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Robie's Country Store is back in business

By Tony LaCasse
Hooksett Bridge

HOOKSETT - Robie's Country Store in Hooksett Village has opened its doors under new ownership, bringing a familiar name back into the hearts of the community.

The historic family space, located at 9 Riverside St., is now proudly leased by the Robie family of Robie Farm in Piermont.

The store's reopening has been met with much excitement and anticipation as the community celebrates the continuation of the store's legacy as a country store. The new Robie's Country Store offers a variety of services to cater



ROBIE'S RETURNS - The Robie family has reopened Robie's Country Store, offering breakfast, lunch, a butcher counter, and its historic array of political memorabilia. (Tony LaCasse photo)

to the needs of the residents, including groceries, fresh local meat, cheese, deli services,

breakfast sandwiches, and lunch options. The kitchen will be open until 2 p.m., and an

on-site butcher is available for customers looking for special cuts for parties or events.

Local products will be prominently displayed in the front section of the store, emphasizing the store's commitment to supporting local businesses and producers. Meanwhile, the middle room will house frozen meats from the farm, cheeses, produce, and other goods. As a special addition, the store will also offer alcohol for purchase, making it a convenient one-stop shop for residents.


With a focus on community engagement, the family has made provisions for seating, providing approximately 16 seats through old whiskey barrel tables and high-top

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Hooksett Hero - Karina Towne

The Hooksett Bridge recognizes Karina Towne as the first Hooksett Hero for our summer edition!

Towne is the Hooksett Town Clerk and an involved citizen, giving her time to Hooksett schools, the Hooksett PTA, and HYAA. She also volunteers at town and state elections.



Towne

"Ever since I was little she has always put her best foot forward and volunteered every opportunity she got," said her daughter,

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Old Home Day takes place Sept. 16

HOOKSETT - Hooksett Old Home Day 2023: Celebrating Community and Heritage is set for Sept. 16. at Donati Memorial Field in the Village.

The day promises to be a fantastic occasion for people of all ages. Visitors can enjoy a wide array of activities, including browsing through numerous vendor stalls, witnessing fascinating demonstrations, relishing the delicious offerings from food vendors, and

experiencing the Hooksett Fire Department's famous french fry stand. The highlight of the event will be the town's spectacular fireworks display provided by Hooksett Fireworks.

It traces its origins back to the concept of Old Home Day, which was developed by Governor Frank Rollins in 1899 to bring former residents of New Hampshire back to their hometowns. This idea was born in response to the decline of rural

areas in the state due to migration towards urban centers with industrial jobs.

The event was envisioned as a celebration of the agrarian way of life and an opportunity to renew old friendships. Over the years, Old Home Day has evolved into a cherished tradition in New Hampshire, with towns organizing festivities that include parades, barbe-

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Salvation Army helps shop for school

HOOKSETT - The Hooksett Salvation Army is bringing back the Back to School Shopping program. The program provides a chance for kids to get new clothes for school that parents might not otherwise be able to provide.

Volunteers are needed to help chaperone the shopping with the children for the back to school campaign. Male

chaperones are desperately needed.

The event will be at the Hooksett Target on Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 8 to 10 a.m. We have budgeted for 30 children this year.

Register at <https://forms.gle/KMbaFv7ZLhFp8q1V6>. Contact Tammy Hooker, volunteer coordinator, at HooksettSAbacktoschool@gmail.com.

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Continued from Page 1 Makenzie. "She spends all her free time volunteering and has taken up opportunities that no one else has stepped up to do. Being the town clerk is one of the biggest choices she has made and it was done in hopes of helping the community for the better. She will always be someone to look up to and such an asset to our town.

"I look up to her because she's so hardworking every day and she pushes me and my brother to follow in her footsteps to be leaders as we

grow up. Not only is she my hero but she's our whole family's hero. She's the glue in our household and not much would get done without her."

The Hooksett Bridge congratulates Towne and thanks her for all she has done.

Nominations for Hooksett Hero may be submitted to the hooksettbridge@gmail.com. Include your thoughts as to why you believe this person is deserving of the next Hooksett Bridge recognition of Hooksett Hero.



EAGLE EYE - Stephen Boyd, right, enjoys a moment of victory wearing his Silver Medal with Carroll "Blue" Walsh of North Carolina, Bronze; and Rick Stonebraker of Texas, Gold. (Courtesy photo)

Boyd scores Silver in archery

PITTSBURGH, PA - Over 11,000 athletes gathered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in July to prove that age does not matter when it comes to sports. The National Senior Games Association, held every two years, brings individuals ages 50-100+ together displaying talents in 20 sports. Hooksett's Stephen Boyd was one of them.

Along with 80 other athletes representing the state of New Hampshire, Boyd competed in barebow archery, taking the Silver for his age group. He, with 28 other New

Hampshire athletes, brought home medals.

"Considering I've only been shooting archery for five years, I'm pretty happy with my results," said Boyd of his two-day score. "This event brings out some amazing competitors. People are supportive and help each other bring out their best."

Locally, Boyd is a member of the Pioneer Sportsman's Club in Dunbarton. This was the second Senior Games tournament for him, having first experienced the event in Al-

buquerque, New Mexico, in 2019. Knowing the caliber of skills he'd be facing, Boyd was pleased to see that all his practice paid off.

The next National Senior Games will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, in 2025. Boyd said anyone who enjoys a sport should explore the opportunities in participating in these games. He is already beginning plans for the challenge.

For more information, visit nsga.com.

Hooksett Community Kitchen offers free monthly meals

HOOKSETT - Many local residents are finding the Hooksett Community Kitchen as a place to gather and enjoy a delicious meal on the third Monday of each month from 5-6 p.m.

For over a decade folks have found the community kitchen at 5 Veteran's Drive as a place to socialize and share a meal. All ages are welcome.

Throughout the past couple of years, many organizations have sponsored meals. Troop 603, Hooksett Lions Club, Hooksett Area Rotary, The Common Man, Hooksett Salvation

Army, Hooksett Congregational Church members and friends, and Raymond High School girl's basketball team have partnered to make this community endeavor successful.

- Schedule of meals**
- Aug. 21 – annual cookout
 - Sept. 18 – barbecued turkey meatball
 - Oct. 16 – Italian chicken (back by popular demand),
 - Nov. 20 – chicken with stuffing and gravy ham
 - Dec. 18 – spiral ham

All meals include side dishes, dessert, and beverage.

Citizens of Year named by Lions Club

HOOKSETT - The Hooksett Lions Club has named Sally and Wayne Gehris the 2023 Hooksett Citizens of the Year.

For over five decades, Sally and Wayne have been actively involved in Hooksett civic affairs, giving their time and energy to help others. No matter where there has been a need, they have been there.

Sally was instrumental in starting the Hooksett Community Food Pantry in 2007. She has served as the chairman or assistant chairman of the pantry since its inception. She served as president or treasurer of the Hooksett Woman's Club for many years. She held many positions in the Village School's PTA and Memorial School's PTO from 1978-1993. She was the New Hampshire PTA Member of the Year in 1980. Sally was a Rebekah for many years and did volunteer work through this organization. She was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for many years and

held the position of cookie sales chairman one year. Sally also holds membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. She was active in the West HS Booster Club from 1987-1991.

Wayne was a member of the Hooksett Youth Athletic Association and coached Little League baseball. He was also a leader in creating the local post of the VFW and has been a long-time member. He is a member of the American Legion Post 37. Wayne has been an active member of the Hooksett Lions Club for 37 years. He has held many positions, including president several times. He has held leadership roles, including president, secretary, and treasurer. He participates in a leadership role in every club function and project, including the annual Model Train Show and eye screenings. He is a Lions progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Wayne is active in the Lions Adopt-A-Highway Program with the DOT. Wayne served as

treasurer in Cub Scout Pack 292. Wayne has served as a Hooksett Trustee of the Trust Funds. He also worked as a volunteer at many PTA and PTO functions.

Sally and Wayne have rung bells for the Salvation Army, worked at Hooksett Old Home Day, and counted many votes at town elections. They were past members of the Hooksett Grange. They have both held many positions at the Hooksett Congregational Church, including Sunday School teachers and Youth Group leaders. They were both members of the UNH Parents Association from 1991-1995.

They moved to Hooksett in 1972, and it is not possible to list all of the many contributions they have made throughout the 50 plus years that they have worked for the betterment of our community.

The event to honor the 2023 Hooksett Citizens of the year will be announced shortly.

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The Robie Family - separated by space and time

By Tony LaCasse
Hooksett Bridge

HOOKSETT - In the quaint town of Hooksett stands a historical gem that has been at the heart of the community for generations: Robie's Country Store. This beloved establishment, with its charming red facade and welcoming atmosphere, holds a rich history that spans back to the early days of the Robie family in the New World.

The tale begins in the 1600s when Henry Robie, a daring adventurer, ventured across the ocean to America, seeking new opportunities and a fresh start. In 1639, he settled in the rugged landscapes of New Hampshire, becoming the first Robie to set foot in the New World. With Henry's courage and determination, he laid the foundation for a lineage that would endure through the ages.

Henry Robie's son, John, carried on the family legacy, embracing the rugged life of the early settlers. Tragically, during an Indian raid, John, his wife, and their children lost their lives. The sole survivor of this devastating event was a brave teenager named Ichabod, who would later become known as Lt. Col. Ichabod Robie. Kidnapped and



The Robie Farm owners, Betty Sue and Lee Robie, surrounded by their family at their 150-acre farm on the Connecticut River in Piermont. (Tony LaCasse photo)

taken to Canada by the Native Americans, Ichabod managed to escape and embarked on an incredible journey back to Southern New Hampshire, where he rebuilt his life.

With time, Ichabod married and started a family of his own. His wife, Marie Cass, stood by his side as they raised several children, including two sons, Samuel and John, the latter named in honor of his deceased grandfather. These

two sons would play a pivotal role in the future of the Robie family, laying the groundwork for the branches that would follow.

As years passed, Samuel Robie's descendants settled in Hooksett, where they established their roots and became an integral part of the community. Their journey led to the creation of the cherished Robie's Country Store, a hub where locals and visitors alike found warmth, conversation, and a sense of belonging.

Meanwhile, John Robie's descendants made their way across the Connecticut River, to the picturesque town of Piermont. Here, they established the renowned Robie Farm, nurturing the land and cultivating a legacy that continued to thrive through the generations.

Remarkably, for nearly

three centuries, the descendants of Samuel and John Robie lived their lives separately, unaware of their close familial ties. As the distance between them seemed vast in those bygone days, modern times have brought a rekindling of their connection. Through a series of serendipitous events, the Hooksett Robies and the Piermont Robies discovered their shared ancestry, uniting the two branches of the family that had been separated for so long.

This newfound awareness brought a profound sense of kinship and belonging, transcending geographical boundaries and historical divides. The blood that flows through the veins of the patrons of Robie's Country Store in Hooksett and the caretakers of Robie Farm in Piermont now runs thicker than ever, remind-

ing them of the remarkable tale that began with Henry Robie's voyage to the New World.

In the late 1800s, the Hooksett Robie family played a pivotal role in the bustling Hooksett Village, where they ran a busy and popular mercantile store. George A. Robie was the trailblazer of this family venture, purchasing the store in Hooksett in 1887. Over the next 110 years, the store would pass down from father to son, becoming an enduring institution that served the town with much-needed staples and supplies. Additionally, it functioned as the local post office, solidifying its place as a vital part of the community.

As generations of Hooksett Robies continued to manage the store, they embraced their role as businessmen while also remaining deeply involved in the town's affairs. One notable couple from the Hooksett Robie family was Lloyd Robie and his wife, Dot. They epitomized the family's commitment to family, friends, and community, dedicating their free time to bettering the lives of those around them. Their devotion to history, family, and community echoed the values upheld by the Piermont Robies.

Lloyd and Dot Robie's contributions to the town did not go unnoticed. In 1978, they were honored by the Hooksett Men's Club as "Citizens of The Year," a testament to the impact they had on the community they cherished. Their mercantile store, fondly known as "Robie's," thrived under their stewardship,

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Robie's Country Store - a historic legacy preserved

By Tony LaCasse
Hooksett Bridge

HOOKSETT - In the late 1990s, the small town of Hooksett faced an emotional moment when the iconic Robie's Country Store, which had been run by a member of the Robie family for four generations spanning over 110 years, had to close its doors. Dot and Lloyd Robie, the last family owners, were faced with health issues that necessitated the difficult decision to retire and bid farewell to the store that had become a beloved community institution.

For the residents of Hooksett, the closure of Robie's Country Store marked the end of an era, leaving a void in the hearts of many. Over 400 people came to visit Dot and Lloyd for the last time inside the store, reflecting the deep emotional connection between the community and the storekeepers who had served them for decades.

However, amidst the sadness and nostalgia, an opportunity emerged to preserve the legacy of Robie's Country Store and protect its historical charm and integrity.

"It all started on Nov. 1 1997," said Robert Schroeder, current president of the non-

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profit Robie's Country Store Historic Preservation Corporation. Schroeder, a dear friend of Dot and Lloyd Robie and real estate broker at the time, understood the family's passion for the store and their desire to see it continue as a country store, serving the village and preserving its unique character.

Recognizing the significance of the store to the town's history and culture, a group of highly talented local people came together to form the non-profit. Their mission was clear - to acquire the property from the Robie family and ensure the store's continued operation as a community asset, adhering to the original vision of Dot and Lloyd Robie.



Robie's Country Store in 1896 before the fire that destroyed the building in 1906. (Courtesy photo)

In 2000, the Preservation Corporation successfully purchased the property through a fair and equitable payment plan, securing the future of Robie's Country Store as a living museum and a testament to the town's heritage.

Fast forward to 2023, when Lee Robie, a member of the Robie family from Robie Farm in Piermont, discovered the connection between his family and the Hooksett Robies. It was a serendipitous moment that completed the full-circle life story of the store. Lee's interest in expanding his farm products to the southern New Hampshire market led to a lease agreement with the Preservation Corporation, bringing the store back into the Robie family's hands after 25 years.

John Brock, boyhood friend of Lee Robie, made the connection of Lee and Robert Schroeder, which in turn allowed for both families to finally connect after nearly 300 years.

With Lee Robie at the helm, the store was set to continue its legacy as a country store, just as it was originally intended by the Robie family when they started operating it in 1887. The love and passion that Dot and Lloyd poured into the store nearly 40 years resonated through the generations, making it a community gathering space cherished by all.

As the Robie's Country Store Historic Preservation Corporation continues to rely on community support through donations, volunteers, and contributions from local businesses, the dream of preserving this historic landmark and maintaining its unique character lives on.

The story of Robie's Country Store is one of dedication, love, and a shared commitment to preserving history and heritage. From its origins in the bustling town of Hooksett to its current place as a cherished community asset, Robie's Country Store stands as a testament to the power of a united community coming together to protect and celebrate its past for generations to come.

John Brock, boyhood friend of Lee Robie, made the

changed hands, the legacy of the Hooksett Robie family remains woven into the fabric of Hooksett's history. The spirit of community, the commitment to family, and the love for the town that George A. Robie first brought to Hooksett continues to thrive in the hearts of its residents. The story of the Hooksett Robies, intertwined with the story of the Piermont Robies,

is a testament to the enduring power of family ties, community bonds, and the shared history that binds them together. Robie's Country Store in Hooksett stands not only as a cherished historical landmark but also as a testament to the indomitable spirit of the Robie family and their lasting impact on the people they served.

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chairs. Sit-down tables in the front and back rooms also offer comfortable spaces for patrons to enjoy their meals or simply relax.

One tradition that will continue at Robie's is the presence of political candidates, who will be making their campaign stops at the store. The store's historical significance and its connection to New Hampshire's presidential primaries make it an ideal venue for candidates to connect with voters.

Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy is expected to pay a visit to the store between Aug. 9 and 11.

Robie's Country Store is all set to make a welcoming entrance into the community with a special grand opening event on Sunday, Aug. 20, from noon to 3 p.m., coinciding with the Hooksett Village Farmers Market. Live music on



READY TO EAT - A breakfast sandwich at Robie's Country Store. (Courtesy photo)

be marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

The store's hours of service will be from Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., ensuring that residents have ample opportunities to explore the offerings and experience the warm ambiance of the store.

The store will be closed on Sundays, but it will be made available to the community and the public for use and rentals on an as-needed basis, further cementing its position as a community space.

The return of the Robie family to the heart of Hooksett Village is a moment of joy and celebration for the entire town. Robie's is back in business, and with its wide array of offerings and commitment to preserving the historic legacy of the location, it promises to be a cherished gathering spot for years to come.

the front porch will set the celebratory tone, and the day will



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Amoskeag Youth Rowing Team invites members

HOOKSETT - Hooksett is home to the Amoskeag Rowing Club. The club offers opportunities for rowers of all ages, levels, and abilities the opportunity to learn and participate in the sport.

Many residents are not aware of the co-ed competitive youth rowing team's existence. The ARC Youth team runs a competitive program in the fall and spring and developmental programs in the summer. It has a team of experi-

enced coaches who work with athletes of all levels.

The programs are offered at the ARC boathouse which is conveniently located next to the dog park in Hooksett. Middle school and high school students from eight different towns in southern and central New Hampshire participate on ARC's competitive youth team.

Rowing is a unique sport which offers distinctive benefits to its partici-

pants. The physical benefits of rowing are unsurpassed. During the competitive seasons, youth practice five days a week after school and participate in regional competitions, called regattas, on the weekends. Most of the power comes from the athlete's lower body, but rowing is a full body workout which involves the legs, core, arms, and back.

Other physical fitness advantages of rowing include cardiovascular health, strength, endurance, balance, and flexibility.

Another noteworthy benefit of rowing is that athletes can participate well beyond high school. The ARC membership includes rowers young and old. Many youth who haven't found a sport are delighted to find that with hard work, they are able to find success as a rower on the ARC youth rowing team.

There is no sport where teamwork is more important. Athletes row as one unit and success is dependent on

the ability of each athlete to keep pace with the other rowers in his boat. The ARC youth team works hard but it also has fun. The fun isn't exclusive to the youth rowers, families of rowers have many opportunities to socialize at regattas.

The ARC youth team is always looking for new youth rowers to join the team. The club is committed to making the sport accessible and offers scholarships to those with demonstrated financial need. ARC leadership understands that joining the youth team is a big obligation. It is dedicated to helping families overcome barriers to participation like transportation, etc. Prospective athletes are invited to try rowing before making a full commitment to the team. Information can be found on the club website: amoskeagrowing.org. Questions can be emailed to membership@amoskeagrowing.org.

- Maxine Ryan-Jacobson



A WARM WELCOME - Standing by one of two new signs welcoming people to Hooksett are, from left: Tom Lavery, Kiwanis Club president; Andre Garron, Hooksett Town Administrator; Tim Tsantoulis, Town Council chairman; and Tyler Halstead, Chamber of Commerce president. (Courtesy photo)

New signs welcome everyone to Hooksett

HOOKSETT - Hooksett Kiwanis and the Chamber of Commerce have completed the initial plan to welcome visitors to the Town of Hooksett. After receiving approval from both the town and state, two new Welcome to Hooksett signs have been erected.

The first sign is located on Route 3 South at the intersection of Pleasant Street. The second sign is located on the 28 By-Pass in front of the CMC facility.

Future plans are in the works for having plants or flowers placed

around these signs to make them more attractive, similar to the Hooksett sign on Route 3 North just past the I-93 overpass at Exit 9.

Hooksett Kiwanis and the Hooksett Chamber of Commerce made this possible financially. Blue Ribbon fence helped to install the signs, and Dave and Paul Scarpatti assisted with installation and worked with state DOT on regulations.

To help support future signs, contact Kiwanis at hooksettkiwanis@gmail.com.

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cues, potluck suppers, historic home tours, dances, games, and music. It serves as a grand family reunion, emphasizing the importance of community life and fostering connections among neighbors.

In the case of Hooksett, Old Home Day started in the 1980s, relatively more recently compared to other communities in the state that embraced the tradition in the early 1900s. In the early days of Hooksett's Old Home Day, the organizing committee, comprised of local residents, including Paul Lambert and his friends, aimed to create a fun event for the community. At that time, Hooksett was a close-knit town where people knew each other, making the event a gathering of friends and family celebrating the end of summer together.

During the early days of Old Home Day in Hooksett, the committee had limited resources, but they made the most of what they had. For instance, they rigged up a makeshift speaker system from a pickup truck to play music at the park. They also constructed a large concrete barbecue pit where they cooked the now-famous

chicken barbecue. The event took place at Lambert Park, attracting neighbors from all over town who either walked or drove to the venue. Various activities, including canoe races by the river, added to the fun and excitement.

As years passed, Hooksett Old Home Day grew in popularity, and the event had to be moved to Donati Field around 20 years ago to accommodate the increasing number of attendees. Presently, Carrie Hyde serves as the coordinator for Hooksett Old Home Day, and her team aims to provide the community with a delightful and free event featuring vendors, entertainment, and amusements.

As the tradition of Old Home Day endures, it continues to symbolize the importance of community and belonging, fostering a sense of togetherness among residents. It serves as a reminder of the agrarian roots of New Hampshire and the value of preserving local history and cherished customs. So, as the 2023 Hooksett Old Home Day approaches, the excitement is palpable, and the community eagerly anticipates yet another memorable celebration of their

town's heritage and spirit.

Schedule

10 a.m. - Parade - The day kicks off with a lively parade starting at Lambert's Park on Merrimack Street. The procession will make its way to the Donati Playground entrance, culminating at the Old Home Day Stage.

10:30 a.m. - Opening Ceremony - The event's grand opening will feature a special performance by the Pinkerton Academy Band, setting the tone for a day of celebration.

10:50 - 11:05 a.m. - N-Step Demo - Be amazed by the exciting dance moves and demonstrations by N-Step.

11:10 - 11:25 a.m. - Unbound Dance Academy Demo - Enjoy another captivating dance performance by the talented Unbound Dance Academy.

11:30 a.m. - B.J. Hickman - Prepare to be dazzled by magic and entertainment.

12:15 - 2 p.m. - Live music - Relax and enjoy the soothing tunes of Dan Morgan on guitar and vocals, accompanied by Lynda Nelson on guitar and vocals, and Jody Bregler on cajon and vocals.

2:00 p.m. - BJ Hickman

(wncore Performance) - B.J. Hickman returns to the stage to enchant the audience once more with his mesmerizing magic.

2:50 - 3:35 p.m. - The Bel Airs - Get ready to groove to the rhythm of The Bel Airs' captivating musical performance.

3:40 - 4:25 p.m. - Don Smith - Experience the musical talent of Don Smith.

4:30 p.m. - Blues Brothers - The Blues Brothers tribute act will have you dancing and singing along to their energetic tunes.

5:00 p.m. - Vendor departure - As the day winds down, vendors will begin to depart, but the fun is far from over.

Fireworks at Dusk - As the sky darkens, prepare to be awestruck by the breathtaking fireworks display, lighting up the night in a spectacular celebration of community spirit.

Eating Contests - Join in the culinary fun with three exciting eating contests throughout the day. Test your skills and appetite in these lighthearted competitions:

12:30 p.m. - Watermelon Eating Contest at the Old Home Day Booth. Sign up between 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - Pizza Eating Contest at the Old Home Day Booth. Sign up between 10:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - Pie Eating Contest at the Old Home Day Booth. Sign up between 10 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

Save the date for 2023! Mark your calendars for next year's Hooksett Old Home Day, scheduled for the same third Saturday in September, as the tradition continues to bring joy and unity to the community.

Please note that all times are subject to change without notice.

The library is your community resource

HOOKSETT - The Hooksett Library's fiscal year 2022-23 ended in June. The highlight of the year was being honored with the Community Impact Award, as part of an annual program sponsored by Hooksett Kiwanis to recognize community leaders.

This award really encapsulates and validates the library's ongoing mission to be a community resource connection, providing programs, resources and materials to meet the educational, social, and recreational needs and interests of the community.

The Hooksett Library's fiscal year 2022-23 saw an increase from the previous year in total circulation by +18%, circulation of eAudiobooks by +17%, borrowers of eBooks and eAudiobooks by +25%, museum pass use by +24%, computer usage by +90%, meeting room bookings by +87%, meeting room attendance by 105%, volunteer hours by +214% and library visitors by +38%. During the course of the year, there were 154 events for adults and 92 for children, with attendance for adults totalling 3,900 and children, 12,877. These numbers are a clear indication that there's something for everyone at the Hooksett Library.

The library also offers discount passes to 15 popular museums and local attractions, providing many options for venues to visit in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Visit hooksetlibrary.org.

Harmony Lane to rock the block with community party Aug. 5

By Sarah Lambert Derian
Hooksett Bridge contributor

Harmony Lane, a neighborhood nestled between the 28 Bypass and Cawley Middle School, is gearing up for its second annual summer block party scheduled to take place on Saturday, Aug. 5.

The Harmony Lane Rock the Block Party is a lively neighborhood event that aims to bring together residents, families, and friends for a day filled with entertainment, family-friendly activities, and community bonding. The inaugural event last year received overwhelming support, and this year's celebration promises to be even bigger and better.

Event highlights

Live music and performances: Professional musicians will perform live music including children's favorites. Six-year-old aspiring rock star Rozlyn Nihan will perform her first song supported by professional musicians with her neighborhood as her audience. Nihan says, "I'm ready to rock!"

Shirts designed by kids: The block party features a Harmony Lane logo contest, where neighborhood kids submitted artwork that was judged by local business owner Brian Guay of Fat Cat Screen Printing. Marcus Rodriguez, age 7, won the design concept with his cat submission. All neighborhood kids were invited to submit their own Harmony Lane critters to be included in the neighborhood logo. Morgan Penland, age 12, won second place and her letters will also be featured in the design.

This artwork will be printed on official Harmony Lane shirts in time for the block party with the help of Fat Cat Screen Printing.

Rozlyn Nihan, who received honorable mention, went door-to-door to sell the shirts.

"I liked getting to see my neighbors and telling [them] about the block party," she said. "I'm excited to wear the kid's art around the neighborhood," says Alec Derian.

Little Free Library: Harmony Lane boasts a Little Free Library and the block party will host a neighborhood



READY TO ROCK - Soon to be 6-year-old Rozlyn Nihan is coached by Alec Derian for her debut performance at the second annual Harmony Lane Rock the Block Party. (Courtesy photo)

book swap to keep the inventory fresh.

Harmony Lane is home to a variety of families who unite over their community values. "Everyone looks out for each other in our neighborhood," said Lara Blomgren, who moved into the neighborhood last year.

Giulia Nihan said "Moving to Harmony Lane has been one of the most amazing things for my family. I always wanted a neighborhood where people know each other, come together, and help each other out."

"We built and moved into our home in 1995 and that makes us the grandparents of the neighborhood. We are original members," said Tanji Samson. "I love that neighbors are still friendly and take care of each other. You can always depend on someone in the neighborhood when needed."

Event organizer Sarah Lambert Derian is an experiential learning specialist. Whether coordinating block parties in her neighborhood or developing extended learning opportunities for the University of New Hampshire, Derian is a champion for real-world learning and celebrates any opportunity for learning to happen this way.

Kerry Richardson is now pastor at Hooksett Congregational Church

HOOKSETT - Hooksett Congregational Church, located at 5 Veterans Drive, hired Pastor Kerry W. Richardson in June 2022 and has been enjoying his personable style of preaching for over a year now. His innovative children's story has caught the attention of both young and old because he uses puppets and humor to communicate his gospel message.

Kerry started his preaching career at Brookside Congregational Church in Manchester, and went on to be the settled licensed pastor in Salisbury for seven years. He also recently served as the interim pastor at Second Congregational Church of Wilton for 2 ½ years before coming to Hooksett.

The church also boasts a wonderful choir, directed by Donna Marshall and Kathy Cruson, and a very talented accompanist, Jan Bordeleau, who plays both the piano and the organ.

The Hooksett Congregational Church has been enjoying a new vitality within the community, getting involved in Hooksett Old Home Day last August and Lighting Up the Village this past December. They also sponsored a Church Flea Market this past spring which attracted many local residents, and was a big fundraising success for the church.

Hooksett Congregational Church participates in the Hooksett Food Pantry and hosts the Hooksett Community Kitchen, a free dinner held the third Monday of every month. The May dinner served over 100 meals.

You are invited to join for worship any Sunday and come and meet Pastor Kerry and this kind and generous church community. Service is held during the summer at 9 a.m., and goes back to the regular time of 10 a.m. starting in September. All are welcome!

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REAL ESTATE

New businesses are flourishing in Hooksett

By Tony LaCasse
Hooksett Bridge

HOOKSETT - As the summer rolls on, Hooksett has witnessed a surge of economic growth with the establishment of several new businesses and relocations. These developments are transforming the town's landscape and offering residents exciting new options for shopping, dining, and services.

One notable change in the town is the relocation of the Goodwill store from its former location at 1291 Hooksett Road in the New England Tapouse Plaza to the Hooksett Village Shops Plaza next to Shaw's Supermarket. Customers have praised the new store, which offers a wide selection of gently used clothing, furniture, and household items, though some mention that the aisles are slightly narrower.

Seasons Corner Market and gas station have also opened their doors this summer on the corner lot of the bypass and Hooksett Road, where the former Dudes Barbershop and a small car wash were previously located. Dudes Barbershop has also relocated to the Hooksett Village Shops Plaza.

Another exciting addition to the Hooksett Village Shops



The new Seasons convenience store, Corner Market Cafe and Shell gas station recently opened on Route 3/28 right across from another Shell station. (Ginger Kozlowski photo)

Plaza is the Dog Agility Café, offering dog training services and a café for both customers and their furry companions.

The town's economic development has been further bolstered by the upcoming opening of the Black Diamond Car Wash near the Hooksett Memorial School and the Great Woods Landing Shopping Plaza. This new car wash, along with several other businesses, has been made possible by the recent implementation of performance zoning by the Hooksett Planning Board. The

should be ready to welcome customers within the next two weeks, pending a town inspection scheduled for the first week of August.

The Spot Eatery plans to offer a diverse menu of breakfast and lunch options, available for takeaway and sit-in options. Sarah and her mom are excited to create another community gathering spot, where neighbors can come together, share a cup of coffee, and get to know one another. Being residents of Hooksett themselves, they hope their location will be a popular destination for many others in town.

Not all proposed developments have received unanimous support. The proposed 12-pump gas station adjacent to Bluebird Self Storage along Hooksett Road in the village area has raised concerns among some residents, particularly those in the University Heights and Mount Saint Mary's development near Mount St. Mary's Way. These residents fear that such developments may negatively impact property values and the overall aesthetics of the area.

To address such concerns,

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Goodwill is now located in the space former used by Cowabunga's play space in the Shaw's plaza. (Ginger Kozlowski photo)

revitalization zone along this section of Hooksett Road has attracted a multitude of businesses, thanks to tax relief incentives offered to eligible establishments.

Amidst the flourishing economic scene in Hooksett, more exciting developments have emerged, promising to cater to a diverse array of interests and needs in the community.

Planet Fitness is set to make its debut in town, providing residents with a new location to pursue their fitness goals. The fitness giant will be moving into the former location of Goodwill in the Hooksett Village Shops Plaza.

Heartsong Energy Healing has also expanded its presence in the Granite Hills Plaza on Hooksett Road. Owner Tanji Sampson is delighted with the new and expanded space, which is now located at the south end of the plaza in the C9 space. This transformation has brought in ample natural light,



The Dog Agility and Cafe is located near the post office, offering dog owners a chance to socialize and work with their pets. (Ginger Kozlowski photo)

REAL ESTATE

Aging in place - downsizing tips for elderly residents

By Tony LaCasse
Hooksett Bridge

As we age, many elderly residents in New Hampshire find themselves contemplating the prospect of downsizing from their large homes. The burden of managing the property, paying increasing property taxes, and dealing with mobility and accessibility issues can become overwhelming.

For those living alone in large homes, downsizing can be a smart move. With a smaller space, maintenance becomes more manageable, and

the financial burden of property taxes reduces, allowing for a better quality of life in retirement. Moreover, New England-style homes often lack first-floor bedrooms and bathrooms, making it challenging for elderly residents with mobility issues to navigate their living spaces.

Aging in place is a desirable goal for many seniors, and homeowners can explore several options to make their homes more accessible. One approach is to add accessibility features, such as ramps or grab bars, to accommodate their needs. Alternatively, ren-

ovating a section of the home to create an accessory dwelling unit can offset property taxes while providing a comfortable living space.

If downsizing the property seems like the best option, enlisting the help of a local real estate professional is essential. These experts can guide elderly residents through the downsizing process, assisting them in finding a new home that meets their current needs and lifestyle. Moreover, they can provide valuable resources and options beyond simply selling

the property, giving seniors a range of choices to age in place comfortably.

The challenges faced by elderly residents managing large homes in New Hampshire are undeniable, from increasing property taxes to accessibility concerns. However, with thoughtful planning and the guidance of a knowledgeable local real estate advisor, seniors can find suitable solutions for aging in place. Whether it's renovating for accessibility or downsizing to a more manageable home, a conversation with

a trusted real estate professional is the crucial first step.

If you or a loved one is considering downsizing or aging in place, don't hesitate to speak with a local real estate advisor who understands the zoning regulations for accessory dwelling units and has a profound knowledge of the local real estate market. They can provide invaluable support and a range of options tailored to your unique needs, helping you make informed decisions for a comfortable and fulfilling retirement.

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community involvement and participation in town meetings are encouraged to attend planning board, zoning board, town council, and Heritage Commission meetings. By staying informed about development regulations and zoning proce-

dures, residents can actively influence the direction of the town's growth.

With these new businesses and expansions joining the town's thriving business community, Hooksett continues to be a hub of growth and opportunity, catering to the evolving needs and preferences of its residents.



Dude's Barber Shop is now across the street from its old location that became Seasons and Shell. (Ginger Kozlowski)



American Freight furniture opened recently next to Tractor Supply in the Shaw's plaza. (Ginger Kozlowski photo)



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Tax relief program set to revitalize Hooksett Village

HOOKSETT - Hooksett has a property tax incentive program for Hooksett Village property owners. This program aims to breathe new life into its downtown and village area through the implementation of the Downtown and Village Community Revitalization Tax Relief Program.

This innovative program, based on New Hampshire's RSA 79-E statute, aims to incentivize property owners in the Hooksett Village district to invest in their properties, thereby fostering redevelopment and preserving the area's unique charm.

The primary goals of this tax relief program are twofold. First, it seeks to encourage the rehabilitation and active use of under-utilized buildings, promoting a robust local economy and smart, sustainable growth as an alternative to urban sprawl. Second, it aims to create an attractive and vibrant downtown that residents can take pride in, while also attracting economic develop-

ment to the village area.

How the program works

Property owners in the designated area who wish to substantially renovate a building located downtown or in the village center can apply for a period of temporary tax relief from the local governing body. Additionally, owners of structures listed on the National or State Registers of Historic Places may also be eligible for this incentive.

The tax relief is granted for a finite period, during which the property tax on the rehabilitated structure remains unchanged. In exchange for this relief, the property owner must agree to a covenant ensuring that the rehabilitation brings a public benefit to the community. Once the temporary relief period expires, the structure will be taxed at its full market value, accounting for the improvements made during the rehabilitation.

Community process and discretion

The legislation offers a

strong community process and discretion in adopting the program. Any city or town can choose to adopt this tax relief tool through a majority vote of its legislative body. Property owners must submit their applications to the governing body, which is accompanied by a public notice and a public hearing.

The governing body has the authority to grant tax relief if the application aligns with the guidelines and demonstrates a public benefit. Conversely, it may choose to deny an application based on its discretion. Denials are non-reviewable unless there is evidence of bad faith or discrimination.

Qualifying properties

To qualify for the tax relief program, a property owner must meet certain criteria, including:

- The building must be located in the community's downtown district or its equivalent, with the municipality possibly setting additional and stricter criteria for qualifying struc-

tures.

- The rehabilitation project must cost at least 15% of the building's pre-rehabilitation assessed value or \$75,000, whichever is less. The municipality may establish higher thresholds if deemed necessary.

- The rehabilitation plan must align with the municipality's master plan or development regulations, ensuring it contributes to the overall vision for the community.

Learn more

For those interested in exploring the tax relief program or seeking assistance with rehabilitating historic structures in the area, the Hooksett Town Hall's community development department, the Hooksett Heritage Commission, and the

NH Preservation Alliance are valuable resources to consult.

Embracing the Downtown and Village Community Revitalization Tax Relief Program represents a proactive and promising step towards creating a thriving and picturesque village community in Hooksett. By encouraging property owners to invest in their properties and revitalizing the downtown area, this program is expected to bring numerous benefits to property owners, residents, and the municipality as a whole. With this initiative in place, Hooksett Village is poised to undergo a positive transformation, unlocking its full potential as a vibrant and economically prosperous community.



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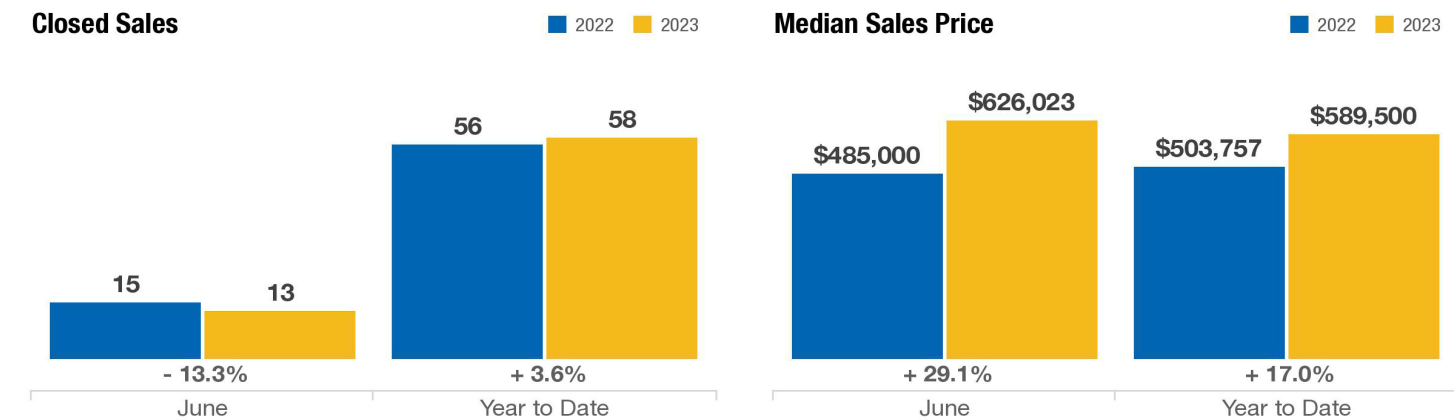
Looking to sell? The Main Street Man is looking for properties to fit these buyers' needs:

- Buyer #1:
2 beds (primary bedroom on first floor), 1.5 baths (bathrooms must have a window) Min. 1,000 sq. ft Built after 1955 Single-family residence, detached condo, (open to a nice manufactured home in a park like Brook Ridge, Webster Woods, etc.) Maximum taxes of \$6,000/year Move-in ready no split levels Within 40 mins of N. End Manchester (excluding Raymond, Manchester besides the N. End) Loves Canterbury! Open-concept kitchen Easy maintenance (This will be a retirement Home) Pre-approved up to \$450,000 Must sell in order to buy Looking to move within the next six months
- Buyer #2:
3 beds, 1 baths Min 1200 finished sq. ft Min .25 acre lot (has a dog) Single-family residence or owner-occupied multifamily (up to 3 units) Fixer upper is OK Greater Manchester area (30 mile radius) Nothing north of Concord Hillsborough area is of interest Kennard Road Manchester area (North End) is of special interest South End Concord and possibly Penacook area are also of special interest Prefers older style homes that have character Pre Approved \$400,000

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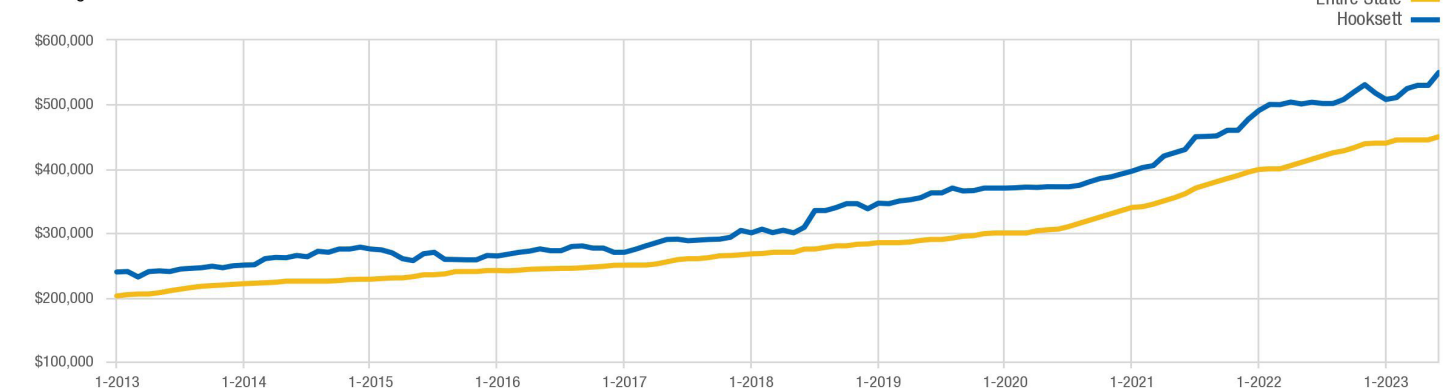
Single Family Residence	June			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	% Change	Thru 6-2022	Thru 6-2023	% Change
Closed Sales	15	13	- 13.3%	56	58	+ 3.6%
Median Sales Price*	\$485,000	\$626,023	+ 29.1%	\$503,757	\$589,500	+ 17.0%
Median List Price	\$433,500	\$467,450	+ 7.8%	\$472,400	\$524,900	+ 11.1%
Volume of Closed Sales	\$7,228,179	\$8,405,023	+ 16.3%	\$28,799,158	\$33,936,083	+ 17.8%
Days on Market Until Sale	18	4	- 77.8%	14	23	+ 64.3%
Pending Sales	21	16	- 23.8%	73	63	- 13.7%
Months Supply of Inventory	0.9	0.8	- 11.1%	—	—	—
New Listings	21	14	- 33.3%	84	67	- 20.2%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	13	9	- 30.8%	—	—	—
Percent of Original List Price Received*	105.9%	105.9%	0.0%	104.8%	101.6%	- 3.1%

* Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.



Median Sales Price - Single Family Residence

Rolling 12-Month Calculation



A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

Current as of July 5, 2023. All data from New Hampshire REALTORS®, Inc. and Northern New England Real Estate Network. Report © 2023 ShowingTime.

Hooksett Garden Club provides social connections and beauty

HOOKSETT – The Hooksett Garden Club is half way through their year already and will continue to hold meetings, programs and events until the end of October.

The club has been busy since February when they held their first meeting of the year, a program on seed starting with two of the club's Master Gardeners, Elena Whitfield and Monica Light.

In March, they held their annual Yankee Swap for members.

April was really busy with two programs: one co-sponsored with the Hooksett Library and the Hooksett Village Water Precinct on rain barrels and then their regular monthly meeting featuring author Neil Sanders titled "Gardening is Murder," a funny yet informative program.

For the May 24 program, former New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs President Michelle Mensinger was the speaker. Her program was titled "Pollinators in the Garden/Mason Bees." Michelle did a slide presentation of beautiful photos that she had taken in her own large garden.

On June 3, the annual plant sale was held. Despite the fact that there was a last-minute venue change to the Hooksett Library and the day was 50 degrees and raining, the sale was a success.

In June, meetings at the library ended for the summer and garden parties ("Cocktails in the Garden") are held instead of meetings. These parties were started during the pandemic as a way to be able to meet outside and were so popular that they have continued. The first one for 2023 was held on June 22 and was hosted by member Karen Medeiros.

Although there are no meetings in November, December or January, the club does a second fundraiser – the Holiday Wreath program – taking orders in October and delivering wreaths Thanksgiving weekend. In December the club will ring bells for the Salvation Army.

The club's Hooksett beautification projects are all look-
ing good. The initial pansies and violas that were put on the Memorial Bridge in April were on the bridge until mid June and were really beautiful. They have been replaced by pink and white petunias that will stay until the end of August when they will be replaced by mums. The club is very grateful to Chris and Danielle LaValley for donating the flowers for all three seasons.



SOCIAL TIME AT THE GARDEN CLUB - The first Cocktails in the Garden took place at the home of Karen Medeiros. (Courtesy photo)

Also in August, club members will attend an open house at Pleasant View Gardens in Loudon, a wholesale grower and founding partner in Proven Winners.

At the end of September, the club will go back to regular meetings at the library with speakers that are free and open to the public.

On Sept. 27, Bill Stockman will present a program called "The Secret to Growing Healthy Houseplants," and in October Harry Vogel, director of the Loon Preservation Committee, will speak on issues affecting loons in New Hampshire.

Membership is open to men and women and you don't need to be a Hooksett resident or a gardener to apply. Many of our events are for members only, so don't miss out on the fun!

The Hooksett Garden Club is a nonprofit organization and is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., New England Garden Clubs, Inc. and the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., which provide members with even more educational and social opportunities.



WELCOMING SIGHT - New whiskey barrels filled with flowers grace the entry to the Lilac Bridge. (Courtesy photo)



FINE FLOWERS - Petunias grace the railings of the Memorial Bridge in Hooksett Village. (Courtesy photo)

The newest beautification project was approved by the Town Council on May 10. Two large whiskey barrel planters are filled with seasonal flowers and placed at each end of the bench at the entrance to the Lilac Bridge and also at each end of a bench at Veterans Park. The library gardens are tended all summer and continue to be a work in progress with new plants being added.

Our membership continues to grow! Visit our website at www.hooksettnhgardclub.org, where you will find updated information on upcoming programs, photos of events from 2021-2023 and a membership application. You can also email hooksettnhgardenclub@gmail.com and an application will be sent to you. Also check out www.facebook.com/HooksettGardenClub.

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Love to entertain and have people over, so an entertainers floor plan

READY - cont.

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2 bed, 1 bath
Min 1,000 finished sq. ft
Min .4 acre lot
Single Family Residence and or Condo

Move-In Ready
Greater Manchester, NH Area
Preference for Hampstead, NH area (45 mins)
Pre Approved \$325,000
Flexible timeline

Buyer #4:
2 bed, 1 bath
Min 800 finished sq. ft
Single family residence or condo/ townhouse

Cosmetic updates OK
Concord, Pembroke, Allenstown, Hooksett, N. End Manchester, NH
Preference for Hooksett, NH location if possible South Hooksett (Lincoln Park Neighborhood, Hale Ave, Alice Ave, K Ave, Elmer Ave, etc.)

Some yard space
Easy maintenance
1st floor condos only
Laundry in-unit (if possible)
Dogs allowed
Pre approved \$250,000
Would like to move in 3-6 months

Buyer #5:
3 bed, 2 bath
Minimum 1,800 Finished sq. ft
Single Family Residence
Move-In ready and fully updated
West End Neighborhood of Concord, NH (Tahanto St, Summit St, Merrimack St, Warren St, Liberty St, Thayer Pond Rd, School St, Auburn St, Dwinell St, White St, Franklin St, etc. West of 202 and Pleasant St.)

Needs to be walking distance (within 2 miles of downtown)
Preference to White Park area
Not on a Main Road (or set back from the main road)
Elegance and charm yet modern for the 21st century (love the charm and character of the vintage mansions)
Open Concept kitchen

Love to entertain and have people over, so an entertainers floor plan

Min. .25 acre lot
Pre Approved \$800,000
Flexible timeline

Buyer #6:
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Single Family residence
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Must have some sort of water body on the property (creek, stream, river, pond, etc.)
Privacy is important
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Counties of interest: Sullivan, Cheshire, Merrimack
Towns of interest: Acworth, Unity, Lempster, Washington, Langdon, Marlow, Alstead, Goshen, Newport, Claremont, Hill, Salisbury, Andover, Danbury, NH
CASH buyer
Flexible timeline

Buyer #8:
LAND buyer
Minimum 4 acre lot
Potential to subdivide
Hooksett, NH location
Cash Buyer
Flexible timeline

Buyer #9:
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
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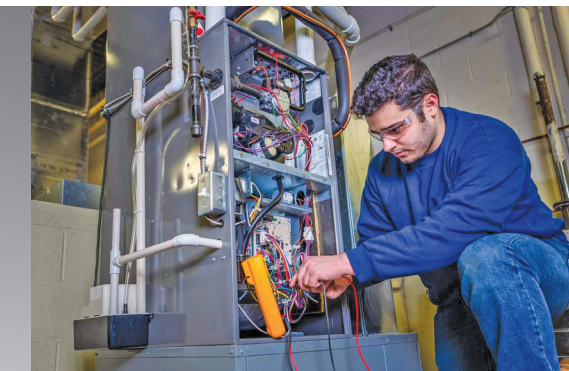
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SUNCOOK

Luxury lofts now available at China Mill

By Michael Frascinella
Bridge Correspondent

ALLENSTOWN - The newly renovated China Mill on Canal Street opened officially as 25 Canal Residential Lofts on July 20.

At least 100 Allenstown officials and residents attended the grand opening of about 150 upscale apartments now available in the renovated mill building. The old mill was decorated with a huge American flag that covered windows on all four floors.

The impact of this project is projected to prompt significant growth in Allenstown's downtown population. At the early stages of the project, the company said their client base would be young professionals and retired people.

Two canopied booths were set up to hand out artfully designed name cards, cold bottled water, beautifully designed cookies, and sunglasses.

To celebrate, singer Todd Angilly belted out a resounding a capella rendition of The Star Spangled Banner, then Arthur Sullivan, a principal partner of the business, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sullivan recounted the years of hard work and detailed all the materials and equipment that went into the conversion of the mill into 150 luxury apartments. He also named and thanked the many people and businesses who contributed to the project.

"This day has been a long time coming – four years from



READY FOR RESIDENTS - 25 Canal Residential Lofts was officially opened with a dedication on July 20. The "Great Flag" displayed on the building is a 90x50-foot replica of the flag produced by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company in 1914 and displayed by mill workers in the Manchester millyard. The Great Flag went missing after an appearance in a New York City parade in 1916. Brady-Sullivan purchased the current flag in 2012, and uses it for all their grand openings. (Courtesy photo)

start to finish," said Scott McDonald, chairman of the Allenstown Select Board. "A special thanks to our Allenstown voters who in 2019 voted to rezone this property from industrial to residential/commercial and extend the RSA 79-E Tax Exemption district to 25 Canal St. I don't think we'd be standing here today without the wisdom of their votes. The rezoning and extension of 79-E was a powerful incentive to help attract developers, and I think it's fair to say the town hit the jackpot with Brady Sullivan, a well-known and highly respected real estate company and developer."

He made a point of thanking town officials for their

hard work and perseverance. He closed by emphasizing that "the residents of Allenstown are extremely grateful to Brady Sullivan for making one of the largest private investments in our town's history! Our old China Mill will stand for many more years, a testament to a successful and mutually beneficial public/private partnership!"

"The China Mill was built in 1868, as the third mill to be built in the Suncook Village," said Armand Verville. "At 510 feet long, it was the largest building under one roof in the state."

Significant features were the two large cupolas atop the front wall, with a 1,500 pound

bell inside one. During its manufacturing years, the bell was rung at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to signal the start and end of the work day. After damage from a severe storm in 1936, the bell and the cupolas were removed to be repaired. Instead, the cupolas ended up in Littleton and the bell in Vietnam.

Verville noted that the Allenstown New Hampshire Historical Society would love to see the cupolas rebuilt on the mill. Verville has a family connection to the building.

"My parents met and were later married while both were working at the mill," he said. "Most of my aunts and uncles worked there. When I was around 6 to 10 years old,

I brought lunches to my aunt and uncle, who were the last ones from that generation still working at the China Mill. By then my dad worked as a carpenter and my mom stayed at home.

"Brady Sullivan has breathed new life into the historic mill," Verville said. "Without this rehabilitation, the building may not have survived much longer. The project is truly beautiful and is a great addition to the Town of Allenstown and Suncook Village. Thank you!"

To cap the dedication, Verville and McDonald held each end of the grand opening ribbon while Sullivan snipped it with giant scissors.

According to the website for the facility, www.25canal.com, 25 Canal offers spacious one- to three-bedroom mill-style apartment homes. These animal-friendly units offer sleek, modern kitchens with stainless steel appliances, in-unit washer/dryer, central air, bright over-sized windows, and exposed brick and beams.

In addition to the wooded views, 25 Canal residents also enjoy an assortment of tastefully appointed amenities such as a state-of-the-art theater room, indoor putting green, onsite fitness center, game room, roof top deck, and more.

Currently about 36% of the units have been leased. There are several floor plans, with the one-bedroom, one-bath unit priced at \$1,600/month.

SUNCOOK - News of Allenstown and Pembroke

Meet Me in Suncook Committee works to preserve history



The Meet Me in Suncook Committee was established as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of fostering an appreciation of the history of Suncook and to encourage preservation of its architecture as well as to promote the growth and prosperity of the Village.

Since its incorporation in 1999, Meet Me in Suncook has:

- Raised funds for the restoration and maintenance of the Suncook Village Clock by selling clock minutes.
- Sponsored the listing of the downtown in the National Register of Historic Places
- Written and petitioned for state historical markers commemorating the village, the "Suncook Connection" Bridge, and Robert Frost's honeymoon in Suncook.
- Created a program offering historic building plaques to downtown property owners.
- Offered a number of walking tours of Suncook Village.
- Created a self-guided tour map for the village.

• Sponsored a Pembroke bus tour in 2009 for the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of Pembroke.

• Participated as an official consulting party in the replacement of the Main Street Bridge and the double-deck or "Suncook Connection" bridge.

• Participated as an official consulting party in the removal of the historic dams at Buck Street in Pembroke-Allenstown and in developing interpretive signage as mitigation for the loss of the dams.

• Participated in the planning that led to the town's retention and maintenance of the old fire and police station on Union Street.

• Cooperated with the Pem-

broke Conservation Commission in transforming a parcel of conservation land on the Suncook River to the Robert Frost Park.

• Improved the landscaping of Robert Frost Park.

• Donated a permanent granite bench and a historical marker to Robert Frost Park.

• Hosted several band concerts.

• Sponsored several Suncook Village art contests for local students.

• Entered a series of award-winning floats in Old Home Day parades in cooperation with the Allenstown Historical Society.

• Supported Christmas in the Village in cooperation with the

Pembroke Women's Club.

• Accepted a number of historical artifacts for cataloguing and permanent storage in the MMIS vault.

• Supported the video "Where the Rivers Meet," a short film on the history of Suncook. Distributed to local schools.

• Secured the "E-Flag" from the China Mill for display at Pembroke Academy.

• Participated in the Lafayette Trail marker dedication and hosted a reception for attendees at 4 Union Street.

• Continues to participate in the annual "History Day" hosted by the Allenstown Historical Society to teach 4th grade students from Pembroke and Allenstown schools about their community. The exhibit is also open to the public.

• Hosted the Allenstown vs. Pembroke Semi-Quincentennial softball game on Aug. 21, 2009.

• Participated in the state of NH Lilac Planting Program to beautify public grounds.

• Joined in a feasibility study of 4 Union St. (Pembroke) and China Mill (Allenstown).

• Hosted "By-Gone Brides," an exhibit of vintage wedding gowns from 1900 to 2004.

• Created and sold Pembroke Town Clock puzzles as a fundraiser.

• Purchased Christmas wreaths for Main Street light poles.

These efforts have had a positive economic impact on the village and the broader communities of Pembroke and Allenstown and have enhanced a sense of pride, history, and accomplishment in Suncook Village.

Meet Me in Suncook meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 4 Union St., Suncook (the former fire and police department building). All meetings are open to the public. To become a member, contact Glorie Jacob 603-485-7101 or meetmeinsuncooknh@gmail.com. Annual dues are \$15.

Allenstown Economic Committee plans community events

ALLENSTOWN - The Allenstown Economic Development Committee is planning several events for September, October and December.

Sept. 10 - Bob DePaolo Concert and Cruise Night - By combining the flute, keyboard, conga drums, and harmonica, Bob DePaolo interprets the music of Jethro Tull, Dylan, Santana, Vanity Fair, Eric Clapton, the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, and others in a one-man band format. The concert

takes place at Blueberry Express Park in front of Town Hall at 16 School St. and runs from 4-6 p.m. At the same time, a Cruise Night will take place in the field next to town hall.

Sept. 30 - Family Movie Night - The EDC is collaborating with the Allenstown Fire Department to host a family event for residents for "A Night at the Fire Station." The fire engines will be moved out of the equipment bays, and a

large screen and sound system will be set up. Bring your own chairs or cushions. Cheeseburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and chips will be available at 5 p.m. and the free movie starts at 6 p.m.

October - Halloween Lighting Contest - Show off your most gruesome Halloween decorations and lights. Register by sending in a photo or two of your decorations and other residents vote for best decorations. All regis-

tered homes are displayed on the town website. Winners will receive prizes at an outdoor awards ceremony.

December - Christmas Lighting Contest - At this annual event, town residents get to show off their most appealing Christmas decorations and lights. Register by sending in a photo or two of your decorations and other residents vote for best decorations. All regis-

tered homes are displayed on the town website. Winners will receive prizes at an outdoor awards ceremony.

To liven up the ceremony, Santa and his elves will tour the town in his big red sled and be given a police and fire department escort.

- Michael Frascinella

Say you saw it in the Hooksett Bridge!

SUNCOOK - News of Allenstown and Pembroke

Pembroke-Allenstown Old Home Day returns Aug. 26

PEMBROKE - In 1981, a small group of community-minded Pembroke citizens gathered to discuss reinstating Old Home Day for the town. They reflected on Old Home Week which was celebrated in the early 1900s. From that discussion, it was decided to downsize the concept to a one-day celebration. Pembroke Old Home Day came to fruition with a parade, food and craft vendors, music, games, hayrides, petting zoo, two stages of entertainment and fireworks.

In August 1981, the first Pembroke Old Home Day was celebrated. The Old Home Day Committee is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. For numerous years, this event continued and grew into a wonderful family and friends-oriented day. As time passed, the Old

Home Day Committee looked across the river to its neighbor, Allenstown, and invited their participation, thus was born Pembroke and Allenstown Old Home Day. The slogan became "Hands Across the Water." Old Home Day continued to evolve and grow and to this day is loved by citizens of both communities.

This year, on Aug. 26, will be the 41st Old Home Day celebration. The theme is "Kindness Matters," which will influence creativity for floats and stage decorations. Pre-parade entertainment will begin at 9 a.m. R&B Dignity Band will perform at the Allenstown Town Hall gazebo and The Bel-Airs doo-wop group will be at the Main Street reviewing stand in Suncook Village.

The parade will begin at Le-

tendre Avenue in Allenstown at 10 a.m. and proceed down School Street to Main Street to Broadway and Pleasant Street, ending at Pembroke Memorial Park.

Entertainment at Memorial Park will begin on the Pavilion stage at noon. Music will include jazz, country, and rock and roll. An educational animal presentation, kids' comedy act, hay rides, 9-hole mini-golf, dunk tank, inflatables and fun passes, children's games, face painting, and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in memory of Jacob Kipp are among the lineup.

Food will be available: brick oven pizza, steak and cheese subs, pulled pork, ice cream, kettle corn, hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, onion rings, shortcake, chicken tenders,

sausage grinders, fried dough, smoothies, sodas, to name a few. Bring your appetite!

Enjoy over 30 crafters and the info booths. Get your raffle ticket at the Old Home Day booth.

The day will be capped off with fabulous fireworks at dusk, sponsored by Associated Grocers of New England.

Admission is free and parking available. Enjoy an incredible antique and classic car, truck, and farm tractor display, talented stage entertainment, balloon animals, petting zoo, and door prize.

Volunteers wanted

You are invited to give many hours or just a few hours of volunteer time. Volunteers are always much appreciated in organizing Old Home Day. The following are some ways you

can become involved:

- Donate new items, crafts, gift certificates, or gift baskets to the Old Home Day raffle.

- Promote products and services, participate in the parade, assign members of your organization/business to help.

- Volunteer for the Old Home Day booth, children's games, mini golf, setup, cleanup, parking, photography, etc.

- Sponsor a mini-golf hole, band, entertainer, petting zoo, inflatables, or the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

- Participate in Old Home Day parade.

- Make a tax-deductible cash donation to help offset Old Home Day costs.

Contact Steve at 603-340-1487 to offer help or find out more.

Allenstown's first-ever senior living community approved

By Michael Frascinella
Bridge Correspondent

ALLENSTOWN - The town's first senior living community, Hillsbrook Village, is planned to open in October.

The four-story facility offers 119 units suited for independent, assisted, and memory care living, located near the intersection of Routes 3 & 28, close to shopping and services.

In 2020, a representative of Everbrook Senior Living of Massachusetts presented his company's plans to build the first assisted living facility in Allenstown's history. After several in-depth meetings with the Planning Board, final approval came in August 2020 and land clearing and construction began shortly thereafter.

The Everbrook represen-



HILLSBROOK VILLAGE - A new assisted living community will open in October to residents, offering a range of care for those living there. Apartments are leasing now. (Courtesy photo)

tative said Allenstown is the perfect location between two major metropolitan centers. The more they investigated the town, the more they liked it.

The town understands that this project will result in a significant growth in Allenstown's downtown popula-

tion. As a positive result, this growth will bring in additional revenue to the town and additional demand for local goods and services. It is anticipated that the town government and local businesses will support this growth.

Construction has been completed and state safety inspections have been approved, a grand opening is planned for a date in October. Senior living apartments are currently being rented. Floor plans can be examined at their website: everbrookseniorliving.com/communities/hillsbrook-village.

Residents are offered respite from cleaning, cooking and home maintenance with little or no care, or assistance with daily living or some memory support.

Independent living apart-

ments offer amenities such as a fully equipped kitchen, spacious living room, private bathroom, washer/dryer, carpeting, smoke detector, and emergency calling. In addition, all residents, at no additional cost, will have access to a wellness program.

Amenities include an on-site movie theater, fitness center, library, salon, chapel, dining rooms, and a pub, as well as social, health, education, music, and art activity spaces.

As of mid-July, Robert Kelley, Everbrook legal counsel, said they have taken deposits on about half of the apartments. Since the facility offers numerous floor plans and features, he recommends that you first complete the online cost comparison worksheet and then call the facility to discuss a solution that meets your needs. The worksheet helps you identify the actual costs of all the utilities, services, and amenities you are paying for in your current home. That can be a baseline for comparison to a Hillsbrook Village apartment.

SUNCOOK - News of Allenstown and Pembroke

Hometown Heroes banners line local roads

By Michael Frascinella
Bridge Correspondent

ALLENSTOWN - Allenstown is paying tribute to its hometown heroes with a series of banners posted along its roads.

"We are up to 13 banners now," said Matthew Wiczahlek-Seiler.

He is the head of Concord for Hometown Heroes Banners LLC, a patriotic, not-for-profit, New Hampshire organization that offers a way for families and friends to pay tribute to and honor their loved ones who have served in our nation's military. He has collaborated for several years now with the Allenstown Economic Development Committee to create the distinctive 48x24-inch full-color pole banners that are sponsored by relatives and friends of our veterans.

One banner, installed in October 2021, honors Capt. George Gordon, the oldest Allenstown veteran we know of, who enlisted in the Union Army in 1861 at age 27, fought in the Civil War, and died in combat in 1864.

To be eligible, the honored veteran must have served in the United States Armed Forces, may be a living or deceased

resident of the town, or a relative or friend of a resident of the town. This will allow for the broadest number of local veterans to be honored.

The banners are digitally printed on 8x2-foot vinyl fabric using UV stable inks, then folded and double stitched into a double-sided 4x2-foot finished size with fabric loops for hanging on special pole brackets. The photo you supply is enlarged to an impressive 24x26 inches.

The banner can also in-



AVENUE OF HOMETOWN HEROES - The initial installation of banners is along School Street in Allenstown, considered the main entrance to the center of town. (Courtesy photo)

clude images of Meritorious Awards, like the Purple Heart or Bronze Star, that were bestowed upon the service members. Gold Star pins can be included if the ultimate sacrifice was made for a grateful nation.

The fee to sponsor a banner is \$225 for a single-photo banner (same veteran on both sides). This includes:

- The banner's design and manufacture.
- A three-year warranty against failure or damage.
- Three years of spring installation and fall de-installation, cleaning, and winter storage.

For a fee of \$295, you can sponsor a banner for two veterans, one on each side of the banner. The same benefits are included.

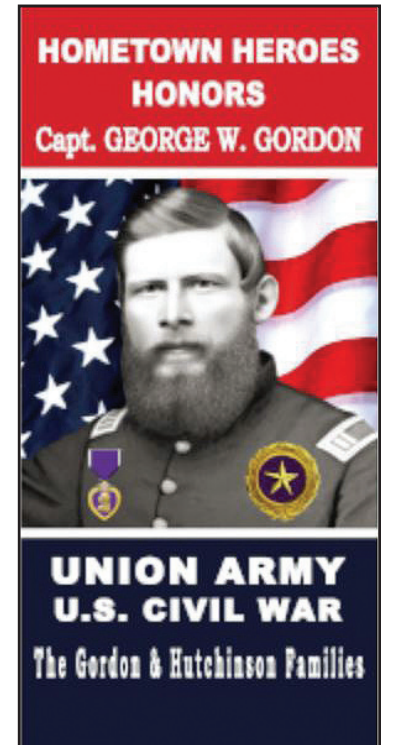
Due to rising costs, a \$25 yearly install/uninstall fee will be charged at the start of the fourth year of display. Note that restrictions set by Ever-source limit banner display from May through November.

After the Economic Development Committee receives permission from the local elec-

tric utility to use its poles, the banners are installed on or before Memorial Day and remain on display until after Veterans Day, a span of a little more than six months.

Banners are being installed along School St. since it is the main entrance into the center of town. It is hoped that this becomes Allenstown's Avenues of Hometown Heroes.

Contact the committee at economicdevelopment@allenstownnh.gov to start the process for your hometown hero.



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Southbound lane on bridge on Route 28 about halfway finished

By Michael Frascinella
Bridge Correspondent

Construction continues on the southbound lane of the Route 28 bridge connecting Allenstown and Pembroke. The heavy rains of a few weeks ago raised havoc with the con-

struction schedule. Water rose several feet and washed down trees and limbs so they became jammed against bridge piers.

The bridge was shut down for a full day so that the EVROKS crane could get onto the northbound lane and remove all that debris. This resulted in

much frustration for commuters who had to take the detour along Buck St. and Glass St. to the double decker bridge on Route 3. Unfortunately, Deerfield Road travelers could go north only by taking New Rye Road to Short Falls Road to Route 28.

Greg Tedeschi, District Construction Engineer for New Hampshire Department of Transportation Construction Bureau, estimated that the southbound lane was about half completed. Pre-stressed concrete pads were being installed followed by grids of

any unplanned setbacks.

He estimated that the southbound lane might be open by October of this year, barring any unplanned setbacks.

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OBITUARY
Virginia ‘Gini’ Robb

Virginia “Gini” Robb, 88, passed away July 3, 2023. She was born on April 23, 1935 in Boston, Mass., to the late Susumu and Hazel Hirota.

Gini is survived by her loving daughters, Susanne and Stephanie, and son-in-law, William, three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, her sister, Betty, and her son, Ronald.

Gini graduated from Rockport High School and had a passion for playing the piano, learning history, and gardening. Gini had a fascination with genealogy, tracing her family’s roots and preserving their history. She spent hours researching and documenting her findings, ensuring that future generations would have a deeper understanding of their heritage. Gini was also an



Robb

adventurous soul, finding excitement in scuba diving and archeology. She got married in the Hooksett Congregational Church and was a mem-

ber for over 45 years. She also served on the Hooksett Cemetery Commission for a few years. She volunteered for numerous different organizations over the years.

Gini will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her legacy of kindness and genuine compassion will continue to inspire and bring comfort to those who remember her.

Contributions in her memory can be made to the Hooksett Congregational Church 5 Veterans Drive, Hooksett NH 03106.

READY - cont.

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Looking to owner occupy the property
Hooksett, Pembroke, Allentown, Concord, Manchester, NH area
Flexible
Pre Approved \$500-\$600k

Buyer #10:
Single family residence and or detached condos
No HOA fee over \$400/mo
3 bed, 1.5 bath
Minimum 1,800 finished sq. ft
Public water/sewer
1st floor primary bedroom
1st floor full bathroom
1st floor laundry
1 car garage minimum
Easy maintenance
.5 acre lot or less (does not want to mow a large lawn)
Pre approved \$500,000
Flexible timeline

Buyer #11:
3 bed, 3 bath
2,500 min finished sq. ft
Private good sized backyard
Modern expanded colonial style home (vaulted ceilings, open concept living, dining, living areas, large spaces, big windows etc.)
Looking for the “Classic early 2000’s Hooksett Home”

Hooksett, NH is the preference but is open to Bow, and Dunbarton, NH. Neighborhoods of preference: Farwood Forest (East Hooksett), Carriage Hill Estates (Village area), Walnut Hill (Bow/Dunbarton/Goffstown line, NW Hooksett), Churchill St (NW Hooksett), Brookview (South Hooksett), Laurel Dr (East Hooksett), Glencrest Estates (Campbell Hill)
Has to sell in order to buy (Likely hitting the market Spring 2024)
Pre approved \$750,000

Buyer #12:
2 bed, 1.5 bath
Detached condo/Manufactured home
Minimum 1,000 finished sq. ft
Move-In ready
Minimum 1 car garage
Prefers a 55+ manufactured home community in Hooksett
Neighborhoods of interest: Mead-

owset Village (Hooksett), Brook Ridge (Hooksett), Webster Woods (Hooksett) Berry Hill Estates (Hooksett)
MUST BE SINGLE LEVEL LIVING
Maintenance free
Preference to handicap access
Must sell to buy
No immediate need to move currently but browsing
Budget- \$250k-\$450k

Buyer #13:
3 bed, 2 bath
Single family residence and or condo/townhome
Minimum 1700 finished sq. ft
Basement, Garage
Looking for a luxurious condo association or affluent community that has a walkable downtown
Towns of interest: Milford, Amherst, Bedford, Hollis, Merrimack, Nashua, NH

Really likes the Sky Meadow Condo Community in Nashua, NH
Open to a fixer upper (kitchen and baths upgrade)
Natural Light important and an open concept floor plan
Has to sell to buy (Home is on the market)
Looking to buy IMMEDIATELY
Budget- \$600,000

Renter #1:
1 bed 1 bath
Minimum 750 finished sq. ft
First floor unit
Section 8 guaranteed money voucher
Must be in Hooksett, NH
No smoking No pets
\$1,400/mo
Great references provided upon request

Renter #2:
1 bed 1 bath
Hooksett, Pembroke, Allentown, Suncook Village area
\$1,200/mo
Cats No Smoking
Will take care of the property landscaping and maintenance etc.
Great References provided upon request

CALL 603-716-5769.

Scholarships awarded to local high school grads

HOOKSETT - The following local graduating students have received scholarship awards from Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy:

Londonderry High School
Brady Anderson: LBC Jake Naar Scholarship and Principal’s Scholarship.

Austin Courtemanche: Londonderry Lions Club, Thomas Shamii Roiux Scholarship, and Dollars for Scholars.

Gabriella Crockwell: Derry Medical Center Charitable Foundation.

Joseph Czekanski: Thomas Shamil Rioux Scholarship and Peter A. Sohm Memorial Scholarship.

Reiley Devall: Lancers On Deck Club and Londonderry

Athletic Field Association.
Andrew Downer: Dollars for Scholars.

Mya Gaspie: Lancers On Deck Club, Londonderry Athletic Alumni Association, and Londonderry Women’s Softball Club.

Madison Gehris: School Counseling Scholarship.

Reese Hatin: Londonderry Goals Association.

Matthew Hutchinson: Class of 2008 Brandon Murray Vocational Scholarship.

Alexander Labrecque: Londonderry High School Cross Country & Track Club.

Jason Labrecque: Thomas Shamil Rioux Scholarship.

William Louise: Rebecca Tenney Memorial Scholarship.
Anna (Andrew) Macpher-

son: TCI Even Better Scholarship.

Audrey McFarland: RSD Scholarship.

Camden Normand: Londonderry Athletic Alumni Association.

Sean O’Mara: Londonderry Senior Citizens.

Hannah Suggiero: Lancers On Deck Club.

Michael Sampson: Londonderry High School Cross Country & Track Club and The Londonderry Youth Football and Spirit Scholarship.

Makenna True: Lancers On Deck Club and Principal’s Scholarship.

Jack Van Nor: Class of 2008 Brandon Murray Vocational Scholarship, The Londonderry Youth Football & Spirit Schol-

arship, and Jake Naar No Bad Days Award.

Trevor Weinmann: Jake Naar No Bad Days Award, Londonderry Lions Club, and Londonderry Athletic Alumni Association.

Pinkerton Academy
Chloe Jesmer: DMCC Foundation’s Julie Vander Mark Memorial Scholarship.

Hailey Beaudoin: Riley Family Memorial Scholarship.
Haleigh Bowler: Sylvia Clark Memorial Award.

Janvi Thorn: Pinkerton Academy Astro Cents Scholarship and The Ezra Alvarez Memorial Scholarship.

Jorja Cameron Hicks: Gamache Hood Award.

Julianna Megan: Guy S. Dore Memorial Scholarship,

Leo J. & Eva R. Bousquet Scholarship, Raigh Mason Scholarship, and the Sean Moran Memorial Scholarship for Golf Athletes.

Kaitlyn Sirois: Roy Feinauer Derry Rotary Club Scholarship, Samantha C. Smith Medical Educational Scholarship, and the Spofford Health Science Scholarship.

Kylie Barnhart: Pinkerton Academy Faculty & Staff Scholarship, and the Suzanne Longshore-Nigro Scholarship.

Labin Gurung: Pinkerton Academy Marketing Award
Wendy Parcel: Mary Lord and William Dean Wilder Music Award for Instrumental Achievement.

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- Leslie Madison, Hooksett Heritage Commission

Heritage Commission is working to restory old town hall, library

HOOKSETT - The Hooksett Heritage Commission is in the very early stages of drafting a proposal to finish restoration projects on Old Town Hall and the Arah W. Prescott Library. Their mission is to preserve the spirit and heritage in the historical village. Townspeople have been asking for more access to

Hooksett’s history and a community space.

The commission is working to iron out the details so that all interested parties can get on the same page and make this vision a reality. A restored Old Town Hall will be a cyclical asset that will provide benefits in more ways than one.

The Heritage Commission strives to develop a unique-to-Hooksett experience that brings today’s community and yesterday’s roots together.

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HOOKSETT EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug. 1
Hooksett National Night Out
5-8pm
Donati Memorial Field
51 Main St.

Aug. 7
Hooksett Planning Board
6pm
Hooksett Town Hall (council chambers)
-Ridgeback Self Storage LLC Project (AKA School Bus Depot by Granite Hill) will be discussed and public comment allowed.

Aug. 20
Hooksett Village Farmers Market
12-3pm
5 Riverside St. (American Le-

gion Parking Lot)
Aug. 20
Robie’s Country Store Grand Re-Opening
12-3pm
9 Riverside St

Sept. 16
Hooksett Old Home Day
10am-Dusk
Donati Memorial Field
51 Main St.

Sept. 16
Head’s Pond 5k Trail Race & Kids Fun Run
Head’s Pond Trailhead (Hooksett Rd & Post Rd.)
8:30am

Sept. 17
Hooksett Village Farmers Market
12-3pm
5 Riverside St. (American legion Parking Lot)

Oct. 5
Hooksett Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Meeting 2023
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Dinner starts at 6:30 pm)
Oscar Barn Wedding Venue,
191 W River Road

Have an event? Let us know. Send your event information to thehooksettbridge@gmail.com.

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themainstreetman@kw.com
85 South Main St
Concord, NH 03301

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1461 Hooksett Rd Unit C-9, Hooksett, NH 03106
(603) 867-9836
heartsonghealing@comcast.net

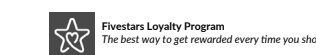
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