

Canterbury Community Newsletter

Published for the community by the Canterbury United Community Church ~ **March 2025**

**Candidates Forum,
Thurs., March 6, 7pm
Canterbury Town Hall**

Come and hear your candidates
for Canterbury Town Offices and
the School Board.

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Citizens for Democracy*

Below are comments from the two Canterbury candidates for School Board. Come to the Candidates Forum to hear more! The Belmont School Board candidates were invited as well.

Edgar Rivera

"I have five kids in the School District; one at CES, two at BMS, and two at BHS. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Admin. with a focus in Accounting from the Univ. of New Hampshire-Durham. I am running for School Board because I am concerned about the challenges that students, teachers, and parents are facing in our School District. I am also concerned about the School Budget, its impact on taxpayers and our communities. I ask for your Vote on Tues., March 11."

Note: Candidate forums posted to www.youtube.com/@libertadpressne

Katelynn Fehn

"As a finance and administration professional with the University System of NH, I bring a strong background in budgeting and strategic planning — skills that are essential to ensuring our schools remain well-supported and financially sustainable. Two of my three children currently attend CES, and my youngest will soon start preschool at Belmont Elementary. I'm running for school board because I believe we can maintain and even enhance the quality of education in Shaker Regional while being mindful of the financial impact on our community. I'm committed to exploring alternative funding opportunities -- so we can sustain excellence in our schools without putting additional strain on local taxpayers."

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>>> It's Town Meeting Time <<<

1st Session of Town Meeting Tues., March 11, 7am-7pm

Voting will take place at the historic Town Hall in the center of Canterbury. At this session we vote to elect town officials and decide on zoning changes.

Remember that on March 11 we will also be voting on the Shaker Regional School District budget! Go to the Shaker Regional School District website at www.sau80.org and follow the link to the "Voters' Guide" to see the school budget articles you will be voting on. You will also find a sample ballot that includes the candidates for School Board that you will be voting on.

Be sure to register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot if needed!

2nd Session of Town Meeting Fri., March 14, 7pm.

The second session will take place in the Canterbury Elementary School gym. At this session we meet to discuss and vote on Canterbury's annual budget and other warrant articles.

Note: The warrant articles for the second session were finalized at the Selectboard's Public Hearing on 2/18/2025.

Try to get to 2nd Session early — you will need to sign in and get your green/red card so you can vote. The line can be long!



Need to be Absentee?

In addition to normal office hours between now and Election Day, the Town Clerk's office will be available from 3 to 5 p.m. on **Monday, March 10** to receive absentee ballot requests and to accept returned absentee ballots, for voting on Tuesday March 11th.

Know Before You Go

Go to the Town website www.canterburynh.gov to check out the Ballot Proof, see who is running, and what warrant articles will be on the ballot for the First Session.

>>>>>
Look for this
helpful link
on the town
website
home page!

**Click Here for
Info on Town
Meeting!**

Dear Friends,

Walking Henry early Monday morning, after 24 hours of Sunday snow, I was surprised by a bald eagle. It was catching the stiff west wind blowing across the Robert Fife Conservation Land. The morning sun was still low enough that it lit up the underside of its wings and its bright white tail and head as it banked over the woods and headed north. And then it was gone. Henry was busy smelling a branch in the road, but I felt happy and exhilarated. This felt like a blessing, like I was blessed to glimpse a creature so wild and so different from my dog on his leash.

March is town meeting month in Canterbury, and annual meeting month at Canterbury United Community Church. So as I write this, I know that volunteers and elected officers of the town and the church are busy preparing annual reports and preparing to support and promote our traditions of shared governance. And we all prepare by recalling that direct democracy requires something of each of us: time, presence, mutual patience and politeness, respect for the moderator, and of course, Robert's Rules of Order! When we do show up, whether or not we vote, we strengthen our common life, a life we share with neighbors we know and neighbors we don't know at all.

Direct democracy, where each citizen or member has a voice and a vote, is not for lightweights! We encounter people who disagree with us (*yes, even in church!*). Really listening to neighbors discuss issues that might not involve us requires muscular patience and curiosity. At some point we'll need to exercise our self-restraint,

remembering that ancient rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!

But even when the meeting slows to a glacial crawl and we've run out of coffee, still we persevere with faith that this democratic decision-making ultimately strengthens us as individuals and as a community. This is true at CUCC, and in the Town of Canterbury.

On March 9, when the church convenes after worship, we will discuss and members will vote on church policies, on the church's budget, and on officers and committees. Our church recognizes no human higher authority to umpire or judge our diverse perspectives and opinions. It is we the people who must practice reconciliation and compassion, and we who must cooperate with kindness, relying on the Grace of God and the movement of each person's conscience, as we head into the next year of our shared life of faith.

~ In Peace, Becky



Pastor Becky



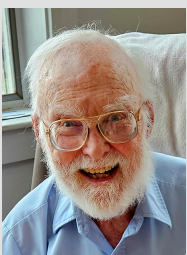
Stillness in the Center

7-7:30pm Wednesday evenings. Candlelight, quiet contemplative prayer and meditation. Come for a few minutes or for the half-hour.

Dave Gillis

Sept. 21, 1935 — Jan. 21, 2025.

Dave Gillis was a Canterbury resident from 1993 to 2025. His only roommates for those 32 years were his Australian shepherds, one or two at a time. He provided a wonderful home for each-and-every one of those dear dogs.



Dave grew up in Manchester, NH, graduated from MIT in 1958 with a MS in electrical engineering, and moved to Pacific Palisades, CA where

he worked for Hughes Aircraft Company until he retired. One of his many projects was to help build the Hubbell Telescope!

After selling his home in California, Dave moved back east and lived in Manchester with his dad while building his Canterbury home. Dave loved to cook, work on his land, collecting stamps, and caring for his dogs. Most of all, Dave loved his daughter, Lisa, her husband, Glenn, and his two grandsons, Tyler and Trevor.

In his own gentle, quiet way, and while always showing a great sense of humor, Dave was a true Canterburian who loved the beauty of the town and the people in it. He helped make this town so special.

Please Join Us!

March at CUCC

March 5, Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) Meditation and Prayer at 7 pm in the church.

March 9, Annual Meeting at 11:15 in the Parish House. Watch your email for the agenda and the 2024 Annual Report.

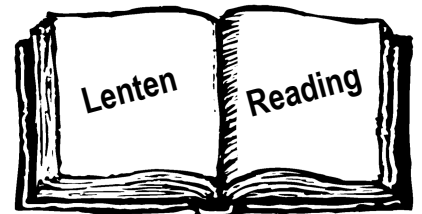
Morning Worship every Sunday at 10 am in the Church. Open and welcoming to all. In this season we will consider our spiritual and material practices (helpful and harmful) and how they might bring us closer to God and one another.

Open communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month.

Please check WMUR for possible weather closings.

Children's Church for ages 3-6 gathers at 9:45 in the Parish House Community Center. Please call 603-783-9365 for further information.

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



Sacred Self-Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing our Whole Selves, by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes (Harper One, 2023). Join us for discussion, or consider creating your own small discussion group!

Author Jeff Chu writes, "This book is a treasure. With tender patience and gorgeous grace, Chanequa Walker-Barnes invites us into a holistic vision of self-care rooted in God's abundant love. Bursting with practical wisdom, *Sacred Self-Care* helps us not only to honor our whole selves but also to extend love to and pursue justice for others. In a world that has cheapened self-care, she provides a valuable, faithful, and much-needed antidote."

Canterbury Garden Club

March 29 at 9:00 am at the Parish House Community Center

Spring is on the horizon, and it's time to turn those garden dreams into a thriving, productive reality. This month, we're thrilled to welcome **Beth McGuinn** and **Mary Kerwin**, who will be sharing their expert strategies for gardening with intention.

The session will include:

- How to plan the garden with human nutrients in mind.
- How to plan, plant, and grow a vegetable garden to meet your needs.

Whether you're a seasoned grower or just starting out, this meeting will equip you with practical techniques to cultivate a bountiful, diverse harvest all season long.

Connect with fellow garden enthusiasts, and get inspired for your best gardening season yet. Bring your curiosity, your questions, and a friend. The Garden Club is open to ALL!

~ Mindy Beltramo



From local trees to your table

New Hampshire Maple Weekend March 15-16, 2025

Follow your favorite sweet treat from the trees of the sugarbush to your table: get out for Maple Weekend in New Hampshire. Support your local sugarhouses all month long! Canterbury maple producers are:

North Family Farm (Shaker Road)

Sugar Bones Farm (Center Road)

Hutchinson's Sugar House (Hackleboro Road)

If there's steam from the stack, they're boiling – stop in! You can also buy syrup and maple products from Canterbury (and further afield) at the Canterbury Country Store.

If you want to make a weekend of it, go to www.nhmaplemap.com to find sugarhouses throughout NH.



SILENT AUCTION

GOLF

Loudon Country Club

Looking for the perfect way to shake off winter and hit the greens? Make a bid on an 18 hole round of golf for four -- with a cart -- at the Loudon Country Club! This fantastic silent auction will begin March 5 at Elkins Public Library, and you don't want to miss your chance to score!

- Bidding is open from March 5 thru April 1
- Enjoy a round for four at Loudon Country Club
- Includes a cart -- just bring your best swing!
- Winner announced on April Fools' Day... but this is NO JOKE!

Stop by the library, place your bid, and you just might be the lucky golfer walking away with this incredible prize.

Proceeds to benefit the revitalization of the Parish House Community Center.

We are mad for Maple!



LOCAL products:
MAPLE SYRUP ♦ MAPLE BBQ
MAPLE CRACKERS ♦ MAPLE ICE CREAM
MAPLE CHOCOLATE ♦ MAPLE CHEESE

SUGARING WEEK-END
 March 15, 1:00 - 3:00pm

- Citizen Cider tastings
- maple cheese tastings

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE

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CanterburyCountryStore.com
 open M-Sat 7-6, Sun 9-4



Do you need...seed? Check out the Elkins Free Seed Library!

Elkins Public Library is once again offering seed through our Free Seed Library. The Seed Library is supported by a group of volunteers, the Friends of Elkins Public Library (FOEPL), and the Canterbury Garden Club. We have many varieties of seed all donated by generous seed companies such as High Mowing, Burpees, Baker's Creek and others. We also encourage you to save seeds from your harvest and bring it to the library to share. The seed library works to strengthen regional food security, self-reliance and to encourage the growth of food and native plants.

In addition to vegetable, herb and flower seeds, we are offering over 60 varieties of native plant seeds donated by NH Pollinator Pathways for you to try. Our native seed is ready for planting through cold stratification. Instructions for three types of cold stratification are located at the Elkins next to the seed library.

All are welcome to take seeds from the library during the Elkin's regular open hours. You do not need to have a library card or be a Canterbury resident to take seeds. We aim to encourage the growth of food and native plants!



Canterbury Benevolent Society (CBS)

Meeting, March 4, 10am, Parish House

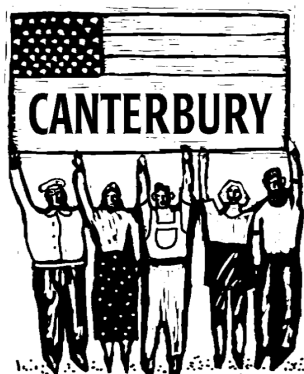
Please remember to bring a canned good, or other non-perishable item to the meeting. CBS booklets will be available.

~ Denise Sojka (CBS)

Heads up! Spring Clothing Swap

The next swap is scheduled for the first weekend in May. Start sorting now and stay tuned for more details in later newsletters.

~ Judy Nelson (CBS)



Coming Soon — Canterbury's Tricentennial year is 2027!

We will be designing a Tricentennial logo, so here's a question to ponder: When you think of "Canterbury," what images comes to mind? Our history includes dairy farms, railroad depots, Shakers, water powered mills, orchards, maple sugaring...and what else? Stay tuned, because in the near future we will be asking your opinions!



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Many Thanks!

Canterbury Fire Dept. Member Recognition, Monday, March 3, 6:30pm, Canterbury Fire Station

Fire Chief Michael Gamache & Canterbury Fire Department will be hosting the third annual member recognition ceremony to recognizing the volunteers who so admirably serve our community.

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

Go to the Canterbury NH Fire & Rescue Facebook page to see the ongoing service that this dedicated group of professionals provides to the town. There are stories, pictures, cautionary tales, helpful hints, and much more to be found.



Where's there's smoke...

What is an easy way to remember to check your smoke alarms and change the batteries? Check and test your smoke and fire detectors when you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. We "spring forward" on **March 9**, so make a note!

Smoke alarms throughout your home help play a crucial role in keeping you and your family safe by alerting you to potential dangers. However, the best smoke detectors provide no value if they do not have working batteries! It is important to check and test home smoke detectors often and replace the batteries to ensure the detectors are working properly.

Hardwired detectors that have a sealed battery do not need to be changed every 6 months, but the detectors must be replaced every 10 years. Every detector has a date of manufacture stamped on them. After 10 years the sensors that detect smoke and carbon monoxide may not be as effective as they once were.

If you notice a high-pitched chirping noise coming from your alarm then it is time for the batteries to be changed. It is best to be proactive and change the batteries in your smoke detectors before that noise occurs.

When you change the batteries in one alarm, make sure you change the batteries in the rest of the alarms in your home as well.

~ Chief Michael Gamache

Town of Canterbury News

Regular Meetings of Board of Selectmen are Mon., March 3 and Monday, March 17, 5 pm, in the Meeting House.



Get Your Copy of the 2024 Town Report

Check the Town Website www.canterburynh.gov during the first week in March to see The 2024 Town Report and sample ballots.

Printed copies of the Town Report will be available the first week in March at the Town Office, Municipal Safety Complex, Transfer Station, Elkins Library and Canterbury Country Store.

Thank you to the Board of Selectmen and the staff at the town office for all the hard work that goes into putting the report together.

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

The First Session of Town Meeting, Election of Town Officials AND School District voting will be held at the historic Town Hall on 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 in the Canterbury Elementary School gym at 7 PM. **Please** arrive early so you can check in and get your green/red card for voting!!

April is the beginning of the new tax year! Any tax exemption or discount applications are due to the Assessor by **Tues., April 15**. The Assessor will be visiting properties to review completed work based on building permits that have been issued in the past year.

Town Website is now www.canterburynh.gov



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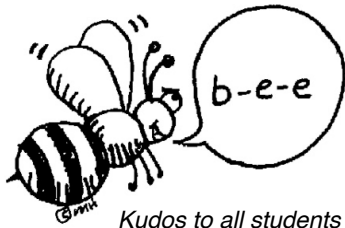
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CES News

I Love to Read Month

Last month we celebrated "I Love to Read Month!" Students participated in a bookmark challenge, shared book recommendations with lunchtime book talks, and enjoyed taking part in "drop everything and read." We had a special visit from one of the mascots for the NH Fisher Cats. He told us about the Fisher Cats Reading Challenge! We appreciate the many community members who served as guest readers throughout the month. The students enjoyed hearing all of the fun stories!



Kudos to all students for their efforts and focus in learning new words!

Congratulations to our spelling bee winners!

Winners by Class

Mrs. McCauley: Alex Jung
Mrs. Perlet: Colter Standley
Mrs. Glines: Madeline Treadway
Mrs. Briggs: Rowan Melanson
Mrs. Hebert: Tim Slayton

Winter Sports Day

CES students enjoyed some special activities in the days leading up to February break. Our 3rd-4th graders went on a bowling and ice skating trip. It was the first time for several students! Our younger learners stayed at CES and had fun doing yoga, snowshoeing, and an obstacle course! They all had a wonderful time.

Kindergarten Registration March 17-21

Do you have a student who will be five years old by September 30? It's time to think about registering for kindergarten! An online kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be open during the week of March 17-21. You can also register in person at CES during this week from 9 AM - 2:30 PM. To access the online registration, please go to:

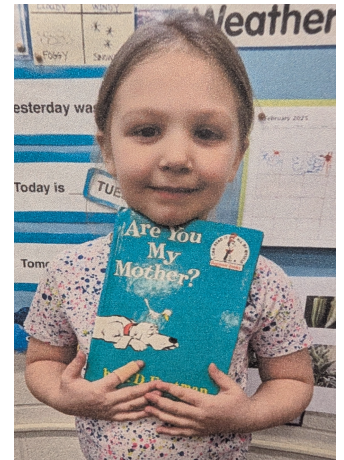
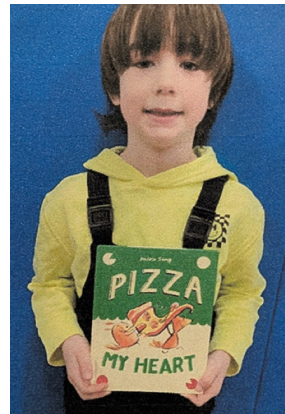
- www.sau80.org Click on Resources.
- <https://sau80.almastart.com/>
(If you don't already have an Alma account)
- Please call CES at 603-783-9944, or email our secretary at rmanita@sau80.org with any questions.

School Budget Voting

On March 11, Election Day, voters will have the opportunity to vote on the 2025-2026 school budget. Candidates for the open school board seats and the open moderator seat will also be on the ballot. Belmont residents will vote at Belmont High School and Canterbury residents will vote at the Canterbury Town Hall. **Individuals who qualify for absentee voting may contact the SAU office at 603-267-9223.**



A few CES students share their favorite books with us!



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Canterbury Rascals 4H News

Canterbury Rascals have upcoming workshops in making solar luminaries, sewing, woodworking, and maple sugaring. Members 16-years and older are learning to braid rugs, and several members recently participated in the Merrimack County Food Show on February 8th. Elisabeth & Freddy Yohe took home top awards for their entries in the Global Gourmet Showcase. Way to go Elisabeth & Freddy!

In March 4H-ers have the chance to represent our club by entering the Merrimack County 4H Presents event at MVHS on March 8th with photography, public-speaking, posters, demonstrations, and action exhibits.

~ Aurora Hutchinson, Club Reporter

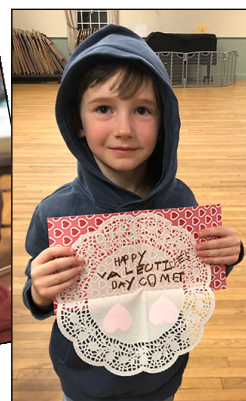
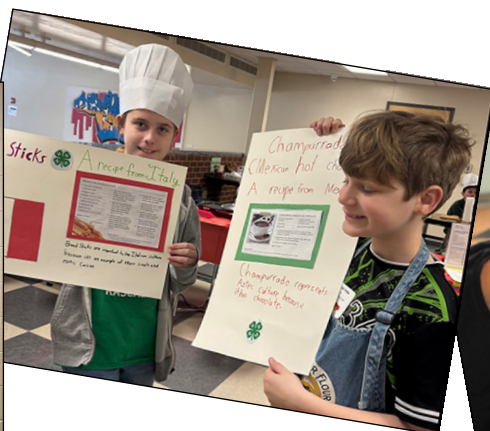


Canterbury 4H Cloverbuds News

In February, Cloverbuds met to make Valentines for special people. During our February meeting, the Cloverbuds also practiced making food art and making heart-shaped bird feeders. In February, Merrimack County 4H hosted its annual Food Show and several members of the Canterbury 4H Cloverbuds and Rascals participated in the categories of food art, international food, and place setting.

Cloverbud's next meeting will be on Monday, March 3, from 5-6 pm at the Canterbury Parish House. Our March 4H Learning Theme will be "Plants and Animals: All about pets." Come and join the fun!

Cloverbuds is a 4H club for children ages 5-7. New members are always welcome. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kate Mason or Emily Perlet at canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com



Cemeteries of Canterbury Need You

Dear Residents,

In addition to the large cemeteries in Canterbury Center and Maple Grove Cemetery on Baptist Rd., the Cemetery Trustees are also responsible for the upkeep of 30 smaller historic cemeteries. These cemeteries are scattered about town and you've no doubt seen some in your travels. However, some are quite remote and well hidden! We are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers that care for these cemeteries, for which we are most grateful.

We are reaching out for additional keepers. If you have time and energy for this project, we would love to hear from you! We mainly need grass/weeds to be kept down, branches trimmed, and leaves/debris removed. Some of our keepers mow the grass, however a weed whacker suffices. A trimmer and a rake are also necessary.

The goal is to be able to see the headstones and protect them. Any broken or toppled stones should be reported to the Trustees, as well as any large tree limb problems. *** If you are interested in becoming a keeper, please contact Jane Cote at mrcjrc@comcast.net ***

The Trustees wish to thank the townspeople who voted for the Maple Grove Expansion project at Town Meeting last March. The project went very smoothly, and we now have 400 new gravesites available which will accomodate residents for years to come.

~ With gratitude, Jan R. Cote, Cemetery Trustee
Cemetery Keepers Coordinator



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March Into Your Library This Month!

Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees: Next meeting is on Monday, March 17 at 6pm.

Thank you to FOEPL (Friends of Elkins Public Library) for absolutely spoiling us during Love your Library month. It is so nice to be appreciated. Consider joining this positive group who have fun together while supporting the work we do!

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

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

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

Chess Mates (*youth chess club*): Mondays, 3:30 - 4:30pm.

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

The Old Man Boring Book Club, Thursday, March 6, 6pm. We missed our February meeting due to snow so this is sure to be a full evening of catching up.

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure, Tues., March 25, 2:30pm: We will continue our discussion on ciphers, share new books we have read and, if given enough time, solve a few 5-minute mysteries. Join us on March 25 at 2:30 pm.

Evening Book Group, Wednesday, March 19th at 6pm. We will discuss *"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Copies are available at the circulation desk or on Libby or Hoopla. All are welcome. You don't have to read the book to attend the meeting and you don't have to attend the meeting if you want to read the book. :-)

Free Tech Help: Call the library today to reserve your half hour tech help appointment on Thursdays between 4 - 6 pm. No question is too small!

Elkins Library Speaker Series

Winter Hiking Preparedness and Search and Rescue in NH, Wed., March 12, 6pm, Town Hall

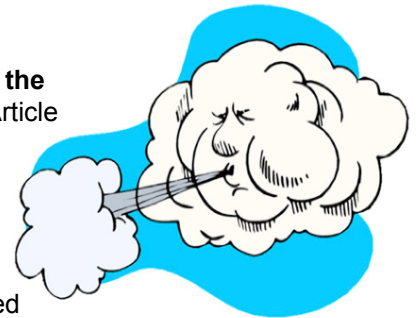
presented by Rodney Phillips

Have you ever asked yourself, "what equipment do I need to safely venture into the mountains for a winter hike?" or "How does Search and Rescue (SAR) work here in NH?" Come to this program to find out!

For other Elkins Public Library Speaker Series events, check out our website, Facebook, town email or Concord Monitor Town Crier.

Here we are! Elkins Public Library is open Mon. and Tues., 9-5, Wed. and Thurs., 9-7, and Sat., 9-Noon. You can call us at 603-783-4386.

We ask for your support at the Town Meeting on Warrant Article 12 which proposes to raise and appropriate money for the "weatherization" of the Elkins Library. The Library has long been identified as the town building most in need of energy saving measures by the Canterbury Energy Committee. The warrant article is put forth by the Canterbury Community Power Committee. The staff and the Library Board of Trustees would like to thank CCPC for their research and hard work.



Jordan T-W, times TWO!

Pub Night, Tues., March 4, 6pm in the Town Hall

It's our biggest shindig of the year! Enjoy Jordan's stellar Irish tunes, traditional pub munchies, and feel FREE to dance at this FREE event!

The winning ticket will be pulled for the beautiful "Garden Basket," currently on display at the library. Tickets are available at the desk, \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

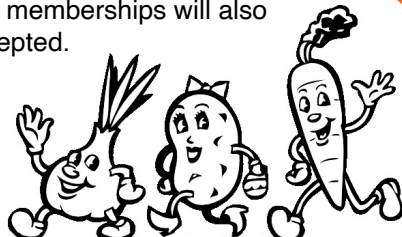
~ Hosted by FOEPL, with additional help from Mike Betolone of American National Insurance.



Polished Silver (*Canterbury's Social Senior Group*) & Elkins Public Library Collaboration, March 11th at 11 am, Parish House

We are so excited to have Canterbury's own Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki present his **"Songs of Emigration: Storytelling Through Traditional Irish Music."** Thank you to Mindy Beltramo and Polished Silver for working together to bring this fantastic NH Humanities Council program to this special group! Enjoy the music and stay for the potato bar lunch after. Please RSVP to mindy.beltramo@gmail.com, 603-731-8091, or the Library.

See you at second session of Town Meeting, Fri., March 14. Look for the Farmers Market table at the back of the gym — lots of fresh baked goodies to keep your energy up for voting! New and re-newing Market memberships will also be accepted.



**Friday,
March
14th**

Sing Your Heart Out, Fri., March 21, 7-9pm Quaker Meetinghouse

The Quaker Meeting invites the community to join us for another edition of "Sing Your Heart Out." Come 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 — or teach — 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!



This event will occur the 3rd Friday of every month.

~ In joyful song, Ruth Heath

FREE Pruning Workshop, March 24

Hackleboro Orchards is hosting its annual pruning workshop in conjunction with UNH Co-Op extension March 24, 4:30-7:00 pm. We will focus on pruning apple trees, peach trees, and blueberry bushes.

The workshop is free and registration is not required, open to anyone who wants to glean some knowledge for care of fruit trees and bushes. Please dress for the weather, boots are always a good idea!!

Questions? Call the Farm at 603-783-4248. Located at 61 Orchard Road, Canterbury. (Take Hackleboro Road from the center, and in about half a mile turn left at the big apple sign onto Orchard Rd. Go aaaalll the way to the top!)



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Canterbury Fair News! Join us Tuesday, March 18, 6:30pm

Winter is full on right now and a brrrry one it is. Why not think ahead to a hot, sunny day in July instead? Meet with the Fair Committee, downstairs in the Chapel Room of the Parish House Community Center, Tues., March 18, 6:30pm. We will be starting to plan this year's Canterbury Fair!



At the Wrap Up meeting last fall we heard ideas about shaking things up. If you are curious, please join us to hear how things might change, and help us figure out how to make it work!

~ Lisa Carlson

FREE Fish & Game Webinar Series

Two sessions are left in the NH Fish & Game FREE webinar series! Learn how to support wildlife and habitat conservation.

March 5: Wildlife & Habitat Considerations for Trails

March 19: 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



It Takes a Community To Run A Community!

Think about Volunteering!

New to Town? Volunteering is a great way to meet your neighbors! Many opportunities are posted in this newsletter and on the Community Newsletter website, the Town Email, and on the bulletin board at the Elkins Library and the Canterbury Store. Most of the great town events rely on great volunteers. Consider joining ...

- The "Treasure House" team at the Transfer Station
- The Canterbury Community Farmers Market
- The Canterbury Fair Committee
- FOEPL (Friends of Elkins Public Library)
- CCPC (Canterbury Community Power Committee)
- Friends of Canterbury Center
- Tricentennial Committeeand many more!



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Phone: 603-783-4386.
Hours:
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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:
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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:
canterburynh.gov

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.
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Building Inspector: 603-783-9033
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Highway Dept: 603-783-4123
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Planning Board: 603-848-2059
planningboard@canterburynh.gov

Monthly Meetings
(Check town website for details, agendas, and minutes.)

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

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

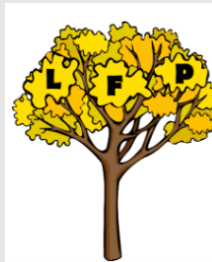
Historic District Commission:
3rd Wed., 7 pm

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 supply food to anyone who qualifies and resides within Canterbury, Belmont, Chichester, and Loudon NH. There is never any fee or charge for receiving food.

All food given out by appt. only

How We Helped Our Communities

In January 2025 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 284 individuals for them to prepare 7,769 meals. Of these people, 139 were aged 60 and older (49%), 59 were aged 18 or under (21%), and 86 were between those ages (30%).

The Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program!

We are so excited to share that Loudon Food Pantry has been selected to benefit from the Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program, which makes it easy for shoppers to contribute to their local communities.

... For the month of March 2025, whenever a \$3.00 GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag is purchased at the Shaw's located at Shaws, 20 Damante Drive, Concord NH, \$1 will be donated to Loudon Food Pantry. This is a great way to broaden awareness and help our cause.

... Let's get started! Share the news with friends and family. Call, send emails, and post on social media. The more people who purchase the GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag in March 2025, the greater the donation we will receive from Shaw's.

To learn more about this program, please visit shaws.2givelocal.com.



Call (603) 724-9731 to schedule your first appointment and know what documents to bring. If you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the day of 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,
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Update from Canterbury Community Power Committee (CCPC)

*We hold our meetings on the 2nd
Wednesday of each month.*

Right now, we are gearing up for the Town Meeting and are hopeful that the Select Board Warrant Article for the library weatherization project will get support from the voters.

Library Weatherization Project

- A past audit by Resilient Buildings Group stated the cost of heating/cooling for Elkins Library was ~\$5500/yr for electric and propane. Library heating/cooling system at/near end of life.
- Library has comfort issues in summer and winter. It is important for the temperature in the library to be comfortable, year-round, for all the programs and people the library serves!
- Would like more efficient heating/cooling with renewable energy. 1st step, weatherize! Weatherization is air sealing and insulation.
- Energy costs are rising 4.3% /year for propane and 3% for electric. https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/state/avgprice_annual.xlsx
- Weatherization will save approx. \$55,000 over 25 years in energy costs, even with the same inefficient heating/cooling system.
- Spending \$20k now on weatherization is similar to the town investing \$20k at 7% over 25 years.
- Why is CCPC involved? We are working to meet the "Canterbury Plan for Tomorrow" that states a goal for all town buildings to be weatherized and on renewable energy by Dec, 31, 2034.
- Please send your comments/questions to Tom Franco - tfranco.canterburynh@gmail.com



We're On The Lookout...

In the coming months, the Newsletter Team will be looking for a special someone to join us, and eventually step into the role of editor. This person will need good computer skills, have an artistic eye, and be able to "gently" edit articles to fit into tight spaces. Graphic design, page-layout, and journalism experience are a definite plus, as is a fondness for the old-school video game "Tetris." Just browse through this issue to see how all the bits and pieces fit together, and you will know why Tetris skills would come in handy! Stay tuned for more info in future issues.

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