

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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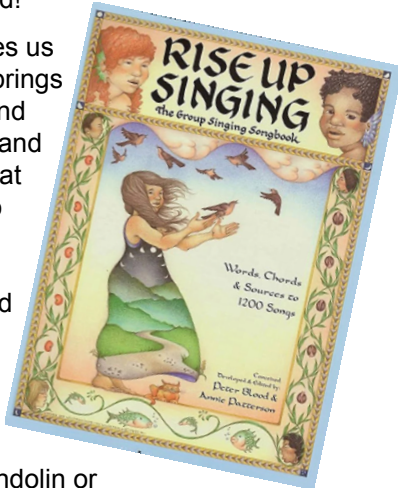
Sing Your Hearts Out

Come lift your spirits as we sing together on Friday, April 17, 6:30-8:30pm at the Quaker Meetinghouse, 11 Oxbow Pond Rd, Canterbury. Bring your Rise Up Singing and Rise Again songbooks or borrow ours. We'll have a snack and chat break, so bring a sweet or savory treat, if you can. And bring a friend!

Singing together unites us in a unique way that brings me joy and peace. And we all need more joy and hope and peace! What song do YOU need to sing that gives you hope? Bring your requests with you, and let me know if you want me to lead it.

By the way, I'd love help with music if you play guitar or mandolin or even ukulele! An RSVP would be helpful if you could to ruthmheath@comcast.net

~ Hope to sing with you soon! Ruth Heath



The longest-running April Fools' Day hoax was the Swiss Spaghetti Harvest broadcast by the BBC in 1957, which convinced many viewers that spaghetti grew on trees!

Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday, April 25
at the Fire Station.
7:30-9:30am**

Dear friends & neighbors of the Canterbury Fire & Rescue,

We will be hosting our annual pancake breakfast on Sat. April 25 at the fire station at the municipal complex.

\$15.00 per plate, children 8 and under are free.

We hope that you can take the time to come have some breakfast and meet some of the members that serve our community.

CUCC Community Easter Breakfast

All Are Welcome!

Everyone is invited to the annual community breakfast on Easter morning, no matter how else you are choosing to celebrate the day. Please invite a friend! Come enjoy a buffet style of yummy breakfast items plus the company of your family, friends, and neighbors. If you are interested in helping out for this event (*food prep, donating groceries or money, clean up, etc.*) call Contact Jennifer at 703-489-2924 or jleesq@yahoo.com with questions. *Proceeds go to the CUCC.*

What: Full Breakfast, Buffet style
When: Easter Sunday, April 5, 7:30 - 9:30 am
Where: Parish House Community Center

Cost: Kids 5 and under...FREE
Seniors 65+...\$6.00
Kids 6-11...\$6.00
Adults 12-64...\$10
Families (immediate)...\$25

SPRING Into A Busy Few Months!

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Pastor's Note

After long nights and cold days, April coaxes us out of our dens, and at last we can luxuriate in spring! Growers and gardeners have long marked the equinox on their calendars, and many traditional faiths celebrate renewal in April- new growth in the forests and fields, certainly, and also of our interior landscape. Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Hindu traditions all mark the miracle of renewal with fasting and feasting and gathering to celebrate light, and liberation, and life together in God.

We hope you will join us at CUCC for an Easter celebration - whether outside on the hill at Shaker Village or at breakfast in the Parish House, or under the steeple for the Gospel story and joyful song and prayer.

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

~ In peace, Becky



April at CUCC

Monday Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew continues: Mondays at 5pm in the Parish House Chapel.

Wednesday Stillness in the Center: Contemplative Prayer & Meditation: Wednesdays, 7-7:30 in the church.

April 2, Maundy Thursday, 6:45 pm in the Parish House Community Center. Tenebre is a moving service of shadows, telling the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and trial.

April 5 Easter Sunday

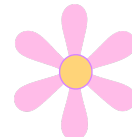
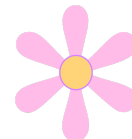
5:45 am at the Shaker Village, Sunrise Service, we tell the story, pray and sing. Follow the path to the hillside behind the buildings overlooking the pond.

7:30 am- 9:30 in the Parish House, Community Breakfast
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10 am in the church, Exuberant Easter morning worship! Bring a friend and celebrate with us.

April 12, Annual Meeting, 11:15 in the Parish House. Please remind other members and friends to come with you!

April 19, Breakfast Church Potluck.
10 am in the Parish House: Please bring something yummy to share and a friend!



With heartfelt gratitude, we thank our church community for the love, support, and kindness shown during this tender time following the passing of Edward "Ted" LeClair, former postmaster and a friend to so many.

The prayers, cards, and quiet acts of care have meant more than words can express. The service was a true reflection of the compassion and connection that make this community so special, and we are deeply comforted knowing we are held in such a circle of love.

We are especially grateful to Pastor Becky, the Canterbury Benevolent Society for hosting and providing such delicious food, to John Pollizi for gifting his beautiful hummingbird photo and to Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki for the beautiful music, which added so much meaning to the day.

Please know how much your presence and support have meant to our family. We carry that love with us.

With sincere thanks,
The LeClair/Holmes Family



On behalf of the staff and Trustees of Elkins Public Library

Ted was a beloved member of the Library Family. Years ago, during lunch breaks from the Post Office, Ted would come over to join us for lunch, taking the mail upon his return from the corner of the circulation desk. He was able to tell you how much he needed from the petty cash envelope just from holding the package and he could recite any zip code from memory. After his retirement, Ted spent his time working for the library and doing everything we needed. From taking the trash and recycling, setting and cleaning mouse traps in the ceiling, moving carts and setting chairs for programs, bringing hot lunch for staff members and helping with Summer Reading programs. He tended the garden and was available to help with whatever we had going on. He served his community in the most helpful ways. He was the treasurer of The Friends of Elkins Public Library and proud member of the Old Man Boring Book



Club. Long after Sue's retirement, Ted spent his time at the puzzle table working and visiting with people coming through and sometimes enjoying a coffee and the paper. Ted worked full time at the Library and we imagine he loved keeping up with people he knew from his time as Postmaster. We all miss Ted very much.

The Library is commissioning an art piece to be placed in "Ted's Corner" next to the puzzle table. We hope that people will remember what a lovely soul he was and think of him every time they visit the Library.

~ Mrs. Rachel C Baker

Town of Canterbury News

Thank you to everyone that turned out for both sessions of Town Meeting. Attendance at First Session voting was 392 and for Second session was 159. Our Second Session lasted just under two hours.

We appreciate the thoughtful questions and hope that we were able to answer them all. All warrant articles passed. We will be working on purchasing new equipment for the Fire Department, Highway Department, Transfer Station and the Town Office.

Thank you to our staff here at the Town Office and all that were involved in the budget process and preparations for the Town Meeting.

Regular Board of Selectmen's meetings are April 6 and 20. Please note: Meetings will start at 6pm instead of 5pm for April thru June. Agenda and Zoom link posted on Town website.

Notice from Town Clerk: Registration for all dogs must be done by April 30.

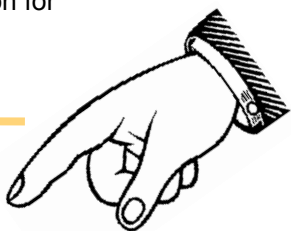
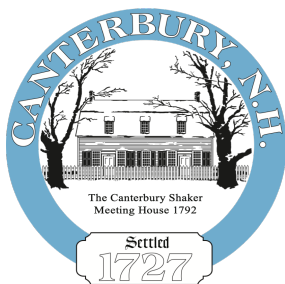
~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Community Power Listening Session, Tues., April 7, 7pm, Town Hall

BYOB – BRING YOUR OWN BILL (*utility bill that is*) to the Canterbury Community Power Committee's listening session. We'll provide some background on Community Power and how it works, address the current higher rates, how you can opt-out of the program to save money and recent progress for the Net Metering Customers. Mostly, though, we want to hear from you about how you'd like us to set rates, your thoughts about higher rates and Community Power in the future. We'd be happy to look at the bill(s) you bring after the program.

A representative from the Community Power Coalition will join us. Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact your Community Power Representatives – Beth McGuinn, bethm.canterburynh@gmail.com or Edger Rivera, erivera.canterburynh@gmail.com



The Assessor's Office has recently mailed postcards to some property owners requesting a brief visit to verify property data following a recent sale or construction project as part of preparing for the Town's 2026 town-wide revaluation. If you receive one, please consider scheduling an appointment using the information provided. If you have any questions, please call the Town Office.

Thank you for helping keep the Town's records accurate!

Message from Canterbury Fire Dept.

With most of the snow pack gone, a reminder to all residents that a **fire permit is required** for any and all outside burning. Permits can be obtained online at nh.burnsafeamerica.com or by visiting the fire station during normal business hours.

Fire Dept. Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8 am – 4 pm

Non-Emergency Phone: [\(603\)-783-4798](tel:603-783-4798)

Email: mgamache@canterburynh.gov



Smoke & carbon monoxide detector alert!

We greatly appreciate the assistance given to us March 9th by Fire Chief Mike Gamache and Lt. Herbie Batchelder installing up to date smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in our home. While we have been diligent changing batteries year to year since 1992, ours were very outdated and one needed proper



relocating. We encourage all our neighbors and friends to review your home safety products. Thanks to their advice about what and where to purchase detectors that have ten-year batteries in them, ours are now up and working. Thank you both and hope you hear from folks in town looking to ensure very affordable safety for their families. ~ Lisa Carlson and Al Edelstein

Annual Townwide Roadside Cleanup Sat., April 18

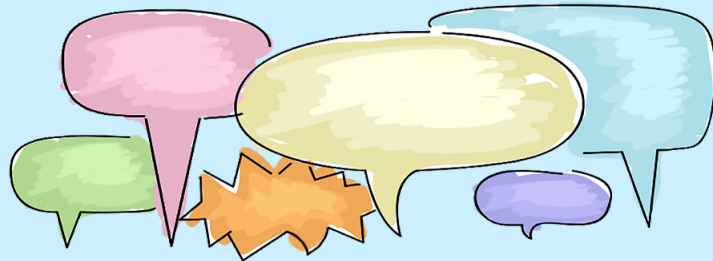
If you want to be part of the fun, contact me at mattieandriley@yahoo.com to say what section of Canterbury's byways you want to clean up. Then get the special blue bags, either from me or the Transfer Station, pick up the litter, (*on the organizing day, on a nice weather day, or on a day when you're tired of looking at Bud Lite cans*), and bring full bags to the Transfer Station.

You don't have to check in with me to participate, but it is useful because...

I can let you know if someone else has signed up for a stretch of road. A fair share of roadside has already been claimed by participants from previous years! However, if you live on or near Baptist Hill, Baptist Road east of Foster Road, West Road from Carter Hill to Northwest Road, and especially down by the town beach (*Old Boyce Road, Oxbow Pond Road, Riverland Road*), have I got a road for you!

I can add your name to the list at the Transfer Station of people who have signed up to participate, and I will reach out to you next year to see if you're still interested!

~ Thanks! Patrice Rasche



Join a Community Conversation on Aging Alone and Caregiving in Canterbury Thursday, April 23 • 6:30 PM • Library

In recent years, more of us have been asking: how can we continue living in the town we love as our needs change? And how can we better support caregivers?

This gathering will highlight what Canterbury is already doing — from library programs and food collections to “Polished Silver” luncheons, wellness checks, etc. We'll also share info about local services such as Concord Area Transit (CAT), Community Actions Program, Americorp Seniors, Meals on Wheels, and more.

Together, we'll pool ideas and explore: What additional supports are available? How can we better connect neighbors and caregivers with the resources they need?

Please join the conversation and bring your ideas. There's no expectation of taking on a formal role — this is an opportunity to talk, listen, and share the resources we'll all need as we age in Canterbury. Any next steps will depend on the interest and energy of those who attend.

~ Doris Hampton and Beth Blair

Next Fair Planning Meeting, Tues., April 21, upstairs in the Parish House, promptly at 6:30pm

Canterbury Fair Needs

Good first meeting that narrowed down some needs heading toward this year's Fair:

Trash Pick Up with Jim Sojka needs a companion younger, able body to help hoist barrels on Fair Day.



Road signs, put out and pick up. Signs go UP 2 days before Fair, and come DOWN Sat. eve after the Fair. A team of 2 people would be great! One of you needs a car :-)

Treasurer Shadow Needed: This is Polly Camire's last year. Someone is needed to shadow her THIS year so able to take over next year confident of the treasurer's duties.

Table Set Up/Take Down In-Charge Person for the What-Not Sale and Book Sale a month before Fair Day. One day commitment.

Set Up/Take Down In-Charge Person for Fair Day. This is a two day commitment. Set Up Day starts at 9 am Friday before the Fair and then Saturday at 4 PM for take down. **WANTED:** good multitasking skills, a good sense of order, and a good sense of humor who can herd cats. You will always have plenty of help, we just need some very organized leadership!

THANK YOU for stepping forward and being part of our town Fair Day! Any questions call Lisa Carlson 603-783-0335.

Yoga at the parish house!

Come celebrate spring! Mondays April 6, 13 and 20 from 7-8! Cost is 12\$ per class, come for just one or all three! Contact me, Audrey, at akotr@comcast.net Hope to see you there!

~ Audrey Knapp



ELKINS LIBRARY



No regular children's programming during April Vacation Week (April 27–May 1).



We have something going on every day of the week!

Chess Mates: Mondays at 3:30 pm. An hour of chess for all skill levels. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult, and a permission form is required. Final session: April 20, followed by a small celebration.

Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Stories, songs, and a craft — perfect for preschoolers!

LEGO Club: Tuesdays, 3:00–4:15 pm. Build, create, and connect! Duplos available for younger children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult (EPL Safe Child Policy).

Pins and Needles: Wednesdays at 2:00 pm, Fireplace Parlor. A friendly group for knitting, crochet, and mending. All skill levels.

Tunes, Tales & Tumbles: Thursdays at 10:00 am. Singing, dancing, instruments, and more—ideal for our littlest patrons.

Outdoor Story Time: Thursdays at 2:00 pm. Celebrate the warmer weather with stories and nature-based play. Rain or shine.

Free Tech Help: Thursdays, 4–6 pm (by appointment). Call to reserve a 30-minute session—spots fill quickly. Thank you, Kal!

Canterbury Chess Club: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5:00 pm. A casual, all-ages meetup with flexible time controls. Bring a favorite board or use one of ours.

Free Seed Library: Now fully stocked! No library card needed—open to all. Why not a Victory Garden and grow extra to share!

Library of Things (L.O.T.): Borrow from over 50 items for one week — try before you buy or use for a one-time need.

We have something going on all month long!



Old Man Boring Book Club (OMBBC): April 2 at 6:00 pm
A nonfiction book group with discussion and informal reports.

Granite VNA Program: Honoring Life's Final Journey:
Wed., April 15, 3:30–5:00 pm. An informative and compassionate discussion on hospice care, advance directives, and end-of-life planning. Through open dialogue, participants will gain insights into hospice services, advance care planning, and the emotional journey of both individuals and their families. Presented by Rev. Duane Bailey, M.D., Spiritual Care Counselor, Hospice, with Brooke Noonan assisting with advance directives and notary services. We're grateful to Granite VNA for their ongoing partnership and programs on aging, health, and caregiving.



Granite VNA is one of our favorite community partners and have hosted multiple programs focused on aging and health, balance, memory care, caregiver support, slip and falls, and end of life decisions. Stay tuned for more upcoming events!

Evening Book Group with Rosie: Wed., April 15 at 6pm. Discuss *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender. Copies available at the circ desk.

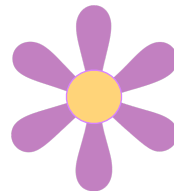
Library Board of Trustees: Mon., April 20 at 6:00 pm

Teen Night: Paint Night: Tues., April 21 at 5:00 pm.

Earth Day Crochet: Wed., April 22 at 3:30 pm. All ages welcome! Gather by the fireplace and learn to crochet a reusable washcloth/dishcloth. Bring 100% cotton yarn and a size F/5 hook. Call ahead if you need materials!

Vacation Week LEGO Club: Tues., April 28, 3:00 pm

Murder, Mayhem & Misadventure (MMM) + Extras: Tues., April 28 at 2:00 pm. Half discussion of recent mystery reads, half "something extra."



Elkins Public Library
Speaker Series
presents...

The Extraordinary Caterpillar, Wed., April 8, 6pm, Town Hall.

We're hosting a special screening of a beautifully shot 60-minute documentary that reveals the vital—and often overlooked—role caterpillars play in our ecosystems and sustaining life on earth.

Sponsored by Elkins Public Library. Hosted by Donna Miller, Advanced Master Gardener with guests Diane DeLuca, NH Audubon and Allyson Mulcahy, Tanglewood Hollow who will do a Q&A after the documentary.

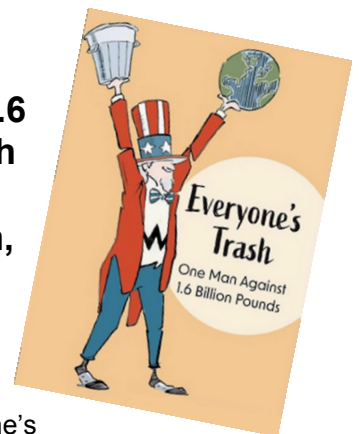


Earth Day Event:

Everyone's Trash: One Man Against 1.6 Billion Pounds, with Duncan Watson, Wed., April 22, 6pm, Town Hall

Join us on Earth Day for a special presentation by Duncan Watson. In his talk, based on his book "Everyone's Trash," Watson challenges communities to rethink waste, showing that diverting up to 80% from landfills is both achievable and cost-effective.

Community Read: To celebrate his visit, we've borrowed multiple copies of *Everyone's Trash* through NH Reads To Go. Books will be available the week of April 13—stop by and pick one up!



American Heart Association - Kids Heart Challenge

Mr. McWhinnie recently completed a jump rope unit with the physical education classes. A school-wide goal was set to raise \$3,000 for the American Heart Association. CES students surpassed the goal and raised over \$3,800! In celebration of their efforts, we held a dance party for the K-2 students and a staff vs. students handball game for the students in grades 3-4. Thank you to everyone who supported us in raising funds for this worthy cause!



I Love to Read Month

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

Thank You, Volunteers

We are so grateful for our amazing volunteers! Community and family members regularly assist us by serving as room parents, coordinating class events and parties, chaperoning field trips, providing classroom support, serving on the PTO and reading to classes during I Love to Read month. We are truly fortunate to have such amazing volunteers and we appreciate all that they do to make CES such a special school. If you are interested in volunteering at CES, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Susan Townsend-Gray at stownsengray@sau80.org.

Kindergarten Registration Open March 16-20

If you have a student who will be 5-years old by Sept. 30, it's time to think about kindergarten! Online kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. You can also register in person at CES from 9 AM - 2:30 PM.

For online registration, go to www.sau80.org, then click on Resources. If you don't already have an Alma account, you then click <https://sau80.almastart.com/>

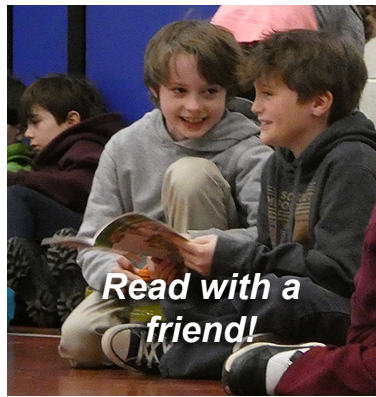
Call CES at 603-783-9944, or Email our secretary at stownsengray@sau80.org with any questions!



Our top 5 fundraisers in the Kids Heart Challenge are, from left to right: Parker, Caroline, Nancy, Arlo, and Forest.



Read with a teacher!



Read with a friend!



Read with a... Fungo?!



Yup...Fungo loves to read!

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Less than 275 days to 2027!

“300 Trees” Project

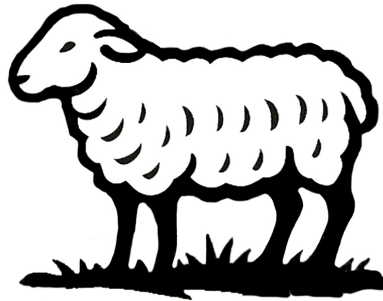
We’re off to a strong start: seeds collected last fall from historic Canterbury trees are already sprouting. Our goal is 300 trees ready for transplanting in 2027—start thinking about where you’ll plant one!

“Canterbury Time Machine” Film

Filming resumes in April. Kudos to our local writers for bringing 300 years of history to life. We’re seeking rustic indoor locations for a few scenes—get in touch if you have a space. Experience with sound or video editing? We’d love your help.

Sheep Boom

We’re gathering stories and materials about Canterbury’s sheep industry. Did your farm have a sheep barn, sheds, or stone walls built for sheep? Have photos to share? Join us in shaping a sheep-themed lecture and workshop.



Stay Connected

Follow us on Facebook (“Canterbury Tricentennial”) and visit: canterburyhistory.org/tricentennial-committee/
Contact: canterbury300@gmail.com

In the Works

Commemorative quilt • Tricentennial ale • Center walking tour • Tricentennial song • Center flags • Music & dance events • Old house tours • Fishing derby • 4-H activities • and more

Support the Celebration

Purchases help fund Tricentennial events and projects:

- “Honoring Our Roots” sticker (great for water bottles or cars)
- Crocheted mascot sheep “Baaahb” by a local crafter
- Coming soon: collectible Canterbury Challenge coins
- Online T-shirt store (open again soon; new styles/colors—sign up for email alerts)

How to Buy

Watch the newsletter and Town Email for sale locations, or visit canterburyhistory.org, scroll to the Tricentennial Committee, and follow the link to our shop.

Have ideas or want to help? Canterbury300@gmail.com

HISTORY FAST FACT: Our neighboring town of Gilmanton was also incorporated in 1727. The Charter was signed on the 20th of May by His Majesty’s Colonial Governor, John Wentworth — the same day that Canterbury’s charter was signed! The Governor surely was busy that day...



Summer Music Is Back In Canterbury



Sessions in the Center – Live Music Series
Presented by Friends of Canterbury Center

Concert Dates:

June 18, August 6, August 20, September 3 // 4th of July Celebration, featuring “Club Soda”

All events are held at Canterbury Center and are FREE and open to the public.



Become a Patron – \$40 // Support Sessions in the Center — your contribution funds the concert series and keeps these events free for the community. Help us reach 100 Patrons!

Donate online: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/friends-of-canterbury-center-summer-concert-series-patron>

Donate by check to: Friends of Canterbury Center, PO Box 142, Canterbury, NH 03224

Local Businesses Interested in sponsoring Sessions in the Center Email: friendsofcanterburycenter@gmail.com



Friends of Canterbury Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.



Annual Town Yard Sale, Sat. June 13, 9-Noon

At the Center Gazebo Green, Rain or Shine! Come and Shop —OR— set up your own table and cash box and bring your own Treasures to sell! A small charge of \$3-\$5.00 for the Concord Monitor newspaper ad will be collected that morning. Leftover Treasures can be donated to the What-Not Sale at the Canterbury Fair. Contact person Jessie Tichko rjtichko@gmail.com

Canterbury Historical Society

There are two announcements this month:

1. The featured article for April on the CHS Website will be about the fire that destroyed much of Canterbury Center in April 1943. Find it at **CanterburyHistory.org**
2. If you live in an old house in Canterbury, you might be interested in displaying an historic sign. The Historical Society is offering historic signs for sale. You can see a sample below. The durable aluminum, non-reflective outdoor signs are 12"H X 15"W. They are expected to last at least 40 years and cost \$45.00 each. Since history is always in the making, one distinguished resident of Canterbury wants an historic sign for his house that was built in the 1970s!

As you can see on the sample, you will need to provide the name of the original owner (in this case Hackett) and the date the house was built (C. 1750). More information and order forms are posted on the Canterbury Historical Society Website. (www.canterburyhistory.org).

~ Fred Brewster



Historic Canterbury Women's Committee Wednesdays April 8 and May 6, 10am, in the Elkins Library

The Historic Canterbury Women's Committee, part of the Canterbury Historical Society, is focused on Canterbury women and bringing their stories into the light.

Our vision is to bring these stories of Canterbury Women to everyone as part of the Tricentennial Celebrations. We are seeking to discover and preserve their contribution to our town's heritage. Once you start looking, amazing stories emerge and evolve!

If you have letters, photographs, or memories of Canterbury women, reaching out via email is the first step to ensuring those legacies aren't lost to time. Please Email us at: historiccantburywomen@gmail.com

Check-out the Canterbury Historical Society's website as stories may start to appear! CHS has indeed been very active lately, with a wealth of new stories, feature articles, latest news, and project updates. It's definitely worth a regular visit as we ramp up for the big 2027 Tricentennial Celebrations!

~ Sue Russell, Chair

Canterbury Shaker Village Events

All information for registering for events found at shakers.org/events.

Movers and Shakers Trail Club: Last Saturday of every month at 9:30-11:00am // Come out and run/walk the miles of Village trails over nearly 700 acres of beautiful conservation land. A great way to get outside and meet new people.

Women's Leadership Breakfast: April 24 at 8:00-10:00am // Hosted by award-winning journalist Laura Knoy, join New Hampshire leaders for a lively discussion on how the Shakers approached gender equity and the state of women's leadership today. Includes tour of the Infirmary.

Volunteer Day with The Dewey School: April 25 at 9:00am-12:00pm // A call for volunteers from friends, families, and supporters of The Dewey School and Canterbury Shaker Village to help us with "Spring cleaning. Support maintenance of natural play environments for children and beautify the grounds and landscape of the Village ahead of opening day.



Opening Day and Shaker 5k: May 16 at 9:00am // Join the Village for its annual 5k race to kick off the season!

~ Garrett Bethmann



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4H Cloverbuds News

The Cloverbuds 4H club learned about animals and plant life during the March meeting. They learned about what they need to make shelters and participated in a fun scavenger hunt to collect materials to make a bird nest. The Cloverbuds also planted seeds to nurture at home!

On March 21st we had 3 Cloverbud members participate in "Pet Showmanship" at Merrimack County 4H Presents where they each spoke about their pet rock or stuffed animal they chose to share. They did such a great job with this being their first foray into public speaking for some of them.

The Cloverbuds will meet on Monday April 6th at 5pm at the Parish Hall."

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

To sign up your child: <https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/what-is-4-h>



Canterbury Rascals 4-H News

Rascals have been busy this winter! They created decorative winter luminaries, while some club members built birdhouses in a workshop with local woodworking expert Ted West. Other Rascals learned to sew pillowcases with 4-H alumna Lydia West.

On March 21, members participated in Merrimack County 4-H Presentation Day at Grace Capital Church in Pembroke. 4H's showcased their talents in public speaking and visual arts through speeches, demonstrations, posters, and photography. The event was a valuable learning experience and it was impressive to see how hard the club members worked in preparing for their events.

Many members ages 12 and older were invited to advance to New Hampshire State 4-H Presentation Day in May! All the participants did an outstanding job and represented our club and community well!

Our next meeting for 4H Rascals is on Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm at the Canterbury Parish House, 6 Hackleboro Road.

Canterbury Rascals is a 4H club for children ages 8-18. New members are always welcome. If you have questions or would like more club information, please contact Adrienne Hutchinson at adrienneart212@gmail.com. Find more information about 4H, and



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The Canterbury Farmers Market Welcomes New & Renewing Members!

We are now accepting memberships for the 2026 season. Our goal is 120 members to honor the Market's 20th year! Join us in supporting our mission to promote community, local food, and agriculture through vibrant weekly Markets.

Your membership supports:

- Connections with local food producers
- A vital weekly community gathering space
- "Mary Ellen's Basket," helping neighbors facing food insecurity
- Vouchers for the Loudon Food Pantry
- 50% of the Market's basic operating budget



Other ways to support the Market:

- Music Sponsorships help to promote your business or group while also helping the Market — your group or business name will be featured in promotions and at performances.
- 20th Anniversary Celebration (2026): Help us celebrate! We welcome volunteers and financial support for this special event.

Contact us at canterburyfarmersmarket@gmail.com or visit the Market info tent at any Wednesday Market, starting June 3.

Help Send Team 603B to the VEX World Championship

Goal: Raise \$2,000 —> \$1,000 to support team travel. Thanks to everyone who donated already!

Shaker Regional's Robotics Team 603B — "I Don't Know" has qualified for the 2026 VEX Robotics World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri — the largest robotics competition in the world!

These are our students, and they've put in hundreds of hours designing, building, and competing to get here. Now we have a chance to help them take the final step.

To donate by check: Make checks payable to Friends of Shaker Robotics. Mail to **Friends of Shaker Robotics**, P.O. Box 146, Canterbury, NH 03224

To donate online: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/help-send-shaker-robotics-team-603b-to-the-vex-world-championship>

Friends of Shaker Robotics is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (EIN: 33-3999463), and donations may be tax-deductible as allowed by law. Thank you for supporting our local students and STEM education!

Photo: Ethan Rivera (Canterbury) and Cadence Brunelle, BHS



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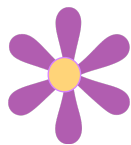


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Coming Up!

Join Us for Field Work May 1, 9:30am

Spring is coming! Join Conservation Commission members at the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area on Kimball Pond Road on Friday, May 1 at 9:30am to trim brush along the stonewall, remove bittersweet, and trim some trees to make mowing easier. Bring hand tools (*loppers, clippers, small saws*), water, and dress for all possibilities — cold, wet ground, thorns, and ticks!



~ Kelly Short

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Adult Clothing Swap, May 21-23, Parish House

Thurs., May 21, 9-5
Fri., May 22, 9-6
Sat., May 23 9-1



You can drop off and shop at the same time. Clothing must be bagged, clean and in good condition. We take anything except nightwear, swimwear, or underwear.

Everyone is welcome to this FREE community event. Clothing contributions are NOT required to participate!

Volunteers needed to help sort and pack clothes! For info or to volunteer, contact Judy Nelson at [603-493-4207](tel:603-493-4207).

Canterbury Fund: Time for Students to Apply (Deadline May 31)

The Canterbury Fund is a charitable trust, administered by the Trustees of the Canterbury United Community Church who are authorized to act also as Trustees of the Canterbury Fund. The Canterbury Fund is primarily funded through the Canterbury Fair. The Declaration of Trust of the Canterbury Fund, as amended, states that: "The purposes of this Charitable Trust are to aid financially, or in any other manner deemed reasonable and necessary by the Trustees, those Canterbury, New Hampshire residents who are in need of financial assistance due to hardship; to aid the higher education of worthy students; to make grants or loans to said individuals; and to make grants or loans to organizations in Canterbury to assist in the funding of community projects which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are in the best interests of all Canterbury residents"



Student Application Deadline is May 31st (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

What-Not Drop Off and Volunteer Times

We're back at Town Hall this year — it'll be cozy, but fun!
Sunday, June 28, Move tables and set up, after church.

Donation Drop Offs, Sorting & Pricing:

- Mondays July 6, July 13 & July 20 // 4-7pm
- Wednesdays July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22 // 4-7pm
- Fridays July 3, July 10, July 17 // 4-7pm
- Friday July 24 // Noon-4pm
- Saturdays July 4, July 11, July 18, // Noon-5pm



Last day to drop off donations: Sat. July 18

Sorting and Pricing Only:

- July 20 - 23 // 4-7pm — Friday the 24 // Noon-4pm



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Parish House rental: 603-783-9365.
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Online: canterburychurch.org
facebook.com/MyCanterburyChurch

Community Newsletter:

Deadline is 18th of month before publication. For events early in the month consider also submitting news 2 months ahead. // Editor: Beth Blair, 603-783-4333. To submit news: newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

Community Newsletter Website:
CanterburyNewsletter.org

Town Email List:

Managed by Kal McKay. Join or submit news by Emailing canterburytownemail@gmail.com
• Deadline to submit news is Tues. by 8 pm. Email sends Wed., 4 am.
• Unless something is urgent (e.g. snow storm), no special editions.
• Please keep news short as possible. No pictures or attachments.

Tricentennial Committee:

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Brookford Farm Store:

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Questions / Concerns

NH Fish and Game (603) 271-3421
www.wildlife.nh.gov

Wildlife Rehabilitation

Maria Colby, Henniker. (603) 428-3723. wingswildlife.org

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Canterbury Police Department:
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Mon.-Thurs., 8:30am - 4:00pm

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603-228-1010 for non-emergencies.

Fire Department: 603-783-4798 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:
603-783-0153. // Mon. and Wed., 9 to 3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7. spapps@canterburynh.gov

Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor:
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Planning Board: 603-848-2059
planningboard@canterburynh.gov

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Check Town website for agendas, minutes, and meeting updates such as change of venue or cancellations. All regular meetings currently scheduled in the Meeting House.

Board of Selectmen:
1st and 3rd Mon., 5 pm

Canterbury Community Power:
2nd Wed., 7 pm

Conservation Commission:
2nd Thurs., 7 pm

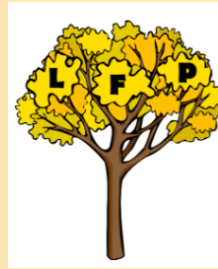
Energy Committee:
2nd Mon., 7 pm

Historic District Commission:
3rd Wed., 7 pm

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

Trustees of Trust Funds:
Quarterly, 5:30 pm

Zoning Board: 4th Wed. of the month, as needed.



Loudon Food Pantry

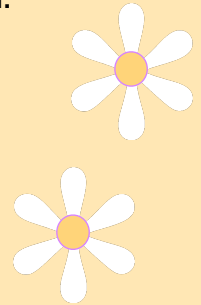
We supply food to anyone who qualifies and lives in Canterbury, Belmont, Chichester, and Loudon NH. There is never any fee or charge for receiving food. All food given out by appt. only.

How we helped our communities

In February 2026 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 271 individuals for them to prepare 10,324 meals. Of these people, 123 were aged 60 and older (45%), 57 were aged 18 or under (21%), and 91 were between those ages (34%).

Here is a list of the items we need:

- Hearty Cream Style Soups
- Hot Beverages
- Canned Kidney Beans
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Spinach
- Canned Tuna



Time Off – April 28, 29, 30

We will be closed and unavailable on April 23, 29 and 30. This gives our volunteers some time to recharge after the holiday season. We will reopen on Tuesday May 5, 2026.

Do you need food? Call Meghan at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!

Hours: Office open for donations and volunteers Tues. 9-6, Wed. 9-1, Thurs. 9-4 // Closed Mon. and Fri.

Service: ONLY by appointment, same hours as above.

Location: Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd. Unit D, 30 Chichester Rd., Loudon, NH 03307.

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It's been an exciting month for Pack 296, and we're proud to share the highlights!

Scouts across all ranks were busy completing adventures: Lions tackled "Pick My Path," Tigers reached for the stars with "Sky Is the Limit," Wolves explored aviation through "Air of the Wolf," and Webelos sharpened their skills in "The Chef's Knife." As a pack, everyone also completed the "Race Time" adventure — leading up to one of the year's most anticipated events, the Pinewood Derby!

This year's Derby was especially meaningful, marking its return to Canterbury after nearly a decade! Eight Scouts competed in the pack race, and we were thrilled to welcome 16 community members for the community races. It was a day full of creativity, excitement, and friendly competition. Most importantly, our Scouts demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship throughout.

We're proud to share that our top three racers will advance to the regional Pinewood Derby in Concord, April 18. We wish them luck!

Looking ahead, Scouts will explore recycling and energy while building their own greenhouses—an hands-on way to learn about sustainability and environmental stewardship.

We warmly welcome new Cub Scouts in grades K–5. Curious families are invited to join us every other Friday from 5:45–7:00 PM at the Parish House. For more information, contact us at pack296nh@gmail.com or Jon Sinclair at 603-502-3956.

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