



# Moultonborough Town News

Fall 2022

## MOULTONBOROUGH LAKE HOST PROGRAM

The 2022 season of Lake Hosting has wrapped up and each season we check more boats. This year we had a total of 3600 plus boats. We surpassed last season by approximately four hundred boats.

Moultonborough Lake Hosts cover four ramps at: Lees Mills, Long Island and States Landing on Lake Winnepesaukee, and a fourth on Lake Kanasatka. The thousands of boats we inspect is only a percentage of the total use, as the Lake Hosts only cover weekends and holidays.

Chance Dawson a Lake Host made a huge save at Kanasatka this year by stopping an invasive water chestnut from entering the lake. Lake Kanasatka has no invasive plants or species and stopping this was huge. He potentially saved the lake from water chestnut infestation. Excellent job Chance!

This year was a struggle to fill paid positions and volunteers are hard to find. So, if anyone is interested in becoming part of a team that is effective to protecting the environment; please think of joining. We need both paid people and volunteers.

Also, I would like to thank NH Lakes and the Moultonborough Milfoil Committee for supporting and funding the program. Without these groups, especially the Milfoil Committee we would not be able to do what we do. For more information you can email Tracy at lakehosttracy@gmail.com

## NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

As the weather continues to grow colder, waterfront property owners should be aware that dock bubblers (also known as circulators, aqua-therms, agitators, or heaters) must be registered annually in the Town Clerk's office. Aqua-therm permits are only 50 cents a year, but the penalties can reach up to \$1,000 per circulator if not licensed. Permits must be on file with the Town Clerk's office at the time of installation or before the lake freezes and are valid through July 1<sup>st</sup> of the following summer.

Our recommendation is for you to pay for your aqua-therm permit when you're in our office registering your car every year so you're sure not to forget. They may also be submitted through the mail, the drop box outside Town Hall, or paid for online at <https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov>. For more information about aqua-therm permits, you can review RSA 270:33 or reach out to us at 1-603-476-2347 or [TownClerk@MoultonboroughNH.gov](mailto:TownClerk@MoultonboroughNH.gov). The Town Clerk's public office hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00am – Noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. We look forward to seeing you soon!



## SANTA FUND

The Library is proud to lead the Santa Fund/Children's Christmas Fund again this year. This program was started over 25 years ago and provides boots, jackets, clothing, toys, and books to help brighten the holidays for the children (up to age 16) of Moultonborough. The fund has also started to provide grocery and gas gift cards and the families have appreciated these very much. With the higher cost of food and gas, we feel these gift cards help out the whole family during this time of need.

The Library partners with the Moultonborough Women's Club, the United Methodist Church, Meredith Savings Bank and Bootleggers, as well as volunteers from the community. There will be a "Giving" tree at the library again this year with ornaments for specific clothing items and toys. The tree will be up on November 17 and items will be brought back to the library by December 5. Monetary donations are also welcome, and these are held in a trust to be used, as needed each year. Checks can be made payable to the Children's Christmas Fund and can be mailed or dropped off at the Library. Once again, we are grateful for all those who participated in the past and hope we can count on you this year to help make the holidays a little brighter for these families of Moultonborough. For more details about the Santa Fund, please visit the library's website at <https://www.moultonboroughlibrary.org>.

## NEWS FROM THE MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

This past year, the Library has seen a steady increase in patrons visiting the library again, checking out items, and participating in the many programs the library has to offer. It has been a long two years with the pandemic and we are thankful for everyone's patience as we navigated the best way to ensure everyone's health and safety.

We have finished moving furniture and computers to create spaces dedicated to adults and our tween/teen patrons. There is now a reading room with magazines and newspapers (the New York Times and Wall Street Journal are back) and you can now make yourself a cup of coffee or tea as you read the paper. We also have a new, portable puzzle table so patrons can work on a puzzle and then it can be moved to allow people to work at the table. We hope you will come check out the adult area and find it a little more quiet and relaxing.

The Library is still offering monthly programs, including Thursday Movie Night, Culinary Adventures (Cookbook Club), Mystery Book Club, DIY Craft Workshops, and Technology Classes. New this year, we have added Beginning Mah Jongg and Tai Chi. The Library is partnering with the Granite VNA, Castle in the Clouds and the Moultonborough Historical Society to bring programs of interest to our patrons. Each month we feature a new theme with programs and displays where you can learn more about a specific topic. Due to space and supply limitations on some of our programs, most programs require registration. Please register using the online calendar or contact the library to help you sign-up.

There is also a lot going on in the Youth Department! There are drop-in programs such as Toddler Times on Mondays at 9:30am, PJ Story Time on Tuesdays at 6:00pm, and Story Time on Fridays at 10:30am. There is a new program starting up called Music & Movement and it is a four-week program on Mondays from 9:00am-9:30am. This will start on January 9, 2023 and run until February 6th. For the tweens/teens there are programs happening every Wednesday at 3pm and Dungeons & Dragons Club on Fridays at 3:00pm. Special programs do require registration, so please check the online calendar often so you don't miss the deadlines.

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 9th from 6:00pm-7:30pm – the **Family Holiday Open House** is back! The Library and the Moultonborough Recreation Department are teaming up once again to bring a free, fun family event to the families of Moultonborough. There will be food, games, crafts, Santa and the lighted holiday stroll. We hope to see you all there! The library is also helping Santa again this year and Letters to the North Pole will be accepted from Dec 1 – Dec 19. There will be a special mailbox at the library for kids to drop off their letters.

We have two new museum passes that are available all year long! We have the **Children's Museum of NH**, located in Dover. This attraction offers opportunities for children and families to explore art, science, and culture through dozens of activities and exhibits. This dated pass allows 50% off the regular cost of admission for up to four people. The Friends of the Library have generously sponsored the pass for the New England Aquarium. They offer a wide range of exhibits, including a shark and ray touch tank and the Giant Ocean Tank, a four-story coral reef. Patrons will receive a dated coupon admitting up to 4 people for a 50% off reduction from the regular admission rate, per person. You can reserve your pass today on the library's website <https://www.moultonboroughlibrary.org/Pages/Index/182820/museum-passes>

To keep up to date on all that is happening at the library, visit the library's website, follow the library's Facebook and Instagram pages and sign up for the monthly email newsletter. Library hours are M, W & F open 9:00am-5:00pm; T & Th open 9:00am-7:00pm; and Sat open 9:00am-1:00pm. To contact the library, call 1-603-476-8895 or email [library@moultonboroughlibrary.org](mailto:library@moultonboroughlibrary.org)

## MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As fall turns to winter the Moultonborough Recreation Department continues to work on offering a wide variety of activities, events and programs for residents and visitors of all ages. We welcomed our new Recreation & Leisure Coordinator, Brandon Paré in April. If you see him around Town, give him a warm welcome!

We have some fun Holiday events happening in the winter months. Check out our Annual "Brighten the Borough" Community Holiday Decorating Challenge. Holiday Happenings around town, our Holiday open house in conjunction with the library, and we are bringing back our winter concert series at the Community Auditorium. New this year, on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be welcoming in The Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra to play a Holiday show at the Moultonborough Community Auditorium. At the time of this writing, we are planning to offer a youth skating program, youth basketball, our afterschool program, adult pick-up cornhole, drop-in Mah Jong and Bridge programs, youth volleyball and more fun opportunities for all ages.

Be sure to check us out on the Town's website for updates by clicking on the recreation department tab under Departments. You can also find us on Facebook & Instagram (@moultonboroughnhrecreation).

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



The easiest fire for your Fire Department to handle is the fire that never happens. Here are some helpful fall and winter Fire Safety Tips.

- Service oil and propane heating systems.
- Fireplaces and Woodstoves: Burn only seasoned wood, have chimney cleaned and inspected each year prior to use, open flue before starting fire, use spark screens, keep combustible materials (wood, newspapers, clothing etc.) away from unit.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, change batteries if you already have detectors. Never use gas grills or generators inside the house or garage, generator should be at least 10 feet from the building.
- Keep access and egress paths to house shoveled and sanded.
- Never run your car in the garage to warm it up, pull vehicle outside and close garage door.
- Make sure your home or business is properly numbered, we can't help you if we can't find you.
- Portable space heaters use only UL or ETL list appliances, leave 3 feet of clearance around heater, use only when in the room, never leave unattended or with children in the room, never use to dry clothing or blankets.
- Be prepared if the power goes out, stock up on batteries, flashlights, portable radios, canned foods, manual can openers, bottled water and blankets. Be prepared to leave if you need to, keep a "go bag" ready with essential items you will need if you have to leave your home.
- Use flashlights instead of candles to avoid fire hazards.
- If you have no heat and the temperature is below freezing and your home has no heat, run water at a trickle to help prevent pipes from freezing and breaking.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG MEDRETURN AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Did you know you can drop off unwanted/expired prescription or non-prescription drugs during business hours at the Moultonborough Public Safety Building. The drugs will then be properly disposed of without harming the environment or getting into the wrong hands. This program is anonymous and no questions or requests for identification will be made. No efforts will be made by the Moultonborough Police Department to count, inventory, or log medications. If you have any questions, please call 603-476-2400.

### The following is a list of what will be collected:

All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted ,e.g.:

- \* Controlled
- \* Non-controlled
- \* Over-the-counter
- \* Liquids such as cough syrup

### What will NOT be collected:

- X Intravenous solutions, injectables, syringes/sharps  
\*(These will not be accepted due to the blood borne pathogen hazard potential.)\*
- X Aerosols, inhalers
- X Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.



## MOULTONBOROUGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Moultonborough Academy is Performing Panther's production of *She Kills Monsters*. The play, written by Qui Nguyen, will be presented Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. All performances will be held at the Moultonborough Community Auditorium at the Moultonborough Academy located on Blake Road.

Also please join us for our PTA Holiday Fair, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Moultonborough Central School. There will be crafters, pictures with Santa, raffles, breakfast and lunch in the Noel Café, gingerbread house kits, wreaths and so much more!! We hope to see you there!

## MOULTONBOROUGH NEEDS YOU - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Nominations and applications are being accepted for full and alternate members to serve on various volunteer committees and services. Please submit a letter of application or nomination and/or a "Volunteer to Serve Your Town" form, found at <https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov> (click on Employment/Volunteer Opportunities). Any questions about these openings please contact Charles Smith, Town Administrator, by phone at 1-603-476-2347 or email [csmith@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:csmith@moultonboroughnh.gov). Openings will be filled by the SelectBoard as suitable applicants apply.

**NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

The goal of the Assessor's Office is to ensure that all properties are assessed equitably and fairly, both within neighborhoods and throughout the town. We strive to keep the assessing process transparent, open, and in accordance with the New Hampshire Laws and Rules. We work closely with our contractors and taxpayers to achieve our goals, while developing and maintaining amicable relationships.

The results of the 2022 valuation update indicate an approximate overall increase of 24% in the town-wide value. The update was based on 375 qualified sales from a date range of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022. Our assessing contractor, Whitney Consulting Group, also continues to work on its fourth year of cyclical inspection work and projects to have completed site visits to a total of 80% of the town's parcel, by the year's end. These visits will include measuring all the buildings to ensure dimensions and data are correct. They will attempt to gain interior access to ensure the data (bedroom, bathroom count, heat etc.) is accurate. We plan to update values again in 2023, as of April 1, to keep the assessed values current with market values.

The Assessing page on the town's website is an excellent source for additional information, such as: qualification guidelines and applications for tax exemptions and tax credits; current use & preservation easement enrollment applications; timber and gravel tax forms; as well as abatement and appeal forms. Our page also has a link to our on-line GIS database, where you can find copies of your property record card and tax map. The GIS database also has many useful layers such as wetland and flood zone layers, as well as useful tools that allow for measuring distances and areas. If you are looking for a copy of your deed the Carroll County Registry of Deeds is also on-line. You can search for recorded documents at <https://www.carrollcountynhdeeds.gov> . Please feel free to contact our office if we can assist you in any way. We look forward to continuing to work with you and for you.



**NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

As winter is fast approaching, the Highway crew would ask all residents to please check your roadside mailboxes to help minimize the chance of mailbox damage by the wing plow and the winter plowing operation. This can be done by checking that the mailbox is at least 42" above the roadway surface when the mailbox door is open, and that the mailbox support be 3' off the edge of the pavement or traveled surface. These guidelines can be found under the Public Works web page on the Town's website by clicking on Department & Boards, then clicking on Public Works, under additional links, click on Suggestions for Placement of Roadside Mailboxes. The department also has a web based "Service Request Form." This form assists the various divisions in responding more efficiently to service requests made by the residents.

We would like to thank our "Adopt-a-Spot" gardeners, for their beautiful flower beds at our facilities and Town line borders. We would also like to thank our "Adopt-a-Facility" participants for their adoption of the mowing and trimming efforts at our public buildings. This is truly a "Community in Partnership". If you have any concerns, questions or complaints, please feel free to contact the DPW office at 1-603-253-7445, via e-mail at [dpw@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:dpw@moultonboroughnh.gov), or by stopping by the Highway Garage.

**2023 & 2024 TRANSFER STATION PERMITS**

The 2023 & 2024 Transfer Station/Beach Permit will be available to purchase starting **December 12, 2022**. You can purchase permits at the Town Hall or the Transfer Station during normal business hours. You can also purchase them through the mail by mailing the information listed below to: Moultonborough Town Hall, P.O. Box 139, Moultonborough, NH 03254. Please provide us with your name and physical address in Moultonborough (no P.O. Box #s); license plate number and state that it is registered in; a check made payable to the Town of Moultonborough and a return self-addressed stamped envelope. Permits are \$20 each.

REMAINING HOLIDAYS FOR 2022		TOWN HALL	REC. DEPT.	TRANSFER STATION	PUBLIC WORKS	PUBLIC LIBRARY
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2022	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 25, 2022	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Christmas Eve	Saturday, December 24, 2022	-	-	<b>OPEN</b>	-	CLOSED
Christmas Day	Sunday, December 25, 2022	-	-	CLOSED	-	CLOSED
Day After Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2022	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	CLOSED	<b>OPEN</b>