MOULTONBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS

The police department welcomes spring with three new members. Ofc. Singletary and Ofc. Cortese who are off to the police academy for 16 weeks of training. We also gained Ofc. Balser relocating here from Florida where he worked as a deputy sheriff in Hillsboro County for 7 years before coming to us. Be sure to welcome them to town when you see them.

This winter we enjoyed a two-day training with Fogbreak Justice. Our department co-trained with Moultonboro Academy and Sandwich PD as we learned about Implicit Bias and Procedural Justice. We look forward to more training with our community partners.

Master Patrol Officer O’Brien launched a department Instagram page. Please check it out to see what we’ve been up to at Moultonborough PD. Thank You MPO O’Brien! School Resource Officer Baker attended LEAD training, which is a more modern version of the DARE curriculum and has begun teaching in our schools. Chief Monaghan was honored to be the mystery reader for the MCS kindergarten class, he’s still not sure who was more excited.

As summer rolls in bringing our summer crowd, lets be sure to watch out for one another with the increase in traffic. It was a long winter, so enjoy those summer days! Our best to you from all of us at MPD!

PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUG RETURN EVERY DAY

There is a Med Return drop box in the lobby of the Town’s Public Safety Building, citizens can drop off unwanted and expired prescriptions or non-prescription drugs during open lobby hours. Those hours are generally 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. NO LIQUIDS OR NEEDLES ALLOWED. The program is anonymous and no questions or requests for identification are made. The drugs are regularly removed from the box by Police personnel and properly disposed of. Questions about this effort may be directed to Det. Peter John at 603-476-2400 or pjohn@moultonboroughnh.gov.

Information about how to dispose of medical sharps is available at www.moultonboroughnh.gov (Click on Departments, then Transfer Station) or you can call the Transfer Station at 603-476-8800.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, August 3, 2019
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
68 Highway Garage Drive, Moultonborough

For more information go to www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp or call LRPC at 603-279-5334 or 603-279-5341.

JULY 4TH PARADE INFORMATION

The Parade will be held on Thursday, July 4th. The parade begins at 11:00 AM starting at the Moultonborough Academy on Blake Road and will proceed to the Moultonborough Function Hall (former Lions Club) via Old Route 109.

CLOSED

Thursday, July 4th
Independence Day

Monday, September 2nd
Labor Day

Monday, October 14th
Columbus Day

Monday, November 11th
Veteran’s Day

Thursday, November 28th
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 29th
Day After Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas Day

FIREWORK ORDINANCE

Fireworks are limited to the hours between 12 Noon and 10:00 PM. Exceptions are two holidays, as recognized by the Town: (1) the 4th of July: limited use to 12 Noon to 12 Midnight; (2) New Year, limited use to 12 Noon to up to 15 minutes past midnight of the holiday.
TOWN-WIDE TREE TRIMMING

As part of the Highway Department’s road maintenance program, it becomes necessary to cut roadside overgrowth from trees and brush. This cutting allows for the Town’s right of way to be open/clear of obstruction and allows the sunshine to reach the roadway surface, and prevent the tree limbs and side growth brush from obstructing the roadways clear zone. The cutting operation consists of the removal of road side brush or saplings, and overhang which hangs within the right of way. The area which will receive cutting will be within the Town’s right of way which is usually 33’ to 50’ in width, and is measured from the center of the roadway (ex: 25’ from center, 16’6”center) or from stonewall to stonewall, and a height of approximately 14’.

Please note that limbs within the 14’ height area will be cut back to the limbs base, located at the tree’s trunk. This practice has been recommended by a local arborist, who advises that this practice will allow the tree to have a greater opportunity to heal, versus cutting the limb away from the trunk, which will cause the limb to die. We are expecting to conduct cutting on many Town roads sometime during the spring, summer and fall months, weather permitting. In preparation we will be flagging the trees slated for cutting. We would ask that if you should have a concern regarding the cutting of trees/limbs adjacent to your property, please contact the Public Works Office at 603-253-7445, so we can review your concerns and our anticipated cutting plan(s.)

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

My goal as town assessor is to continue assessing properties within the town equitably and fairly with your neighbors in accordance with the New Hampshire Laws and Rules and keep the assessing process transparent and open.

The town contracted with a new company for 2019, Whitney Consulting Group, LLC (WCG). WCG will complete a statistical update of values and measure and list 20% of the town over the next five years. The update process involves: analyzing recent qualified sales; comparing the sale price to the assessed value; implementing and testing new land and building models to reflect the ever-changing market; create new tables to reflect the State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenues ratio specification; to treat all properties fairly and equitable; and, recalculate new values utilizing the newly established models. Letters with the 2019 newly established preliminary values are scheduled to be mailed to property owners during the summer. The informal hearings will be scheduled some time in August at the Town Hall, this process is an opportunity to give taxpayers an understanding of how property is assessed, the sales utilized to establish the new values, and answer any questions they may have. The cyclical process involves: WCG visiting 20% of the town’s property annually over the next five years to confirm the measurements of all buildings and the interior data is accurate.

There is additional information on the town’s website, various forms and applications can also be downloaded and the public can review tax maps, property record cards or link to the Vision on-line database. The Carroll County Registry of Deeds is also on-line! You can search for recorded documents at www.nhdeeds.com. Please feel free to contact our office, if we can assist you in any way. We look forward to continuing working with you and for you.

TOWN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO JUMPING OFF BRIDGES

Be it ordained by the Town of Moultonborough, New Hampshire, an ordinance regulating the use of bridges pursuant to RSA 31:39 as follows:

Section 11.1: The following areas are designated by this ordinance:
   a. Long Island Bridge
   b. Black Cat Island Bridge

Section 11.2: It shall be unlawful for anyone to jump, dive or otherwise throw themselves from any bridge in the Town of Moultonborough.

Section 11.3: It shall be unlawful for anyone to throw or discharge or cause to be thrown or discharged any item from any bridge in the Town of Moultonborough.

Section 11.4: For the purpose of this ordinance, “item” excludes any object specifically designed for, or commonly used by, a person for the sport of fishing.

Section 11.5: Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars ($50.00), and each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.
MOULTONBOROUGH LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends of the Library will be holding their very popular House Tour on Thursday, June 20. Five lovely Moultonborough homes will be featured, along with the Center Harbor Inn. Tickets are $40, with all proceeds benefitting the library. They will also be raffling off a beautiful handmade quilt. We will have a lecture on the History of Mosaics on June 5, a Fused Glass Workshop on June 10, and an Evening with Walt Whitman (a NH Humanities program) on June 17. Free Sewing Classes will be offered every Friday morning, thanks to local resident and expert seamstress Janice Jenket. Our gigantic Book Sale will be on July 6 & 7. Jean Cox (from Art Escape) will lead a Turtle Beach Wood Pallet Workshop on July 8. The classic book, Little Women, will be the topic of the Friends Book Discussion on July 10. We will be “On the Trail of Bonnie and Clyde” with historian Chris Dailey on July 24. On August 7, local scholar Brad Wolff will review Immigration in New England from the 1600’s to the Present Day. On August 14, Kevin Gardner will instruct us on Discovering New England Stone Walls (another NH Humanities program); on August 19, we will offer a Seashell Resin Frame Workshop; and on August 28, we will present Ask a Muslim Anything: A Conversation with Robert Azzi. We will offer technology classes throughout the summer, with the Tech Users Group meeting on Mondays, and the Apple User Group meeting on Tuesdays. In addition, one-on-one help is always available by appointment with our Technology Librarian, AnneMarie Welch.

CHILDREN’S ROOM

We are looking forward to a great summer in the Children’s Room! Our Summer Reading Program theme this year is A Universe of Stories. This program runs for six weeks and promotes reading for pleasure during school vacation. Our already scheduled programs include a Magic Show, Frozen Sing-A-Long, live animals, music, movies, and crafts! Weekly Story Times with special guest readers, and monthly Coding and Lego Clubs will continue throughout the summer. Please check out our website at www.moultonboroughlibrary.org and Facebook page to see pictures of our events, our calendar and collection.

NEWS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

After a very busy winter and spring the Moultonborough Recreation Department is once again offering many great opportunities for citizens and visitors to enjoy summertime’s, “Hot Days and Cool Nights” and as we say in our summer brochure, “Summertime - What a Delight!” Our summer brochure is available on our website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov and in hard copy at the Recreation Dept., Library, Town Hall and through MCS and is chock full of activities, programs, events and fun for all ages. Some, but not all, are highlighted below:

Our move to a full day, Day Camp, for Happy Campers and RECKing Crew was a great success in 2018 and we will continue to do so again in 2019 with camp running from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM and extended day options before and after camp as well as morning and afternoon half-day options. Again, this year, camp will be in seven one-week sessions. We now except credit card payments for online registrations as well as in our office.

Our new bus arrived in February and with that we are able to increase our trip offerings for adults this summer – look for a Mystery Trip in early June, the Cabbage Island Clambake trip in July and new this year, “Granite State Get Aways” as we explore some places that are “off the beaten path” like the Sculptured Rocks Natural Area. There are 4 “Get Aways” planned for the summer. We’ll have more trips scheduled in the fall. The Teen Adventure Club, a trip-based program, also has a full schedule of exciting trips in our new bus.

Our partnership with the Castle in the Clouds has continued to be a benefit to both entities, and therefore, to the public. In addition to Family Fun Day this summer, check out the Family Camp Out at the Castle during the summer solstice June 21-22!

Our Outdoor Concert Series runs every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM from June 26th – August 7th (no concert on July 3rd) at the gazebo on Old Route 109 (formerly the Lion’s Club). Concerts are free, open to the public, and appeal to all ages and a variety of musical tastes.

We have much more offered than what is listed – camps, lessons and clinics, adult fitness, the road race, track and field, trips, special events, tournaments, lessons, creative opportunities and celebrations for all – from toddlers through senior citizens.

Facility Improvements are also underway at Kraine Meadow Park and States Landing Beach.

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COME CELEBRATE OUR LAKES, PONDS AND STREAMS!

The Moultonborough Milfoil and Conservation Committees are pleased to present our 2019 Celebration of Moultonborough’s Lakes, Ponds and Streams. It will be held at the Moultonborough Town Hall and the Town Library from 9:00 AM – Noon on Saturday, June 29th. Participating in this year’s program will be additional youth focused activities presented by the Moultonborough Recreation Department and the Moultonborough Library staff.

Learn from the experts about the challenges our water resources are facing and how we, as a community, are caring for them. Topics will include the following:

• NH Lakes “Watershed Warriors Festival” (An interactive, KID FRIENDLY, hands-on experience to help young ones understand the importance of protecting our resources.)
• “Protecting Moultonborough’s Watershed” (The impact of storm water runoff.)
• “Invasive Species: Present and Future Challenges” (What’s here and what’s headed our way?)
• “How Lake Hosts and Weed Watchers Making a Difference” (The proactive work we do!)

Materials and displays of the tools used to protect our Lakes, Ponds and Streams will be on display. Get an up-close look at an actual DASH (Diver Assist Suction Harvesting) boat. Learn how and why water testing equipment is used. See invasive weeds and cyanobacteria samples. Examine and take home the support materials used to inform and educate fellow residents and guests. For more information e-mail: weedwatchers.moultonborough@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED: LAKE HOSTS AND WEED WATCHERS

In order to continue the important work of preventing and removing invasive species from our Lakes, Ponds and Streams, your local Moultonborough Milfoil Committee is seeking Volunteers for the following positions.

Volunteer Lake Host Program:

The Lake Host Program is a courtesy boat inspection and education program to help prevent the transport of invasive aquatic species like Variable Milfoil, Water Chestnut and Curly-Leaf Pondweed and animal species like Asian Clams and Zebra Mussels into, or out of our waters. Volunteer Lake Hosts staff Lee's Mills, Long Island, and States Landing boat ramps every weekend throughout the summer. You can help us by volunteering for as little as ½-day on a Saturday or Sunday once a month during the summer. You will be trained by and work with experienced Lake Hosts. Please contact: Lakehosttracy@gmail.com.

Volunteer Weed Watcher Program:

Moultonborough volunteers play a key role in our town's Milfoil Control Program. Volunteers become our “Eyes on the water” to spot areas of Milfoil growth. You will be instructed on what to look for and how to conduct a weed survey. Volunteers will also receive a binder full of information on the program and details on the most threatening invasive plants. There is no cost to the volunteer. The only equipment a volunteer needs is access to a boat, kayak, canoe, paddle board or PWC. Please contact: Weedwatchers.moultonborough@gmail.com.

MOULTONBOROUGH MENTOR PROGRAM STILL GOING STRONG

This fall, the Mentor Program will be kicking off its 17th year in the District. This program offers a unique opportunity for Moultonborough Academy students, as well as adults in the community, to serve as mentors for younger students at Moultonborough Central School. Mentors are paired with a mentee and dedicate a half hour of their free time each week to spend with them. Some mentors play games and make puzzles with their mentees; others go outside and play basketball or play on the playground. Regardless of the activities, mentoring is all about sharing oneself and being a positive role model...about being there to listen...about building relationships with a young person.

The Mentor Program establishes a personal connection between the students at MA and MCS, and fosters a genuine sense of friendship and community amongst our youth. Mentoring is a vital part of the culture in our district with 25% of our high school students participating in the program. On any given day, you will see mentors making the trek down to MCS in all kinds of weather… rain, sleet and snow. It is this type of dedication and sense of commitment that makes this program so successful!