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PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE PLANS RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Parks and Playgrounds Committee has embarked on an ambitious project: to connect Alton and Alton Bay by a series of recreational facilities along the Merrymeeting River.

Phase I of this three phase project included the purchase of land behind the Alton Fire Department Central Station on Route 140 where two tennis

courts are now available for public use. According to Parks and Playgrounds Committee Chairman Jonathon Downing, "Further development in that area will consist of an ice skating rink, jogging and walking trails, a picnic area along the river, basketball courts, and fishing access areas."

"This is being paid for entirely by donations from individuals, businesses, clubs, and associations and donated services - all of which is matched by a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program," said Downing. The grant is administered by the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development.

"What we need now are people to form committees. People who have an interest or expertise in areas of recreation and can serve as advisory committees to our committee," Downing added. "For example, we need people to help us in the design of trails for jogging, walking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, and bicycling."

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CONFERENCE RESULTS IN TOWN NEWSLETTER

Over a year ago, four representatives of the Alton School attended a conference hosted by the New Hampshire School Volunteer Program on community-school relationships.

A number of proposals and ideas resulted from this meeting and these were brought back to be discussed by a gathering of representatives of various organizations and interests in Alton. Among the proposals, one stood out as particularly applicable to Alton - a newsletter consolidating information on events of general interest and importance to school and community alike.

It was evident to members of the Alton Committee that because of the geographic spread of the Alton communities, no single news source of local events was available. A decision was made to begin working toward the development of such a newsletter for the town of Alton and a grant was received from the C. S. Mott Foundation to seed the program.

A working committee of five persons was formed: Catherine Calvert, Christine Consentino, John Duffek, David McKenney, and William Watkins. This committee subsequently became incorporated as a non-profit organization, Voice of Alton with the purpose of publishing a newsletter for Alton.



SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday, 8p.m.,
 Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
 Bible Conference Center - Sunday,
 10:30a.m. 6 6p.m.
 Community Church - Sunday, 10a.m.
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5 & 6:15
 p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m.

GILMAN LIBRARY:

Monday & Wednesday, 2 - 8p.m.
 Friday, 9a.m. - Noon & 1 - 5p.m.
 Saturday, 9a.m. - 1p.m.

TOWNHALL: 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Selectmen's Office
 Town Administrator
 Town Clerk
 Tax Collector
 Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
 Planning Board - 10a.m.-Noon, Wed.

LANDFILL:

Saturday & Sunday, 7:30a.m.-3p.m.
 Mon., Thurs., Fri., 8a.m. - 3:30p.m.
 Tues., Wed., Holidays - Closed

ORGANIZATIONS:

EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
 HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday,
 875-6750
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday,
 7:30p.m., Congregational Church
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Tuesday
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last
 Wednesday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall

**SPECIAL FUND
 FOR CONCERTS**

The various concerts presented by organizations such as the Parks and Playgrounds Committee are made possible by grants from the Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund.

The fund was established to encourage the presentation of entertainment that is open to the public and free of charge and is supervised by the Trustees of Trust Funds, Harold Copeland, Al Fisher, and Joseph Houle.

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
 CHOSEN BY CHAMBER**

Clive McAuliffe, President of the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, recently announced the appointment of Donald J. Morse as Activities Director.

In making the selection, McAuliffe noted the enthusiasm and imagination Morse demonstrated when he outlined his plans for the Selection Committee. In addition to those events scheduled in the Calendar of Events, Morse is planning activities to appeal to all age groups with a variety of interests.

Morse has extended an invitation to Alton craftspersons to display their wares on a weekly basis at the Alton Bay Community House. Further information on this program is available from Chamber Secretary Chris Consentino at 875-5001.

Morse is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts where he earned a bachelor's degree in music. He is Director of Music Education for the Farmington Middle and High Schools. He and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Wolfeboro.

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- Wed. 3 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: "A STORY WEAVER" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2:30p.m., Gilman Library
 CONCERT - Sponsored by the Parks & Playgrounds Committee, 7:30p.m., Bandstand
 FIREWORKS - Sponsored by the Town of Alton, 9:30p.m., Alton Bay
- Fri. 5 - CHILDREN'S FILMS: "CATERPILLAR" & "NORMAN THE DOORMAN" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2p.m., Gilman Library
- Sat. 6 - SUMMER FAIR - Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, 9a.m.-1p.m., Congregational Meeting House
 FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by the Alton Lioness Club, 9a.m.-3p.m., Alton Bay Community House
 FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by the Merrymeeting River Campers, 9a.m.-3p.m., Merrymeeting River Campground
 CHICKEN BARBEQUE - Sponsored by the Winnepesaukee Building Association 4:30-6:30p.m., Masonic Temple
 CONCERT: CAROLYN SCHAEFFNER & TIM McLENDON - Sponsored by the Bible Conference Center, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle
- Mon. 8 - FAMILY LECTURE: "THE NOTCH THROUGH THE AGES" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 7:30p.m., Gilman Library
- Wed. 10 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2:30p.m., Gilman Library
 RECONVENED TOWN MEETING - 7:30p.m., Alton School Gym
 CONCERT - Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 7:30p.m., Bandstand
- Fri. 12 - CHILDREN'S FILMS: "BIG HENRY & THE POLKA DOT KID" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2p.m., Gilman Library
- Sat. 13 - ANNUAL AUCTION - Sponsored by the Alton Fire Department, 10a.m., Central Fire Station
 FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 10a.m.-5p.m., Alton Bay Community House
 SUPPER - Sponsored by the Winnepesaukee Building Association, 5-6:30p.m., Masonic Temple
 CONCERT: MORNING STAR - Sponsored by the Bible Conference Center, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle
- Wed. 17 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2:30p.m., Gilman Library
 FAMILY FILM: "THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 7p.m., Gilman Library
 CONCERT - Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 7:30p.m., Bandstand
- Fri. 19 - CHILDREN'S FILMS: "THE HORSE WITH THE FLYING TAIL" & "NATURE'S STRANGEST CREATURES" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2 p.m., Gilman Library
- Sat. 20 - FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by the Winnepesaukee Building Association, 10a.m.-3p.m., Masonic Temple
 HAM & BEAN SUPPER - Sponsored by the St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild, 6-7:30p.m., American Legion Hall
 CONCERT: THE MARSHALLS & DON PLUMMER - Sponsored by the Bible Conference Center, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle

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THE CHECKOUT DESK
by Pat Merrill, Librarian

**GILMAN LIBRARY IS
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Come browse in the Gilman Library and see for yourself the variety of resources the Library has to offer. Our books go home with you for three weeks and our collection includes best sellers as well as many interesting non-fiction books. A special section is reserved for New Hampshire history. Our children's books are plentiful and books featured on Reading Rainbow have been gathered in a separate place for ease in finding them.

If books are not of particular interest to you at the moment, perhaps you will find something among our other services.

For children, there are books with cassettes and video cassettes that can be viewed in the Library or checked out for home use. A Polaroid Sun camera is available and you supply only the film. For the musically-inclined, we have a 49-key Casiotone Keyboard with bar code reader and sheet music that may be borrowed for a week.

Local newspapers can be found in the magazine rack and the Boston Globe and Boston Herald are on the reading table. Over 30 periodicals are also on the magazine rack and may go out for one week.

A photocopier that will reproduce standard or legal size copies is available for 10 cents a copy.

The big treat of the summer are the two computers being lent to the Library by the Alton Central School for public use.

Of course, our librarians are eager to serve you and help with any questions you might have.

**TOWN HISTORY
TO BE COMPUTERIZED**

Town Historian, Al Fisher, and his wife, Dorothy, are transcribing their vast historical files to computer disks using computers loaned to the Gilman Library by the Alton School for the summer.

The project was started eight months ago and will consist of information on over 3000 residents of the town from 1760 to 1880.

Alton will be unique among the towns and cities of New Hampshire in having a computerized record of its heritage available to its residents and others interested in the history of the town.



**OLD HOME WEEK
T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

The Old Home Week jerseys have arrived and the design chosen reflects the Old Home Week theme of "Community Unity". Featured on this year's shirts is the East Alton Meeting House on Gilmans Corner in East Alton around 1810.

This building has served as a place of worship, a gathering place for neighbors to meet socially, weddings, memorial services, meetings, and the ringing of the bell brought neighbors together in times of emergency in years past. The Meeting House is the first Alton building to be recognized in the National Register of Historic Places.

The shirts are a fund-raising project for the Alton Fire Department Auxiliary and may be purchased at Barrett's 5 & 10, Busy Corner Store, and Bay Video and Sporting Goods where the shirts were designed.

All proceeds are used for equipment for the fire department.

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Other members of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee are Barbara La-Pointe, Herbert Persan, John Streeter, and Nancy Zappone.

The committee, in addition to its development program, is responsible for the Town Beach, docks and boat ramp; the Bandstands; Levy and Harmony Parks; and the swim instruction program and lifeguards.

Phase II of the development program has already been funded by another grant from the State matching the value of land donated for recreational purposes by Bradford Jones and Nancy McGuirk. This land is along the river in the area east of the Town Garage on the Letter S Road.

This second phase, now in the engineering stages, will include a multi-purpose field, a combination Softball/Little League-type field, picnic area, tot playground, fishing access, small boat launch, parking, and a pedestrian bridge across the river.

The final phase will complete the connection from Alton to Alton Bay with a series of trails through the State Forest.

The design of the recreational development program has emphasized the need to maintain the natural state of the sites. Downing stated that "the project will have no impact on fish and wildlife or the air, water or geological state of the area."

Downing explained that "Alton has long neglected the recreational potential of its natural resources. We hope to correct this situation with our development program."

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

The railroad from Alton Bay to Dover took about one and a half hours, traveling at 23 miles per hour.

CHAMBER ASKS HELP FOR ALTON FLORIST

The Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce is spearheading a fund-raising effort to help fellow member, Mrs. Sheila Griggs-Ryan, owner of Alton Florist.

Mrs. Griggs-Ryan had opened her shop on Route 140 just about two months prior to the devastating fire that occurred during the early morning hours of June 3. The fire destroyed the barn which housed the florist's business and two families.

Mrs. Griggs-Ryan was not yet insured for her business equipment, and it is hoped that this campaign being mounted by the Chamber will help with her expenses and result in the means to re-stock the inventory and purchase the necessary equipment to reopen.

Donations may be sent to the Farmington National and Savings Bank in Alton for the Sheila Griggs-Ryan Fund.

The two families living in apartments in the same barn lost all their possessions. Separate efforts on their behalf include a drive for household goods and a search for a place to live. Donations for these families may be dropped off at the Alton Police Station or at Trudy's Thrift Shop on Route 28, south of the traffic circle.

GILMAN LIBRARY READING PROGRAM

"BE A BOOK TRAVELER" is the theme for this summer's reading program at the Gilman Library.

Children must come to the Library with a small picture of themselves by July 5 to register for the program. Each child will be issued a "passport" where each book they read will be recorded.

Bulletin board displays, pen-pals, and travel bingo will be featured throughout the summer.

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HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

The original Mount Washington was built in Alton Bay and launched July 4, 1872.

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- Wed. 24 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: IMAGINATION GAMES - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2:30p.m., Gilman Library
- CONCERT - Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 7:30p.m., Bandstand
- Fri. 26 - CHILDREN'S FILMS: "FOR THE LOVE OF FRED" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2p.m., Gilman Library
- Sat. 27 - FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by the East Alton Fire Association, 9a.m.-3p.m., Roberts Cove Road
- FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 10a.m.-5p.m., Alton Bay Community House
- CHICKEN BARBEQUE - Sponsored by the East Alton Fire Association, 5-7p.m., East Alton Fire Station
- SUPPER - Sponsored by the Winnepesaukee Building Association, 5-6:30p.m., Masonic Temple
- CONCERT: THE NEW LIFE SINGERS - Sponsored by the Bible Conference Center, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle
- Wed. 31 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: PUPPET SHOW - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 2:30p.m., Gilman Library
- FAMILY FILM: "SWINGTIME" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 7p.m., Gilman Library
- CONCERT - Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 7:30p.m., Bandstand

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