MOULTONBOROUGH VISITING NURSE SERVICES
Your Hometown Home Health Care Agency

Did you know the Town has a department whose purpose it is to provide you with local, reliable and high quality home health care? Did you know we recently celebrated our 40th birthday? Did you know we are one of only two such municipal departments in the state of New Hampshire?

You may have read about our recent meeting with the SelectBoard in which we discussed the challenges MVNS faces in the competitive and regulatory world of healthcare. The presentation highlighted the history and the growth of MVNS since it first began providing service to the town on a part-time basis with patients having more chronic care needs. MVNS became a full time service in the early 1980’s because of a steady growth in the home care needs of patients as hospitals began discharging patients to home early with more acute care needs. However, the patients required therapies and home health aides which we did not provide at the time forcing us to refer them to others. In 1992 the Board of Selectmen and Professional Advisory Board made the decision to become Medicare Certified in order to offer therapies and home health aides to the residents of Moultonborough; this certification was finalized in July 1993. MVNS was now able to receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and Private Insurances for the services provided.

In today’s world, MVNS faces the same challenges as any other organization in healthcare; the burdens of regulation, increases in technology requirements, an unpredictable census, and the ability to recruit and retain nurses and contract services. The gap between expenses and revenue continues to widen as the cost of providing service increases and reimbursement decreases. There is a trend of patients being transferred to rehabilitation facilities prior to discharge to home, less invasive surgeries allow for faster recovery, patients may be appropriate for hospice or long term care which MVNS does not provide. Competition of other home health care agencies has become more aggressive. This reduces our paying census.

Another significant change is Accountable Care Organizations (ACO’s) which is transforming the delivery and reimbursement of healthcare. The landscape of healthcare is going to look different. Providers will need to partner in order to decrease costs and increase quality. In facing these regulations, trends, competition and declining reimbursement rates we need to deal with the question of what the future holds for MVNS.

While we deal with these large issues, you as residents have a voice to choose your hometown Home Health Care Agency to help you meet your needs. Let your physician or care manager know you choose the Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service. Whether it’s for you, your family or a friend, we are here for you. While hospitals have to offer you a choice of agencies, and we do our best to make sure they are aware of our services, doctors do not. Nonetheless it is your choice so remember to tell them you want the services of MVNS: Your hometown Home Health Care Agency, whether you are recovering from surgery, a joint replacement or another medical condition. Our staff will complete a comprehensive assessment of your status and home care needs and work with your physician to develop a plan of care for you.

Should you have any questions at any time as to whether or not – and how – we might be of assistance to you or someone you know please feel free to call us at 603-476-2350, email us at VNS@moultonboroughnh.gov or stop by our Town Hall Offices Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THE TOWN CLERK IS NOW PROCESSING BOAT REGISTRATIONS
You can now register your boats in the Town Clerks Office. For renewals, please bring in your paperwork that was sent to you by the State of N.H. For new boat registrations you need to bring proof of ownership such as a Bill of Sale/Purchase and Sales Agreement, a Title/Certificate of Origin/Manufacturers Statement of Origin, or a Receipt of Purchase. The information that is required to register a boat is:

- Bow number of the boat (if the boat already has one) - Hull Identification Number - Engine Type
- Make & Model - Length of Boat - Style of Boat - Type of Fuel - Horsepower
- Hull Material - Inland or Tidal - Color - Use of Boat - Propulsion

Need to Contact Us: Phone: (603) 476-2347 Fax: (603) 476-5835 www.moultonboroughnh.gov
MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

We are looking forward to another busy summer at the library. Don Campbell will be teaching all kinds of computer classes and we have lots of terrific programs planned for the next few months.

Local veterinarian Dr. Erin McGrail of Meadow Pond Animal Hospital will instruct us on what to do for Animal Emergencies on June 12th. Our own Evan Clinton will present a Historical Overview and Virtual Tour of the M/S Mt Washington on June 13th. PSU Professor Ann McClellan will explore the enduring popularity of Sherlock Holmes in (Not So) Elementary, My Dear Watson (a NH Humanities sponsored program) on June 18th. Burr Tupper of NH Fish & Game will give us an update on Black Bear Happenings in New Hampshire on June 27th.

Local resident Virginia Jones-Newton will be offering an exceptional lecture series relating to history and morality on Tuesday mornings in July: Courage and Conscience: The Risks of Resistance during the Third Reich. On July 10th Chris Schadler from the Coyote Project will talk about Becoming Wolf: Eastern Coyote in the New England Landscape. SCUBA Diver Hans Hug, Jr.’s program was so popular last summer that he is repeating it this July: Some Underwater History of Lake Winnipesaukee will be on July 17th.

Native fisherman Hal Lyon shares tales, secrets, folklore, and the history of local fishing in the NHHC presentation Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit on August 8th.

“Moose Man” Rick Libby will exhibit his fantastic photographs and entertain us with stories of his outdoor adventures on August 26th.

CHILDREN’S

“Dig Into Reading” is the theme for the nationwide Collaborative Summer Reading Program for 2013. At the Moultonborough Public Library we’ll be exploring all things underground...dinosaur bones, rocks, buried pirate treasure, etc. We’ll be building fairy/gnome houses at the Loon Center, meeting wild burrowing animals from Critters ‘N’ Creatures, enjoying the magic of “Abrakidabra Kids,” painting rocks, meeting authors and laughing at Lindsay and her Puppets. It all starts July 1st. Look for the library float at the 4th of July Parade!

The Friends of the Library provide funding for these events and for some of the wonderful prizes the children earn for reading. We have roughly 250 youngsters participate. Some come to the library daily, some weekly and others are just here in the Lakes Region on vacation. For more information about our summer reading events check our website: www.moultonboroughlibrary.org.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

This year’s summer brochure and program offerings are available in hard copy at the recreation office, town hall, & library. For 24 hour access to the brochure, please log on to the MRD page of the town’s website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov. Be sure to visit our office or website for more information on our programs & events this summer.

We are offering many quality programs this summer that include traditional playground day camps for children ages 6-8 & 9-12, Teen Adventure, Hot and Happy for pre-school children & their parents, tennis lessons for adults and children, tennis tournaments, multi-sport camp, soccer camp, adult yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba, adult softball, “Get Paid to Talk Workshop”, family water carnival, Challenger Soccer Camp, Children’s Stage Adventures, the American Red Cross Baby Sitter’s Training Class, and karate. The registration deadline for Happy Campers, RECKing Crew, Teen Adventure, & session I swim & tennis lessons, is Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

This summer, MRD has collaborated with the Public Library to offer a Writing Workshop Series for adults and children. The three workshops will take place at the library, recreation department, & Bayswater Bookstore. We are also working with community members to bring back our concert series at the Lion’s club. At the time of this writing, there are three concerts scheduled, all of which will be appealing to citizens of all ages! Save Wednesday evenings July 17th, 31st, & August 14th to enjoy the sounds of the bands & musicians.

On May 30th, at 10:00am, MRD will kick off our summer Walking Club from the Moultonborough Neck Fire Station. MRD will also expand the Operation Active Recreation Program for older active adults with the addition of Pickle Ball. MRD has scheduled two days per week to accommodate the growing popularity for this exciting sport. In addition to Pickle Ball, the O.A.R. Program will offer various day trips for participants. Our kick off to the O.A.R. program will be on June 4th, at 10:00 am in the Playground Dr. Pavilion. MRD also has numerous trips planned for our adult population. On May 29th, we will visit Strawberry Banke, on June 26th, we will take a trolley adventure through the city of Portland, ME, and on July 19th, we will visit Cabbage Island again for a New England Style Clambake.

Long Island Beach is projected to open with lifeguards on June 22nd. This date is subject to change as it is based on weather and guard availability. State’s Landing Beach will remain as a “swim at your own risk” facility. There are NO lifeguards on duty.
NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

We are making great progress on our program to measure the exterior improvements of properties and verify the interior features (number of rooms, bedrooms, baths, flooring, type of heat, basement finish, etc.). The area of focus this year is Long Island and the Winaukee area of Moultonborough Neck. Across the town Vision has also inspected properties that sold within the last year or had a building permit.

If your property is included in this list and we have not yet been able to inspect your property, you will soon receive a letter requesting that you call to schedule an inspection. We are planning to conduct those in early July when more property owners are in town. Please assist us by calling for an inspection as soon as possible after you receive your letter.

You may wonder why the town needs to inspect your property. In short, it has been almost 10 years since most properties had this kind of review. Many properties have been updated and/or renovated since that time and not all interior upgrades require a building permit. In addition, we are looking for buildings that have been torn down and properties that have depreciated. The overall goal is to conduct this measure and list at least every ten years even if we have not visited you because of a building permit or sale. This ensures that each property is fairly and equitably assessed.

On another note you may have heard of the so-called “Camper Tax”. For about 160 of you this will be the first time you receive a tax bill. The average tax bill should be less than the cost to register the camper. We had until this year to fully comply with court decisions on the interpretation of RSA 72:7 which states that buildings are taxable as real estate. In Preston v. Town of Pelham, the Court developed a four-part test to determine whether a structure meets the definition of a building. In a separate case, Latour v. City of Laconia, the Court specifically addressed the taxation of campers/trailers in a campground.

Finally, a new on-line feature offered by the town this year is access to a complete copy of your property record card (tax card). Previously, only a summary of the property information was available. One had to come to the Town Offices to obtain a full copy of the property record card. Now the entire property record card will be available on-line at www.moultonboroughnh.gov by clicking on Tax and GIS Maps. Just query by name, address or map and lot number to find the correct parcel, then click on Vision property card.

As always, we are available to answer any questions you may have regarding your property assessment, current use, exemptions, or similar matters by stopping by the office in Town Hall, calling me on 1.603.476.2347 or emailing me at gkarp@moultonboroughnh.gov.

VILLAGE SIDEWALK STUDY MIRRORS MASTER PLAN SURVEY WORK

Sidewalks in the Village area was a topic of the July 2012 Charrette looking into possible revitalization of Moultonborough Village, as well as being identified as a priority in the Master Plan update of 2008.

With this as a backdrop, a successful Citizen’s Petition at Town Meeting this year has resulted in the Town’s studying of the issue as a parallel work plan to the development of the next Master Plan data collection by way of a citizen’s survey. The survey will pose several questions about the Charrette and Master Plan in general and the issue of sidewalks in the village in specific and will help the Town formulate a clear policy directive for sidewalks. The limits of the study area for potential sidewalks was the subject of a citizen’s forum on April 17th. There will be at least three more citizen collaborative meetings to come, with the next scheduled for August 7th at 7:00p.m. in the Town Hall. The Master Plan survey is slated to be available to the public on May 15th, so there will be ample opportunities to weigh in, and even help design potential future walking facilities. Please watch for website announcements at www.moultonboroughnh.gov on this or call the Town Planner, Bruce Woodruff at 603.476.2347 for more details.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Do you like to Garden but you don’t have the right spot to plant? If you are a homeowner or seasonal resident in Moultonborough, then we have the answer for you! Sign up now for our Community Garden!

The Town of Moultonborough with the assistance of Girl Scout Senior Alyssa McCarthy have put together the opportunity to rent a 20’ X 30’ plot to plant and harvest your own organic vegetables and flowers for just $60.00 a year. Think of all the wholesome and delicious healthy vegetables and beautiful flowers you can grow for your family and friends to enjoy!

Your Garden Plot will be located in a sunny area at The Lions Club on Old Route 109 in Moultonborough. Your plot will be tilled, fertilized and limed, so all you have to do is plant. An irrigation system for watering is also provided. Simply go to our Town website: www.moultonboroughnh.gov; click Town Committees; click: Moultonborough Community Garden. You will find the Application sign up sheet and set of rules convenient to download.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Town Hall 603.476.2347 to leave a message for Ken Kasarjian, Community Garden Chair, or you can reach him at kkasarjian@gmail.com.
THE CHANGING FACE OF PATROL

There have been a number of changes in the way that the Moultonborough Police Department has been patrolling the community over the past year. Some of these changes are subtle while others are more obvious. The cruiser paint scheme changed last year to the traditional black and white, this gives us the ability to be quickly recognized as a municipal police cruiser. The other visual change signifies the end of an era in American policing; the retirement of the LTD/Crown Victoria full sized police car. Ford produced these full sized patrol icons for over 20 years.

In 2012 we purchased a new Ford Interceptor cruiser, which is built on the Taurus platform, and this spring we put on line a 2013 Ford Interceptor Utility cruiser, which is built on the Explorer platform. Both of the new cruisers are all wheel drive providing increased safety and handling while delivering an average 20% fuel consumption savings.

On a subtler note it is a continuing goal of ours to increase the sense of community between the police department and the residents of Moultonborough. We have been striving to become more visible in the neighborhoods while continuing to maintain an acceptable balance of enforcement on our main arteries. There are over 360 miles of roadways in Moultonborough and the vast majority of them are private ways. This presents a challenge when patrolling during our busier months, however we are committed to increasing our presence in the outlying neighborhoods. Hopefully this will create opportunities for positive interaction with members of the community.

Have a safe summer and if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 603.476.2583 or lwetherbee@moultonboroughnh.gov.

ZONING CHANGES APPROVED AT TOWN MEETING

All six proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments were approved by voters at Town Meeting this year. The amendments all followed the Planning Board’s work plan whose basis is the Town’s Master Plan.

One change added clarifying language, modernized outdated terms, updated wording per the enabling state statutes and corrected errors throughout the Ordinance. Another change allows surveyors to more easily calculate the number of new lots a property owner may create out of a larger parcel using more recent soils information. A third change strengthened the Shoreland Protection section of the ordinance to more closely match the requirements of the 2008 version of the state statute.

The fourth amendment changed the Table of Permitted Uses by modernizing it and allowing or disallowing uses in the different zoning districts based on their compatibility with existing uses. Another amendment item created vesting and abandonment rules for special exceptions granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Whereas you previously never had to take action to implement your use and the use could last forever, you now need to commence your use within two years and the use is extinguished after two years of non-use. The final change clarified the rights and definitions of nonconforming lots, thereby eliminating gray areas that had been open to interpretation and are now black and white for ease of understanding and enforceability.

If you are considering any subdivision or development of your property in the future, please take a look at the amended Zoning Ordinance on-line or stop in to the Office of Development Services at the Town Hall or call the Town Planner, Bruce Woodruff at 603.476.2347.

HERITAGE COMMISSION 2013 COMMUNITY LANDMARK SERIES

The Moultonborough Heritage Commission’s 2013 Community Landmarks Series will focus on Planning and Historic Preservation featuring three current projects in Moultonborough. On June 3rd, Michael Desplaines will speak on the ongoing restoration of Lucknow or the Castle in the Clouds, which will celebrate its centennial in 2014. On July 1st, Ed Pape will present work in progress at the former ‘Singing Eagle’ camp barn, an English-style barn dating to the 1780s. On August 5th, Cristina Ashjian and Norman Larson will discuss the status of the Moultonborough Grange Hall project, describing necessary stabilization work and planning for a future use of this landmark village building. All three projects have had structural assessment reports, providing ‘roadmaps’ with repair priorities, phasing, and cost estimates. All talks will take place at 7 PM at the Moultonborough Library event room.

UPCOMING TOWN HALL HOLIDAYS

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SAVE THE DATE:

Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Day
Saturday, August 3, 2013  8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Highway Garage at 68 Highway Garage Road