridge)* by Tracey Enerson Wood

*The Ancestor* by Danielle Trussoni

*The Love Story of Missy Carmichael*

by Beth Morry

*The German Heiress* by Anika Scott

*Camino Winds* by John Grisham

*Fair Warning* by Michael Connelly  
*All Adults Here* by Emma Straub  
*Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel*  
 by Ruth Hogan  
*The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd  
*Redhead by the Side of the Road*  
 by Anne Tyler  
*Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez  
*Three Hours in Paris* by Cara Black  
*The End of October* by Lawrence Wright  
*The Other Bennet Sister*  
 by Janice Hadlow  
*Love, Death & Rare Books*  
 by Robert Hellenga  
*A Thousand Moons* by Sebastian Barry  
*Code Name Helene* by Ariel Lawhon  
*Old Lovegood Girls* by Gail Godwin  
*Exile Music* by Jennifer Steil  
*Catherine House* by Elisabeth Thomas  
*The Goodbye Man* by Jeffrey Deaver  
*August* by Callan Wink  
*The Book of Lost Friends*  
 by Lisa Wingate  
*Masked Prey* by John Sandford  
*The Last Trial* by Scott Turow  
*The Sight of You* by Holly Miller  
*The Shooting at Chateau Rock*  
 by Martin Walker  
*Sorry for Your Trouble* by Richard Ford  
*The Book of Second Chances*  
 by Katherine Slee  
*The Paladin* by David Ignatius  
*How the Penguins Saved Veronica*  
 by Hazel Prior  
*The View from Here*  
 by Hannah McKinnon  
*The Jane Austin Society* by Natalie Jenner  
*The Clutter Corpse* by Simon Brett  
*Blue Ticket* by Sophie Mackintosh  
*Dark August* by Katie Tallo  
*The Finders* by Jeffrey B. Burton  
*The Dilemma* by B. A. Paris  
*Barcelona Days* by Daniel Riley  
*The Distant Dead* by Heather Young  
*Women Talking* by Miriam Toews

## DVDs

*The Windermere Children*  
*Seed: The Untold Story*

## CDs

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## News from the Health Officer



### When I Wear a Mask . . .

When I wear a mask in public, or decline an invitation to a party or to come inside, I want you to know that:

- I am educated enough to know that I could be asymptomatic and still give you the virus.
- No, I don't "live in fear" of the virus; I just want to be part of the solution, not the problem.
- I don't feel like the "government is controlling me"; I feel like I'm being a contributing adult to society and I want to teach others the same.
- The world doesn't revolve around me. It's not all about me and my comfort.
- If we all could live with other people's considerations in mind, this whole world would be a much better place.
- Wearing a mask doesn't make me weak, scared, stupid, or even "controlled." It makes me considerate.

When you think about how you look, how uncomfortable it is, or what others think of you, just imagine someone close to you—a child, a father, a mother, grandparent, aunt, or uncle—choking on a respirator, alone without you or any family member allowed at his/her bedside.

Ask yourself if you could have sucked it up. Was it worth the risk?

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*David Belknap, Health Officer*

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## From the Director... Closing and Reopening During a Global Pandemic

On March 19, 2020, the Harrisville Children's Center closed its doors temporarily due to COVID-19. A little over three months later on June 22, 2020, we reopened for our summer program. I'd like to share with you a little bit of our closing/reopening experience.

I will start by saying that never in my life have I had to make so many important decisions in such a short period of time. Because New Hampshire child care centers are considered essential businesses and could stay open, I had to decide if HCC actually *should* stay open. With so little known about this novel virus and with a plethora of different opinions on the best way to move forward—I struggled. On the one hand, I knew that some of our families still needed child care so they could work. On the other hand, I did not know if I could ensure families and staff that we would all be safe and healthy at HCC during what ended up being a global pandemic. I opted to close the center. I honestly believed when we closed on March 19 that we would be open again in early April . . . then early May . . . then late May. Finally the board of directors and I decided that we should stay closed until the start of our optional summer program, which began June 22.

Our primary reason to stay closed for three months was to prepare ourselves for our new "normal" (more on that later). However, it was also important to evaluate the need for child care. Surveys were sent out regularly to our families during March, April, and May and results showed that during the NH Stay at Home Order, most families opted to keep their children home, even if HCC re-opened. There were a variety of reasons: parents out of work; home with school-aged children; not comfortable with group care at this time. Our enrollment numbers would have been as few as three children and as many as ten children daily (typical enrollment is 42 children daily) and from both a financial and health standpoint, it made more sense to remain closed.

There was a silver lining to our three-month closure:

With no children or teachers here (just me!) a lot of work that there was never time for or that couldn't be done with children present finally got done. Every inch of the center was scrubbed, closets and cabinets cleaned and organized, windows washed, landscaping done, painting projects completed, repairs made, walls replastered, and so much more. I don't think that HCC has ever looked better!

During our closure, the board of directors and I regularly discussed what needed to be done to ensure that once HCC did reopen, we could offer a safe and healthy place for the children and staff. I followed the news, attended webinars, and got advice from directors of child care centers that had remained open or that had reopened earlier than HCC. Guidelines from the CDC and NH Stay at Home 2.0 for Child Care Centers were basically memorized. Lots of changes—big and small—needed to be made, including, but not limited to:

1. Class sizes were lowered.
2. Protocols were put into place to ensure that the children in each of our four classes stayed with just their classmates and two teachers—no mixing of groups.
3. Playgrounds were divided so that two classes could use them at the same time while still maintaining six-foot social distance from the other class.
4. Because studies show that the virus is less likely to spread outdoors, we made adjustments to the playgrounds so the children could stay outside for longer periods of time, including the installation of umbrellas and canopies for shade and outside hand-washing stations.
5. In addition to our regular nightly cleaning, all teachers were trained on how to properly wash, sanitize, and disinfect materials used by children.
6. A new *Family Handbook—Pandemic Edition* was developed to explain to families what their children's days would look like, as well as to describe all the health and safety protocols put into place due to the pandemic.



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*Getting back to a new normal. Kids happy to be back with friends and familiar faces.*

On June 22 we welcomed back 19 children to the first day of our summer program. All the stress, preparation, and anticipation paid off when we were once again surrounded by our favorite people! To the children, except for teachers and parents in masks, daily temperature checks, and some structural changes—everything was the same. They still had friends to play with, fun activities to do throughout the day, and teachers to love them.

This story doesn't end here. No one really knows when it will end. And the plot will continue to change as time passes. We have already tweaked some of our new policies and protocols and realize more revisions will be made as we approach the colder months and as more is learned about this virus. We have a new "normal" and in order for us to be together and to do what we do best, which is to provide quality early care and education to Monadnock's youngest, we will carry on and do what needs to be done to stay healthy, safe, and happy.

*Linda MacGillvery, Director*



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Not much happening; read a good book**

### AUGUST

Tuesdays and Thursdays, the library is open by appointment only. Call Susan Weaver, 827-2918, to reserve a time: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- 20 Mystery Book club via Zoom.  
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- 30 Outdoor Worship Service, CCHC, 9 a.m.

### SEPTEMBER

- 8 State Primary Election, Harrisville Town Offices, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. See p. 18.
- 17 Mystery Book club via Zoom.  
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- 21 Electric Aggregation Opportunity Community Conversation, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. See p. 16.
- 27 Outdoor Worship Service, CCHC, 9 a.m.

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