

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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Have you been missing the Canterbury Newsletter website?

We are working on getting the calendar updated and making it easy to once again access up-to-the-minute town news and resources. Keep checking canterburynewsletter.org



Canterbury Fair

There aren't really thanks adequate for all the hours and hard work everyone puts in, and Fair 2024 was no exception. We thought you might like to know where all that money goes after the hard work.

The 2024 Fair \$\$ went to two Belmont seniors who had worked on the Fair for much of their childhood; we donated some funds to the CES nurse to spend at her discretion for the benefit of the kids; the Canterbury United Community Church, which sponsors the Fair, has historically received a portion of the proceeds AND, last but not least, the Canterbury Fund has been a long time benefactor of the Fair.

After all is said and done, we donated over \$10,000 to worthy causes. Three Cheers for that old Fair Spirit!

~ from Rick Crockford

A deliberative session for the 2025-2026 school budget will be held on February 6 at Belmont High School beginning at 6:00 pm.

All warrant articles will be considered at this session. There will be opportunities for explanation, discussion, and amendment of each article.

The conclusion of each article will result in voting either to add the article to the ballot for voting on Election Day in its original form, or to add the article to the ballot for voting as amended.

When the deliberative session is adjourned, the language of each

A Great Way to Start Your Day

STRENGTH and STRETCH CLASS begins its 10th year! Classes are every Monday and Thursday from 8:30-9:30am. Text Judy Nelson @ 603-493-4207 with any questions. Or just show up (which is half the battle)!!

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES run on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:45-10:30am with no floor work involved. Bring your own weights and a small pillow or towel. Phone Judy Nelson (603-493-4207) with questions.

Both classes are held upstairs in the Parish Hall Community Center, are FREE, and open to everyone in the community!



“The best day to start exercising is today. Tomorrow can turn into weeks, months or years.”

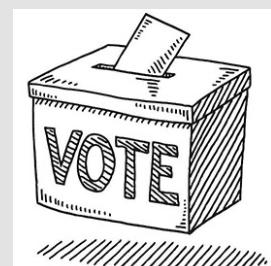
~ Mark Dilworth

article will be finalized, but there will be no decision on whether or not it is passed.

On Election Day, March 11, voters will mark “yes” or “no” on each warrant article in the voting booths with the outcome of each article being decided.

Candidates for the open moderator seat and the open school board seats will also be on the ballot.

Belmont residents will vote at Belmont High School and Canterbury residents will vote in the Old Town Hall. Individuals who qualify for absentee voting may contact the SAU Office at 603-267-9223 for information.



Dear Friends,

Over the last month of holiday celebrations and travelling, we've gathered with others for potluck feasts, afternoon coffee, juice and crackers, sharing a newspaper or card game. Peter and I have had more public meals in a month than we would in a year: in restaurants, hole-in-the-wall coffee shops, and airport and ferry-terminal picnics. Each one is little out of control and open to the surprises of strangers. In one tiny storefront restaurant, where small tables were arranged too close for the wait-staff to walk between, it was impossible not to eavesdrop!

We watched as two couples — strangers seated at adjacent tables, joined their meals and their conversation. First, they talked about the menu, then travel misadventures, then where they were from. The younger couple, two men, revealed that they were newlyweds. The older couple, a man and woman, responded with delight and raised a glass to their marriage. The four kept on talking after the plates were cleared, and coffee came, and the bill was paid.

As Peter and I squeezed out the door and walked past the front window, we saw the waiter bring them four more glasses and another bottle of wine; they were still



going strong!

It strikes me that tables remind us of the shared project of individuals living together. As Hannah Arendt wrote in *The Human Condition* (1958), tables simultaneously build relationships and separate us from one another. Mysteriously, at table, we connect and we maintain our identities. And often at table we are filled with food for body, mind, and spirit. A shared meal, a shared table, brings us undiminished into the lives of others, and it builds the community of friendship that ultimately knits us — in all our differences — together.

Now that the season of midwinter holidays is past, and we gather less frequently, I invite you to visit the Parish House Community Center on any Sunday at 11:15 am for shared coffee and snacks. You might sit down at a card-table or stand around an invisible table. Either way, I believe that there you'll be filled with the stories people tell (or imply), with laughter and sympathy, and with your own sense of self and connection. Whether or not you're a churchgoer, this table is for you.

In Peace, Becky



Pastor Becky

February at CUCC

Morning Worship

Every Sunday at 10 am in the Church. Open and welcoming to all. We are in the liturgical season of Epiphany, exploring light and learning and journeying.

Please check WMUR for possible weather closings.

We celebrate open communion the first Sunday of every month.

Children's Church

For children ages 3-6. Gather at 9:45 in the Parish House Community Center. Please call 603-783-9365 for further information.

Nursery Care

Nursery care during church is available for infants and toddlers! Please call 603-783-9365.

2025 Annual Meeting!

Save the date! March 9, after worship in the Parish House Community Center.



Wayne J. Blais

Wayne J Blais, of Canterbury, left this world unexpectedly on December 29, 2024.

Wayne's family meant everything to him and he was known for making sure his family and loved ones were always taken care of before himself. If you needed him for help, he was there, without question.

He was a gifted craftsman with the uncanny ability to solve most any problem. The quintessential tinkerer, he loved working on projects in his home workshop.

He was born in Concord, NH, but grew up in Canterbury and graduated from Bishop Brady High School. From there, he received an ROTC scholarship and studied electrical engineering at

Northeastern Univ. in Boston.

After university, Wayne immersed himself in carpentry and worked his way to management. He was employed by Jewett Construction as a superintendent, where he was very respected by his peers.

Wayne had a love for motorcycles and enjoyed long rides with his wife, friends, and members of the Manchester Motorcycle Club where he was honored to be road captain. He was also an avid reader and a fabulous cook. There was always a seat and plenty of food at Wayne's table for an unexpected guest.

Wayne is survived by his wife Paula (Gagnon), daughter, Ashley (Blais) LeBlanc and her husband, Chris LeBlanc of Glenville, NY, son, Tyler Blais and his wife, Shayla (McCarron) of Derry, NH, mother, Linda (Rule) Bliss of Canterbury, NH, father, Wayne A. Blais and his wife, Lola (Kenney) of Tilton, NH, brother, Gary Blais and his wife, Ellen (Falvey) of Todd, NC, bonus daughter, Abigail (Bezio) Diphilippo, of Jacksonville, NC, stepdaughter, Bethany Chamberlain of Manchester, NH, stepson, Jordan Birtz and his wife, Sabrina (Tibbetts) of Hampstead, NH, as well as many extended family members and friends who will miss him tremendously.

A celebration of life for Wayne will be announced at a later date.



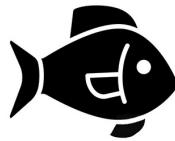
Ice Fishing, Saturday, Feb. 1st

"Third time is a charm", or so they say. This will be the third Ice Fishing event that has been planned. The first year was too COLD. Last year had no ice. THIS YEAR will be JUST RIGHT!!!

NO fishing license required for this FREE one day family friendly event. Taught in Canterbury by NH Fish and Game certified volunteer instructors! All ages 8 and older are welcome. Participants must have proper cold weather gear and heavy boots.

*** PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! ***

For info and registration, please go to bit.ly/3VJlgM9 Questions? Contact Jessie Tichko tshot04@gmail.com



Treasures House Extended Hours, Sat., Feb. 8th!

The T. House will be open 9 to 4. Regular 10- 2pm shifts resume in March (unless we can recruit more volunteers). Consider joining the fun! It's only 1 shift a month and you get first pick of the incoming treasures. Stop by and take a quick look as stuff gets "rehomed" quickly ... often the same day!

WARM THANKS to the 7 volunteers that braved the frigid temps to man the T. House on January 4th.

~ Madeline Lowe



ART FROM THE HEART Valentine's Gift Market

Sat., Feb. 8, 10am-2pm, Town Hall

In collaboration with the Elkins Library, this community celebration showcases the quality crafts-manship of local artisans, including Kathie Fife Fine Art, Wild Berry Farm, Canterbury Soapworks, and HallaDraws. Join us for a celebration of art and connection!

Discover unique handcrafted gifts that are perfect for your special someone and take part in the fun by crafting your own personalized Valentine, adding a meaningful touch to your gift-giving experience.

With all crafting supplies generously provided by the Elkins Public Library, this is a wonderful chance to connect, create, and celebrate.

For more info contact Elkins Library at 603-783-4386.



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QUESTION: What's the best thing you ever found in the treasure house? I'll go first...

A Picasso! (OK, it was a reprint, but still!)



February is chocolate lovers month!

In celebration of Valentine's Day, we present these lusty offerings all month:

- Mayan Chocolate Cookies and our triple chocolate mini-cakes including Gluten-free.
- Hand-poured local chocolates & candies.
- Subscribe to our Blog to get a new chocolate recipe each Friday! *Subscribe at the bottom of our home page on our website, see below.*

Celebrate love with our dinner-for-two take-out on Friday, February 14. Not a two-some? Easily freeze one half for later. SEE OUR BLOG & WEBSITE FOR MENU



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Canterbury Shaker Village Awarded \$2.5 Million Grant to Reimagine Visitor Experiences

Canterbury Shaker Village has received a \$2,500,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its Religion and Cultural Institutions Initiative. The grant will support the Village's reinvigoration of its on-site and online interpretive experiences to emphasize the history and culture of the Shaker faith at the core of its visitor engagement strategy.

"This opportunity to share much more of the Village's unparalleled collections is both welcome and exciting," stated Curator of Research and Collections Shirley Wajda. "With this grant, the Village will increase both access to and knowledge of the Canterbury Shakers, their religion, and their individual and collective lives."

Over the next five years, Canterbury Shaker Village will create a "digital Village," developing an online database of biographies, documents, artifacts, and interactive exhibitions. This accessible database will complement and extend new interactive and immersive on-site exhibitions focusing on the Shakers' religious beliefs and experiences. "We will reinvigorate visitors' experiences and understanding of the Shakers and Shakerism within American and world religious history," added Wajda.



PHOTO by Joe Klementovich

Speaking of History...

There are two known official town histories of Canterbury; the first, written by James Otis Lyford, was published in 1912. It records the history from 1727, our charter year, until 1912. A digital copy is available at the Canterbury Historical Society website <https://canterburyhistory.org>

The second town history, written by Kathryn Grover and published in 2017, contains 20th-century events and people, and is available for purchase from the Society.

HEADS UP!
Canterbury's 
Tricentennial year
is just around the
corner in 2027!
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celebrate. Your
ideas, energy, and
help will be needed
and appreciated!



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Many Thanks!

Canterbury Fire Dep. Member Recognition, Monday, March 3

Fire Chief Michael Gamache & Canterbury Fire Department will be hosting the third annual member recognition ceremony on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 1830. Family, friends, and townspeople are encouraged to join us for a brief ceremony recognizing the volunteers who serve our community. This ceremony will be held at Canterbury Fire Station.

- Years of service recognition
Lieutenant Dave Nelson
24 years full time
- Firefighter Colin Evans
- Lieutenant Aiden O'Brien
- Firefighter Rob Basha
- Unveiling of Former Chiefs of Department Plaque
- Presentation of the Chief's award for 2024 member of the year



Light snacks and refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the ceremony. Family, friends, and members of the community are welcome to attend. No RSVP required.

The pick us up and get us there and make sure we are stable along the way!

Ongoing THANKS to Canterbury Fire Dept. and Penacook Rescue

While many residents of town are familiar with our excellent Canterbury Fire Dept. and first responders, perhaps not as many are aware that if you need to GET to the hospital, Penacook Rescue will probably be transporting you! Depending on what other emergencies are on-going at the time, PR might also be the group that gets to you first.



The members of Penacook Rescue provide appropriate and timely pre-hospital critical care, rescue, and transport for the sick and injured within the communities of Boscawen, Canterbury and Salisbury NH. Penacook Rescue also assists with mutual aid calls in the Capital Area Fire Mutual Aid Compact.

Penacook Rescue Squad is a not-for-profit department who has proudly served these communities for over 50 years. Check them out at Penacookrescue.org

Town of Canterbury News

OFFICE CLOSED: Town Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Mon., Feb. 17th for Presidents Day.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Budget on Mon., Feb. 3, at 6:00pm at the Meeting House.



KNOW before you GO: The proposed budget and warrant articles that will be discussed at the Public Hearing are posted on the Town Website, www.canterburynh.gov and at the Town Office.

Regular Meeting of Board of Selectmen is Mon., Feb. 24, 5 pm.

***** **IT'S TOWN MEETING TIME!** *****

The First Session of Town Meeting, Election of Town Officials, will be held at the Town Hall Tues., March 11 from 7 am – 7 pm.

The Second Session of Town Meeting, Deliberative Session on Budget and Warrant Articles, will be held on Fri., March 14 at Canterbury Elementary School at 7 PM.

NOTE: A copy of "Important Dates for Town Meeting and Elections" can be found on the Town Website.



New Town Website Is Finally Here!

In the 2024 Town Meeting, Canterbury voted to create a new website for the Town. Several bids were evaluated and the contract went to [hasOptimization](#), a local Canterbury web development company. After many months of work, consulting with residents and board members, reorganizing files, fixing bugs, and uploading content, the website is finally "done".

Our website is now canterburynh.gov, not canterbury-nh.org. However, if you happen to go to the old web address, you will be redirected to the new one.

Another thing you might notice are the updates. When I said the website is "done", I meant that we have completed the basics, but there are more improvements ahead! Some features that are coming soon include: subscribing to news and the calendar, interactive maps, and applications that can be filled out online.

While the new site is a prettier and better organized, what's more important is that it has a functional "backend" which makes updates and changes easier. But, it is still a work in progress. This website is meant to serve the people of Canterbury, so if you have feedback, we want to hear it! You can either use the [Contact Us](#) page, or email us at website@canterburynh.gov.

~ Kal McKay, Town Admin. Assistant

CES News

I am honored to share the history of the beloved Shaker Tree mural at Canterbury Elementary School, a timeless symbol of community spirit that continues to resonate even 30 years later. This mural, now a cornerstone of pride for the school, was created through the collective efforts of students, staff, and the broader community, guided by the vision of artist Emile Birch, who led the project as part of an Artist in Residence program in 1995.

The stunning tree was crafted by local artists David Lamb and Rob Zielenski, with the active participation of parents, teachers, school administrators, and community members. A particularly pivotal figure in this project was CES teacher Kimberly Briggs, whose

leadership and coordination were absolutely essential in bringing this dream to life. She worked tirelessly to ensure every detail came together seamlessly, fostering collaboration and dedication from all involved.



The project was made possible through a generous grant from the NH State Council on the Arts, as well as support from our PTO. Today, the Shaker Tree mural stands as a testament to the enduring power of community collaboration and artistic expression, a legacy that continues to inspire both those who were part of its creation and the generations who have followed.

Arts Integration at CES has continued this school year, allowing classroom teachers to collaborate with the visual arts teacher to achieve curricular goals and to promote learning through, about and with the arts. Here are a few highlights from this year:

In late October, CES students in 3rd and 4th grades hosted the annual Harvest Supper. Each student created a handmade clay bowl for soup. This activity was inspired by the Empty Bowls project, developed by an art teacher to promote art learning, community involvement, and service. The soup bowls symbolize both full and empty bowls, helping learners empathize with others in need of food. Students created an original clay bowl using clay and a slab technique. The bowls were decorated with stamped patterns and colored glazes, requiring 2 firings in our kiln. Each student wrote an artist statement and wove a display placemat for their bowl. Families



enthusiastically brought the bowls home to use and or display in their homes. This is a wonderful community tradition at CES that also allowed us to raise funds that were donated to the Loudon Food Pantry.

Second graders explored the work of Sol LeWitt, an American artist renowned for his "instructional" wall drawings. LeWitt believed that the idea behind an artwork was more important than the artwork itself. His instructions often featured geometric shapes and vibrant colors. Following a detailed set of instructions, the students created their own grid drawings using crayons, then added color using a tissue paper bleeding technique. This project helped strengthen their Habits of Work, particularly in listening and following instructions accurately. Soon, we'll be displaying our individual creations together to form a large wall drawing at CES!



Our primary learners are also engaging in art integration lessons. Kindergarten students explored the artistic style of Eric Carle by creating collages. They learned about his unique technique and then painted their own papers to construct a pumpkin landscape. First graders will be connecting their literacy program with art as they create still lifes, landscapes, and portraits!



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DELIBERATIVE SESSION on the PROPOSED 2025-2026 SCHOOL BUDGET

Thursday, Feb. 6, 6pm, Belmont High School

The Deliberative Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each of the warrant articles, and will afford voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article (except those articles whose wording is prescribed by State law).

KNOW before you GO: Shaker Regional School District booklets for the Deliberative Session are available at the Sam Lake House and the Elkins Library. These booklets are 8.5x11 and have bright ORANGE covers! You can also find them on-line by going to www.sau80.org. Check the menu down the right side of the Home page. Under NEW you will see BUDGET INFORMATION. Click on that, and then choose 25-26 DELIBERATIVE SESSION from the menu.

The Deliberative Session booklet includes:

- Explanation of the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget
- Explanation of Warrant Articles
- Estimated Tax Rate Information
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Explanation of The Default Budget



Message from Becca Plue, co-chair of the PTO/CES Advocates

"I am happy to talk further with anyone that has questions or would like more information. Email me, give me a call, or let's meet for coffee. I may have a kid (or three) in tow, but they'll show you even more why these decisions and votes matter."

~ Becca Plue, 603-210-3070,
rebeccaturturro@gmail.com

Other topics discussed at the January 15 School Budget Hearing at CES and that will most likely be discussed again:

- Benefit of funding for extracurriculars like robotics
- Meet ongoing basic needs while making our district more competitive
- Keeping or Cutting a CES 5th grade teacher salary
- Pros/Cons of keeping 5th grade students at CES
- Explanation of a 'flex teacher'

You might be interested to know: There is a Petition Warrant Article to create an "Official Budget Committee." This entails moving full responsibility for budgeting from the governing school board to an outside group. There are many strong opinions about this proposal, and the deliberative session is the place to find out more and let your opinion be heard!

Please note: Registered voters are the legislative body for this session. If you attend the meeting Feb. 6, please make sure you are seated in the right section and have a colored card in your possession.

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February is “Love Your Library” Month!

Library Board of Trustees: The next meeting is on Mon., Feb. 24 at 6 pm.

We will be closed on Presidents Day on Mon., Feb. 17.

Story Time: Join us Tuesdays at 10am for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for preschoolers.

LEGO Club, Tues., Feb. 18: Miss Cheryl will be at a conference so the library will be having LEGO club from 10 am to 12 pm. There will be DUPLOs for our youngest patrons.

Tunes, Tales & Tumbles: Join us on Thursdays at 10am for a program filled with singing, dancing, rhymes, musical instruments and more! This program is perfect for our littlest patrons.

TEEN Night, Tues., Feb. 25: Join us at 5pm for Paint Night! We'll be serving light snacks. Bring a friend and please let us know if you can make it.

Chess Mates: This youth chess club meets Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Our last chess club meeting will be Monday, February 17.

On Pins & Needles: This group meets Wednesdays at 2pm by the fireplace. Bring your work in progress and enjoy some lively conversation!

Old Man Boring Book Club (OMBBC): Thursday, February 2 at 6:00pm. This group meets to discuss non-fiction titles that they have enjoyed. Want to spend less time on your phone, involvement in a book group is a great start!

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure (MMM): February 25 at 2:30 pm. We are going to study a few cyphers today, and perhaps even send a few amongst ourselves! All welcome to join.

Evening Book Group: Wed., Feb. 19 at 6pm. We will discuss the book “The Women” by Kristin Hannah. Copies are available at the circulation desk or on Libby or Hoopla.

FREE Tech Help: Call to reserve your half hour tech help appointment on Thursdays between 4:00 pm and 6:00pm. No question is too small!



SCHOOL VACATION WEEK, Feb. 26

SUPERHERO TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER:

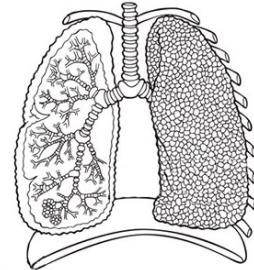
Wed., Feb. 26 at 5:30pm. Join us for a special story time with your stuffed animal. We will read some stories and tuck them in for a sleepover with Harold.

On Thurs., Feb. 27 at 10am, come back to pick up your stuffy dressed as a superhero! Be prepared to go through Superhero Training.

ELKINS LIBRARY SPEAKER SERIES

Basic Anatomy: Wonders of the Body, Thurs., Feb. 27, 6pm

Please join Martha Gilman, DO (*Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine*). Using her background in teaching and clinical experience, Dr. Gilman is going to share her enthusiasm for our amazing bodies during this one hour lecture (with lots of pictures!) geared towards a general audience. We'll start with breath and the pathway the air takes on its way to the lungs, which is a lot more complicated than most people realize!! Bring your curiosity and your questions!



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Irish Pub Night with Jordan Tirell-Wysocki Tues., March 4, in the old Town Hall

Mark your calendar now – you don't want to miss this event! The fiddle playing will be lively, beverages and snacks will be available, and the old Town Hall will feel like an Irish pub - for one night anyway.

Meet FOEPL —

Friends Of Elkins Public Library

We are a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to support the Elkins Library. We raise funds through member dues, events, and campaigns. Then, we vote on purchase requests from library staff. Last year we gave nearly \$6,000 to support a variety of programs! Beyond fundraising, members of FOEPL also maintain the garden, do seasonal decorating in and outside the library, and supply refreshments for events.

You will be able to order FOEPL merch' again in February for “Love Your Library” month. Watch for more information coming soon!

FOEPL Membership is Easy To Do

Pick up a form at the library and pay the annual \$10 for an individual, or \$50 for a sponsor-level membership. Why not show your “Library Love” by renewing your membership! Your completed form/check goes in the FOEPL money box by the circ desk. BTW, “Lifetime Members” do not need to renew.



Canterbury Community Farmers Market Welcomes New Board Members



It takes a dedicated team to run the Market, and this year we are happy to welcome some new energy to our Board!

New Vendor Members:

- Dale Cochrane (Sugar Bones Farm),
- Tara Bartilucci (Big Trees Bread Company),
- Jayne Hastings (Jayne Hastings Art)

New Consumer Member: Steph Sosinski, who brings experience from their job at UNH Extension as a Program Manager in Home Horticulture.

Great big THANK YOUS to retiring Board Member Kathy Doherty, who has long been not only a valued vendor at the market (eggs in pink cartons and beautiful greens), but also has been our intrepid Treasurer.

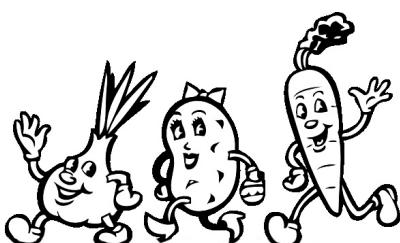
We are grateful to Nancy Frank for stepping into the role of Treasurer. Kathy can vouch for the fact that this no small task!

We wish a fond farewell to Don Womak, "The Garlic Guy," who was generous sharing his experience from many years of farming and selling at many different markets.

We look forward to celebrating with our Market friends at the Cabin Fever Reliever music event that we are currently planning for late March. Stay tuned!

Mark your calendars:

Opening Day of the 2025 Season is Wed., June 4!
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Fish & Game Webinar Series FREE

NH Fish & Game is offering a free, 4-part webinar series, Feb. 5 - March 19 to share ways that people can support wildlife and habitat conservation. The sessions will cover:

- 1) Protecting Important Wildlife Habitats
- 2) Wildlife Corridors & Road Crossings
- 3) Wildlife & Habitat Considerations for Trails
- 4) Community Engagement for Wildlife & Habitats

The series is open to town volunteers and interested individuals. Find more information and register at <https://www.takingactionforwildlife.org/resource-library/2025-wildlife-webinar-series>.

~ Kelly Short, Canterbury Conservation Commission

Cloverbuds will meet on Feb. 3, at 5pm.

Rascals will meet Feb. 3 at 6:30pm.

Both meetings take place upstairs in the Parish House.



Sing Your Heart Out, Fri., Feb. 21, 7pm Quaker Meetinghouse

The Quaker Meeting invites the community to join us for another edition of "Sing Your Heart Out." Here's our chance to gather together on a cold, dark night to add some light and song to our lives. Bring your "Rise Up Singing" and "Rise Again" songbooks (or borrow ours) and a finger food snack to share in our break for fellowship and food. Everyone gets a chance to choose a song, and we'll all leave with lifted hearts. Contact Ruth Heath (ruthmheath@comcast.net) with questions or if you can bring an instrument to accompany.

The Quaker Meeting House is located at 11 Oxbow Pond Rd, (off the traffic circle by the Exit 17 shopping area), Canterbury. Bring a friend, it's open to all!

~ Thanks, Ruth Heath

Local Folks, Here to Help

BACON ELECTRIC, LLC: Residential electrician serving Canterbury and surrounding areas. New construction, remodeling, or any other electrical service needs. Licensed and fully insured. Call Zack Bacon, 603-631-4325, or find us at facebook.com/baconelectricllc.

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Community Newsletter:

Deadline is 16th of month before publication. For events that are very early in the month we suggest submitting news 2 months ahead. Editor: Beth Blair, 603-783-4333. Submit news by Email to newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

Canterbury Fair:

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Town Email List:

Managed by Kal McKay. Join or submit news by Emailing canterburytownemail@gmail.com

- The deadline for submitting news is Tues. evenings at 8 pm. The email is sent out Wed. at 4 am.
- Unless something is urgent (e.g. snow storm), Kal will not post a special edition.
- Please keep your news email as plain and small as possible. No pictures or file attachments.

Post Office: 603-783-4158

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

Elkins Public Library

Phone: 603-783-4386.

Hours:

Mon. and Tues., 9-5
Wed. and Thurs., 9-7
Sat. 9-12.
Online: elkinspubliclibrary.org.

Stores

Canterbury Country Store:

Mon.-Sat., 7 am to 6 pm;
Sun., 9 am to 4 pm; 603-783-9933

Brookford Farm Store:

7 am to 7 pm daily;
603-783-4084



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 603-783-9980 or email transferstation@canterburynh.gov

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

Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor: 603-783-9955. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 10 to 2. selectmen@canterburynh.gov assessing@canterburynh.gov kfolsom@canterburynh.gov

Building Inspector: 603-783-9033 buildinginspector@canterburynh.gov

Highway Dept: 603-783-4123 canterburyhighway@canterburynh.gov

Planning Board: 603-848-2059 planningboard@canterburynh.gov

Monthly Meetings
(Check town website for details.)

Planning Board: 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed, MH

Conservation Commission: 2nd Thurs., 7 pm, MH

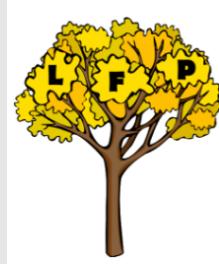
Historic District Commission: 3rd Wed., 7 pm

Selectmen: 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm, MH

Solid Waste Committee: Monthly on 2nd Monday, 3:30 pm, Library

Zoning Board: As needed.

Energy Committee: 2nd Mon., 7 pm, Library



Loudon Food Pantry

We have FREE food for those that qualify, and we want to share!

Check off the boxes to see if you qualify...

Do you currently live in:

Belmont NH Canterbury NH
 Chichester NH Loudon NH

If you are not in one of the above towns and need help, go to FoodPantry.org to find a food pantry in your area.

If you checked a box, then continue.

Do you currently participate in ONE or more of the following programs?

Fuel Assistance
 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
 Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
 Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD)
 Homeless
 SNAP (Food Stamps)
 Medicaid (State Welfare)
 Aid to the Needy Blind
 Old Age Assistance
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 Subsidized Housing (Rental Subsidy)
 County, City or Town Welfare

*In Dec. 2024,
Loudon Food
Pantry gave
out enough
food to 169
individuals
for them
to prepare
4,266 meals.*

If you checked any of the above programs, you qualify. If you did not check any of the programs above, you still might qualify depending on your household income.

What Do You Do Next? Call us at (603) 724-9731. Calling is the only way to receive your first appointment and know what documents to bring with you. If you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!



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 our website: loudonfoodpantry.org.

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Update from Canterbury Community Power Committee (CCPC)

We hold our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. In December, we had the pleasure of Sarah Brock,

from Clean Energy NH, join our meeting! She shared a lot of valuable information that will help us going forward.

We continue our search for Generation Grants for Renewable Energy Generation, as well as Distributed battery - BESS projects- Battery Energy Storage Systems. Canterbury residents have expressed frustration with cell coverage, and we have that on our "to do" list, as well.

CCPC continues to invite those that may have an interest in helping Canterbury with its goal of having the town buildings on renewable energy by 2035. We encourage you to join us and bring your ideas!!

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm or as posted and are held in the Municipal Complex.

At present, we have begun the steps for the weatherization of Elkins Public Library. We have suggested to the BOS to put in a warrant article to assist with funding of that project. Our goal is to eventually weatherize all the municipal buildings.

CPCNH joined us for our January meeting. They went over the 2025 spring electric rates. Below are the CPCNH Supply Rates.



The Canterbury Basic rate allows our community to capitalize a fund to support local energy projects and programs that benefit our residents and businesses. To enroll, select the "local option" in the customer portal. Projects and programs enabled by the Canterbury Basic rate will be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

To change your default rate, or get more information, go to the CPCNH website.

<https://www.communitypowernh.gov/canterbury-basic>

CPCNH Supply Rates February 1 - July 31, 2025 For Residential, General Service, & Outdoor Lighting

Power Options	Renewable Content +	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost of Supply per Month *
Clean 100	100%	12.3 ¢	~ \$80/month
Clean 50	50%	10.3¢	~ \$67/month
Granite Plus	33%	9.6 ¢	~ \$62/month
Canterbury Basic	25.2%	9.1 ¢	~ \$59/month
Granite Basic (Default Power Option)	25.2%	8.9 ¢	~ \$58/month

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