

# Canterbury Community Newsletter

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## Support Elkins Public Library during "NH Gives" — June 9, 5pm to June 10, 5 pm

The Friends of Elkins Public Library (FOEPL) is participating in NH Gives again this year. Last year we raised \$1,000. This year we are hoping for \$2,500!

This 24-hour online fundraising event helps connect donors to local nonprofits. You can participate by going to [nhgives.org](http://nhgives.org) and searching for Friends of Elkins Public Library. Donations may be made via credit and debit card, ACH transfer, Apple Pay, Venmo, Pay Pal or Google Pay.

All donations will be used to fund programming at our wonderful town library and will be gratefully received. Thanks!



## Summer Music In Canterbury ~ First Concert June 18!

Sessions in the Center – Live Music Series presented by Friends of Canterbury Center. All events are held in Canterbury Center and are FREE and open to the public. .

### Concert Dates:

June 18, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, Sept. 3 // Special 4th of July Celebration, featuring "Club Soda"

**Concert Time:** 6-8pm

### Become a Patron:

\$40 // Support Sessions in the Center — your contribution funds the concert series and keeps these events free for the community.

### Donate online:

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



### Donate by check:

Friends of Canterbury Center,  
PO Box 142, Canterbury, NH  
03224

Local Business: To sponsor Sessions in the Center Email: [friendsofcanterburycenter@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcanterburycenter@gmail.com)

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

## It Takes a Village...or in our case, a Town!

Paul Lepesqueur has photographed the many groups of people who volunteer or who hold jobs that keep our town running. The photographs are assembled in a short film that is set to music. Watching the pictures of everyone who serves can be a very emotional experience! To see this film go to the Canterbury Historical Society website at [canterburyhistory.org](http://canterburyhistory.org) and look under the heading: "A Tribute to All Those Who Keep Canterbury Running".

## Wear your Happy Hat to Opening Day! Opening Day of Canterbury's Farmers Market is Wed., June 3

Starting June 3 the Farmers Market will be open every Wednesday, 4-6:30pm. Join us in our traditional spot in the parking area and meadow next to the Elkins Public Library.

- Greet familiar vendors and welcome our NEW vendors.
- Great LIVE music every week!
- Kids' "Chalk Art Gallery" will be open all summer.
- Embrace the Zen of our midweek market, find something good to eat, and bring home something good to cook for dinner.
- Double your fun and bring a friend!



Join our 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Market on Wed., July 15. Special food, special music, and a special way to celebrate local goodness and community! Visit our website and sign up for the Weekly Market News to get all the details – OR – check Facebook / Instagram.

# Slowly, so, so, sooo slowly....

summer has arrived! June must be the most anticipated month, whether you're a student or a teacher, or a grower, or even a twelve-month commuter. Finally we can shed our coats and sweatshirts, long pants and heavy shoes. Summer means rolling down the windows, rolling up our sleeves, kneeling in a garden and leaping through a sprinkler. Even the most indoorsy folks feel summer's call to come outside and just enjoy! My mom and dad pushed me outside whenever the weather was nice (*all four seasons*), even if it meant just bringing my book and reading in the shade. To this day, I still get antsy if I'm inside for very long

In summer, Canterbury United Community Church (CUCC) still gathers in the center for worship at 10, with coffee and conversation at 11:15, but not always under the steeple. When the morning is fine, we might hold our service in camp chairs under that spreading maple by the Parish House. And if it's not too hot, we may stay out for open fellowship, too! And this makes good theological and ecclesiastical sense- because worshiping outdoors reminds us that one, God isn't limited to one place (*not even a place with a steeple*), and two it's not the building that makes us a church. CUCC is centuries of people and their promises, to care for and nurture one another in body and spirit, to love and serve our neighbors and strangers, and to grow together in faith and understanding.



I hope you'll visit us this summer- for worship or for coffee hour, or just stop by the Parish House for a chat. You'll find a friendly welcome, great music, and rest and inspiration- whether we're inside or out!

*In Peace, Becky*

Canterbury Benevolent Society would like to thank everyone who worked to sort and fold and clean up at the Spring Adult Clothing Swap. The community support has been tremendous and much appreciated! Look forward to seeing both a Children's and an Adult's Clothing Swap coming in the Fall.

*~ Judy Nelson*



## All The News in Town

*Hope this helps get your news to the right place at the right time! :-)*

**Community Newsletter** / once a month / paper / Deadline 19th of the month prior to month you want item to appear / [newslettercanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:newslettercanterbury@gmail.com)

**Town Email** / every Wednesday / Deadline every Tuesday by 7 pm / [canterburytownemail@gmail.com](mailto:canterburytownemail@gmail.com)

## CUCC Summer Gatherings

10 am Sundays, celebrating open Communion on the first Sunday of each month

11:15 Fellowship with coffee and snacks, Everyone is welcome!

Mondays: 5-6:30 pm No-Homework Bible Study. No experience necessary, questions always welcome! Parish House basement chapel.

Wednesdays: 7-7:30 in the church, Stillness in the Center: Candlelight, Quiet, Contemplative Prayer and Meditation. Stay for as long as you need.

Visit our website at [Canterburchurch.org](http://Canterburchurch.org)

CUCC became a united church when Canterbury's Congregational and Freewill Baptist churches merged in 1958. Today, CUCC is member of the Open and Affirming (ONA) coalition of the United Church of Christ and the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

## Reminder: Celebration of Life for William (Tom) Cochrane, June 13

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2-4 pm at the NH Sno-Shakers Snowmobile Clubhouse at 70 Clough Pond Rd., Canterbury.

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## Next Canterbury Fair Planning Meeting, Tues., June 16, 6:30 pm at the Parish House in the Thunberg Room!

**Time to Make Shaker Hand-Pies!**  
**Sat., June 6, 8am - Noon**  
**Sat., June 20, 8am - Noon**



There will be two teaching sessions for learning what goes into making the delicious little treats that Fair-goers love. Join us upstairs in the Parish House kitchen. Last year, approx. 375 hand-pies were made. Help us get to 400 this year! Contact Judy Nelson (603-493-4207) to let me know which session you'll be attending.

### I.O.Vs:

Anyone interested in participating in an "Interesting Old Vehicle" display at the Canterbury Fair please contact Briggs Lockwood at [briggslockwood@gmail.com](mailto:briggslockwood@gmail.com).



### WHAT NOT

#### Drop Off Times:

Starting July 1 thru Saturday July 18  
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4-7p, Saturdays noon-5p  
The last day for dropping off items is Saturday the 18th.  
The week leading up to the Fair is for sorting and pricing ONLY!

#### Volunteer times before the Fair:

Volunteers needed to help collect and sort during all drop off times (see above).  
Come as you are whenever you can!!

#### Volunteers needed for Sorting and Pricing ONLY:

daily July 20-23 4-7pm  
Friday, July 24th, noon-4p.



#### Volunteer shifts day of the Fair:

8-11a, 10a-1p, 1p-4p, 4-6p (clean up!)

To volunteer or for questions, call or text Sally Hayslip (603) 848-6408



### BOOK SALE

**Location:** The Fair Book sale this year is being held in the Crofton's big white barn, Canterbury Center, corner of Hackleboro and Baptist Roads.

**Drop Off times:** Drop off books, etc. at the upper door, the one facing up Hackleboro. Starting July 1 you can bring your books on Wednesdays from 4-6:30, Saturdays 12-2. Fair week only Wed., July 22, 4-6:30.

To volunteer, call or text Rick Crockford (603) 496-2255.

## 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 [jrtichko@gmail.com](mailto:jrtichko@gmail.com)

## Quaker Meeting Yard Sale, July 18, 7:30-2:30

The Quaker Meeting has established a fund to provide crisis help for NH immigrants. Grants to families facing eviction enable them to pay rent, while detainees have also gotten legal representation with these funds. How You Can Help:

- Come to our Yard Sale at the Quaker Meeting House, 11 Oxbow Pond Rd., Canterbury.
- Contribute clean, undamaged, and usable items for the sale including clothing, books, electronics, and furniture. Unsold items acceptable to the Canterbury Fair What-Not Sale will go to the Fair.
- Donations can be dropped off at the Meeting House July 15, 16, 17 from 3:30-7:30pm.

Visit [www.concordfriendsmeeting.org/ImmigrantSupportFund](http://www.concordfriendsmeeting.org/ImmigrantSupportFund) to learn more about the fund and how to give. The QR code will take you right to the online donation options. The Quaker Meeting has raised and made grants of more than \$6,000 to date.

~ Greg Heath



# Town of Canterbury

**Board of Selectmen meetings** are June 1 and June 16. Meetings will still be at 6pm in June.

## We are looking for seasonal help for mowing town property.

This is a 20–25-hour position that includes operating the zero-turn mower, weed trimmers, and some raking of debris. Must be at least 16 years old and have a driver's license. The job posting is on the town website.

**We still have vacancies** for a Full-Time Highway Department employee and a Part-Time Transfer Station employee. See the town website for more information.

**Paving was completed** on sections of Intervale Rd. and Oak Hill Rd.

**The new dump truck** with new salt/sand spreader and snowplows was delivered in May.

**The NH Department of Corrections** is providing labor to paint the exterior of the Municipal Building and the Meeting House.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator



## Annual Checklist Verification Process

Under RSA 654:39, Supervisors of the checklist/registrars, who are responsible for adding and removing names from their city or town's voter checklist, must hold public sessions between April 1 and August 1 of 2026 to determine which voters on the checklist have not voted in any elections in the past five years and who have not registered since the 2024 State General Election. These voters are required to re-register if they want to remain on the voter checklist and vote in future elections.

Supervisors of the checklist must inform any voter eligible for removal, at least 30 days before removing their name from the voter checklist, that they will be removed from the checklist and need to re-register following the instructions in the letter/postcard. Supervisors of the checklist/registrars are required by law to remove these voters from the voter checklist, no earlier than June 1, even if they know a voter still lives in town.

**The Canterbury Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting on Saturday, June 20 from 2 pm to 3 pm, and Saturday, August 1 from 10 am to 11 am in the meeting room at the town offices (Sam Lake House) to conduct re-registration process.**

Applicants may also re-register by applying at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours. Any applications for registration or changes received by the Town Clerk will be reviewed by the Supervisors of the Checklist at their next public session. Qualified applicants may also register to vote on the day of an election.



## Canterbury Fire & Rescue

**Swim With Care!** // The gate at the Canterbury Riverland Recreation Area is open from 7am – 8pm. With warm weather here, many people will be using the beaches along the Merrimack river. Be aware that the current is much stronger than it appears! We have posted a life safety ring, throw rope, and life jackets at the 4 beaches accessed through our town. There is also a sign with the exact location where each ring is posted. If you need to call for help, the coordinates or beach name will help first responders in reaching you more quickly!

**Fire Permits Required** // We would like to remind all town residents that any type of outside burning is prohibited without a permit (*until ground is once again covered by snow*). While permits can be obtained at the fire station, we encourage you to secure your permits online at [www.nhfirepermit.com](http://www.nhfirepermit.com).

**Say Yes to Carbon Monoxide Detectors!** // Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is toxic to humans and animals when inhaled. Be sure that your home is equipped with carbon monoxide detectors! Many detectors sense both CO *and* smoke. If you have questions or need assistance getting or installing detectors, reach out to us. Our non-emergency number is 603-783-4798, Mon.-Fri., 7:30am - 4:00pm. You can also email us at [mgamache@canterburynh.gov](mailto:mgamache@canterburynh.gov). **\*\*If you believe that you may have carbon monoxide in your home call 911.\*\***

~ Mike Gamache, Canterbury Fire Chief

**CPR Challenge Accepted!** // 20 people participated in the "NH CPR Challenge" training held at the municipal center on May 19. THANK YOU to Canterbury's Chief Gamache and Lt. Herb Batchelder, and Concord Hosp. EMS Coordinator Craig Clough for sharing this important skill!



1,894 Granite Staters were trained in "Hands-Only" CPR during EMS Week, May 17-23.

# ELKINS LIBRARY

## Story Time

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

### \*\*Story Time Teddy Bear Picnic

Join us for a Teddy Bear Picnic Tuesday, June 16 at 10am! This is a fun way to celebrate the end of our 'school year' and to learn about the summertime programs. We'll play games and read stories; bring your favorite teddy bear and a snack.



### Tunes, Tales & Tumbles

Join us Thursdays at 10 am for singing, dancing, musical instruments and more! This program is for preschoolers and is perfect for our littlest patrons.

### \*\*3Ts Teddy Bear Picnic

Join us for our a Teddy Bear Picnic Thursday, June 11 at 10am! This is a fun way to celebrate the end of our Tunes, Tales & Tumbles program and to learn about the summertime program. We'll play games and read stories; bring your favorite teddy bear and a snack.

### Outdoor Story Time

It's getting warmer! So join us on Thursdays at 2pm for outside stories and play! With a focus on all things Nature, this program will meet outside, rain or shine.

### \*\* Outdoor Story Time Teddy Bear Picnic

Join us for our Teddy Bear Picnic, June 11 at 2pm! This is a fun way to celebrate the end of our Outdoor Story Time and to learn about the summertime programs coming up. We'll play games and read stories; bring your favorite teddy bear and a snack. *(Wear a bathing suit for our afternoon teddy bear picnic; we'll have a kiddie pool.)*

### LEGO Club \*\*

Join us Tuesdays, from 3pm to 4:15pm for a time of imagination, construction and friendship. (Just a reminder that children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult per our EPL Safe Child Policy.) We'll have Duplos for our younger patrons.

**\*\* No Children's Programs June 18, 23 or 25. We will be decorating for our summer reading program!**

**There is a meeting of the Library Board of Trustees on Monday, June 22 at 6:00pm.**

## Teen Night

Join us June 2 at 5:00pm for a Graduation Party for our graduating High School Seniors! Please let us know if you will be joining us.



2026 Summer Reading Program

## UNEARTH YOUR STORY

Our summer reading program will begin on Tuesday, June 30. Join us as we step back in time to the Age of the Dinosaurs!

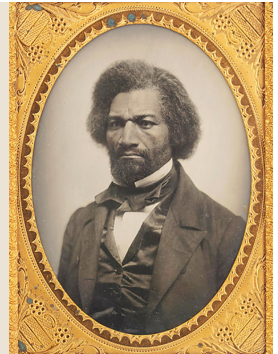
**The Old Man Boring Book Club (OMBBC)** meets on June 4 at 6pm. This group reads non fiction books and then they gather to discuss and give book reports. There is no group meeting in July and August as they take a summer break.

**Evening Book Group with Rosie** will discuss Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter for the book group meeting on Wed., June 17 at 6:00 p.m. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

**Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure**, (MMM) Plus Extras will meet on June 23, 2026 at 2:00 pm. We will watch the movie "The Thursday Murder Club". All are welcome.

### Community Reading: Frederick Douglass

On Saturday, June 27 at noon, Canterbury Shaker Village will host a community reading of Frederick Douglass's powerful speech, "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" Part of a statewide initiative led by the Black Heritage Trail of NH, the reading will take place in the Shaker Meeting House. No registration is required. Those interested in serving as readers should contact Kyle Sandler at [ksandler@shakers.org](mailto:ksandler@shakers.org).



**Pins and Needles:** This is a wonderful group who enjoys spending time together while working on knitting, crochet and mending. Consider joining and getting to know your neighbors and make new friends. Every Wednesday at 2:00pm in the fireplace parlor. All levels of crafter are welcome.

**Elkins Free Seed Library:** No library card is needed; this is open to everyone. Browse our collection of gardening books, too!

**Free Tech Help:** Call the library today to reserve your half hour tech help appointment on Thursdays between 4:00 pm and 6:00pm. Kal's schedule fills up weeks in advance so call the library now to reserve a space. Thank you, Kal!

**Library of Things (L.O.T).** Planning a summer party? Why not reserve the party tent, popcorn machine, outdoor patio heater, outdoor movie screen and projector. All free with your library card!

**Family Passes:** Your library isn't just about books; it's also about experiences! Come take advantage of our large list of family passes: Squam Lakes Science Center ~ The Fells ~ Bedrock Gardens ~ Children's Museum of New Hampshire ~ Fischer Cats ~ Museum of Science Boston ~ The Currier Museum of Art ~ Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum ~ Montshire Museum of Science ~ New Hampshire State Parks ~ Petals in The Pines ~ Mt. Washington Observatory, Auto Road and Cog Railway. A HUGE thank you to The Friends of Elkins Public Library who fund a majority of these passes!

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# Canterbury TRICENTENNIAL

**Less than 214 days until 2027!**

**Commemorative Coins Are Here!** These make wonderful keepsakes and gifts. The coin highlights core elements of Canterbury's past and present, including the Town Seal of Canterbury on the front, plus elements of our agricultural roots (maple tree, sap bucket, stone wall, field, and sheep) on the back. Visit our Shop page for purchasing info: [canterburyhistory.org/tri-merc-order-form/](http://canterburyhistory.org/tri-merc-order-form/)



**The Canterbury Time Machine** movie continues production. In May, filming a scene about the start of "The Fort" (by Bill Adams), and in June a scene about the One Room Schoolhouse highlighting Elizabeth Houser (by Karen Gingrich). Cheers to all the actors, script writers, directors, the Meaghers for use of their property, and the CES kids for joining in the fun! Note: The team is looking for someone experienced with lighting to join our film crew. Get in touch if you can help! [canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:canterbury300@gmail.com)

**We need you!** The committee is still looking for volunteers to join our team, plus a Secretary for our committee. Lots of projects and activities underway – we'd love to have you join us!

Got an idea? Have a question? Get in touch: [canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:canterbury300@gmail.com)

Thanks to all who purchased TriC Tshirts in May. Can't wait to see you wearing them around town this summer! The shirt shop will open again during the Canterbury Fair. Let us know if you want to be added to the notification list!



*Message from the Conservation Commission*  
**First Step to Control Knotweed:  
 Cut in Early June**

Knotweed forms dense thickets that cause erosion, displace native species, and damage infrastructure – including septic systems, roads, foundations, bridges, and more.

Controlling Knotweed is a multi-step, multi-year process. This is just an intro with links to detailed instructions below. The plants spread primarily through underground rhizomes and plant fragments, so it's important to cut the plants carefully, contain the cuttings, and monitor the site! The roots can go deep and extend several feet beyond the above-ground plant.

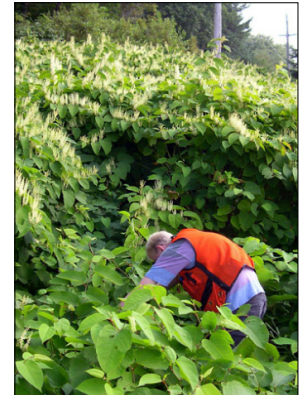
June – July BEFORE flowering: Make clean single cuts through the stem with blade cutters or hand tools; **DO NOT mow, brush hog, or string-trim.** After cutting, either spread the plants on plastic in the sun to dry out, or bag them in heavy-duty (7 mil) bags. This early cutting forces the plants to resprout and weakens the rhizomes. Clean tools and check clothing to avoid transferring Knotweed to a new site.

Second step: Decide whether to smother the Knotweed or use herbicides. **\*\*Note: if not your own property, a state licensed applicator is required to use herbicide.\*\*** If choosing herbicides, follow state laws and Best Management Practices. If smothering, mulch the area several feet beyond the perimeter of the plants, cover with heavy plastic, secure the edges and weight the top of the plastic. The goal is to ensure light cannot reach the plants and nothing can penetrate the plastic cover from above or below.

*~ Kelly Short, Conservation Commission*



*Knotweed stems look like bamboo.*



*Yup, Knotweed can get HUGE!*

**Please read these guides from the NH Dept. of Agriculture and carefully follow all steps:**

*Other helpful information:*

*Japanese Knotweed Control (short version)*



*UNH Extension: Managing Invasive Plants:*



*Control Methods of Japanese Knotweed (long version)*



*UNH Extension: Disposing of Non-Native Plants*





### DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION

Kudos to Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Perlet, and the entire CES drama club for the incredible production of The Jungle Book! As always, many CES students from grades 1-4 took part in drama club this year. The student-made sets were fantastic, and it was terrific to see each student's confidence grow over the course of the rehearsals and in the final performance.



### EARTH DAY

Prior to spring break, students and staff celebrated Earth Day by participating in community clean-up projects. Fourth grade students focused on revitalizing the Secret Garden (flower garden), while kindergarteners worked in the vegetable garden. Third graders walked downtown to clean the town center, and first and second grade students cleaned up the school grounds, including the outdoor classroom. This initiative not only fostered environmental stewardship but also built a sense of community pride and responsibility.



Email your news to [newslettercanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:newslettercanterbury@gmail.com)

## Kindergarten Registration Open

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.

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

You can also register in person at CES from 9am - 2:30 pm. Call CES at 603-783-9944, or Email our secretary at [stownsendsend-gray@sau80.org](mailto:stownsendsend-gray@sau80.org) with any questions!

*We are so excited to welcome our new kindergarten friends!*

### END OF THE YEAR

We have several fun end-of-year events scheduled, such as a field day and outdoor field trips. We are excited to be continuing a special school tradition, the whole school field trip. On June 12, we will head to Squam Lakes Science Center in Holderness, NH! As we look forward to the last weeks of the school year, CES staff members continue to remain focused on supporting students and helping them to achieve their best. I wish you all a healthy, happy summer.



*~ Erin Chubb, Principal*



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## Canterbury Historical Society

### Historic House Signs

Last Call! A reminder for anyone wanting an Historic Sign for their old (or not so old) house. The name on your sign can be the name of the original owner or it can acknowledge a family that lived and flourished there in later years. Information and order forms are posted on the Canterbury Historical Website ([www.canterburyhistory.org](http://www.canterburyhistory.org)).

### Article of the Month

Our website's Feature Article for June is entitled: "Freedom's Legacy: The Journey of Lucy Carey" by Sue Russell, chair of The Historic Canterbury Women's Committee. The Committee promotes the stories of outstanding women who have lived, and who still live, in Canterbury. ([www.canterburyhistory.org](http://www.canterburyhistory.org)).

~ Fred Brewster, President CHS

## Historic Canterbury Women Monthly Committee Meeting, Wed., June 17, 10am, Elkins Library

More hands make light work! The Historic Canterbury Women's Committee is looking for curious minds to join our mission. Whether you are a writer, a researcher, or simply someone who loves a good story, your hands are needed to help us document the incredible lives of local women from the past to the present. Be a part of the team that turns 'lost history and stories' into a living archive for our town and for future generations. Have a piece of history? If you have letters, photographs, or memories of Canterbury women, please join us at our meeting or reach out via email. Let's ensure these legacies are preserved for generations to come

Email us at: [historiccanterburywomen@gmail.com](mailto:historiccanterburywomen@gmail.com)

~ For the Committee: Bill Adams

## Open House, Sat., June 27, 11-2pm, Parish House

You're invited to help celebrate Judy Nelson's 80th birthday and her 30 plus years of living in this wonderful Canterbury Community. A light lunch is being sponsored by Canterbury Benevolent Society. No gifts please! However, a canned good donation for the Loudon Food Pantry would be happily accepted.

## Field Work Session, June 14, 10am

Join the Conservation Commission to work on the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area (*park along Kimball Pond Rd.*). We'll be removing bittersweet from the apple trees and working on a new trail to connect from the field to the trail that starts in the parking lot. Please bring tools and dress for pricklers, poison ivy, and ticks!

~ Kelly Short



## Canterbury Garden Club News

The Canterbury Garden Club chose enhancing the Municipal Center Complex as a project site and our contribution to the upcoming Canterbury Tricentennial. Our "Wild and Styled" proposal was approved by the town selectmen, and the project will be underway this spring.

The "wild" portion will be a restoration of the meadow surrounding the buildings, bringing life and pollinator/bird habitat back to the area. The field will be mowed along the edges of the pavement; a wide, mowed walking path will meander through the middle of the west side to the cattail pond, and then along the woodland border back to the entrance on Baptist Rd.

The "styled" portion will involve renovating the beds in front of the Municipal Building, improving drainage and installing a native plant matrix garden. If you're interested in learning more about this garden style, join us for one of our work parties as we proceed with the installation over the next year.

Watch for announcements in the town email/newsletter and on FB. If you want to help the club support this project, there will be an opportunity to adopt a plant/tree/shrub. Details on this will be forthcoming. If you want to get involved or have questions, contact Donna Miller at [donna@petalsinthepines.com](mailto:donna@petalsinthepines.com) or call 603-783-0220.

~ Donna Miller





## 4H Cloverbuds

Canterbury 4H Cloverbuds May meeting was spent preparing for the town Memorial Day ceremony. We made Tshirts, bracelets, and decorated headbands to wear during the ceremony. The Canterbury Cloverbuds will joined with the Canterbury Rascals 4H club to lay flowers in memoriam of fallen soldiers.



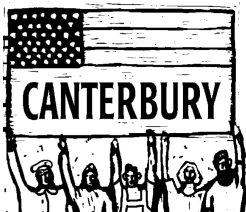
Many thanks to Doug Stone of Post 31, Penacook American Legion, for putting out the small American flags to honor the veterans. Doug visits all the Canterbury cemeteries, both current and historic.



June's meeting will be Monday June 1 at 5:30pm at Sloping Acres Farm where we will learn about a working dairy farm, learn about what it means to be in Dairy 4H and enjoy an ice cream social to celebrate our last meeting of the 4H year!. We look forward to starting up again in September and welcoming new faces!

The 4H Canterbury Cloverbuds is for children age 5-7 (by 1/1/26). It costs nothing to join and we meet monthly during the school year. Email Caley & Christie at [canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com)

if you have questions or are interested in joining."



Email your news to [newslettercanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:newslettercanterbury@gmail.com)



Here are some of the cast from the TriC Movie scene "On the Homefront" circa 1744. Recognize anyone? Want to be in future scenes of the past? Contact [Canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:Canterbury300@gmail.com) attn. Heidi Southard to join the fun. (Answers on page 12.)



Most residents are familiar with the Center cemetery located in the heart of the town, or the Maple Grove cemetery on Baptist Road that is still in use. However, there are 30+ historic cemeteries located in every corner of Canterbury!

A dedicated crew of volunteers keep the out-of-the-way family plots neat and clear. Flags are placed each year reminding us that even veterans who died in 1775 or earlier are still honored.

In 2025, a new memorial was placed at the corner of Kimbal Pond and Center Roads to mark the service of citizen-soldier George Shannon. To learn more about the battle in which he fought and gave his life, and to see photos of the dedication, go to [canterburyhistory.org/fa-2025-06-08/](http://canterburyhistory.org/fa-2025-06-08/)



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## How to Submit to the Newsletter

### The newsletter is the place for :

- Local events such as concerts, clothing swaps, yoga classes, library programs, etc.
- Municipal news such as committee meetings, filing deadlines, voting updates, etc.
- “Around town” stories such as school activities, 4H, history, obits, etc.

### FYI

- Articles may be edited to fit.
- Photos are accepted. We try to fit them in!
- We don't accept “Letters to the Editor” or Op Ed pieces. Sorry!

**Email your articles to:** newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

**Deadline:** The 19th of the month prior to the month you want your news to appear. Need more time? Contact us.

### How To Advertise:

We accept ads from any business in Canterbury, or any business owned by a Canterbury resident.

- Text ad of 30 words or less // \$10 a month
- Text ad of 60 words or less // \$20 a month
- Display ad, Business card, 3.5” wide x 2” tall, \$25 a month
- Display ad, 1/4 page, 3.5” wide x 4.5” tall, \$50 a month

For display ads, provide a .jpg, .eps, or PDF file of the entire ad. Try to make your ad to size or at least the same proportion. Email us with questions. Our art dept. is friendly and helpful!

Email ad requests to newslettercanterbury@gmail.com  
attn: Sam Murch.

All proceeds from ads support the printing/mailing of the newsletter. Donations are also gratefully accepted! CUCC, PO Box 216, Canterbury, NH 03224 :-)

Check out the Canterbury Newsletter website for town news, resources, and calendar of events!

[canterburynewsletter.org](http://canterburynewsletter.org)



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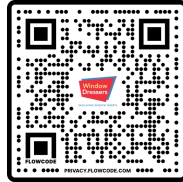


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**Good STUFF!**

- Don't wait! Items often come in and out on the same day!
- We're open Saturdays 10am until 2 or 3pm (depending on volunteers)
- Needed Now: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 12 -2. Please volunteer even if only for 1- or 2 months
- Be First! Volunteers get first pick of the items donated!
- Meet and talk with neighbors!
- QUESTIONS about volunteering: [mlowe@lowetemp.com](mailto:mlowe@lowetemp.com)

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**CANTERBURY TAVERN:** At Canterbury Woods Country Club, 15 West Road. Each and every Thursday our specials change! Look forward to fan favorites such as smash burgers, buffalo chicken dip, poutine, chicken bacon ranch wrap, or pulled pork mac and cheese. Tuesdays, Canterbury residents receive 10% off! Just let your server know you're from town. Let us make dinner tonight!

**CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER:** accepts applications for 2.5-12yr children. Reggio-inspired, Art & Nature-based education; meeting the needs of busy families year round. M-F 7am-6pm. 603-783-4370 or [CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com](mailto:CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com)

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*To submit news or advertisements to the Newsletter, check out page 10 to see how! Just so you know, all proceeds from ads goes to support the printing and mailing of this publication. THANKS from the Newsletter Team ~ Becky Josephson, Brenda Travis, Sam Murch, Beth Blair, Lauren Prospere, Kal McKay.*

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**How to reach us:** 603-783-9365.  
mycanterburychurch@gmail.com  
PO Box 216, Canterbury, NH 03224

**Church Office Hours:** Mon. 10-2,  
Wed. 10-2, Thurs. 1-4, Fri. by appt.

**Parish House rental:** 603-783-9365.  
mycanterburychurch@gmail.com

**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:

Canterbury300@gmail.com

### Post Office:

603-783-4158  
**Hours:** Mon. - Fri., 10 am to 5 pm  
(closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm for lunch);  
Sat., 8:30am-Noon

### Elkins Public Library:

603-783-4386.  
**Hours:** Mon. & Tues., 9-5  
Wed. & Thurs., 9-7 // Sat. 9-12.  
Online: elkinspubliclibrary.org  
elkinspubliclibrary@gmail.com

### Stores

**Canterbury Country Store:**  
STORE CURRENTLY CLOSED //  
Building open to access the Post Office, see hours above.

### Brookford Farm Store:

9am to 6pm daily; 603-783-4084

### Wildlife

#### Questions / Concerns

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

#### Wildlife Rehabilitation

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

## Town of Canterbury

**\*\*EMERGENCY Dial 911\*\***

### Canterbury Police Department:

603-783-0433 for non-emergencies.  
canterburypolice@canterburynh.gov  
Mon.-Fri., 7:30am - 4:00pm

### Merrimack County Dispatch:

603-228-1010 for non-emergencies.

### Fire Department:

603-783-4798 for non-emergencies, Mon.-Fri.,  
7:30am - 4:00pm. 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:

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 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:

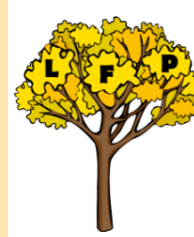
2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed

### 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.*

**In April Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 305 individuals for them to prepare 8,247 meals.** Of these people, 138 were aged 60 and older (45%), 63 were aged 18 or under (21%), and 104 were between those ages (34%).

**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. // Have food to drop off when we're not open? The Lions Club has sponsored a donation drop off box for us at the Market Basket at Merchants Way (I-93, Exit 17 in Concord)!

**Service:** ONLY by appointment, same hours as above.

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

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

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### PLAN YOUR VISIT

Go to [Shakers.org/Events](http://Shakers.org/Events) for all daily admission, special tour, and event ticket purchases

- New Hours! Monday-Sunday, 10am-4:30pm
- Updated tours and expanded self-guided buildings/spaces
- New site-wide scavenger hunts for families
- Sanborn Mills Farm agricultural collaboration; Brookford Farm cows onsite
- Active preservation of Meeting House and East House

### SPECIAL EVENTS @ [Shakers.org/Events](http://Shakers.org/Events)

#### Thurs. June 18

7:30-10pm: "Raise the Roof" Barn Dance,  
music by David Millston, Sue Hunt, &  
Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki

#### Sat. June 27

9:30-11am: Movers and Shakers Trail Club

11am-12pm: Special Tour: Historic Preservation  
101 with Executive Director Erin Hammerstedt

12-1pm: Community Reading: Frederick Douglass'  
"What to the slave is your Fourth of July?"

~ Garrett Bethmann



## "Thank You Kindly!"

Talia, Stella, Paloma, & Ava Crofton, with help from Ted West ~ for building bluebird houses for the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area.

Kevin Bragg ~ For growing and helping to gift the flowers for the water trough in the Center.

The Caswell Crew ~ For the beautiful bandstand bunting.

"Hubbs" ~ For constructing the Farmers Market sign.

Chief Gamache and Lt. Herb Batchelder ~ for once again repairing Smokey the Bear.



Know any neighbors who could use a special "thank you"?  
Send the info along to [canterburynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:canterburynewsletter@gmail.com)

Summer dreams  
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### June Hours

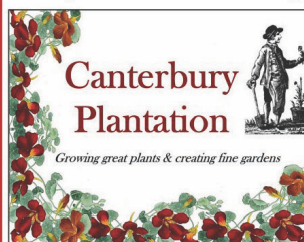
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9:00 to 4:00



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— From left to right are  
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David Lamb, Jack Weberski,  
Fred Portnoy.

