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WINTER CARNIVAL WEEK SET FOR FEBRUARY 8-13 HIGHLIGHT WILL BE THE 53rd ANNUAL BALL

"Winter Wonderland" is the theme of the 1988 Winter Carnival Week and 53rd Annual Carnival Ball at Alton Central School.

A week of competition and fun-filled events are planned by the students and staff to determine which junior or senior high school grade will be the Winter Carnival Champions.

Teams from each class will be entered in events such as the Brain Bowl, Foul Shooting Contest, Snow Sculpturing, Computer Games, Tug-O-War, Chess Tournament, Mock Rock/Lip Synch Contest, and Broom Ball Tournament. The winning class is determined by points received in each competition as well as the points awarded for attendance at the varsity basketball game during Carnival Week.

The public is invited to attend the events especially the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 13, from 7:30 to 10a.m. and the Carnival Ball at 8p.m.

All events are listed in the February Events column.

The School Gym will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland on Saturday for the Carnival Ball. Dancing to the music of Destiny will begin at 8p.m. with the coronation of the Carnival Ball King and Queen by last year's royalty, Kori Hillsgrove and Mark Thomas, set for 9:30p.m.

Queen candidates are Maria DiPerri, Emma Ferry, Tracie Phillips, and Carolann Simpson. King candidates are Dan LaCroix, Rick Reese, Dean Rines, and Al Whittier.

Tickets for the Ball are available at the School for \$6.00 for singles and \$10 for couples.

"MEET THE CANDIDATES" NIGHT SET FOR MARCH 2

The Annual "Meet The Candidates" night has been scheduled for 7:30p.m., Wednesday, March 2, in the Town Hall Auditorium.

This year's presentation is sponsored by Voice of Alton, Inc., publisher of Main Street. Previous programs have been sponsored by the Alton Action Alliance, the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, and the Gilman Library.

Ted Cole will serve as moderator.



Photo by Bill Watkins

CANDIDATES for King and Queen of the 1988 Winter Carnival Ball are (back row) Al Whittier, Carolann Simpson, Dan LaCroix, Emma Ferry, (middle row) Maria DiPerri, Tracie Phillips, (front row) Dean Rines, and Rick Reese.

HOLIDAY DISPLAY AWARDS ANNOUNCED BY CHAMBER

The Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of its Christmas Outdoors Decorations Contest.

In the Residential Category, first place and a \$20 gift certificate to the Edgewood Restaurant was presented to Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Howard of Pine Street. Second place winners, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Donahue of Alton Mountain Road received their choice of dessert from Just Desserts.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Copeland of Letter S Road received a poinsetta plant from Alton Florist for placing third and Paula Glidden of Pearson Road won a Wayside Grocery pizza for finishing fourth.

Century 21 Gold Coast Real Estate was the winner in the Commercial Category, receiving a year's Chamber membership. Parker Marine placed second and the Alton Bay Inn was third. Each business will receive a free dinner at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Judges for the contest were Selectman Pat Merrill, Town Administrator Pam Andrade, and Harry Miller of Durham, North Carolina.

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Advent Christian Church - Sunday 11a.m. & 6p.m.
 Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Gustafson Residence,
 293-7865
 Community Church - Sunday School 9:30a.m., Worship Service
 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Dwight V. Meader
 Hosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday School 9:45a.m.,
 Church 10:45a.m., American Legion Hall, Rev. Gene V. Beaudry
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m.,
 Msgr. Leo Hines

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

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 Bay Community House, 875-7102

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TOWN HALL:

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator,
 and Town Clerk - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
 Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
 Planning Board - Monday 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., Tuesday and
 Wednesday 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., Closed Noon to 12:30p.m.

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ORGANIZATIONS:

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 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., American
 Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
 BOY SCOUT TROUP 53 - Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall,
 Steven Temple, 859-6270
 CHESS CLUB - Tuesday 7:30p.m., Busy Corner Store
 CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday, 875-6426
 FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
 HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 4th Tuesday 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc
 Church Hall, Henry Soucy, 364-7816
 LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community
 House, 875-5645
 LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Com-
 munity House, 875-5916
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
 NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New
 Durham School
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m.,
 Church Hall
 SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Tuesday 12:30p.m., Community House

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TAX-RELATED ARTICLES PLACED ON TOWN WARRANT

Town Administrator Pam Andrade outlined two tax-related articles to be presented in the Town Warrant in March which have the support of the Selectmen.

One proposes that the disposal of tax delinquent property would entail an automatic lien to the town of Alton, replacing the present system of sale by public auction.

The second proposal is for property re-evaluation, which has not been done since 1976. The process, to begin this summer, should be completed by mid-1989 and affect tax billings that fall.

Both of these measures will be open to discussion at public hearings scheduled for early February.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public.

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Items to appear in the March issue must be received by February 15.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. For additional information, call 569-4441.

WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

Anyone contemplating the installation of a woodstove is urged to contact Fire Department Lieutenant Jack Woodland 875-2691 for a free consultation on guidelines and safety measures. Lt. Woodland also is available to inspect existing installations.

A good marriage is one in which there are more put-up-withs than put-downs.

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CONSTRUCTION IN ALTON GUIDED BY BOCA CODE

The job of overseeing all construction projects in Alton is the major responsibility of Building Inspector Michael F. Stanley. The guidelines for that responsibility are contained in a publication of National Building Codes prepared by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., (BOCA) and adopted by the Town at the 1983 Town Meeting.

The BOCA National Building Code is the culmination of 75 years of pioneering developments in such building code principles as height and area requirements, fire resistive construction, means of egress, fire walls and doors, firestopping and suppression systems, and other basic rules of construction. These principles of construction were designed and intended for the overall protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and the structural integrity and longevity of new buildings and structures.

BOCA Codes state constructional regulations in terms of performance rather than in the rigid specification of materials. In other words, new structures built in Alton must comply with nationally-accepted building practices while allowing builders and homeowners the flexibility to choose from a wide range of accepted materials and methods of construction.

These standards are kept up-to-date through the frequent review of changes proposed by Code Enforcement Officials, industry and design professionals and published annually in the form of supplements.

By adopting the code in 1983, compliance by builders, plumbers, electricians, and homeowners involved in the construction or alteration of buildings and structures in the Town of Alton must be met. Violations of Code requirements could result in prosecution punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.


Currently, all new buildings or structures erected in Alton, shall not be used or occupied in whole or part until a final inspection has been conducted of the structure



and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the Building Inspector.

Residents are invited to call 875-5095 or visit the Building Inspector's office in the Town Hall for information on BOCA Code requirements that may pertain to a building or construction project currently underway or being planned for the future.


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FLOOD PLAIN INSURANCE ORDINANCE ON BALLOT

A question to appear on the town ballot in March will determine whether Alton adopts a flood plain ordinance in order to qualify for the National Flood Insurance Program.

The ordinance would require adherence to federally-approved construction standards for structures located in an area where a specific degree of flooding danger has been historically demonstrated. The advantages of complying are: 1) owners of property in flood prone areas can obtain flood insurance from commercial sources; 2) a fuller scope of federal financial aid is available for recovery from flood damage; and 3) mortgage loans from the Veterans Administration and other federally regulated sources can be obtained for flood-area structures.

A program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the NFIP requires community rather than individual participation on the theory that local enforcement of construction standards designed to reduce future flood risk will substantially reduce the high cost of flood disasters at all levels of government. The ordinance would apply to all new construction and existing properties undergoing major renovation of more than 50% of the property.

The question will be discussed at a public hearing to be held on February 7. Town Administrator Pam Andrade advises that a Flood Hazard Boundary Map can be consulted at the Town Hall, where copies of a pamphlet of relevant questions and answers are also available.



Photo by Bill Watkins

PAM ANDRADE was named Alton's new Town Administrator by the Board of Selectmen at its January 18 meeting. She has been Acting Town Administrator and succeeds Terry Clifford who resigned in November to accept a similar position in Ossipee.

Andrade has served the town of Alton as Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, and Tax Collector.

She and her husband, David, live in Wolfeboro with their children, Travis and Heather.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR ALTON YOUNGSTERS

The Alton Lioness Club has distributed special identification tags to children in kindergarten through fourth grade in Alton and New Durham.

The tear-resistant tags are attached to clothing and contain address, phone, and medical information.

Additional tags and information are available from Lioness President Barbara Ciampo at 875-5645.

ALTON FIREFLIES ELECT

Marion MacDonald succeeds Jean Sample as president of the Alton Fireflies, the auxiliary organization of the Alton Fire Department.

Vice-president is Eileen Brown and Judy Fisichelli will serve as the secretary/treasurer.

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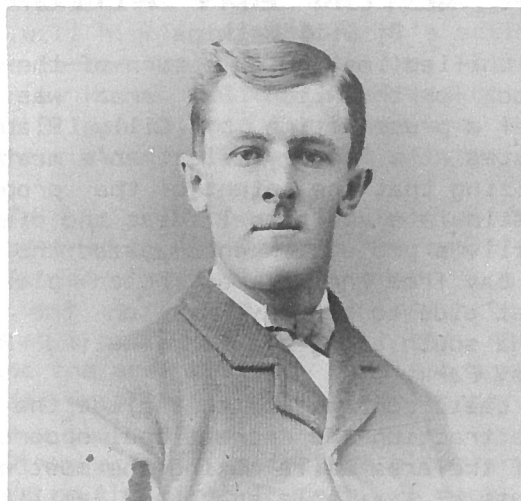
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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Tue. 2 - GROUNDHOG DAY
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Wilton, 6p.m., Away
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Wilton, 7:30p.m., Away
- Wed. 3 - PUBLIC HEARING for Selectmen's Budget, 7:30p.m.,
Alton Bay Community House
- Fri. 5 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Laconia Christian Fellowship,
6:30p.m., Away
PUBLIC HEARING for Revenue Sharing and Special
Articles, 7:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Laconia Christian Fellowship,
8p.m., Away
- Sat. 6 - FINALIZE TOWN BUDGET
- Sun. 7 - PUBLIC HEARING for Flood Plain Insurance and
Optional Tax Liens, 7:30p.m., Alton Bay Community
House
- Mon. 8 - WINTER CARNIVAL: BRAIN BOWL - School Gym, Last 2
Periods
- Tue. 9 - WINTER CARNIVAL: FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST - School Gym,
1p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 6:30p.m., Away
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 8p.m., Away
- Wed. 10 - WINTER CARNIVAL: COMPUTER GAMES - Computer Room,
1p.m.
WINTER CARNIVAL: CHESS TOURNAMENT - School Library,
1p.m.
WINTER CARNIVAL: TUG-O-WAR - School Flagpole, 2p.m.
- Thu. 11 - VALENTINES PARTY - Senior Citizens, Noon, Alton Bay
Community House
WINTER CARNIVAL: MOCK ROCK/LIP SYNCH - School Gym,
1p.m.
WINTER CARNIVAL: SNOW SCULPTURE JUDGING - School
Grounds, 2:45p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Wilton, 6p.m., Home
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Wilton, 7:30p.m., Home
- Fri. 12 - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
WINTER CARNIVAL: BROOM BALL - School Grounds, TBA
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 6p.m., Away
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 7:30p.m., Away
- Sat. 13 - WINTER CARNIVAL: PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Home Ec Room,
7:30 to 10a.m.
WINTER CARNIVAL: TOWN BROOM BALL TOURNAMENT - School
Grounds, 11a.m.
SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST JUDGING - Sponsored by the
Chamber of Commerce, 1p.m.
WINTER CARNIVAL: 53rd ANNUAL CARNIVAL BALL - School
Gym, 8p.m.
- Sun. 14 - VALENTINES DAY

**EVER HEARD OF....
HERBERT E. HAYES?**



Former Selectman of Alton, Herbert Ellsworth Hayes (1861-1932) was a dairy and vegetable farmer on 100 acres his grandfather, William, bought in 1804 for \$655.50.

HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 569-4441.

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collaters, folders, and staplers to help put it all together once a month.

- Tue. 16 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Laconia Christian Fellowship,
7:30p.m., Home
- Wed. 17 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- Fri. 19 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 8p.m., Away
- Mon. 15 - PRESIDENTS DAY - Town Hall and Landfill Closed
- Mon. 22 - WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS
- Mon. 29 - LEAP YEAR DAY
SCHOOL VACATION ENDS

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STUDY PROPOSES "TURN OF THE CENTURY" LOOK FOR ALTON BAY FUTURE

By Bill Watkins

A unified image with a turn-of-the-century look for the Alton Bay area was the theme of a presentation by Lilly Planning Associates at a January Selectmen's meeting. Emphasizing that the intent of the proposal is to stimulate additional ideas and discussion, Lilly's projection encompassed the foot of the bay from the Mt. Washington pier on the west side to Harmony Park on the east side and south along the Merrymeeting River to Levey Park.

A basic concept was to include the natural attraction and recreational opportunities of the area while making the most efficient use of available space and facilities. Landscaping to enhance appearance and reorganized traffic and parking patterns were suggested, as was the establishment of a new town beach at the present public boat ramp, the latter to be relocated to the river shore of Levey Park. Pointing out that most towns on the Lake now limit access to public launching to residents, Lilly suggested Alton may wish to adopt such restrictions. A number of recommendations for expansion of present facilities was offered.

NEW LOOK COMING?

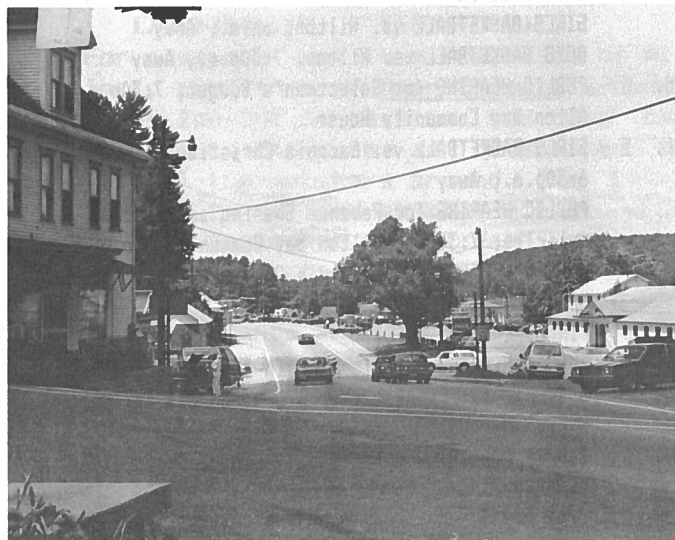


Photo by Jeff Bartlett

The Lilly firm was engaged to survey the Bay area's scenic and commercial potential on the recommendation of the Alton Bay Improvement Committee after \$11,000 was voted for the project at the 1986 Town Meeting.

Town Administrator Pam Andrade announced that the design illustrations would be on display at the Town Hall, together with extracts from the presentation taken from the minutes. Improvement Committee Chairman Jay Meehan stressed that this is a project for the benefit of the town as a whole, urging citizens to offer suggestions and comments through the Selectmen's Office.

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NEW BOOK ON ALTON HITS "BEST SELLER" LIST

By Bob Calvert

A new pictorial book has gone to the top of Alton's "best seller" list in record time! Book reviewers would launch such phrases as "nostalgic", "you just can't put it down", "intriguing", and "spellbinding". The title: ALTON - A TOWN TO REMEMBER. The publishers: The Alton Old Photo Committee.

This 96-page publication is available now at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall for just \$7. Every Altonian should have one! And they make delightful gifts.

Recent town meetings have approved advancing preparation and publication costs to the committee, and now the money is being returned to the Town Treasurer as sales continue.

The book is dedicated to "the memory and spirit of those forebearers who, almost one hundred years ago, danced away the night in the brand new Alton Town Hall".

The acknowledgement list of contributors of photographs totals 31. It should be 33 and include the names of Shirley Recks and John Irving, omitted in error.

SENIOR MEAL SITE ACTIVITIES
 Mondays - Exercise Class and Bingo
 Tuesdays - Arts & Crafts and Cards
 Wednesdays - Bingo
 Thursdays - Movies
 Fridays - Exercise Class and Bingo

SENIOR CITIZENS PLAN VALENTINE'S PARTY

A Valentine's Party on Thursday, February 11, will highlight this month's activities at the Senior Meal Site at the Alton Bay Community House. Residents, 60 and over, from Alton, Gilmanton, and Barnstead are invited to participate in the event that begins at Noon.

This is only one of the many opportunities offered by the Belknap/Merrimack Community Action Program for senior citizens.

Lunch is offered at the Community House daily at a cost of \$1.25 for those able to pay and the area Meals on Wheels program is provided from this location for those unable to leave their homes.


Other activities include blood pressure clinics on the first Thursday of each month and a health and exercise program Mondays and Fridays. Both programs are at 10:30a.m.

Thursday shopping trips begin with bus pick-up at home, lunch at the Community House followed by shopping in Laconia and return to home by 4p.m.


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FLY-IN - Will it be back on the ice this year?



Photo by Bill Watkins

SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST PLANNED BY CHAMBER

A town-wide Snow Sculpture Contest has been announced by the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce for residents and merchants. Participants must register in advance at area businesses for the judging that will take place at 1p.m. on Saturday, February 13. Additional information is available by calling Chamber Secretary Chris Consentino at 875-7444 or 875-5510.

MAILING LIST

Main Street is distributed free to all residents of Alton. Each postal patron with the Zip Code 03809 and 03810 should receive a copy automatically. If your mailing address has a different Zip Code than either of those and you are an Alton resident, you may receive Main Street each month by calling 569-4441.

GUESS THIS YEAR'S DATE FOR ICE-OUT AND WIN DINNER FOR TWO

For a second year in a row, Voice of Alton, Inc., publisher of Main Street, is sponsoring the Ice-Out Contest to see who can come closest to the date as determined by the official ice-watchers around the Lake.

Ice-Out is defined as that moment when the M/S Mt. Washington could reach each of its ports unobstructed by ice.

Last year the date was April 12 and the winners were Brenda and Richard MacKay of Alton Bay. The earliest date was March 28 in 1921 and the latest was May 12 in 1888, the first year the event was recorded.

This year's winner will enjoy dinner for two donated by The William Tell Inn in West Alton. All entries become the property of Voice of Alton, Inc., and the decision of the judges is final. Entries must be post-marked no later than February 29 and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____
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At the 1987 Town Meeting, the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) was approved in Article 20 of the Warrant. This resulted in a sub-committee of the Planning Board filled by Alton volunteers. The CIP Committee does not prepare the budget nor does it have any voting powers. It only makes recommendations to the Planning Board, the Selectmen, and the Budget Committee.

After nine months of research and meetings, the CIP Committee has brought forth its first six-year capital improvement recommendations. This is a planning and management tool that focuses on major public projects, facilities and equipment. Capital projects are expensive and usually have a life expectancy of several years as opposed to operating expenses which are annual and expended within a fiscal year.

The 1988 proposed plan totals \$648,000 and contains some ordinary department expenditures which would be considered routine: \$275,000 for School Addition Debt Service; \$80,000 for a Replacement Highway Grader; \$14,000 for a Replacement Police Cruiser; and \$8,000 for a Voting Ballot Counter. Other parts of the \$648,000 represent extraordinary expenses: \$100,000 to improve town roads; \$30,000 for special maintenance on town road equipment; \$70,000 for a building and equipment to increase the town's ability to recycle items at the Landfill to extend the life of the facility. Other recommendations include \$8,000 to bring the Town Hall in line with certain code requirements and \$12,000 for a ramp or elevator for the handicapped to comply with federal regulations. In some cases, monies have already been set aside or are available, but other items will have to be voted on at the Town Meeting.

The CIP figures through 1993 amount to approximately \$5,300,000, of which the School represents roughly 45%; roads, 25%; Landfill, 15%; and the remaining 15% is divided among the various town departments.



The CIP figures represent a continuing program that will be reviewed frequently each year. They can be adjusted at any time to respond to unusual situations such as a major storm that results in damage to town property, a fire in a town facility, closing of the Landfill, a large increase in population that affects taxes and services, etc.



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**PHILLIP STINSON IS
NEW ALTON POLICEMAN**

A former patrolman for Dover, New Hampshire, is the newest member of the Alton Police Department.

Phillip M. Stinson, 23, was a dispatcher for the police department in Arlington, Virginia, prior to that. Stinson is certified as a police officer by the State of New Hampshire, a certified Emergency Medical Technician, and a CPR instructor.

He graduated from George Mason University in Virginia with a bachelors degree in Law Enforcement, Northern Virginia Community College with an associate degree in Police Science, and the New Hampshire Police Academy. Stinson is currently enrolled in public administration courses at the University of New Hampshire.

He and his wife, Kristie, are planning to relocate from Dover to Alton.

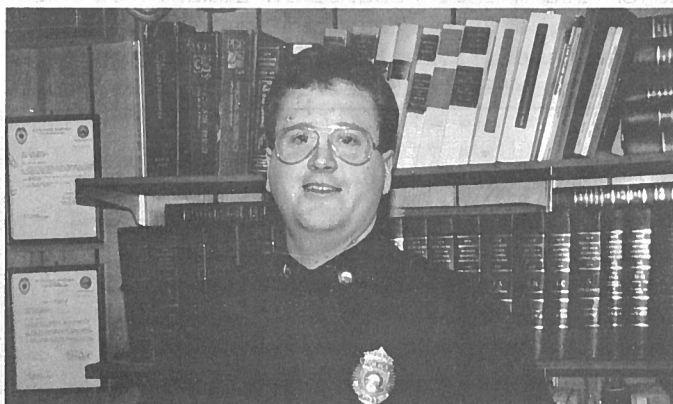


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**ALTON FIREMEN, INC.
ELECT OFFICERS AT
ANNUAL MEETING**

Russell Jones, Chief of the Alton Fire Department, was elected President of Alton Firemen, Inc., at its annual meeting in January.

Other elected officials are Norman Barrett, vice-president; Nicholas Kalfas, secretary; and John Duffek, treasurer.

Alton Firemen, Inc., is a fund-raising and support organization of current, retired, and honorary members of the Fire Department.

Chief Jones took the opportunity to review the past year and announce the appointment of Fire Department officers for 1988.

They are: Robert Reinholz, Assistant Chief; Norman Barrett, Deputy Chief; Robert Witham, Captain of the Central Station; Russell Sample, Captain of the Alton Bay Station; Irving Roberts, Captain of the East Alton Station; John Farrell, Lieutenant of the West Alton Station; and Central Station Lieutenants Charles Adams, Jack Woodland, and Nicholas Kalfas.

Other appointments were Russell Sample, Training Officer; Dwight Meader, Chaplain; Charles Adams, Department Clerk, and William Watkins, Department Photographer.

**CITIZENS PLAY KEY ROLE
IN CRIME PREVENTION**

By Bill Watkins

In the wake of a recent plague of residential burglaries, the Alton Police remind us that citizen alertness can be an effective deterrent to this kind of crime.

A simple phone call, advising of suspicious activity in the neighborhood, can focus police reaction on an incident in progress, a much more effective response than investigation after-the-fact.

Neighbors may notice a strange car cruising the streets, lights in a house that should be empty, a van parked in a drive where no van belongs. Often these observations are dismissed as "none of my business", "probably doesn't mean anything", "I don't want to bother anyone." Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor urges all Alton residents not to hesitate in calling about unusual and unexplained occurrences like these. It is neither a waste of time nor a bother to the Police Department. On the contrary, just such information provided a useful lead in a current investigation. This exercise of our "help your neighbor" tradition can help to keep our town the kind of place we want it to be.

**GWENDOLYN JONES
NEW TAX COLLECTOR**

Gwendolyn Jones was sworn in as Alton Tax Collector by Selectman Russell Jones at the January 4 meeting of the Board. She replaces Vikki Fogg who resigned in December and she continues to serve as Town Clerk.

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For the fourth year, Gunstock extends to Alton students an introduction to the increasingly popular sport of cross-country skiing.

Gunstock instructors Laurie Hanson and Mary Ellen Fitzgerald offer two hours of instruction to second and third graders at the school each Tuesday for four weeks for only \$1 for instruction and \$1 if equipment is needed.

Ski Touring Director Betsy Kretschmer says that bringing the program to school makes participation much more convenient for young beginners, learning among friends in familiar surroundings. She points out that the downhill instruction also offered by Outreach requires travel to appropriate terrain at Gunstock, entailing a larger commitment by students. Nevertheless, both programs continue to be popular from year to year, offering exceptional opportunities for youngsters to take advantage of the area's natural attractions.



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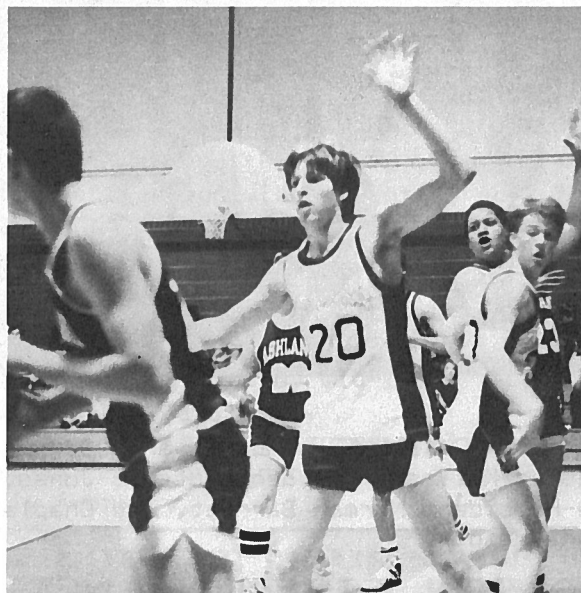


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CLASSIFIED ADS MAY BE PLACED IN MAIN STREET

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad per month.

Space for classified ads is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad.

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