

# Canterbury Community Newsletter

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## Please join in one of Canterbury's great traditions: our Memorial Day observance

Our Canterbury Memorial Day Service will be held in the Center on Monday, May 27. The parade starts at 10 am.

Let us gather together to remember and recognize America's veterans who died while serving in the United States armed forces. This year we will honor the fallen with our traditional parade and service in the gazebo, with the addition of some new traditions.

The featured speaker this year will be Beth Blair, who will highlight the contributions of women of the American Red Cross who served during World War II.

If you are interested in participating in the ceremony or parade, please contact Mark Stevens or Rachel Baker. Veterans in or out of uniform are especially welcome.

The parade will form up at the elementary school at 9:45am, if you would like to join us. In the event of inclement weather the service will be moved indoors.

~ Rachel Baker



## Recognize this scene? It's Sherwood Forest!

This beautiful drone photo, shared by Joanna Michno, features the two old Shaker ponds that form the heart of the Sherwood Forest neighborhood that's hidden away north of the Shaker Village. The president of the Sherwood Forest homeowners' association, Jonas Sanborn, tells the story of this community within the community on *Page 4*.



## Congratulations to Canterbury's police chief!

The swearing-in ceremony of Canterbury Police Chief Justin Crotty took place at the April 1 selectboard meeting. Chief Crotty is a familiar presence in town as he has been a valued member of our police force since 2018!

We are proud to have him promoted after the retirement of Chief Lebreque. Pictured with Chief Crotty are (from left to right) selectboard members Beth Blair, Kent Ruesswick and Scott Doherty.

## ~ It's a Busy, Exciting Month! ~

**Wednesday, May 1:** Annual plant swap, town center. *Page 9*.

**Saturday, May 4:** Explore the trails of Deepwood Forest! *Page 9*.

**Tuesday, May 14:** Master Plan hearing on Land Use and Housing. Town Hall. *Page 5*.

**Thursday, May 16:** History of the Canterbury Country Store with Mark Stevens. Store reception follows! Town Hall. *Page 10*.

**Saturday, May 18:** Garden Club, Parish House. *Page 6*.

**Tuesday, May 21:** Special Story Time with Belmont High senior Cate McDonald. Elkins Library. *Page 10*.

**Tuesday, May 21:** Belmont Middle School PTO Community Night. *Page 7*.

**Wednesday, May 22:** Spring Polished Silver senior luncheon. Parish House. *Page 6*.

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# How Will You Bring in May This Year?

How will you bring in May this year? I have happy memories of rolling up construction paper cones and attaching string handles with way too much tape. Then on the first of May we'd fill them with early spring flowers, and oh-so-sneakily hang them on our neighbors' door knobs, ring their doorbells and run away. It's one of many ancient customs to celebrate the tipping of the planet and the return of abundance. This year at CUCC we're in the season of Eastertide through most of May, celebrating and considering what Jesus's resurrection means for how we moderns (and post-moderns) live. How do we Easter?



*Pastor Becky*

When we affirm life and deny the power of death, we are Eastering. Megan McKenna, a profound Catholic theologian and storyteller, writes that, when we bring hope to trouble, when we listen to others with curiosity and affirm them and their lives, we are Eastering. We bring life out of death when we forgive others and offer them dignity and the possibility of a new relationship with us and others in the community. We reject the forces of hate and death every time we speak the truth in public, every time we confront injustice and every time we let joy blossom, even in a paper Mayday basket, in our life together.

~ In Peace, Becky

## All are welcome!

**Breakfast Church:** Sunday, April 28, 10 am, in the Parish House, located behind the Country Store in the Center. Potluck! Bring some food or drink to share!

### ONGOING:

**Worship**, every Sunday, 10 to 11 am in the church, followed by open fellowship upstairs in the Parish House at about 11:10. Children's Church Sundays begin at 9:45 am in the Parish House.

**Stillness in the Center**, every Wednesday, 7 to 8 pm in the church. Candlelight and quiet, meditation and contemplative prayer. Come for 10 minutes or an hour, as you wish!

## Students, apply for your Canterbury Fund scholarship before May 31!

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**The student application deadline is May 31.** No exceptions. The applicants will be required to introduce themselves at an informal meeting in June.

To request an application, please contact Jessie Tichko via email: [tshot04@gmail.com](mailto:tshot04@gmail.com).

## The Canterbury Newsletter needs your help

### Please consider a donation!

The costs of bringing you the Canterbury Newsletter increased substantially last year, largely because of a 24% increase in our mailing costs. Printing costs increased too — but that's because we're getting more and more content for the newsletter, which we welcome.

The newsletter is supported by a combination of donations from readers and advertising. If you give in one way or another already, thank you so much!

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**The newsletter is the work of three volunteers:** Mark and Brenda Travis, the co-editors, and the awesome **Samantha Murch**, who pitched in immediately after moving to town and serves as our advertising manager. The newsletter is sponsored as a community service by the Canterbury United Community Church — but we strive to bring it to you without becoming a financial burden to the church.

### Help us with our new website!

With the help of the awesome **Kal McKay**, who built our website, the newsletter is now available anytime online at [canterburynewsletter.org](http://canterburynewsletter.org). Now all we need is a volunteer to manage the website! If you live in town, have some web or blogging experience, and are interested, please let us know by emailing [newslettercanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:newslettercanterbury@gmail.com)!

# Meet the Neighbors!

## Sherwood Forest's long history is centered around two ponds created by the Shakers

**Who are we and where are we?** We are a small community nestled in Canterbury, north of the Shaker Village, right on the Northfield line. We have just under 3 miles of road and over 200 properties that wrap around New Pond (formerly Stump Pond) and Lyford Pond. We have a volunteer board of directors much like a selectmen's board and have multiple meetings with the residents throughout the year to discuss plans.

**When was it established?** We were established as an entity (nowadays considered a Homeowners Association or HOA) in the 1960s to take ownership of the roads and beaches and to maintain them as necessary. It began as an area to build seasonal properties but now it's home to many families.

**How did we come to be?** The Sherwood Forest Shores

Association exists because of the two ponds, which were formed by the Shaker Village. Lyford Pond Dam was built in the late 1800s in order to have a water reserve for the hydraulic system in the village. Due to its "overwhelming success" collecting water, Stump Pond Dam was built to allow an overflow of Lyford. Fast forward half a century and several land divisions, the property around the ponds was sold and developed to become what is now the Sherwood Forest.

**I became the president and chair to the board of directors of the SFSA in 2020.** My mission was simple at first: establish proper communication with the association. This allowed for all of the community to reach out. We have become a close-knit group of families that participate in several events like fishing derbies and Halloween house walks.

Our outreach to the town is to show we are here on the town outskirts and a large history of it is right in our backyard!

~ Jonas Sanborn



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## Thanks to all who cleaned our roadsides!

**A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Townwide Roadside Cleanup!** The weather gods helped melt the snow, it didn't rain, and as a result, our roadsides look fabulous. As a result of the awesome article placement in April's newsletter, more than a dozen new participants signed up, adding to the 40+ people who have participated in years past. Plus who knows how many others who just gazed at the road outside their house and said "this year, all this litter goes away."

**Remember, this doesn't have to be a one-day occurrence.** You can pick up blue bags at the Transfer Station year-round. You don't have to sign up with me, or with the dumpings. It's all on the honor system, so be honorable. And if you find something during your cleanup that would require payment at the Transfer Station, take a picture of it by the road so you can demonstrate your honorableness.

**And finally, it wouldn't be a roadside cleanup without the observations of Canterbury's resident "litterary" critic, Arnie Alpert.** If you haven't already read his piece in InDepth NH, check it out here:

<https://indepthnh.org/2024/04/15/trash-talking-coors-light-wins-emmtty-prize-for-litterature/#>

It will make you feel proud to be a Canterburian, especially if you are part of the "corps de cleanup."

See you all next year!

~ Patrice Rasche

# What's Up in the Town Offices? Plenty!

## Thanks to Evan Hauptman for his service

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed Wednesday, May 8, for training. They will also be closed, along with the Town Office, on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

**Evan Hauptman**, a valued member of our Highway Department, resigned in April to pursue a career as a self-employed contractor. We want to thank Evan for his dedication and work at the Highway Department.



**The Town Clerk/Tax Collector received the folder/insert** that was approved at Town Meeting. It will help improve efficiency for all town staff.

**The fireworks at Canterbury Elementary School** will be held on Saturday, July 6, with a rain date of Sunday, July 7. Once again, JPI Pyrotechnics will be providing the show.

**The annual audit** of the town's finances is being conducted by Plodzick and Sanderson.

The regular board of selectmen's meetings are Monday, May 6 and May 20.

*~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator*

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## Your interest in town doings is great to see!

It is gratifying to see that the videos of selectboard meetings posted by Edgar Rivera, on YouTube Libertad Press NE, have been getting 200+ views!

Equally satisfying to be stopped at the Elkins Library, the Canterbury Store, or the Transfer Station by neighbors who have questions about something they saw, or wanted a little clarification about something they couldn't quite hear.

Thanks for becoming part of the conversation!

*~ Beth Blair, Board of Selectmen*

## Housing, Land Use are topic of May meeting

The Canterbury Planning Board will be presenting the Master Plan draft chapters on Housing and Land Use at a public hearing in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 14, starting at 6.30 pm, with refreshments as before.

The draft chapters can be read online. Go to the town website, canterbury-nh.org, click on Boards and Committees, then select Planning Board. You'll see a blue box at the left-hand side with "MASTER PLAN UPDATES." There's one more link there that will get you to the draft chapters.

The board thanks everyone for participating over the past years as the work for the Master Plan update nears its completion at the end of June. If anyone has questions and cannot attend, please email [planningboard@canterburynh.gov](mailto:planningboard@canterburynh.gov).

*~ Lois Scribner, for the Planning Board*

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# Another Busy Month of Activity in the Parish House

## Cloverbuds go from plants to citizenship

In April, the Canterbury 4H Cloverbuds learned about plants. First, we learned about the parts of a plant, and what plants need to grow. Then the Cloverbuds got to taste different vegetables that are different parts of plants. Cloverbuds tried carrots (roots), celery (stem), spinach (leaf), cauliflower (flower), pumpkin seeds (seeds), and apples (fruits)! Cloverbud members also made silly faces on cups and then planted grass seeds in the cups, so when the grass seed grows it will look like the hair! We enjoyed learning about plants and meeting new friends at the meeting!



We are looking forward to our next meeting on Monday, May 6, when our 4H Learning Theme will be Citizenship and Civic Education. We will prepare for the Memorial Day parade by making club T-shirts featuring the 4-leaf clover, which is the 4H emblem. We will also be making flags to carry and share at the parade. Then, on May 27 we will walk with other members and groups in the community in the parade. Come and join the fun!

Cloverbuds is a 4H club for children ages 5-7. New members are always welcome. Unless otherwise noted, Cloverbuds meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 5 pm at the Canterbury Parish House, 6 Hackleboro Road. If you have questions or would like more club information, please contact Kate Mason and Emily Perlet at [canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com).

~ Emily Perlet



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## It's spring — so it must be time for another Polished Silver senior luncheon!

Join us for a spectacular Spring Polished Silver luncheon on Wednesday, May 22, from 11 to 1 at the Parish House! All Canterbury seniors are kindly welcome to a luncheon of salads and sandwiches, good conversation and much joy! Please contact Mindy Beltramo at 603-731-8091 or [mindy.beltramo@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.beltramo@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend.

## Not to mention a Garden Club meeting too!

The Canterbury Garden Club is open to all! We have had a wonderful year of sharing and learning garden techniques. If you are a new or experienced gardener, or just love putting your fingers in the dirt, you'll love the folks in this working club. No fees. No frills. Just a crazed group of planters and soil tenders.

We hope to see you at 9:30 on Saturday, May 18, at the Parish House for "I've Never Seen Those Before!" Come a little early if you'd like. Contact [canterburynhgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:canterburynhgardenclub@gmail.com) for more info.

~ Mindy Beltramo

# The Sounds of Music Echo Through CES

After six years with Shaker Regional School District, Beverly Nelson is retiring as of May 2. We are excited to welcome Rachel Manita to our staff! Ms. Manita will be



Rachel Manita

graduating from Plymouth State University this month. She enjoys working with children, and we know that she will be a great addition to CES as our school secretary. We are grateful for Mrs. Nelson's work at CES these last 2 years, and we wish her well in her next adventures!

**Kindergarten registration:** Do you have a student who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30? It's time to register for kindergarten! You can register in person at CES from 9 am to 2:30 pm on school days, or you can register online. To access the online registration, please go to [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org), click on Resources and then Kindergarten Registration/ALMA Start.

Please reach out to Ms. Manita at [rmanita@sau80.org](mailto:rmanita@sau80.org) with any questions. We are so excited to welcome our new kindergarten friends. Fall will be here before we know it!

**Monster Concert:** The CES band traveled to BHS recently to participate in a day of rehearsals, which led to that night's Monster Concert! Our students did a fantastic job collaborating with one another as well as with the 6th-12th grade band members to put on an amazing show. Their effort, bravery, and persistence were evident and we are so proud of them! Way to go, CES band!

**Artist in Residence:** CES recently hosted an Artist in Residence. Jeffrey Erwin from Trashcan Lid Productions brought a special program to us entitled Junk 2 Funk. He worked with all CES learners in a workshop-style process from March 27-April 2. Students learned various musical techniques, and had a great time using their creativity and expression as they made music together! The learning, the joy and the kindness was incredible to witness. Everything culminated in a schoolwide rock concert on the evening of April 2. CES staff members even got to jam out!

This program was made possible through the generous support of our awesome PTO and student fundraising efforts. We are so grateful for everyone's support as we enhanced our students' access to the arts!

**Save the date:** Our fifth grade promotion night will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at 6 pm. Please join us in celebrating our wonderful scholars.

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

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~ The newsletter team



The Junk 2 Funk program culminated in a rocking concert.

## Middle School PTO hosts Community Night!

**Belmont Middle School PTO is hosting a Community Night for all students and families in the Shaker Regional schools!**

Students from CES, BES, BMS, and BHS and their families are invited to come and join the fun on Tuesday, May 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Belmont Middle School.

The event will include food trucks, a 50/50 raffle, a corn hole tournament, a 3-v-3 basketball tournament, a bake sale, games and activities sponsored by BHS and BMS clubs, a car wash, and much, much more!

We look forward to seeing all our students and families at this amazing community event!

~ Emily Perlet

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# Let's Be a Community of Love and Support

## Remembering Brian and Helena Titilah

To the Canterbury community from Douglas & Ross Titilah:

With great sadness we would like to inform the community of the death of our parents Brian and Helena on April 13. They were enroute to their home in Montana and died in a single motor vehicle accident.

Our parents met in Boston when they were students, Brian at Northeastern University and Helena at the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene. Helena, a native of Holland, became a dental hygienist and Brian joined the Merchant Marine as an Engineer. In their retirement, they had an antique business. Brian and Helena spent most of their married life in Canterbury, a community they truly loved, and traveled each year to Ennis, Montana, where they recently built a home near Ross. A celebration of their life will be held at a later date.



## Loudon Food Pantry provides for 4,542 meals

In March, the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 231 individuals for them to prepare 4,542 meals. Of these people, 108 were age 60 and older (47%), 48 were age 18 or under (21%), and 75 were between those ages (32%).

**Target Circle voting results:** Guests at Target stores cast 90,200 votes for us, awarding Target funds in the amount of \$3,120.97 to the food pantry. Thank you, voters and Target!



**Fill a Cruiser:** On April 27 from 10 am until 2 pm, the Loudon Police Department will be hosting their second fill a cruiser event for the food pantry. Join them and bring non-perishable, in-date food items and stuff that cruiser.

**Visit our website, [loudonfoodpantry.org](http://loudonfoodpantry.org), to see our needs list, current events, and volunteer opportunities, amongst other stuff!** Find our hours and location in the listings on Page 11.

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~ Sue Houck



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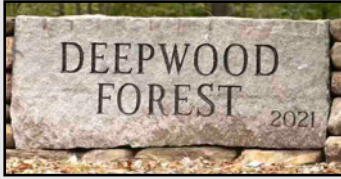
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# Gardening? Hiking? You're In the Right Place

## Come explore Deepwood Forest!

Join the Conservation Commission and landowners Ken and Ilene Stern on Saturday, May 4, from 10 am to noon to celebrate the conservation of 385 acres along the town's northern border. To join the fun, arrive by 10 am and walk 10 minutes to the wildflower meadow, where we'll have a brief celebration and orientation to the property.



After that, we're offering three walking options. The briefest is to return to your car from the wildflower meadow (~10 mins). For the mid-length option, Ken and Ilene will lead a walk to the beaver pond (about 1 hour roundtrip). For the long haul, Sylvia Bates and Tom Masland will lead a walk around the northwest loop (~2 hours roundtrip).

Please carpool as much as possible; parking is limited! To get to Deepwood Forest, turn onto Bean Hill Road near 374 Baptist Hill Road. Deepwood Forest is about 1,000 feet in on the left. Wear sturdy walking shoes, bring water, and be prepared in case the black flies crash the party! Event is on, rain or shine! ~ Kelly Short

## Give ~ and get! ~ at the annual plant swap

The Annual Canterbury Plant Swap will be held on Wednesday, May 1, from 6 to 7 pm at the gazebo in the center of town. Bring your labeled, divided perennials, bulbs, and natives, or extra flower and vegetable seedlings you might have.

Due to the transmission of the invasive jumping worm that can happen when swapping plants, we ask that you bring all dug plants as bare root. Use a high-pressure setting on your hose to spray all soil off. Bring your plants in shallow trays or plastic bags with enough water to keep the roots moist.

This swap is open to anyone in town no matter your level of gardening experience. If you're new to Canterbury, it's a great way to pick up some plants to landscape your yard and meet your neighbors at the same time. There's always plenty to share so come even if you don't have much to bring.

Master Gardener Meg Miller will be on hand with gardening handouts, and will help answer your gardening questions. Call Meg at 603-387-1366 if you have any questions.

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# A Month of May Magic Is Unfolding at the Library

Elkins Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Monday, May 20, at 6 pm.

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## Join us for special children's programs in May!

**A special Story Time with Cate McDonald** on Tuesday, May 21, at 10 am. Miss McDonald is a senior at Belmont High School and a resident of Canterbury. For her senior project, Miss McDonald wrote and illustrated a children's book about families.

**Play-Based Learning on Thursday, May 30 at 10 am.** During this hour, the children are encouraged to explore different stations that promote learning through play. Watch your child as they become explorers, architects and artists in this child-led, open-ended play time.

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**Story Time:** Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for infants through Kindergarten. Come to the library and meet your children's future classmates while fostering a love of reading. **Note:** There is no Story Time on May 14 so Miss Cheryl can attend the NH Children's Librarian Conference to bring more wonderful ideas to our library. We love Miss Cheryl.

**Tunes, Tales and Tumbles:** Join us Thursday mornings at 10 for songs, stretching, stories and more! This program is perfect for our youngest patrons from babies through preschool. Come enjoy this active and music-filled program and help your children nurture their love for the library, books and their community.

**Teen Night:** Teens! Join us on Thursday, May 30, at 5 pm for a party to celebrate your 2024 graduating classmates! We are so proud of you!

**Have you visited the Elkins Public Library Seed Library?** Come in and get your seed for free! We have some wonderful seeds to offer, new seeds come in all the time to round out the selections.

**The Old Man Boring Book Club:** This group reads and reports on favorite nonfiction titles. Join them on Thursday, May 2, at 6 pm back by the fireplace. Snow kept them apart in April, let's hope that doesn't happen again this month!

**Elkins Café:** On Thursday, May 2, at 2 pm: Qwirkle is back by popular demand. Come and play this colorful and addicting tile game.

## Don't miss these store stories!

The Elkins Public Library Speaker Series presents:

**In Store for some Stories about the Store?** by Mark Stevens, Thursday, May 16, at 6 pm in the Town Hall. Join us for some history about our Canterbury Country Store. Mark will present a slideshow and promises plenty of old photos, history, stories, half-truths, previously unrevealed secrets, and a memory testing game of "who is that?"

**A brief reception will follow at the Canterbury Country Store** in the Feed Loft/Community Art Gallery, where Mark's historic photos will be hung alongside local artists' depictions of the Canterbury Center's store.

**Save the date:** Kim Varney Covered Bridges of New Hampshire, Past and Present, on Thursday, June 13 at 6 pm in the Town Hall. This is a NH Humanities Program and will focus on the covered bridges in our local area.

**Evening Book Group:** In May we will read *Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverini. We meet for discussion by the fireplace on Wednesday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Copies are available at the circulation desk, on Libby and Hoopla.

**Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure:** This month we will have a discussion about books that incorporate the "Misadventure" in our MMM name and see what ideas you have for the next few months. The sleuth still has a few ideas up her sleeve, but would like to canvass the group for more ideas. Join us on Tuesday, May 28, at 2:30.

**Free tech help:** Thursdays from 4 to 6 pm, in half-hour time slots, Kal McKay offers free tech support at the library. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the nature of the issue. Kal's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

**Pins and Needles:** Pins and Needles meets by the fireplace every Wednesday at 2 pm. Bring your latest work in progress; all levels are welcome! We have enjoyed many new participants and will continue to meet through the end of May.

**Material requests:** [elkinslibrary@elkinspubliclibrary.org](mailto:elkinslibrary@elkinspubliclibrary.org), 603-783-4386 or our catalog link at [elkinspubliclibrary.org](http://elkinspubliclibrary.org)



## Canterbury United Community Church

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## Town Email List

Kal McKay manages the Canterbury Town Email List. Join or submit by emailing canterburytownemail@gmail.com

## Post Office

**Hours:** Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 5 pm (closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm);  
Sat., 8:30 am to noon; 783-4158

## Elkins Public Library

**Hours:** Mondays and Tuesdays, 9-5, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 7, Saturdays 9 to 12.  
603-783-4386. Online at elkinspubliclibrary.org.

## Stores

**Canterbury Country Store:** Mon.-Sat., 7 am to 6 pm; Sun., 9 am to 4 pm; 783-9933

**Brookford Farm Store:** 7 am to 7 pm daily; 783-4084

## Loudon Food Pantry

**Hours:** Open for donations and volunteers Tues. 10-6, Wed. 10-1, Thurs. 10-4.

**Service:** By appointment only at same hours as above.

**Location:** Huckleberry Business Park, Unit D, 30 Chichester Road, Loudon.

**Contact:** 603-724-9731, on Facebook at LoudonFP, or on our website: loudonfoodpantry.org.

## Town offices and organizations

### EMERGENCY? Dial 911

**Police Department:** Call 783-0433 for non-emergencies. Merrimack County Sheriff's Office dispatch: 228-1010 for non-emergencies.

**Fire Department:** Call 783-4798 for non-emergencies. Email chief at canterburyfire@canterburynh.gov

**Town website:**  
canterbury-nh.org

**Transfer Station:** Tue. and Wed., 4 to 6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm. Call 783-9980 or email transferstation@canterburynh.gov

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** 783-0153. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7. Email: spapps@canterburynh.gov

**Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor's Office:** 783-9955. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 10 to 2. Emails: selectmen@canterburynh.gov  
assessing@canterburynh.gov  
kfolsom@canterburynh.gov

**Building Inspector:** 783-9033  
buildinginspector@canterburynh.gov

**Highway Dept:** 783-4123  
canterburyhighway@canterburynh.gov

**Planning Board:** 848-2059  
planningboard@canterburynh.gov

**Monthly Meetings** (Check town website for details.)  
- **Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed  
- **Conservation Commission:** 2nd Thurs., 7 pm  
- **Historic District Commission:** 3rd Wed., 7 pm  
- **Selectmen:** 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm  
- **Solid Waste Committee:** Monthly on 2nd Monday, 3:30 pm, Library, or as needed.  
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.  
- **Energy Committee:** 1st Mon., 7 pm

## Eager to plant? Canterbury's Ag Commission urges you to think local!

Greetings from the Canterbury Ag Commission! Spring is now in full swing and the memory of snow and cold should be long behind us.

It is with disappointment that I tell you Mark Stevens has stepped down from his role as chair after filling the void that Wayne Mann left. Mark has not only stepped up and filled this position once, but multiple times in the past, and for that I would like to thank him. As many readers probably know, this is not the only position Mark has held in town and we are very fortunate that he has volunteered numerous hours on behalf of the commission. However, we did not let him venture too far; and he will continue to serve as vice chair for the commission and guide me through my time as chair. Thank you, Mark!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as the new chair. My name is Ben Davis and I live in town with my wife, Amy (and soon to be another little Davis!) We grow hay and pumpkins, and my mother and Amy grow cut flowers. All of this is done at Grand View Farm off of Carter Hill Road in Canterbury. The farm has been in the family for four generations, which include my grandparents, Wayne and Ruth Mann.

I currently serve as the New Hampshire Young Farmer chair as well as volunteer on the Canterbury Fire Department. I know I have large shoes to fill behind Mark, my grandfather and many others in leading the Ag Commission.

I would also like to mention our other newly elected officers. Daimon Meeh has been elected as secretary and Josh Marshall as treasurer. The town is very fortunate to have such a diverse and knowledgeable commission, with representation from many agricultural backgrounds and experiences.

As you're reading this and thinking about planting that flowerbed or vegetable garden, remember we have numerous local greenhouses and garden supply businesses that would appreciate your support.

~ Benjamin Davis, Chair

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## The Fair and the Farmers Market: Two of our best summer offerings!

### From the Canterbury Fair ...

You know one of the great things about this town? People. That's right, people.

You got the spirit, you people. When the Beltramos bowed out of the fair for this summer, Rick Zeller jumped right up and volunteered to do the parking schtick that Jeff did so well. Mindy's shoes were big to fill so we got two: Kelly Dixon, a fair newbie, and Jayne Hastings took over the publicity shindig, including the Facebook page and Insta-whatever.

### But we need more people!

**The Book Sale** needs somebody (or two somebodies ideally) to shadow Stephanie Jackson so they can be the book people next year.

The Sunset Mountain people are always game for **the famous**

### And from the Farmers Market ...

Hello and welcome to the 18th season of the Canterbury Farmers Market! **Opening Day is Wednesday, June 5**, from 4 to 6:30 pm. We look forward to being back in our traditional spot in the parking area and field next to our friends in the Elkins Public Library. You'll find us there all season on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6:30, rain or shine (except for big thunderstorms or crazy hail).

This season you can expect another great lineup:

- Local and seasonal greens, veggies, and fruits
- Tasty pasture-raised meats and eggs from free-range hens
- Great breads and baked goods
- Changing variety of guest vendors
- Live music at each and every market
- Special guests, like the Master Gardeners
- Old-fashioned fun for kids
- Selected artisans and crafters
- Elkins Library book sale (check in the library)
- Always a surprise or two!

We encourage everyone to wear a fun, fantastic, creative, and enthusiastic "Happy Hat" to celebrate Opening Day! Stop by the Market Info Tent so we can say hi and take your picture for the Happy Hat Gallery.

~ Beth Blair

**Chicken BBQ** but Kim and Jim Wieck need two people to shadow them for this year because the Wiecks are bowing out after yeomen service.

Sally Hayslip, one of the key people at the fair for so many years, needs more people to help out at **the What-Not**.

Hope that's enough for you people! **Come to the next fair meeting** at 6:30 on Tuesday, May 7, in the Thunberg Room, upstairs in the Parish House (it's behind the Country Store) to find lots of other opportunities to help. Contact Rick at [rcrockford@laconiaschools.org](mailto:rcrockford@laconiaschools.org) or 603-496-2255 or Lisa at [pmpyfarm@outlook.com](mailto:pmpyfarm@outlook.com) or 603-783-0335 to find out more.

And remember: the fair is always the last Saturday in July. See all you people there!

~ Rick Crockford



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