

Canterbury Community Newsletter

Published for the community by the Canterbury United Community Church ~ July/Aug 2026



68th Annual Canterbury Fair, Saturday, July 25, 9am-4pm, in the center

- Famous Chicken BBQ
- Artisans & Craftspeople
- 5K Classic Road Race
- Live Music, Games, & Fun for the Whole Family!

Go to CanterburyFair.com for a full schedule of events, or find us on Facebook!

Fireworks Fun Fest, Sat., July 4, 5-9pm

Come to the town green for food, music and a town-wide gathering of neighbors and friends before and during the extra special fireworks!

5:00 - Kids Parade! Bring decorated bikes, wagons and pets. Gather at the Library parking lot for a child-centric parade around the green.

5:30 - Kids Games! Sack races, water ballon toss and more.

5:45 - Reading of the Declaration of Independence! Gather at the gazebo as we honor why we are celebrating for the 250th time!

6:00 to 7:00 - Hot Dogs & Hamburgers! Compliments of our generous sponsor Bertolone Ins. Co. Donations accepted, proceeds to support 2027 event. Afterwards, enjoy ice cream sandwiches & watermelon complements of the Friends of Canterbury Center.

6:30-9:00 - Concert! "Club Soda Band" will be playing in the gazebo. Enjoy the tunes while you join the raffle to raise funds to support next year's event.

Dark - Fireworks! Head up to the school or watch from the center.

Event organized by Friends of Canterbury Center, a registered 501(c)(3) NH non-profit corp.

Extra Special Farmers Market Party, Wed., July 15, 4-7pm

No matter how you count it — 20 years, two decades, or 360+ Markets — we have been in the center of Canterbury for a LOOOONG time. Come celebrate with us!

In addition to all the GREAT vendors we have every week, on July 15th you'll also find...

- A big ol' BBQ with locally raised and grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, with salads and fixins' on the side, and cake!
- Toe-tapping music by Market favorite "Bow Junction," bluegrass at its best!
- Extra activities for kids of all ages!

The Market will stay open a bit later, till 7 pm. Food will be served from 4:30-6:30.



Fair Help Still Needed :-)

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.

KIDS GAMES

Prizes Needed: Tchotchkeys, stickers, extra party favors, etc. can be donated at the Parish House M-F in June and July!

Help Needed: Volunteers to work an hour or two monitoring games and the prize table on Fair day! Contact Adrienne at 603-783-4370 or

canterburywholechildcenter@gmail.com

WHAT NOT

Drop Off Times:

Starting July 1 thru Sat., July 18, every Mon., Wed. and Fri. 4-7p, Sat.'s Noon-5p // The last day for dropping off items is Sat., July 18. // 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 // Fri., July 24, 12-4pm.

Volunteer shifts day of the Fair:

8-11am, 10am-1pm, 1pm-4pm, 4-6pm

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

BOOK SALE

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

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.

Dear Friends

I'm not sure whether the grey light or the birdsong wakes me up in the summer. Maybe it's both. Either way, I love waking up to the sound of another day, keeping my eyes closed a little longer just to float in the dawn chorus. With the windows wide open and Peter still asleep, and Hound Henry still snoozing across my legs, it's hard to imagine a safer spot on earth — or one that requires less of me.

Then, as consciousness dawns, I start to distinguish the voices of our neighbors, and then name them: nuthatch, chickadee, cardinal, wren, catbird, finch, virio, woodpecker, and the raucus crow family that lives in the woods across the street. Naming is fun; it activates old knowledge, gathered first in years of watching and listening with my mom, and later tromping through woods and fields with a field guide in my back pocket. But now — no tromping. Just lying still, listening.

I wonder about the pleasure of naming and why my brain runs that way. Why don't I rest longer, just basking in the mix of gorgeous morning song? What is this impulse to analyze? Is my categorizing a way to assert control? Later, as I'm moving through the hours, do I carry this labeling habit into the beautiful mix of human voices that swirls around me all day long, or do I receive each person with wonder, with love?

If I could just be still and listen a little longer, what new beauty and truth would wash over me like the dawn chorus? What connection, what empathy might we discover if we could resist the urge to classify and control with our old knowledge, and simply receive the songs and stories and people who fill each day?

~ In peace, Becky



CUCC Summer Gatherings

Please join us for summer Worship and Fellowship at Canterbury United Community Church!

Sunday worship service, 10 am. All birds welcome!

Sunday Community Fellowship, 11:15, upstairs in the Parish House. Please drop in for coffee, snacks, and friendly conversation.

Monday Bible study, 5pm, Parish House downstairs. No experience necessary!

Wednesdays, 7 pm in the church: Stillness in the Center: Quiet prayer and meditation, candlelight, and gentle company.

Visit our website at Canterburchurch.org



Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Clothing Swaps!

KIDS Clothing Swap Sept. 17-19
ADULT Clothing Swap Oct. 15-17

Both events held upstairs in the Parish House. Dates and times for the Swaps will be in later editions of the Newsletter. Remember — don't need to DROP clothes to SHOP for clothes!

All The News in Town

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

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Catch Up With Pack 296!

Pack 296 has completed a fantastic year of Scouting! Throughout the year Scouts built an impressive set of skills including hiking safety and preparation, volunteering, tree planting and care, building and racing Pinewood Derby race cars, camping fundamentals and more.



Recently our Scouts earned their Fishing Adventure by learning casting techniques and fishing basics with the guidance of Jessie Tichko and volunteers from Fish and Game. A big thank you to Jessie and team for sharing their skills!

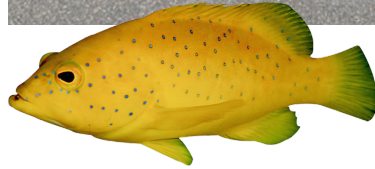
Meetings will be on break for the summer and resume at the start of the new school year. Pack 296 is actively welcoming new members. If your child will be in Kindergarten through 5th grade this September, visit facebook.com/pack296NH or email pack296nh@gmail.com to learn more about joining!

~ Jonathan Sinclair



Who knew you could catch fish in the parking area in front of the store?

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Canterbury TRICENTENNIAL

Less than 185 days until 2027!

Visit us at the Canterbury Fair!

At our booth near the CHS One Room Schoolhouse you can take a survey, test your trivia skills, sign your name with a quill, browse the 2027 calendar, explore our "What Is That?" table, and snap a photo. You'll find plenty of Tricentennial commemorative merch for sale, too. Be sure to sign up for a chance to receive a Tri-C tree in 2027!

Tricentennial Commemorative Coins

Originally a military tradition, challenge coins now commemorate special milestones. Our Tri-C coin celebrates Canterbury's 300th anniversary and is a lasting keepsake of our shared history and community. Crafted with an antique gold-plated brass core and vibrant baked enamel. Measures 1.75" in diameter. To purchase, email Canterbury300@gmail.com or visit us at the Fair.



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Canterbury Time Machine Continues Filming.

In June, we filmed at the CHS One Room Schoolhouse. 300 cheers to Karen Gingrich and the 17 CES students who joined the cast! The next four scenes are: The Buck Horn Beech border dispute, a Civil War soldier's story, Lawn Party of 1911, and 1943 Fire. Thanks to everyone involved, especially the Millers of Petals in the Pines and the Scannells for sharing their beautiful properties.



Cast: Karen Gingrich and Caroline, Bennett, Lily, Jeremiah, Hunter, Heidi, Parker, Arlo, Nancy, Ali, Julia, Luke, Wes, Abby, Emerson, Annie, and Zoe.
Crew: Edgar, Jayne, Heidi, Mark, Fred, and Anne.

Tri-C on line T-Shirt Shop Reopens July 21–Aug. 4

For a T-shirt reminder, Email canterbury300@gmail.com. Link to the shop will be found on our FB page, Town Email, and CanterburyHistory.org at the the Tri-C store!



Thanks for your support!

Film Editor Wanted! We're looking for someone with film-editing experience to join the production team. Contact us if you can help: canterbury300@gmail.com.

Support the Celebration

Donations and sponsors help make the Tricentennial possible. We rely on volunteers—there's a place for everyone! Contact us at canterbury300@gmail.com.

Town of Canterbury

The Independence Day Fireworks will be held on Sat., July 4 at Canterbury Elementary School. JPI Pyrotechnics is providing the fireworks and promises another good show! The rain date will be Sunday July 5.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Sat., July 4 for Independence Day.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office will be closed August 23 – August 29 for vacation.

Regular Board of Selectmen meetings will be held

- July 6 at 6pm
- July 20 at 5pm
- Aug. 3 at 6pm
- August 17 at 5pm.

All BOS meetings take place in the Meeting House. Agendas and Zoom link on the Town website.

The Electric/Hydraulic pump has been installed on the new packer truck at the Transfer Station. The truck will not be idling all day anymore as the hydraulic pump is plugged into the building. Thank you to NH Hydraulics, Atlantic Recycling and Copperhead Electric for helping with this project.

REMINDERS:

- Property tax payments are due July 1.
- All dirt roads will be graded and raked again this year as time and weather allows.
- You can buy green PAYT trash bags at the Town Offices during office hours.

Assessor Reviewing Properties for Upcoming Revaluation

As part of the Town's upcoming revaluation, the Assessor will be conducting field reviews of properties throughout Canterbury. Property owners are encouraged to review their assessment data to ensure it is accurate and up to date.

Assessment data and online appointment scheduling are available on the Town's website www.canterburynh.gov.

If you have questions about your property record or would like to meet with the Assessor, appointments may be conveniently scheduled online.

Thank you for helping us maintain fair and accurate property records for our community.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator



Annual Checklist Verification Process

The Canterbury Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting on Saturday, August 1 from 10 am to 11 am in the meeting room at the town offices (Sam Lake House) to register and re-register voters. Re-registration is required for voters who were removed from the checklist because they have not voted in the last 5 years. All voters who were removed were sent letters at the address under which they are registered. Applicants may also re-register at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours or on the day of the election.



Looking To Hire

Full-Time Highway Dept. employee plus a Land Use Administrator. See the town website for full details on both positions.

Fire Permits

Admin. Assistant Deanna Sepessy is now certified to issue fire permits. You can see her at the Canterbury Municipal Center during office hours if you would rather get your permit in person as opposed to on-line. Fire Department is located: 26 Baptist Road, Mon.-Thurs., 7:30am - 4:00pm. Note: You can still apply for permits on-line at burnsafeamerica.com

Dog Registration

State law requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies and registered by April 30th. The Town Clerk's office maintains a list of dogs that have not yet been registered. These records are regularly updated, and outstanding registrations remain on file.

If your dog is not yet registered, we encourage you to take a moment and do so as soon as possible. Continued noncompliance may result in additional fees, notices, and further follow-up.

If you no longer have your dog, please contact the Town Clerk's office so we can update our records. Thank you to everyone who has already completed their dog registration!

~ Sam Papps / Town Clerk



Second Step to Control Japanese Knotweed

It's easiest to tackle invasive plants on your property when you first notice them. If you have Knotweed and haven't cut it yet (*that's Step 1*), do so ASAP and before it flowers! It's best to use hand tools or blade cutters. DO NOT mow, brush hog, or string-trim, as that will spread pieces of the plant that can root and grow. After cutting, either spread the plants on plastic in the sun to dry out, or bag them in heavy-duty (7 mil) bags.

Second step: Decide whether to smother the Knotweed or use herbicides. You can take the second step now or let the plants regrow to weaken the rhizomes. If you let it resprout, do your final cut before the second growth sets its seeds.

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ELKINS LIBRARY

There are no regular children's programs in August but we invite you to come take advantage of our amazing play space, play a game and to READ BOOKS! Regular Children's programming resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10am.

Summer Reading Challenge (Grades 2–5)
Read three chapter books in July, complete a short book report, or tell a librarian about your favorite, and earn a prize!

Teen Night, Tuesday, July 28, 5 p.m.
Enjoy an interactive screening of Jurassic Park with props, snacks, and audience participation!

Special Events & Notices

- Take a commemorative photo in our America 250 birthday display June 29–July 8.
- Library Board of Trustees: Mon., July 20, 6 p.m.
- Closed Saturday, July 4.
- Closing early at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 16.

Book Groups

- Evening Book Group: The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George, Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m.
- Old Man Boring Book Club and MMM Plus Extras are on summer break and return in September.

Ongoing Programs

- Pins & Needles: Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
- Free Tech Help: Thursdays, 4–6 p.m. (appointment required)
- Free Seed Library available to all
- Library of Things now includes a second 10x10 pop-up tent, a hot dog steamer, and an 8mm film projector.

Save the Dates

- Earthquakes in the Eastern United States with Dr. Alan Kafka: Thursday, Sept. 24, 6 p.m.
- The Resilient Brain with Granite VNA: Wednesday, Sept. 30, 10–11:30 a.m.

Family Passes Available

Borrow passes to attractions including Squam Lakes Science Center, The Fells, Bedrock Gardens, Children's Museum of NH, Currier Museum of Art, Montshire Museum of Science, NH State Parks, Petals in the Pines, Mt. Washington Observatory, the Cog Railway, and more. ~ *Thank you to the Friends of Elkins Public Library for funding many of these opportunities and passes!*

Summer Reading Program

UNEARTH A STORY!

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am in July for our children's summer programs, starting Tues., June 30 and ending Thurs., July 23.



Be sure to check out our upcoming events posted on our website, our Facebook page, the Canterbury weekly newsletter or stop in to the library to pick up a printed schedule.

Tuesday, June 30: Dinosaur Story Time

Thursday, July 2: Children's Museum of NH: Dinosaur Detectives: representatives from the Children's Museum of NH will talk about the basics of paleontology, see some of the Museum's fossil and replica collection, and create a mini dinosaur diorama to take home.

Tuesday, July 7: T-Rex Tea Party: Join us for a special tea party with Canterbury's own dinosaur, Madame Tea Rex! Learn proper tea etiquette as we sip tea and have a snack. Dress up and wear a special hat to make it extra T-Rex special!

Thursday, July 9: Are Dinosaurs Still Around?: Join us for Story Time with special guest "Andy the Armadillo!" from the Texas Roadhouse.

Tuesday, July 14: Petals in The Pines: Tale Trail and Playtime: Join us at Petals in the Pines, 126 Baptist Rd, for a walk through the woods and play time in the Pavilion. Be on the lookout for dinosaurs as you spend the morning at Petals in the Pines.

Thursday, July 16: Building Dinosaurs with LEGOs: Join us for a morning of creative building. We challenge you to make a dinosaur out of LEGOs! Let's see who can make: the biggest dinosaur, the most creative dinosaur and the most realistic dinosaur.

Tuesday, July 21: Lindsay and her Puppet Pals: Lindsay brings her larger-than-life Puppet Pals to child and family audiences across New England. Filled with silliness, active audience engagement, and memorable characters, this series of charming short stories will delight the young and the young at heart!

Thursday, July 23: Dinosaur Finale! Take a walk back in time during Prehistoric times, digging for dinosaur eggs, finding fossils, meeting dinosaurs and MORE!



Dino-sized THANKS to the Friends of Elkins Public Library who make this Summer Reading program happen through their fundraising!





Sessions In The Center

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

Concert Dates: Aug. 6, Aug. 20, Sept. 3 // Special 4th of July Celebration, featuring "Club Soda"

Concert Time: 6-8pm



Become a Patron: Your contribution funds the concert series and keeps these events free for the community. Use QR code to donate on-line. To donate by check: Friends of Canterbury Center, PO Box 142, Canterbury, NH 03224

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

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

This is a huge multi-family sale. All funds raised will go to "Immigrant Support Fund" established by Quaker Meeting. The Fund provides crisis assistance to help with rent, legal assistance, and household expenses. When the breadwinner is detained, families still need to survive!

To support this fund :

- **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 to learn more about the fund and how to give. The QR code will take you right to the online donation options.

~ Greg Heath



Treasure House is Open Saturdays!

Canterbury residents are giving great items a second life every Saturday from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Transfer Station. Many times, treasures disappeared within minutes — but there's still plenty to discover!

You never know what you'll find: bud vases for garden flowers, china and glassware for entertaining, office organizers, sporting equipment, toys for the grandkids, and lots of unique surprises (even a few perfect gag gifts!).

Stop by to browse, chat with neighbors, or donate clean, unbroken items. One of the best parts is watching someone's "no longer needed" item become someone else's treasure.

Watch for featured items on Freecycle and the Town Email, or send me your email address and I'll happily share photos after my shift.

~ submitted by Madeleine Lowe m Lowe@lowetemp.com

Treasure House is looking for a volunteer for the **4th Saturday of the month, 12–2 p.m.** If you can spare two hours a month, you'll get first look at incoming donations and help keep this popular community resource going. More volunteers could even mean longer hours. Contact me if you're interested! m Lowe@lowetemp.com



17th and FINAL SEASON
open through Sept 20 *
Wed-Sun 9am-6pm. Closed Mon-Tues

THANKS! 1000s of visitors since 2010 have come to explore, play, pick flowers, hike, learn, get married, celebrate birthdays. . . . **COME SEE US** before we scale back to enjoy some quiet family time!

Fresh Garden Flowers Bouquets on Fri-Sun, or by appt
Pick-Your-Own on Wed-Sun, **starts around 7/22** See IG/FB

Trail Walks & Labyrinths (NO PETS, please!) Walk our labyrinths and 2+ miles of woodland trails, garden paths, and our certified pollinator meadow.

SAVE MONEY
with a **Season Pass!** *

Connecting Kids with Nature

- "Tale Trails" Self-guided trail walks, reading a nature story along the way. **Free passes** at Elkins Public Library.
- "Spread Your Wings" Creative outdoor play, Most Thursdays June 18-Aug 27, 9am-2pm **by reservation** at petalsinthepines.com/spread-your-wings



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* Visit petalsinthepines.com for prices, plus details on all events.

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This not-for-profit community service project will build ordered inserts Oct 29-Nov 3 at the Canterbury Town Hall. Volunteers work together to keep the cost low. Customers work a shift or two, alongside other community members. These inserts help save energy costs and they are a fraction of the cost of new windows!

If you feel you can't afford these, ask for our special rate (and pay as you are able).

More info: Call Claudia Leidinger 603-568-4713 or Ruth Heath 603-724-4343 or go to WindowDressers.org Orders needed by mid September at latest. Act now!



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After either cutting, proceed to smothering the plants or treating with herbicide (*only on your own property*). 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. If choosing herbicide, follow state laws and Best Management Practices. If the knotweed is not on your own property, a NH licensed herbicide applicator is required to use herbicide.

Use the QR codes to read the following guides from the NH Dep. Of Agriculture. **Carefully** follow all steps.

~ Kelly Short, Conservation Commission

Japanese Knotweed Control (short version)



Control Methods of Japanese Knotweed (long version)



The Conservation Commission has been working hard to battle other invasive plants — most notably bittersweet — on conservation properties around Town. Watch for upcoming workdays that will be scheduled in the fall. All are welcome to join them prune, pull, and saw!

CanterburyHistory.org

For July/Aug, the Canterbury Historical Society article of the Month is “The Canterbury Fair” by Lisa Carlson (*Canterbury Fair Chair or Co-Chair since 1994*), with help from “The Canterbury Fair 1959 - 1999” (by *Robert Lockwood and David Tirrell-Wysocki*). Find the article, and many more, at our website.

~ Fred Brewster

Historic Canterbury Women Next Meeting Wed., July 15, 10am at the Library

Bringing Canterbury women into the light of history is the goal of the Historic Canterbury Women study group of the Canterbury Historical Society. 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 help is 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. We gather once a month at the library to develop our ideas and welcome women and men who want to learn more and bring fresh ideas to our forum. Enjoy our stories at the Historical Society website. Look for “Freedoms Legacy”, and “One year...”.

For more info Email us at: historiccanterburywomen@gmail.com



2026 Belmont High School Gradutes back where they began — underneath the CES Shaker tree! Congratulations to all! Back row: Josephine Bernard, Meg Soucie, Andrew Cryans, Nicholas Makris, Peyton Better. Front Row: Avery Taylor, Samantha Johnson, Anna McDonald, Milo Dowling.

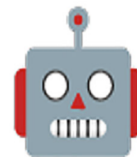
Reboot — 603B at the VEX World Championship

This past April, Belmont High School VEX team 603B, “I Don't Know” traveled to St. Louis, MO for the VEX Robotics World Championships, competing with teams from around the world in the Tech division in the 25-26 Push Back game.

Over the course of four days, they competed in twelve qualification matches, winning 3 out of 12 matches.

MANY THANKS to everyone who contributed to our Zeffy Fundraiser to help get the team to Worlds. It was a fantastic experience!

~ Greta Frost and Greg Paninski



L-R: Cadence Brunelle, Ethan Rivera, and team support AI Bridges

Canterbury Youth Soccer Registration

Registration for the Fall Canterbury Youth Soccer season opens in July. Info and registration links will be posted on the Canterbury Recreation Facebook page, in the Canterbury, NH and Canterbury NH Residents Facebook groups and shared through the weekly town Email. Contact us at canterburynhrecreation@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to a lot of fun on the field!



Mark Your Calendars for these July/August Events you won't want to miss!!

Sat., July 4th: 5th Annual Fireworks Fun Fest in the Center

Kids parade and games, hot dogs and hamburgers, Declaration of Independence, Concert, Watermelon, and especially grand Fireworks! Hosted by Friends of Canterbury Center. 5-9pm in the center.

Wed., July 15: Canterbury Farmers Market 20th Anniversary Celebration

Market goes an extra half hour — Join us for local dinner hot-off-the-grill with all the fixins', extra kids games, bodacious Bluegrass music, and cake of course! Event runs 4-7pm. Food served 4-6:30pm.

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Sat., July 25: The 68th Canterbury Fair, always the last Saturday in July!

Check CanterburyFair.com for the full schedule of Fair fun. All the traditional favorites, and MORE! Fair opens at 9am when the Woodchuck Classic runners sprint down the hill from the elementary school. The "Chipmunks" scramble down the hill next. Don't miss Shaler hand pies at the Bake Sale!

Thursdays, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, Sept. 3: Sessions in the Center

A line up of concerts brought to you by Friends of Canterbury Center. 6-8pm around the gazebo (or bandstand, depending on what you call it!)

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

canterburynewsletter.org



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Brookford Farm's 2026 Event Series

Sunflower Soiree

Saturday Aug. 8th - Sunday Aug. 16th

*PYO Sunflowers continue after event ends

PYO Raspberries

August - October

Corn Maze

September

Pumpkins and Piggies

Saturday Oct. 3rd & Sunday Oct. 4th

Saturday Oct. 10th - Monday Oct. 12th

Christmas with the Cows

Saturday Nov. 28th & Sunday Nov. 29th

Saturday Dec. 5th & Sunday Dec. 6th

Saturday Dec. 12th & Sunday Dec. 13th

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BROOKFORD FARM: Farm Store open daily 9am - 6pm. 603-742-4084. Pre-order for pickup Tues.-Sun. CSA subscriptions and bulk meat orders available. Organic veggies, krauts, aged meats, 100% grass-fed beef and dairy, pastured chicken, eggs, pork, lamb.

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

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COLD GARDEN SPIRITS: Thanks to Canterbury friends/neighbors for a great year. Sales, tastings and tours by appointment or by chance. Txt 603-491-4400 to schedule. 2 new release Bourbons available.

GRAND VIEW FARM: Mid July: flower bouquets Friday-Sunday and by request. End of July: cut-your-own and diy bridal buckets. Fall: dried flowers, pumpkins and squash. Facebook and Instagram: Grand View Farm Flowers, 35 Fife Road, Canterbury. 603-520-6901.

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NORTH FAMILY FARM: Now taking orders for seasoned hardwood FIREWOOD (16" long and split) delivered locally. Our 2026 organic MAPLE SYRUP and MAPLE PRODUCTS are available at local stores, Canterbury Farmers Market or by appointment at the farm. Check our website : www.northfamilyfarm.com or call Jill or Tim at 603-783-4712.

PETALS IN THE PINES: Affordable, local, and educational for all ages—come explore! Season Passes; Flower bouquets Fridays-Sundays and by request. "Tale Trail"; 2+ miles of walking trails; 2 labyrinths. \$7 admission. Self-Service shopping: Leaf Stones, Swedish Almond Cakes, local products. OPEN Wed-Sun 9-6; CLOSED Mondays & Tuesdays. Please NO pets. 603-783-0220; 126 Baptist Road; petalsinthepines.com

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How to reach us: 603-783-9365.
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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 Cafe & Country Store:
Check their Facebook page for opening and hours.

Brookford Farm Store:

9am to 6pm daily; 603-742-4084

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
kfolson@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.,

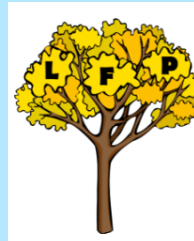
7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed

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.

Our Numbers

In May 2026 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 217 individuals for them to prepare 7,102 meals. Of these people, 128 were aged 60 and older (59%), 31 were aged 18 or under (14%), and 58 were between those ages (27%).

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 drop off box 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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Canterbury residents receive free admission!

Admission + Tours: Open Daily, 10am – 4:30pm
Nature Trails: Open Daily, dawn to dusk
Workshops: Available through the week
Tickets and Details: Shakers.org/Events

Tours
Daily: Shaker Stories + Laundry Tours
July 2: Special Tour: Historic Preservation 101
July 7: Special Tour: Behind the Scenes
July 21: Special Tour: Elders and Eldresses
Aug. 4: Special Tour: Canterbury Shaker Design
Aug. 18: Special Tour: Attics and Basements

Events
July 19: Music on the Green Concert Series:
Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio
July 25: Movers and Shakers Trail Club
Aug. 2: Music on the Green Concert Series: Hometown Eulogy
Aug. 16: Music on the Green Concert Series: Party of the Sun
Aug. 29: Movers and Shakers Trail Club
Aug. 30: Music on the Green Concert Series:
Caitlin Piper & Damian Bernardini

Preservation Projects
Daily: View progress on active preservation of Meeting House (1792) and East House (1810)
Aug. 29: Hive & Harvest: Bee House Exhibition Opening Event



“Thank You Kindly!”

To all the volunteers who keep the Treasure House open, tidy, and welcoming!

To the Whaley’s, who continue to shuttle styrofoam for recycling from Canterbury TS to Gilford TS.

To the volunteer Cemetery keepers who have already been hard at work raking, mowing, and pruning the MANY historic cemeteries tucked away in the quiet corners of Town.

To the neighbors (*you know who you are*) who reliably pick up roadside trash as they take their daily walks.

To the generous folks who threw cash in the Tea Jar at the Farmers Market on June. 24. We were gifted \$45 in all! Enough to almost fill an entire “Mary Ellen’s Basket,” the Market’s program to support families in Canterbury in need of fresh, local food!

*Know any neighbors who could use a special “thank you”?
Send the info along to canterburynewsletter@gmail.com*

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