

Our First Print Edition

This newspaper was started in August 2019 for the purpose of providing local news to the community of Barrington, New Hampshire. Founded by Patrick R. McElhiney, M.S., our news is now posted online at <https://www.barringtontownnews.com/>, on Facebook @BarringtonTownNews, sent through e-mail, and provided in print form seasonally, every three months, for the elderly that don't use computers. The importance of local newspapers could never be greater, as they have kept small town governments in check for centuries, only to go out of business due to a decline in readership. Patrick has started the newspaper after achieving a M.S. in Information Technology from UNH, and he is continuing his education as a second-year Ph.D. student at UNH studying Computer Science. He also owns a local Marketing and Information Technology firm named MCE123, and has lived in Barrington since 2007. Patrick noticed that there was no local newspaper, so he started this business.

Patrick is now announcing that he's giving away 50% of the business to Kat Roedell, a local business colleague, that will now act as CEO of the newspaper as it is formed into an LLC. He decided to do this because he doesn't have enough time in the day to run the entire newspaper, with his busy school schedule, and Kat stepped up her efforts to manage the day-to-day operations. She was a co-founder, with the newspaper from the very beginning, and she brings a unique skill set to the business. She was an Enterprise Architect with the U.S. Navy for several years, and is also the owner of Ignite Business Planning Services. You will no doubt can meet her in the future.

If our plans are successful, we will have a print edition coming out every three months, in December, in March, in June, and in September. Each edition will include a selection of articles that have previously been published on our website. We will be including the most important stories in print.

Did You Know? Property Appraisals, Values, and Taxes in Barrington

By Kat Roedell – December 16th, 2019

Did you know that according to Part 2, Article 6 of the New Hampshire Constitution:

“... there shall be a valuation of the estates within the state taken anew once in every five years, at least, and as much oftener as the general court shall order”

This basically is an article built-in to protect the property owners of New Hampshire. That means at least every 5 years the party responsible for assessing taxes (in this case the Town of Barrington's Assessing Office) is legally required to reassess the properties in the town.

Many people are concerned with a property reassessment because they feel the value of their properties will most likely increase. However, this year our tax rate decreased, which may actually result in a tax decrease for some people. The property tax is calculated in the following manner:

Property Value x Tax Rate = Property Tax (Per 1000)

2019

$224,600 \times 22.67/1000 = 5091$

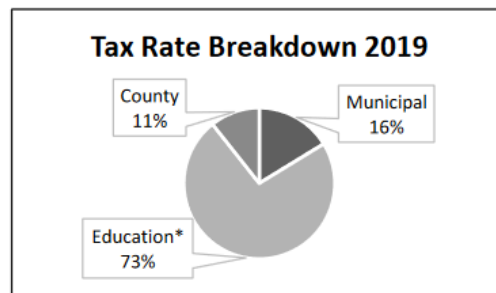
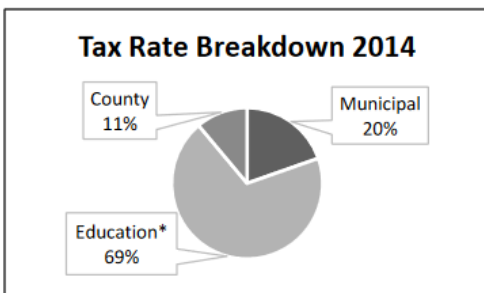
2018

$205,475 \times 24.78/1000 = 5091$

This year's (2019) tax rate is the lowest in 6 years. The valuation of the town, however, has increased by almost 10% compared to last year. The average single homes have increased an average of 12%. The valuations are a reflection of the current real estate market. More affordable properties are in higher demand, which increased sales prices and resulted in higher fair market value. This may result in a property tax increase for some people. However, their homes are worth more on the current market. Our town's property tax rate is comprised of several different elements, as seen on the town website:

Barrington Property Tax Rate History 2014-2019

Jurisdiction/Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Municipal Amount	\$ 4.72	\$ 4.66	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.21	\$ 4.23	\$ 3.69
School Amount*	\$ 14.35	\$ 15.48	\$ 16.37	\$ 15.16	\$ 15.81	\$ 14.67
State Education Amount*	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.26	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.09	\$ 2.07	\$ 1.89
County Amount	\$ 2.67	\$ 2.82	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.67	\$ 2.42
Tax Rate	\$ 24.03	\$ 25.22	\$ 26.04	\$ 24.08	\$ 24.78	\$ 22.67
Percent Change in Valuation	-2.39%	1.21%	0.97%	8.39%	2.48%	12.24%



*The School and State Education portions of the tax rate go directly to SAU #74; they are combined to aid in understanding.

If there is a problem with the assessment that was made, the property owner can follow the normal abatement and appeal process by contacting the Assessment office in town. There are Property Tax Exemptions, Credits and other property tax reductions available in the Town of Barrington:

- Current Use (for parcels larger than 10 acres)
- All Veteran’s Credit (\$450)
- Surviving Spouse Credit (\$2,000)
- Service-Connected Total Disability Credit (\$2,000)
- Elderly Exemption (\$85,000-\$161,500 depending on age)
 - Income Limit
 - Single \$30,000
 - Married \$50,000
 - Asset Limit (does not include residence)
 - Single/Married \$125,000
- Disabled Exemption (\$50,000)
 - Income Limit
 - Single \$30,000
 - Married \$50,000
 - Asset Limit (does not include residence)
 - Single/Married \$75,000
- Blind Exemption (\$15,000)
- Solar Exemption (\$5,000)

Timbernook Empowers Kids Through Play

by Ginna Schonwald – December 13th 2019

It’s 28 degrees outside on a December morning and a group of 4-8-year-olds and their teachers are walking through the woods with their backpacks, to spend the morning in unrestricted free play. This “Little Wild Ones” group is one of several offered by the innovative Timbernook program, headquartered in Barrington.

“We have to go over that bridge. I think it has ice on it. I’m going to check,” says Eric*, age 5, running ahead.

“Don’t go in the water,” Mikayla*, age 7, reminds me as we head across the bridge. This was a rule discussed at circle time.

We are heading for a blue tarp where 20 kids and four teachers are gathering to take off their backpacks and have a snack before they begin the unstructured free play which is the hallmark of the Timbernook program.

“Last time there was a stream and I followed it,” Caroline*, age 8, tells Kellie Barr Foster, “but I did not go in the water.” Kellie, the lead teacher for the program, tells me that the play is different every day. “We do a song and a story to inspire them. Then the kids have a good hour and a half of free play. The adults keep a low profile – we often get down on the ground to be as invisible as possible. We try to be interesting and fun during the storytime, but boring during free play.”

The goal of the program is to help kids develop their own ideas for play and to work out problems on their own without adults telling them what to do. “We’ve been talking a lot about executive functioning,” Kellie tells me. “Kids are losing it. Kids at nineteen are supposed to be able to make all these decisions, but they have never developed the executive functioning because they’ve never had the freedom to make their own decisions. So we are trying to back it up to the time when kids should be developing these skills.”

Timbernook began as a summer camp developed by Barrington-based pediatric occupational therapist Angela Hanscom. “In order to empower children, we need to give them freedom,” Hanscom says. She has been an outspoken proponent of unrestricted outdoor play for kids for more than 10 years, noting that kids need this type of play for healthy development.

“We create a ‘Yes’ environment. We remove as many hazards as possible – things like bees’ nests, glass, weak limbs. We remove the hazards, but not the risks.” Hanscom notes that kids might choose to take a risk like jumping off a rock or climbing a tree. “Kids naturally regulate what risks they are ready for,” she explains. She points to research which suggests that removing risks from kids’ play areas restricts healthy development. Even a simple activity like picking up sticks can inspire creativity when the child decides what to do or build with it. Picking up heavy sticks can help kids develop their senses.

Hanscom is the author of the book *Balanced and Barefoot: How unrestricted outdoor play makes for strong, confident children* and a recipient of the *Glamour Magazine Hometown Hero Award*. Since she began her year-round program in Barrington in 2013, the Timbernook model has spread around the world. There are now over 60 Timbernook-certified programs from California to New Zealand.



Hanscom explains that recent research suggests that most children today have an underdeveloped vestibular system. She explains that the vestibular system helps kids develop balance and regulate sensory input. "It helps you to know where your body is in space," she says. In a pilot study which Hanscom conducted in a local school, she found only one out of every 12 children could meet the balance and core strength standardized averages of children from 1984. "In the medical world, one of the important things you are taught is to do no harm. We are at the point of doing harm to our children by over-restricting them," she explains.

When free play begins, Eric* immediately begins hauling tires down to the marshy area. "He's our engineer," Kellie says. "He likes to build things." Pretty soon other kids are joining in, hauling tires and boards down to the water to help create a bridge. Several kids gather around making suggestions, bringing more supplies and helping to create the bridge. A line forms to go across. "It's not ready. It's not ready!" the first boy across warns everyone, as he runs off in search of one more board to help shore up the bridge.

A few boys lose interest and run off with sticks to play a superhero. Kellie watches as the sticks turn into swords. "So, I'm watching this to see if I need to say something. We have a rule – sticks go on sticks but sticks don't go on bodies." As it turns out the boys change direction and run off into another area of the woods. "They help make the rules, so when I do have to call them out on it, they tend to say 'Oh, yeah. I remember that.'"

For the most part, the kids ignore the adults who are scattered around through the woods, keeping an eye out as the play develops. Occasionally a child will come to an adult to ask a question, but mostly they figure it out themselves or with the help of another child.

Hanscom notes that kids need at least a few hours of unrestricted outdoor play each day to develop proper balance, coordination, and executive functioning skills, among other things. Unfortunately, many kids have little time for unrestricted play, and this takes a toll on their ability to sit still and pay attention in school. That is one reason that Timbernook launched a school program this February. So far, 6 schools have become Timbernook-certified, with more currently working through the process. Teachers spend a week at the Barrington facility to see the program in action and learn how to set it up at their own location. Timbernook staff also visit the school to help them design the environment for their outdoor program which can happen once a week or more. "We even help them design extension activities to use when they get back into the classroom. So if they are working on a giant marble run outside, they can go back inside and talk about the physics of it or have some STEM activities around that," Hanscom explains. Timbernook staff even help with designing the curriculum to meet the school's learning standards.

Back at the "Little Wild Ones" class, a line of kids are backed up, waiting to cross the bridge. They chant, "Go Gavyn. Go Gavyn. Go Gavyn," to the youngest member of the group, who is at the front of the line, trying to determine if this risk is the one he is ready for.

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The History Behind Phil's Restaurant

By Patrick R. McElhiney – December 12th, 2019



We were all shocked to learn of the news that The Three Socios, LLC purchased the real estate where Phil's Restaurant sits vacant today, for the purpose of developing the land into a fast-food restaurant, according to sources. They're the same company that is building the Burger King / 7-Eleven / Mobil Gas Station next to George Calef's Fine Foods near the intersection of RTE-125 and RTE-9. They reportedly paid a good price for the lot.

Barrington regulars are concerned that the town is being over-developed. People fly through the intersection at RTE-9 / RTE-125 at 50 mph. The trouble started when the intersection went from one lane going straight, to two. People are driving like idiots, and residents are concerned the new properties being developed will only make matters worse. Barrington Elementary School is right near that intersection, and people don't slow down. It's not a large enough intersection to pack it full of the hazards that come through with every change of the light.

On Facebook, after we broke the news about the sale @BarringtonTownNews, residents contemplated what type of fast food restaurant may go in there. They suggested KFC/Taco Bell, Arby's, Sonic, a Quaint Coffeeshop, a Small Diner, Pizza Hut, Friendly's, Dairy Queen, Popeyes, Hardees / Carl's Jr., and LongHorn to name a few. One thing was clear – no one expects The Three Socios to deliver a local gem like Phil's Restaurant was for 40 years.

Many residents were opposed to the concept of a fast-food restaurant going in there. Many residents said Barrington doesn't need it. One resident said Barrington is going to end up looking like Epping or Plaistow on RTE-125. We attempted to reach out to The Three Socios, LLC, but they wouldn't respond to comment even after multiple tries. The website for the Burger King property is www.tropicstardevelopment.com, however, it doesn't list any information about the sale or future development of the location where Phil's Restaurant was.

2016 Car Accident

What led Barrington, New Hampshire to this point in time happened in 2016, when Phil and his wife Chris were seriously injured in a car accident. Chris had a broken leg, and Phil had broken bones, according to Jim Ratta, a longtime Phil's patron and friend. They had to close the restaurant for a year, and then to

much fanfare, they reopened with reduced hours, closing on Wednesdays. Phil and Chris did that for six months – they made a great team. Phil had a hard time standing after the accident and collapsed at the restaurant one day from a blood clot in the leg, which led to the closing for good in late 2017. Faithful “Philistines” kept hoping they would re-open, but it never happened, and the property was sold in 2019.

The Community

Scot Villeneuve, owner of Big Hit Media in Barrington, New Hampshire started going to Phil’s Restaurant 10 years ago when he was in his 30s. He said there was a loyal following there, and that if you needed a contractor, such as an electrician or a plumber, you went to Phil’s. The previous Barrington Fire Chief, Russell Hayes, was there every morning sitting at the bar eating his breakfast and starting his day, according to Villeneuve. The quality of people there were some of the most well-known and loved people of Barrington.

Phil’s opened around 3:00 AM to 4:00 AM. The early morning crew, which came in around 6:00 AM, included Russell Hayes, Lenny Caverly, and Steve Lenzi. The 9:00 AM crew included Paul Steer, Jim Ratta, George Lafleur, Scot Villeneuve, Dave, Betty & Jake, Lenny & Dottie, and Bill who is a snowbird, spending his winters in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Jim Ratta, who owned Barrington Septic, is referred to as a “Philistine”, which means someone that was dedicated to the meaning of being one of Phil’s many followers. He said he first started going into Phil’s regularly in 2000. He said he used to travel there 2-3 times a week. Jim explained that all the old-timers sat in there around the horseshoe-shaped bar. A real treat for Jim was meeting Harlan Calef, George Calef’s father. Harlan would talk about how he taught his granddaughter about stocks and investing, and that’s probably one of the reasons why the Calef’s are such a big part of Barrington’s history. Ratta said of the community at Phil’s, “The good ones make life worthwhile”, and they were at Phil’s Restaurant every morning.

Villeneuve said of Phil’s, “There won’t be another gathering place with the type of people and quality of character that was in the restaurant.” He said the atmosphere was very welcoming to outsiders, adding that patrons would go out of their way to say, “Good morning!”, even though there was a reputation that Phil’s didn’t welcome newcomers. It was a well-used building, the food was good, and the people were great. Phil’s was loved by many of the business owners in town.

Fred Knight, who owns Knight’s Garage next door to Phil’s Restaurant always took care of anyone that needed an oil change or car service, allowing them to drop off their vehicle while they ate and mingled at Phil’s. They’d be able to get something to eat, and two hours later, they’d bring the keys back and say “You’re all done!” The Svenson family that owns the Christmas Dove has a son named Garth that is also a big fan of Phil’s.

There were a lot of veteran patrons at Phil’s Restaurant, including Marines, Army, Navy, and Air Force. There was a Chief Petty Officer with the U.S. Navy that ate there regularly. Bill Turner, a career Air Force man, would be in there doing crossword puzzles from the Foster’s – he’d cheat by asking people for the answers. He’d say “look this up on your computer” because he was amazed by the technology. Jake with the 82nd Airborne had done around 80 paratrooper training jumps. He and his wife Betty, who was the

Prom Queen of Newmarket, were at Phil's daily. She used to help Bill Turner with his crossword puzzles as well.

There were a lot of patrons that were into their 90's that grew up in the 1930s. They were all nice people, according to Villeneuve. Lester and Barbara Waterhouse were patrons – both into their 90s, and sadly Barbara passed away a few years back. Scot said he's been to so many funerals of people that ate at Phil's – that's how connected the community was.

They would have liked to do a reality TV show there, because it would have been a side-splitting comedy, according to Villeneuve. "The things that came out of the mouths of people that have lived in Barrington all their lives – it's so real, it's funny." He said that Chris Amazeen would answer the phone "all nice", while Phil would answer "PHIL'S!!!". Jim Ratta said, "They had more fun down there you could shake two sticks at." They even fed Jim's dog, Willy.

The Food

Phil's served breakfast, and early-on, lunch, including hot dogs, pies, chowders, chili, and other varieties of meals. They didn't serve alcohol there, but there was a vintage frappe making machine, and there was an old cigarette dispensing machine that didn't work, according to Villeneuve, but had advertised for brands like Pall Mall's.

One time, Villeneuve asked, "Hey Phil – how many eggs do you think you've cracked in your life?" and Phil responded by showing Scot a stainless steel bowl that was polished by a fork that was curved to the bottom of the bowl. Phil said he'd been using the fork and bowl for 30 years. Jim Ratta said, "There's no one in the world that could make scrambled eggs as good as Phil."

Phil and Chris were genuine, good, honest, hardworking people that went in at 4 AM to make donuts. Phil had two trays of donuts, and elderly patrons would get coffee and donuts, or bring the homemade donuts home to family members.

The plow truck drivers would stop there at 5 AM, and there was strong coffee and good meals at Phil's.

Trust in Phil's

Phil's Restaurant was the type of place where you could leave money for a contractor the next time you went there if you didn't have the money that day. Regulars at Phil's, if they happened to be short on money, they'd use a service known as the "Wall of Shame". It was a corkboard on the wall behind the cash register, where debts would be displayed, extended only to regulars. If you owed a debt to Phil's, the regulars would harass you, in good fun, because you were on the "Wall of Shame".

Phil also sponsored little league teams, that had their pictures on the walls. "We're all faithful Philistines," said Jim Ratta.

History Behind Phil’s

Phil Amazeen and his wife, Chris, ran the restaurant since it was incorporated after being established in 1976, but before Phil had Phil’s Restaurant, he was the chef at Young’s Restaurant in Durham. Before that he worked at a restaurant in Dover.

Phil’s was a single location, privately held business, located next to Knight’s Garage in Barrington, New Hampshire.

Phil’s was open 6 days a week before the car accident. Villeneuve said, “They were just good, down to Earth people – no drama, no false pretenses.”, and he said they once contemplated a slogan, “Phil’s Diner – Not for Sissies”.

Rosie was one of the waitresses that worked at Phil’s for a while. Another waitress was Alice, who was a tattooed lady who did a great job, according to Jim Ratta. Chris Amazeen, Phil’s wife, came in and ran the restaurant with him around the year 2000.

Phil is approaching 80 years old – he had two daughters and a son with Chris, to which many grandchildren were also born. They live in Nottingham, New Hampshire.

First Seacoast Bank Ribbon Cutting

By Patrick R. McElhiney – December 10th, 2019



First Seacoast Bank had a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Greater Barrington Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 to celebrate the rebranding from Federal Savings Bank, and 45 years of doing business in Barrington, NH.

It was a foggy night on RTE-125, where First Seacoast Bank is located next to the Journey Church. It’s been a milestone year for FSB, which is a community bank that has been successful because the community supports them.

First Seacoast Bank originally opened in 1890 under the name “Dover Co-Operative Savings Fund and Loan Association”, and its original meeting location was the Cocheco Hose Company on First Street in Dover, NH. It was renamed to the “Dover Federal Savings and Loan Association” in 1974, and in 1983, it was renamed to “Federal Savings Bank”.

Barrington was FSB's first branch – First Seacoast Bank was first headquartered on First Street in 1972, and they've been there ever since. The Barrington branch was opened in 1974. In 1979, the Durham branch opened, and in 1987 the Fourth branch was opened in Portsmouth. Rochester was the Fifth branch, which opened in 2009, and it was named Business of the Year in Rochester in 2019. First Seacoast Bank was also the recent recipient of the Cornerstone Award from Cornerstone VNA.

Their mission throughout the years has been to serve the community, which is why after all these years, the bank has changed names to reflect that. They sponsored the tree-lighting ceremony at the Barrington Soiree this past weekend, and the bank gives away over \$300,000 in donations to the community each year.

After the ribbon-cutting, FSB served refreshments and hosted a Barrington Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours (BAH). Chamber members and bank customers, alike, brought in non-perishable food items to help the Barrington Food Pantry. There was also a raffle, that attendees could only enter if they brought in a donation for the Food Pantry.

Familiar faces, food, and beverages flowed throughout the Barrington branch's location tonight. The Chairman of the Board of the Barrington Chamber of Commerce, Michael Guyre said, "This was the best Business After Hours ever!" Members and employees from other branches traveled through rainy weather to Barrington for this amazing event.

First Seacoast Bank is a mutual bank. They work hard for their customers and the community. The bank is committed to meeting the financial service expectations of individuals, families, and locally owned businesses. First Seacoast Bank focuses on:

- Providing high-quality, personalized, convenient service.
- Offering a challenging and rewarding work environment for its employees.
- Maintaining public trust as an independent mutual community bank by operating in an ethical and sound financial manner.
- Empowering their employees to make a difference by actively and positively contributing to the quality of life in the surrounding community.

First Seacoast Bank offers Kasasa® Cash Checking, which offers 3.00% APY on balances up to \$20,000, when the account meets specific qualifications. For more information about First Seacoast Bank, please visit www.firstseacoastbank.com.

For the Greater Barrington Chamber of Commerce, there's a monthly membership meeting on January 8th, 2020 for all Chamber of Commerce members.

The 2nd Annual Festival of Trees Barrington Lions Event

By Kat Roedell – December 8th, 2019

Saturday, December 7, 2019, dawned cold, crisp and clear. A few hearty souls, lined up at 8 am, stomping their feet and blowing into their hands, were outside the Christmas Dove waiting for trees to arrive or ornaments to appear. As more people arrived, trees began to pop up, lights were strung, and ornaments placed in strategic locations. Themed trees and wreaths were the word of the day, puzzles, legos, patriots,

homes, all donated by local organizations and businesses. The most popular, scratch tickets, gift certificates, and cash, all given to raise money for a good cause.

The cause, the Barrington Area Centennial Lions Club. This second annual event has grown, with over 35 entries this year. The event runs in 2 sections – from 8 to noon, tree and wreath setup; from 12 to 4 voting. By purchasing \$10 worth, people receive 25 tickets, which they then use to “vote” on their favorite tree or wreath. There were 4ft and under trees, over 4ft trees, and wreaths. At the end of the event, a lucky winner was drawn for every tree or wreath, and two donor awards were given – Best Tree and Best Wreath. Shown below, the Lion’s Club President, Wanda Walker with the People’s Choice Best Tree Winner, Hadden Fine Carpentry and People’s Choice Best Wreath, Partners in Health. Both winners were LEGO-themed!

At 1 pm, the Granite State Choral Society performed Christmas carols decked out with beautiful matching red scarves and festive attire.

All in all, the Festival of Trees was a great, family-friendly event. There was a drive for supplies for homeless teens, baked goods for donation, hot chocolate, and coffee provided as well. This is from Kris Pavlik, part of the leadership from the local Lions group:

“Kat - We wanted you to know that we had a successful tree festival and want to thank our new Leo’s group for all of their help, and the Christmas Dove for allowing us to hold our festival there, to everyone who donated a wreath or tree, and who donated to our collection for items for homeless teens, and to everyone who came out to see our wreaths and trees, share some hot cocoa and many laughs! All of the funds raised will be used to fund our Charitable activities within the community. Thank you so much for all of your continued support! Coffee. Soon!”

One of the best things about Barrington is how giving our local community organizations and businesses are – and how family-friendly our town is. We at Barrington Town News looks forward to next year and the growth of these wonderful local events.

2019 Barrington Soiree – 19 Years of Growth

By Kat Roedell – December 7th, 2019

There is something about the town of Barrington, a small-town feel in an internet world. Every December, many of the major community organizations gather around in the “Village Center” to participate in the Barrington Soiree. The Soiree is a community open house, outdoors and indoors, a gathering of locals who eat, chat, view, and investigate many of the offerings that Barrington has.

As we wandered through the stores, each little corner revealed something different – from authors inside Calef’s to the Historical Society with their raffle inside the Edward Jones office and artists throughout the Christmas Dove. Outside featured bonfires and little talking spaces – at booths and around the town firetruck, where little kids were idolizing their heroes!

There are three central gathering places at the Soiree – Calef’s Country Store, the Christmas Dove, and The Village Barn. Local merchants this year also included American Dream Stables, Elf Made, the Florist at Barrington Village, KCob Plumbing and Heating, The Barrington Chamber of Commerce, the Barrington

Local Artist Galler, ReRefined Art, Citizens Bank, Great View Landscaping, Bellaviso Salon and Edward Jones Investments. There were 5 food trucks/tents: Lexie's Burger Bus, Jeremy's Roadside Barbecue, Kozy's Pizza, Sausage Express, and the Barrington Recreation Department had a Cocoa and S'mores Tent. The Boy Scouts were selling Fried Dough Boys and Hot Cocoa, while the Girl Scouts offered hot cider. Each organization had something to do, buy or talk about!

Every booth had something to offer, from the Barrington Food Panty – giving away a free Santa picture with every donation received, to the Friends of the Barrington Public Library with raffle baskets. Other organizations represented included the Barrington Middle School with a Jazz Band performance on Calef's porch, the Barrington PTA with its famous discount card, the Barrington Historical Society, Special Olympics, the Police Department and Fire Departments, Lion's Club, End 68 Hours of Hunger, Barrington BYA and Blaze, the Elementary School, and Journey Church.

Everyplace we wandered last night had something to look at, explore and enjoy – running into old friends and meeting new people – the night was full of things to do. Next year is the 20th anniversary, so it will be a night to remember! If you plan on attending next year, bring some cash, gloves, warm shoes and appropriate weather gear – you will linger longer and enjoy the family-friendly community that Barrington has to offer.

Big Hit Media – “One of the best kept secrets in New Hampshire”

By Patrick R. McElhiney – December 3rd, 2019



Scot Villeneuve started Big Hit Media in 2004 after several years in corporate marketing with Cabletron Systems, AT&T and The Tracey Edwards Company – a large New Hampshire marketing firm. His vision was to take what he had learned and created a company that really focused on the client and their needs.

“We’re looking to build client relationships based on trust...”, said Villeneuve, and added that “it’s something that’s built over time.”

Some of Big Hit Media’s clients have been with the firm for nearly 15 years, such as Granite State Glass and L3 Insight Technology. The thing that keeps them coming back, is the good work, the results, but what it’s really about is the relationship.

Mr. Villeneuve explained an example – One day, Dave Ryan, VP of Sales & Marketing at Granite State Glass said he needed an advertisement designed, and Scot didn’t see the email immediately, and so he apologized. Mr. Ryan laughed and said that it was alright because if he needed it done right away, Dave knew Big Hit Media would have been on it; that’s how strong the relationship is.

Over the years, Big Hit Media has served national clients such as ESPN Books, L3 Communications, iParty, Willis Insurance, and Long Term Care Partners. They also represent local clients, including Turbocam, TimberNook, Lake Sunapee Bank, When Pigs Fly Bread, and George Calef's Fine Foods.

Since 2004, Big Hit Media has developed over 1,000 websites, including their own that states "Nice people, great work, good advice." Their tagline is "Good at what we do," and that pretty much sums up Big Hit Media.

An interview set for LTC Partners Mr. Villeneuve's company offers Website Development, Social Media Marketing, Graphic Design, Business and Sales Consulting, Content Creation, Marketing Strategy, Print Ads, Video & Radio Production, and so much more.

"We don't like to just put a new facade on a website or ad campaign for the sake of making it look fresh," said Villeneuve. "We want to identify the business goals of an organization, and customize the strategy to achieve those goals."

People understand what advertising is, and they know what digital marketing is. The thing that differentiates Big Hit Media, is they can provide guidance as a business advisor to clients. That could take the form of retail sales strategies, Online sales strategies, and it could also take the shape of positioning a company in the marketplace.

"We've helped established companies that have grown significantly to refocus their identity via mission, vision, and positioning exercises, a methodology that Big Hit Media has developed over the years.

Cujo, the Big Hit Chihuahua What Big Hit Media seeks to do, is to simply state the mission, vision, and position of the company. That's the foundation for all messaging, and it guides business decisions. Even if the company has been around for 100 years, it doesn't mean they can't make improvements, according to Villeneuve.

He said, sometimes you must examine the "why we do this" because the "we've always done it this way" is not an acceptable reason. "Why do we spend \$60,000 a year on this radio station?" to which Big Hit Media asks the question "Is this ad-spend yielding the maximum return on investment?"

Villeneuve explained, "There's the business, analytic, and consulting side of what we do, but that's just one part." He added, "The other part is the creative design, and imagination component." He said, "I like to consider ourselves artists and content creators – that's really the 'golden goose' of our business." Villeneuve added that there wouldn't be any 'soul' in his work without that creativity and imagination.

What do we see for the future?

"We know the technology is going to change – that's a given. What isn't going to change is our creative thinking and our commitment to clients," said Villeneuve. "We're constantly pitching ideas to our clients to make their businesses better."

Villeneuve continued, "We see emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence-based marketing, business intelligence, and data analytics as tools and tremendous opportunities to grow our client's market share."

“With our creativity, methods, and most importantly, our client relationships, I see Big Hit Media continuing to grow and I am really excited about the future,” Villeneuve concluded with a smile.

For more information about Big Hit Media, reach out to them at info@bighitmedia.com, visit their website at www.bighitmedia.com, call Scot Villeneuve directly at 603-834-6300, and visit the old fire station building on the corner of Route 9 and Mallego Road at 644 Franklin Pierce Highway, Barrington, New Hampshire 03825.

Private Roads Not Receiving 10% Adjustment from Town

By Patrick R. McElhiney – December 3rd, 2019

Through additional research into the issue of private road taxes with the NH Private Road Taxpayers Alliance, we have found that part of Town Administrator Conner MacIver’s statement, which he gave on October 11th, 2019, is factually incorrect.

He stated:

“For a piece of property on a Class VI or private road, the land value is reduced by 10%.”

According to the State of New Hampshire, Class VI roads are public roads that are no longer maintained by the Town. We found that properties that are accessed via Class VI roads consistently get a 10% adjustment in the Site Field of Barrington’s property cards, but Private roads do not get the 10% adjustment. There is nothing private about a Class VI road – they are two completely different types of roads, but what they have in common is that neither of them is maintained by the Town.

During our investigation, we asked the Town Administrator why Private Roads and Class VI Roads receive the 10% adjustment, and he responded:

“Every appraisal is an opinion of market value. Achieving fair market value is the only goal of an assessment. Whether that opinion is from a private appraiser as part of a home purchase or the Town’s Assessor. In many cases, the Assessor’s opinion of a property on a road not maintained by the Town is a reduction in market value.”

Mr. MacIver could have corrected his statement of October 11 and set the record straight by admitting that Private Roads do not get the same Site adjustment as their Class VI counterparts, but he missed the opportunity.

We also asked Mr. MacIver about 10 properties that are accessed via Private Paved Roads, and why they didn’t get the 10% adjustment. The properties were:

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| 1. 12 Covenant Way | 6. 24 Colcord Rd |
| 2. 13 Colcord Rd | 7. 32 Chapman Dr |
| 3. 16 Birch Ln | 8. 40 Chapman Dr |
| 4. 17 Breezy Way | 9. 60 Breezy Way |
| 5. 18 Bryson Dr | 10. 99 Mendums Landing Rd |

His response to this evidence was a long, dramatic explanation about what the Assessor does, and the appraisal value of the property and he even mentioned the Superior Court, rather than admitting that his claim of a 10% reduction for properties located on Private Roads was incorrect. So we gave him two opportunities to correct the record, and he did not take advantage of either one.

Nearly 52% of all the roads in Barrington, when categorized by name and type, are Private Roads – roads that don't receive plowing or road maintenance from the Town. Since Private Road Taxpayers represent the majority of taxpayers in Barrington, NH, we believe they should be asking the question of why Class VI Roads get a 10% adjustment for their Road Class, but Private Roads (which they were told get the same adjustment) do not.

For those interested in political action on Private Road Taxation, the New Hampshire Private Road Taxpayers Alliance can be contacted at nhpvrta@gmail.com.

Cassie Levesque's fight to end Child Marriage in New Hampshire is not over

By Ginna Schonwald – November 25th, 2019



Representative Cassie Levesque of Barrington has worked hard to end child marriage in NH. As a result of her efforts, she has been successful in getting a bill passed in New Hampshire raising the minimum age that children can marry to 16 for both girls and boys (up from 13 years old for girls and 14 years old for boys). But it is not enough, Levesque says. Though the federal government set the marriage age at 18, most states allow children to marry at 16 or 17 and some allow children to marry as young as 12.

“We don't allow children to do many things such as voting, driving, drinking, smoking because they do not have the legal capacity to understand the ramifications of such undertakings,” Levesque explains. “A 16 or 17-year-old doesn't fully understand the medical complications of unsafe sex. They do not realize that maternal conditions and HIV/AIDS are some of the highest reasons for teen mortality so what we really need to do is to turn that question around and ask why would we continue to have a law that would allow children to become victims of these things.”

Research into child marriage started as a Girl Scout project for Levesque but soon became a passion. She knew about the devastating consequences of child marriage from her own family history. “My great-grandmother was 16 when she married my great-grandfather who was 49. It was during my research that I found out the effects of child marriage and then realized that my family has been dealing with these effects for at least two generations, if not more. We are talking about almost one hundred years of people affected by one marriage,” Levesque says.

Levesque refers to research by an organization called Unchained at Last, which shows many devastating consequences of child marriage, including serious health complications like HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, poverty, and an early end to their education. This can leave child brides without the

skills and resources to support themselves when a marriage ends in divorce, as between 70% and 80% of marriages before the age of 18 do.

A girl in the U.S. who marries young is 31% more likely to live in poverty when she is older, according to statistics gathered by Unchained at Last. The organization estimates that over 248,000 child marriages took place in the U.S. from 2000 to 2010. Of these, most were girls married to adult men.

Add to all of this that many girls and some boys are forced or coerced into child marriage by adults as a result of religious or cultural expectations. Often these marriages are to a much older partner who the child does not even know. Often the child is subjected to brutal physical and sexual abuse in the relationship. Though forced marriage is considered a human rights violation in the U.S., Unchained at Last notes that only 10 states have legislation that directly addresses forced marriage.

“Currently, I am working with Unchained At Last to establish a coalition to end child marriage in New Hampshire,” Levesque says. “I would encourage anyone who wants to join in advocating to end child marriage to write to our state officials and encourage them to learn more about child marriage and to vote to end it here in NH.”

Barrington Man Pleads Guilty to Production of Child Pornography

By Ginna Schonwald – November 16th, 2019

A 39-year-old Barrington resident, Thomas Whitney, has pled guilty in federal court to the production of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Scott W. Murray announced recently. Whitney was charged with creating visual depictions of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct using a cell phone. The charges, which involve a 5-year-old child, happened on or before September 19, 2018. Whitney is scheduled to be sentenced on January 13, 2020.

“Mr. Whitney is finally accepting responsibility for his heinous actions – coercing a 5-year-old child into sexually explicit conduct,” said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, the special agent in charge of the FBI Boston division. “The FBI will continue to do everything in its power to stop children from being exploited and bring to justice those responsible for terrorizing them.”

According to the terms of a plea bargain agreement between Whitney and Assistant U.S. Attorney Anna Krasinski, the prosecuting attorney, Whitney could serve up to 16.5 years in federal prison. With the acceptance of the plea bargain agreement, Whitney has waived his right to both a jury trial and an appeal of the case. A federal judge will determine his final sentence. Whitney remains in custody pending his sentencing hearing.

Whitney will be subject to federal and state sex offender registration requirements when he is released from prison to ensure his current address, employment information, and other relevant personal information are provided to authorities.

According to the City-Data.com website, there are 18 registered sex offenders in Barrington, as of November 16, 2019. You can access the list of offenders and their addresses at their website here: <http://www.city-data.com/so/so-Barrington-New-Hampshire.html>.

In a recent article in Seacoast Online magazine, the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) reported 425 investigations and 56 arrests between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019, compared to 202 investigations and 27 arrests during the same time period from 2017 to 2018.

“It is never-ending,” John Peracchi, commander of the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force reportedly said. “The number of investigations we’ve had, the number of arrests we’ve had, all increased by more than 100%. We have search warrants backed up, ready to go.”

A September 2019 NY Times article notes an even more alarming nationwide statistic. “Last year, tech companies reported over 45 million online photos and videos of children being sexually abused — more than double what they found the previous year.” The article notes that despite the passage of federal legislation to combat child sexual abuse in 2008 (The Protect our Children Act of 2008), the prevalence of these images have overwhelmed law enforcement efforts to identify and prosecute the perpetrators.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, reports receiving over 42.9 million reports of suspected child sexual abuse as of November 2018. NCMEC provides educational materials to help educate children and families about how to protect themselves at two websites: Netsmartz (<https://www.missingkids.org/NetSmartz>) and KidSmartz (<https://www.kidsmartz.org/>). NCMEC also operates a Cyber Tipline for the public to report incidents of suspected child sexual exploitation at <https://report.cybertip.org/>.

Barrington Library Provides Connections for Teens and Families

By Ginna Schonwald – November 14th, 2019



Francesca Ferguson is an 8th grader at Barrington Middle School who is looking forward to the new Barrington Public Library and Community Center, which she hopes will be approved by voters this coming March. The reason? The library is really crowded!

“The library staff is really nice and they do amazing with what they have, but they really need more space,” Francesca says. “One time my friends and I went to the library to work on a project after school. The Lego Club was using the children’s room, so we couldn’t work there. A Mahjong Club was using the tables. The library was so crowded that we had to go into a back corner to find a place to work. It’s such a small space,” Francesca says. “It’s hard for it to accommodate so many people.”

Francesca and her family use the library a lot. She has participated in 4-H Science programs, summer craft programs, summer reading program, babysitting classes (where she got CPR certified), a Dungeons and Dragons Club, an Escape Room program, and more. Francesca has

worked as a volunteer at the library, too, helping out with 3-5-year-old storytimes.

“I love volunteering to help with story hour – it’s great to see the little kids and help them with crafts. It feels really rewarding to see their faces,” Francesca says.

With two younger siblings, Francesca has lots of experience working with young kids. Her mom, Laurie Ferguson attended lap-sit story hour with all three children. “That’s where all my friendships in this town happened,” Laurie says. “It’s a place to connect with your community and find your peeps.”

The library has also been a place for both her and her family to broaden their horizons. “Francesca found out about the Dungeons and Dragons Club and she wanted to try it. Dave [a former library staffer] took the time to teach her all she needed to know to get started. The club welcomed her in. Opportunities like that let kids learn things that they might not ever have access to otherwise.” Laurie says.

During the summer, Francesca goes to the library 2-3 times a week and during the school year, she gets there as often as she can. “Sometimes if the school doesn’t have a book that I want to read, I’ll ask my mom to get it at the town library.” If the town library doesn’t have the book, they can get it for her on InterLibrary Loan, so that she doesn’t have to buy the book to read it. And Francesca reads a lot of books!

Both mom and daughter agree that the Barrington Public Library is about more than books though. It’s really all about connecting with others. “You can connect to people who have the same interests as you,” Laurie notes. “Now Francesca knows this whole other group of kids that she would probably have never known. It has expanded her social connections – made them more diverse.”

The current Barrington Public Library, at 3,740 square feet is about 1/3 the recommended size for our town’s population. “Right now, they don’t have space for new books, which means that every time they get one they have to get rid of one,” Laurie says. With more than 560 programs and 46,000 visits per year, there is simply not enough room for the current demand. Francesca is looking forward to the library having a space for teens. “When we have group projects, we often have to get together outside of school to work on them. The library is a great place to meet because it’s a central gathering point for us and we can find (the) information we need for our projects.” But, Francesca notes, sometimes the computers are all in use and the children’s room is in use. With the new library, there will be room for everyone.

“When we lost power and didn’t have the internet, my mom could go there to get her work done. It’s a great place to get work done, to hang out and read, and to work on projects,” Francesca notes.

“It all centers around (the) community. It’s really a community space.”

More about the Proposed Barrington Public Library and Community Center

The proposed new Barrington Public Library and Community Center will be about 3 ½ times the size of the current space with 13,120 square feet. It will include a community room with space for up to 100 people in addition to a craft room, a quiet study room, and a conference room for 10-12 adults. The project is expected to serve the needs of the town for at least 50 years to come. Nearly half a million dollars in donations and pledges have been received to help cover the cost of the new building. In March of 2020, voters will be asked to approve a \$4.7 million bond for 15 years to cover the projected costs of the new facility. This cost equals approximately \$36 per 100,000 of assessed value for Barrington property owners.

American Legion Post 114 Veterans Day Ceremony

By Patrick R. McElhiney – November 11th, 2019

First Seacoast Bank and Nippo Lake Golf Club provided a free lunch for attendees at the American Legion Post 114 in Barrington.

Today, Americans respect and honor all veterans, whether they be active duty, reserves, retired, or deceased. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their service, which is duty bigger than oneself. Because they are brave, we are the home of the free, and the collective reputation provides reassurance that the protection of the United States will be eternal and that the greatness of our nation that we cherish each day will forever be preserved. The sacrifices that veterans make when they sign up to serve the military are notable – they give up the opportunity of having profitable careers in the private industry, often to face war in hostile places that could result in injury or death, all to serve and protect the U.S. Constitution.

Veterans give up blood and treasure to guard this nation, in order to ensure there is no end, and that we will never surrender our rights and our freedoms. We are indebted to their civility, their bravery, and their security – wherever they go, their reputation precedes them. Each veteran is distinct for their own courageous and heroic efforts to protect this great country. They are unafraid and unfeared of doing their job, which is probably the hardest thing they've ever done. It is important that we recognize them for their valor, and celebrate their glory each and every day. Each time you see a veteran, tell them, "Thank you for your service!"

Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, is a day to celebrate veterans who have served in the Armed Forces, on the anniversary of the Armistice with Germany at the 11th Hour, on the 11th Day, of the 11th Month, which marked the end of World War I in 1918. Veterans Day celebrates all veterans, not to be confused with Memorial Day, which honors those who have died while in military service. Armistice Day was renamed to Veterans Day in 1954.

It should also be noted that the U.S. Marine Corps celebrated its 244th Birthday yesterday, November 10th, 2019, the day before Veterans Day.

The American Legion placed 300 flags on the graves of veterans this year, with the help of Barrington Cub Scout Troop 358. There are about 120-250 cemeteries in Barrington that have veteran graves on private land. Esther Sawyer, President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit at Post 114 said that if a veteran needs something, they take up the request. They recently donated books to the Barrington Library, after finding out that there was only one book about veterans there. One of the books was written by someone in Rochester, New Hampshire.

Spouses of veterans can now become members of the Auxiliary Unit, which has been around about as long as the American Legion Post 114. In June, there will be a picnic to help raise funds for veterans. The mission of the organization is to support veterans and their families. For veterans in the community, if they need something, they should contact the American Legion. The organization is comprised of more than 2.1 million wartime veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Auxiliary Unit is comprised of 1 million members, the nation's largest patriotic women's association. And there are also 360,000 Sons of the American Legion, which are male descendants of U.S. wartime veterans.

There are more than 13,500 local posts worldwide. Members have served in Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon, Vietnam, Korea, and World War II. Some of the services that the American Legion provides through its local post include:

- Representing at no cost veterans and their families seeking VA disability and medical benefits.
- Volunteerism at VA medical facilities.
- Providing financial assistance to needy military and veteran families with young children at home.
- Awarding college scholarships to children of U.S. servicemembers killed while on active duty since the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001.
- Educating school children on such topics as flag respect, military service, history, and patriotism.
- Providing & distributing U.S. flags for the graves of American military personnel laid to rest at overseas cemeteries.
- Participating in patriotic observances and events around the world each year at the local, state, national, and international levels.
- Handling honor guard services and memorial tributes for fallen personnel and veterans, from individual funerals to memorial dedications.

For more information, please visit www.americanlegionpost114.com.

New Barrington Town Hall Builders Selected

By Patrick R. McElhiney – October 30th, 2019

Careno Construction has been selected as the building firm for the new Town Hall project. Careno was one of four firms to respond to the Request for Qualifications. According to their presentation, Careno Construction “has a wealth of experience delivering contracting projects through each phase of construction. We are fully licensed, bonded, insured and provide construction services for new construction and renovations from small to large projects with a proven track record of getting projects on time and under budget.”

Careno Construction will manage all aspects of the Barrington Town Hall project from Design through Construction to ensure a successfully delivered project. The new building will be designed to be oriented for and carry the weight of new solar panels. According to the plan, the project will be completed by September 2020, in which the construction phase will take 7 months. There will be 9,900 ft² of space in the building.

The company will use Port One Architects to design the building, Civil Consultants for structural engineering, and Robert Cummings & Associates for fire protection. Subcontractors will include A.E. Lemire Co for HVAC & Plumbing, Yankee Electric for electrical, A-1 Foundations for concrete foundations, White Diamond for painting, and Carter Sprinkler for fire protection.

Benjamin Careno will be the project executive for the Town of Barrington’s Town Hall Project, and his role will be coordinating the Careno Construction management team overseeing estimating, scheduling, accounting and documentation. Ben has successfully project managed multiple Municipal - Design-Build Projects in the area.

Todd Harrington is a Project Manager with Careno Construction, that will be responsible for all phases of project management including managing daily activities, changes, financials, logistics, and estimating. With a background in Architecture as well as Construction; Todd can foresee many potential issues early in the planning stages, ask the right questions, and in most cases propose a solution.

Don Boisvert will be the Site Superintendent. He has extensive experience as a Project Superintendent on numerous Municipal Private and Academic Projects including UNH Whittemore Center Dehumidification, UNH Field House Heat Exchanger, UNH Goss Southwest Wing, among many others. He has a very strong mechanical project background, having completed major chiller, AHU and process piping projects.

UNH Named Center of Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by NSA, DHS **By Patrick R. McElhiney – October 23rd, 2019**

DURHAM, N.H.—The University of New Hampshire has been designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE) by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. UNH is the first institution in the state to earn this prestigious designation, which recognizes the university's commitment to cybersecurity education.

"This designation acknowledges that New Hampshire's flagship public institution is on the forefront of workforce development for the high-demand cybersecurity field" said Mike Decelle, dean of UNH Manchester. "UNH is proud to be a leader in cybersecurity education, which is crucial to the future of national security."

Developing a cybersecurity workforce is an important part of the White House's national cyber strategy. Karen Leuschner, national CAE program manager for the National Security Agency, noted in the designation award letter that education is key to building a highly-skilled cybersecurity workforce. "(UNH's) ability to meet the increasing demands of the program criteria will serve the nation well in contributing to the protection of the National Information Infrastructure."

UNH earned the designation based on its homeland security bachelor's degree, quality faculty, student activity in cybersecurity competitions and outreach to share cyber defense expertise with other organizations. In addition to homeland security, UNH offers a bachelor's degree in computer science with a concentration in cybersecurity and master's degrees in cybersecurity engineering and cybersecurity policy and risk management (CPRM).

To further cultivate future cybersecurity leaders and to more broadly engage relevant communities, UNH created the UNH Center for Cybersecurity Leadership, Education, and Outreach (CCLEO) to focus on cybersecurity education and training as well as external outreach and support to businesses and government agencies in New Hampshire and beyond.

Maeve Dion, assistant professor of security studies and coordinator of UNH's fully online CPRM program, says the center will highlight faculty and student research, offer opportunities for collaboration and provide cybersecurity resources for academia and industry.

“CCLEO will offer resources to manage strategic and mission risks, ensure better resilience, establish comprehensive and efficient policies and design effective systems for responding to cybersecurity incidents,” Dion said.

On the technical side, CCLEO will help engineering and computer science students develop the skills needed to build security into software, devices, and networks.

Experiential learning is also incorporated into the programs. James Ramsay, professor of security studies, says students in these programs use capstone projects, course assignments, and internships to contribute to the cybersecurity and digital resilience of both private and public sector organizations, which better prepares students to be successful after graduation.

SELT: Stonehouse Forest Grand Opening

By Patrick R. McElhiney – October 20th, 2019



This article covered the grand opening of Stonehouse Forest in Barrington, New Hampshire on October 19th, 2019.

There was a warm welcome of applause at Stonehouse Forest’s Grand Opening. For the past two years, the site of Stonehouse Forest has been active with SELT volunteers, who sometimes refer to themselves as “goats”, to create trails and get ready for the Grand Opening that was on October 19th, 2019. They closed escrow on the property in late December 2017 and then started working with private consultants. NH Fish & Game had a new tool to ensure that the trails they were about to create were friendly to the wildlife. This meant locating the trails away from water bodies, where wildlife often feed and graze.

“It’s about celebrating Stonehouse Forest”, said Brian Hart, the director of the project. He added, “It’s not a secret anymore...”, which was evident by the more than 100 people that showed up for the event.

SELT serves 52 communities in southeastern New Hampshire, including 99% of New Hampshire’s Coastal Watershed. Their mission is to protect and sustain the significant lands in our communities for clean water, outdoor recreation, fresh food, wildlife, and healthy forests.

According to Duane Hyde, there are about 11 miles of trails on the property now. This allows people to do all-day hikes at the property. He said he didn't use to see anyone out there, but now that there are parking lots, he's seen groups of 3-4 people walking through often.

At the grand opening event, there were three separate hikes of varying difficulty, one of which we covered which was based on the archeology at Stonehouse Forest. There was an intermediate hike, in addition to a more advanced hike to the cliffs of Stonehouse Pond and Black Gum Swamp, also called Tupelo. The Tupelo trees are very old, and some are very large. The oldest they've found was 460 years old when Shakespeare was born.

The swamp was designated exemplary by the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau. The name "Stonehouse Pond" comes from the granite cliff. The whole landscape was shaped by glaciers. It's possible to see scratches that run parallel to where the glacier retreated historically in some locations on the property, such as the tops of the cliffs.

SELT partnered with the Town of Barrington and NH Fish & Game to create the trails. They've spent around 2,000 volunteer hours between 9 volunteers to create the trails. SELT also maintains other properties, such as the Tucker French Forest, Piscassie Greenway in Newfields, Burley Farms in Epping, as well as the Mast Road Natural Area in Epping.

SELT recently acquired 2,000 acres in New Durham near Merrymeeting Lake. There will be a grand opening for that as well, in around 1 ½ years. Stonehouse Forest is around 1,700 acres. Duane Hyde said, "They missed a great opportunity, but the opportunity is still here!", noting that Stonehouse Forest will be open during the winter. SELT is currently looking for someone to volunteer to plow the parking lots during the winter.

Stonehouse Forest is open for hunting of Deer, Moose, and Turkey during hunting season.

Sam Reid, a SELT official, said, "We need more people to come out here."

Barrington Fire & Ambulance Open House

By Patrick R. McElhiney – October 12th, 2019



This page pertains to the Barrington Fire & Ambulance Open House on Saturday, October 12th, 2019.

Barrington Fire & Ambulance had its annual open house on Saturday, October 12th, 2019. It's usually scheduled around Fire Prevention Week – they've been doing it for 30 years for the kids, and to show parents how their tax dollars are spent. Smokey the bear showed up today at the 75th Anniversary of the Barrington Fire Association, which was originally started in 1944. The current

building was built in 2000, when the previous building, now the headquarters of Big Hit Media, was sold.

The weather played a factor in people not showing up today, as well as it being a long vacation weekend with Columbus Day on Monday. Rick Walker, the Fire Chief, said “We’re always here for the kids to get in the trucks...”, extending an open-door policy to the public, anytime.

Back in 1944, the Fire Association was organized, and the cemetery gave them a small piece of land. They started doing fundraisers, got the original Fire Department building built, and over the years, the Select Men continued to put more money into it. The Fire Association is still active today.

There were many artifacts of the history of Barrington’s Fire Department on display today. There was a picture of an aircraft observation shack taken at a site near the current library building, where the firemen would go up and monitor for planes during World War II. Another picture depicted a barn auction fundraiser in the early 1950s.

There were phones at various locations in Barrington, and a document showing the phone tree showed that Harlan Calef and Roger Calef were responsible for calling Group 1, while Fred Timm and William Fearon were responsible for calling Group 2. The groups consisted of firefighters that would be contacted in an event of a fire.

Upon a shelf overhead, on display was one of the first portable radios that the Town ever got. A grey box with an antenna was a radio leftover from the military in the late 1950s. A more modern black radio was still used in 1978 when Chief Walker first started working there. What the Fire Chief referred to as an “Indian Tank” was a brass backpack water tank that they got from a forestry grant, which was used to put out brush fires.

There was a disc containing a map identical to a map that was used on Blue Job Mountain, that they would call and tell what part of the grid the fire was on. A red telegraph was on display, which was used by the public. They would pull a lever down to set off an air horn on top of the fire station. It was like what larger cities had on telegraph poles, each having a specific code that would indicate which one had been activated. They didn’t have them in that configuration in Barrington, because it was too small, but in those days, people didn’t have phones.

Barrington Fire & Ambulance has two front-line engines that each carry 1000 gallons of water. Their tanker truck can carry 2000 gallons of water. There’s foam on one of the fire engines, but not enough to put out an aircraft fire. There has never been an aircraft fire in Barrington, but if there was, the fire crews at Pease would respond. The probability of an aircraft crash is so low that the Town doesn’t need an engine carrying thousands of gallons of foam, and fighting aircraft fires requires special training.

There are two ambulances, and a rescue truck that has cutters and spreaders used to get victims out of car crashes. There were demonstrations showing people what they can do to get victims out of mangled up cars. The cutters and spreaders use a hydraulic system that can even be detached from the main fire engine if a vehicle goes into a ditch or off the side of a road.

They served a cake, and Boy Scout Troop 358 had a BBQ fundraiser. The Fire Department is the sponsor organization of both the Boy Scouts Troop 358 and Girl Scouts Troop 58011. Every troop needs a sponsor in the community, and the Boy Scouts were having the BBQ to fundraise so they could buy equipment needed for camping and hiking trips. Both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are for ages 11 through 18.

According to Ethan Frankiewicz, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, there are 15 members currently in the Boy Scouts Troop 358. They have a camping trip next month with the Cub Scouts, and in November, they will help put together food baskets for Thanksgiving. There will be a food drive for the Barrington Food Pantry, hosted by both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Boy Scouts have an outing every month, such as a camping or hiking trip, and the program is year-round.

According to Girl Scout Master Marianne Doane, there are 6 members in the Girl Scouts Troop 58011. They were at the event selling baked goods, fundraising so they can buy equipment they need for their hiking trips. They will also go bowling a month from now. They just started up the Girl Scouts Troop 58011 in April and they've already been hiking and camping since then. They will host the Trunk or Treat next weekend, and they will be scouting for food for the Barrington Food Pantry with the Boy Scouts.

The Girl Scouts have a cooking activity at the upcoming Soiree being hosted by Calef's Country Store, the Christmas Dove, The Village Barn, Elfmade, Edward Jones, and Doves Florist. It will be on Friday, December 6th from 5 PM – 8 PM. The Girl Scouts will also go cabin camping, winter camping, they will build sleds and go sledding, and they will be doing some ice fishing in the winter.

Barrington Highway Department Open House

By Patrick R. McElhiney – October 7th, 2019



The Barrington Highway Department had its open house on Saturday, October 5th, 2019 from 8 am to 3 pm. The event was kid-friendly, with numerous items in a raffle, including a lot of toy trucks for kids, gift cards to local businesses, and gift baskets – each visitor got 1 free raffle ticket. We've attached all the files that were given out regarding the Highway Department to the bottom of this article. There was also other information given out, such as information about the recycling center, and information about Dig Safe. We will upload those materials at some time in the future in a members-only area

where registered users will be able to download documents from the Town and other local organizations.

The Barrington Highway Department is responsible for all Town designated plowing, road paving, and mowing, excluding on private roads. From what we have gathered, we feel the Town of Barrington is spending our tax dollars wisely. Barrington owns and maintains most of the equipment that they use. Compared to the City of Dover, which contacts out all its road paving work, the Town of Barrington saves a lot of money by investing in the future of the Department and its employees.

One of the major reasons why Dover, NH subcontracts road paving work is to avoid having to pay into employee pension programs, but if you've ever traveled to many parts of Dover, you'll notice that Barrington's roads are kept much better than Dover's roads because of the cost of subcontracting paving work is so high. It's much cheaper in the long run to employ a staff of people that can do this type of work for the Town of Barrington.

According to the Town of Barrington Highway Department, it is the goal and intent of the town to provide timely and effective snow and ice removal on the town's roadways for safety, and for the benefit of the town's residents, and the general motoring public. This is achieved by executing the procedures and tasks outlined in the Town of Barrington's Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy. However, it is not possible for the Town to achieve ice-free surfaces on all roadways during a storm.

Each plow route takes four hours or less to complete, so storms that result in heavy snowfall or freezing rainstorms are a big challenge. The direction of all winter maintenance activities for the Town of Barrington is vested in the Road Agent, Marc Moreau. Mr. Moreau said, "If the amount of acorns is any indication, there should be a moderate winter or worse." He said that nature arranges for food sources for the animals for tough winters.

Marc said that every resident should come and get two buckets of salt and sand, which is provided for free by the Town of Barrington. He said it's important for residents to clean out culverts and buy some good shovels to prepare for the winter. Mr. Moreau said that drivers should avoid driving during winter storms, and he said that drivers should never follow large trucks too close because ice can come off the truck and potentially kill you.

The main purpose of the Open House was to acquaint residents with the facilities and equipment of the town. Marc said it's important for residents to see how their tax dollars are being spent, and he said there's an open-door policy at the Highway Department – that residents are welcome there anytime. To residents that didn't make the event, Marc said, "You don't know what you're missing" and to "try again next year."

We also spoke with Erin Paradis, who is a Support Assistant at the Highway Department, about NH Alerts, which a brochure being handed out at the Open House said that it reports criminal activity. We found this to be inaccurate, so we're following-up with the State of New Hampshire about this issue. Erin said there's usually only an alert when there's inclement weather, including some storms. She said it's only an alert when the State of New Hampshire puts the alert out – local jurisdictions don't currently have any ability to put out alerts with the system. We'd like to see the Town of Barrington, and other towns be able to report their critical events to the system as well, so that, for an example, if a criminal is on the loose in Barrington, NH, it would alert residents to keep their doors locked and call the Police if they see the suspect. This type of community involvement would really benefit the State of New Hampshire.

We asked the Road Agent, Mr. Moreau, why it's so important for all Barrington residents to have an emergency plan, and he said, "New Hampshire is prone to erratic outbursts of severe weather." He also spoke about flash flooding, stating that "The water doesn't have the places to go that it used to" because of all the development that has occurred in Barrington. He also said a portable generator to run your house in case of electrical outages is huge.

We asked the Road Agent of the Town of Barrington if there's a process for residents on private roads to get the Town to take over the road maintenance and he said, "Private roads are private roads – [the Town

of Barrington] can't take over any maintenance on private roads at this point." We'll be doing a follow-up piece on the private road tax issue later this month, that will hopefully explain how residents on private roads are taxed by the Town of Barrington, and what those additional tax funds are being used for since road maintenance is not being provided.

To download all of the flyers that were handed out at this event, go to the Barrington Highway Department Downloads and the Recycling Center Downloads.

Calef's Country Store Celebrates 150th Anniversary

By Patrick R. McElhiney – September 7th, 2019



BARRINGTON, N.H. - Joel Sherburne has been working for Calef's Country Store for over 60 years, as the store celebrated its 150th birthday on Saturday. Joel thanked the Calef's family, previous owners, and the new owners that have all made his life so memorable. The store is famous for its cheddar cheese, as Joel said, "Every bite, it tastes just right!" He also thanked the Calef's team that runs the store so well. Most of all, Joel connected on a personal level with hundreds of customers that gathered under a tent next to the store. He also said that Calef's will be just as great for the next 150 years.

The entire crowd sang the "Happy Birthday" song to the store and there was a cake cutting with the Governor of New Hampshire, Chris Sununu, who posed with Joel and the owners. Everyone was offered a commemorative cupcake to celebrate the event, as there was not enough cake to feed the entire crowd.

It was the first time I had met Joel, even though I had been to Calef's many times before. He asked who I was, and I told him I owned the new newspaper, Barrington Town News. He looked perplexed, and then when I explained that it was an online newspaper, he said he "doesn't do online". So, I told him I'd make a print edition just for him. Joel was serving cheese at Calef's before the Desktop Computer was invented. Now people have smartphones, that are faster than the computers that existed at the time Joel started working there, which were at that time about the size of the current Calef's building. It's hard to imagine how the times have changed – Calef's existed before the Internet was invented.

The nostalgia of the store hasn't faded over time, as evident by the crowd size at this event. There were antique cars parked in front of Calef's today, and it's hard to believe that every car on the streets back then once looked like them.

There was old-time music played by Carolyn & Friends, which plays Bluegrass, Gospel, and Country music. Joel asked them to play the Goodnight Irene song, that he sang along to. He jokingly requested it to be

played in the key of “L” – musical keys only range from “A” to “G”. Musical instruments played by the band included a Banjo, a Guitar, String Bass, Violin, Harmonica, and a Tambourine.

There was a raffle, where several people won peanut butter cups, NECCO and Mary Janes, a Breakfast Box, a six-pack of root beer, and a cheese box. People bought raffle tickets, and the proceeds were donated to a local non-profit. One person won two items.

If you want to see Joel again, he’ll arrive in the police force escorted tractor at the Rochester Fair on September 12th, 2019. Ernie Landry has known Joel for 12 years and was there taking pictures of him shaking people’s hands. He said Joe arrived in a rented helicopter at the Rochester Fair before. He always gets a hat that said Fair Ambassador, according to Ernie. Joel added that he’s the Lighthouse President, which I had recently read about in a book about Calef’s that you can purchase at the store.

The way that the community came together today was amazing, and we hope to see more events like this in the future in Barrington, New Hampshire. For now, you can continue to stock up on cheese and other supplies at Calef’s Country Store, as I did today. It’s a place that people will continue to bring visitors to from around the world, and perhaps many years from now, people will be reading about the memories that happened at this event at the 300th Anniversary Event. Who knows, maybe there will be spaceships flying overhead, but the consensus is that Calef’s Country Store will still be in business just like it started out 150 years ago.

Barrington Village Festival – Let’s Do It Again!

By Patrick R. McElhiney – September 7th, 2019



BARRINGTON, N.H. – Over 50 vendors were present at the Barrington Village Festival on Saturday, which was hosted by the Greater Barrington Chamber of Commerce. Several people voiced that Barrington should have more events like this one in the future. If you couldn’t make it, we’ve put together a wrap-up of all of the non-profit organizations that were present. The Calef’s 150th Anniversary event will be covered in a separate article.

Lions Club

The Lion’s Club of Barrington was present, which has around 30 members from the community. They regularly meet at the American Legion every other Wednesday. They collect food for the food pantry, collect eyeglasses from our community, and provide free eye screenings to all students at the Early Childhood Learning Center.

The Lion’s Club has started the Leo’s Club, which is run by students ages 12-18. They meet at the Middle School every Tuesday after school, and there’s a late bus that students can still catch after the meeting. They help with other non-profit organizations such as Toys for Tots and 68 Hours of Hunger, in addition

to providing drug awareness to students, and running a clothes drive. The students gain community service and valuable skills including teamwork and development skills. Over 35 students have signed up so far and even homeschooled students of the age group can sign up and attend their meetings. Leo's Club is free to join – for more information, visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/about-leos>

Cornerstone VNA

Cornerstone VNA is a healthcare provider in Rochester NH that offers Telehealth, Maternal Wellness & Pediatric Care, Life Care, and Palliative Care Services to Barrington 37 other surrounding communities. They run a venue in Lee, NH called Flag Hill that helps raise money for people that can't afford to pay for healthcare services. They also offer support groups in Farmington, Newington, and will soon offer a group in Alton as well.

Cornerstone VNA has been offering Telehealth services for 20 years now, which is a way for people with computers such as tablets to talk to a doctor from home for free. They don't get reimbursed for the services they provide – they get grant funding as a non-profit organization.

There's an annual silent auction to benefit the organization at Flag Hill Distillery & Winery in Lee, NH on October 3rd, 2019. You'll enjoy oeuvres, a wine tasting, a sweet treat raffle, entertainment, and bid on great silent auction items. The items will include handmade items, locally made products, and gift certificates from your favorite restaurants and businesses.

Wildlife Encounters

This ecology center and farm school in Barrington have a building site on Beauty Hill Rd that consists of 77 acres of land that they hope to turn into a place where the community can learn about nature and animals. They are currently applying with the Zoning Board to convert the land into facilities, including a barn and a greenhouse. Parking and a detention pond have also been proposed, but it's too soon to tell if the Town will allow animals and unregulated pets, such as parrots, on the premise. The community wants them to be in Barrington, but currently, they'd have to transport the animals to the Barrington location every day, as the animals aren't allowed to live there. We will be covering more about this development in the future, and you can also visit www.WEecoCenter.com for more information.

My Breast Cancer Support

This organization's mission is to provide financial and emotional support to Breast Cancer Patients throughout the Greater Seacoast area of New Hampshire and Southern Maine on their individual paths towards wellness. They provide Patient Assistance Grants, Hope Chests, Wellness Programs, and Travel Scholarships. They are partnered with a number of healthcare providers, including Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Exeter Hospital, Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Frisbie Memorial Hospital, York Hospital, New England Cancer Specialists, Southern Maine Healthcare, and the Cancer Care Center of York County. For more information, you can visit www.MyBreastCancerSupport.org or call 603-759-5640.

There's a CelebratePINK 5K Run-Walk on Sunday, September 15th to support local breast cancer patients. There will be kids' activities, lots of prizes, vendors, food, music and more. The Run Walk will be located

in downtown Portsmouth and over the Memorial Bridge. You can register for the Run Walk online at www.CelebratePink5K.org

Barrington Public Library

The staff and volunteers supporting the new Barrington Public Library project will be going door to the door later this year to get to know their neighbors. They have a canvassing plan that they will be conducting during the Football season. They're currently looking for volunteers to help out with this enormous task. They're going to start in September and go through Thanksgiving.

The project is still looking for the last \$10,000 it needs to fund the project. They need to raise a total of \$500,000 for the new library, and they have already raised \$490,000 of that goal. The most they've ever raised before was \$60,000 for the old playground that has since been replaced by the Recreation Department. That money was fundraised 13 years ago. You'll notice a new poster at the crossings of RTE-125 and RTE-9 that features teenagers, stating "We need a place to be..." soon.

Barrington Community Garden

The Barrington Community Garden is located behind Calef's, which grows and donates food to the Food Pantry each year. They have 16 garden beds, and for a \$35.00 membership fee, you can adopt one and grow vegetables in it. People often offer to donate their surplus of Fruits and Vegetables to the Food Pantry as well. There's a mentorship program, so if you don't know how to garden, they will pair you with an experienced gardener that will help you. The membership fees go to paying for their drip irrigation system, tools, and supplies like fertilizer.

The USDA has a conservation easement program that could apply to this organization if it met the criteria, which could lower Calef's taxes.

Calef's Country Store Having a 150th Birthday Party

By Patrick R. McElhiney – August 28th, 2019

History

Mary Chesley Calef mortgaged her family farm in 1869 and pledged her savings to open Calef's Store in the front rooms of her modest home in Barrington NH just after the end of the Civil War.

Five generations of the Calef family operated Calef's Big Store until the 1990s, including Mary's son, Senator Austin Calef. Today Calef's Country Store serves the local community and visitors from afar, keeping the traditions that Mary Calef founded the company on 150 years ago.

Len Angelo and Greg Bolton, the current owners have been in the business since 2012. They recently renovated Calef's famous deli and added-on a rear expansion that increased the size of the storage room

added a loading dock and shipping area and created previously non-existent space for employees, increasing the business's footprint by 25 percent.

Traditions

For visitors from far, far away that continue to come back, time and time again, nostalgia really sets in when you step foot through the very old doors into Calef's Country Store. You can take a step back to a simpler time when customer service wasn't a gimmick, but the way things were done. The wood floors creak with stories of lore, the woodstove warms passersby, and the aroma of fresh-baked bread and donuts entice even the healthiest of folks. The first impression many new customers have when they see Calef's for the first time is "Wow – what a cool old-fashioned fun place!" When customers are in the store, they don't feel like they're in a big retail store. Instead, they feel like they're in someone's home business set back in the 1870s.

People keep coming back to Calef's because of the nostalgia associated with the location, which makes every trip feel good for them. The faster the world goes, the more places like this resonate, because they're not smartphone-driven – it just feels good to keep coming back here. People that are from the local communities that have visitors from out of town like to bring them here to show them this piece of New Hampshire history, because they love the products - including the cheeses, deli sandwiches, maple syrup, pickles, and ginger snaps.

Each year, the New Hampshire maple industry produces close to 90,000 gallons of the best maple syrup in the country from mid-February to mid-April. Calef's sells its own brand of syrup, maple candy & sweets, maple drizzle, and glass bottles from other New Hampshire producers. You can taste the difference that prosecutes the case that NH's local maple sugaring producers have a superb love for the craft, unlike Vermont or Quebec. Part of the trade secret of New Hampshire's maple trees is the perfect climate for perfection – not too hot, and not too cold.

There's nothing at Calef's that you can't get somewhere else, but you can't get the same atmosphere elsewhere. It doesn't feel the same if you purchase it from Whole Foods or Trader Joe's. Present and past customers connect with the Calef's brand at home through the commonly themed old-fashioned good feeling website. One of the biggest challenges is keeping the feeling that you get with purchasing from Calef's in everything that is shipped around the world. The website developers had to come to the store, and they had to make the website feel like the store. It's not the fastest, most streamlined website, but it looks and feels just like the store.

According to store co-owner, Greg Bolton, there's no way to really know if the website has improved the store's relationship with its core customers because most everything that is sold by Calef's is sold through the store's physical location. But they now have space available to package and ship large quantities of orders in the back – there's a lot more business that could be done through Calef's website.

Calef's has been buying and selling local-produced products since Ulysses S. Grant was president. They currently feature over 150 New England craft food and gift vendors in their shop. Even after 1½ centuries, Calef's will continue to pump their own molasses and honey, age locally produced cheese in their own cooler, and smoke Ham the old fashioned way. Calef's brand old fashioned jams, jellies, bread, and soup mixes offer something for everyone. The wooden pickle barrel is still a focal point in the store. Calef's Ginger Snaps are renowned for their bite. It's all for sale here at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 125 in Barrington, New Hampshire.

The front service counter and the shelves around the store are said to be the oldest things at Calef's. The counters used to be around the entire store, and you used to ask the clerks what you wanted, and they'd get it from the shelves behind them. Now it's just completely open, but the staff here still provides excellent service in helping its customers pick out the perfect items as gifts or as special treats just to keep around the home.

At Calef's, they pride themselves in carrying those hard to find items from the past, like their Old Time Candy selection. They feature a wide variety of penny candy that can tempt the old and young alike, most of which unfortunately costs a nickel now. They sell candy bars from the past, including Mars Bars, Sky Bars, Necco Wafers, Clark Bars, Sugar Daddies, Mallow Cups, Goo Goo Clusters, and many more. They also offer many favorites in ½ and 1 LB bags, including Kookaburra Licorice, Boston Baked Beans, and Nonpareils.

The Event

Calef's Country Store is holding an event to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of their founding on September 7th, 2019 in Barrington, New Hampshire at the intersection of RTE-125 and RTE-9 with a full schedule of family-friendly fun, food and festivities.

The event, hosted by the Town of Barrington, the Greater Barrington Chamber of Commerce, and underwritten by Holy Rosary Credit Union, will be at the iconic New Hampshire institution from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Since it's an outside event, there isn't a set limit to how many people can come, but Calef's is expecting at least 800 people to show up, and you don't need to RSVP.

In addition to outdoor vendors, food stations, and giveaways, a program under the big tent will include musical entertainment, recognition of former Calef's staffers, an introduction of special guests, and a reading of Governor Chris Sununu's official commendation on the store's anniversary milestone. The program also will recognize cheese steward and longtime employee Joel Sherburne's 62nd year on the job.

"This celebration has been 150 years in the making," said co-owner Greg Bolton, "as we look back on a tradition that dates to 1869 and look forward to many, many more years to come."

The store, located at the intersection of NH Routes 125 and 9, also supports the regional economy by sourcing more than 90% of its gifts and specialty foods from small New England companies.

"We're proud to be part of this community, this state, and this region," says Bolton, "and we look forward to welcoming old and new friends to our celebration. It will certainly become part of cherished Calef's lore, so this is one party you won't want to miss!"

Many of the store's 150 vendors will be at the 150th Anniversary event, so they're all pretty excited about it. Bolton said that new vendors usually seek out Calef's first, because they want their products to be sold in a store like this – Calef's doesn't have to go looking for them.

If you're coming to the event, Calef's asks you to bring any old newspaper clippings, photographs, and other memories so that we can commemorate the event. To celebrate a business that's been around 150 years is a pretty unique opportunity, so we hope to see you all there!

Event Calendar

12/18/2019	11:30AM	Christian Seaholtz, Office hours for Rep. Chris Pappas, Barrington Public Library
12/18/2019	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
12/18/2019	7:00PM	Friends of the Barrington Public Library Meeting, Barrington Public Library
12/19/2019	5:30PM	An evening with Thomas Farnen, author of Bessie's Story, Barrington Public Library
12/20/2019	5:00PM	The Polar Express comes to Barrington, Barrington Public Library
12/21/2019	12:00PM	Woven Christmas Sale and Open House – 155 Charles St, Rochester
12/21/2019	5:00PM	Solstice Celebration – Durham Main Street Makery
12/23/2019	12:00PM	Cribbage Club, Barrington Public Library
12/24/2019	4:00PM	Journey Church Christmas Eve Service – Journey Church, Barrington NH
12/24/2019	-----	Town Offices Closed for Christmas
12/25/2019	-----	Town Offices Closed for Christmas
12/30/2019	12:00PM	Cribbage Club, Barrington Public Library
12/30/2019	12:30PM	Brown Bag Book Discussion: <u>Inheritance</u> by Dani Shapiro, Barrington Public Library
12/31/2019	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
12/31/2019	4:00 PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
01/01/2020	12:00PM	First Day Hike: Odiorne Point – Odiorne Point State Park
01/02/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Conservation Commission Meeting
01/04/2020	9:30AM	Timber Harvest Tour @ SELT
01/04/2020	10:30AM	Writer's Group, Barrington Public Library
01/04/2020	11:00AM	NH Quilts of Valor – Seacoast Sewing and Quilting – Call 603-373-0151
01/06/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
01/07/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
01/07/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
01/07/2020	5:15PM	Make and take homemade herbal tea, Barrington Public Library (pre-registration required)
01/07/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Planning Board Meeting
01/08/2020	11:30AM	Barrington Chamber of Commerce – Monthly Membership Meeting – Nippo Lake Golf Club
01/08/2020	5:30PM	Barrington Democrats Committee Meeting, Barrington Public Library
01/09/2020	5:30PM	Acrylic Paint Night with Lauren Despina, Barrington Public Library (pre-registration required)
01/11/2020	11:00AM	Marine Science Fellows Symposium @ Seacoast Science Center, Rye NH
01/13/2020	7:00PM	Seacoast Ski Club Monthly Meeting – Cisco Brewers Portsmouth
01/14/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
01/14/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
01/14/2020	6:00PM	Barrington NH Public Library Campaign – Monthly Meeting – Lois Lane Community House
01/15/2020	2:30PM	Grow Deep Book Club, Barrington Public Library
01/15/2020	6:30PM	Barrington Bloomers Garden Club, Barrington Public Library
01/15/2020	7:00PM	Town of Barrington – Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting
01/16/2020	5:30PM	Do you know where your DNA is? Public Program, Barrington Public Library
01/16/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Conservation Commission Meeting
01/17/2020	6:30PM	DHS Football Boosters Meat Bingo! – Dover Moose FC-Lodge 443
01/18/2020	12:00PM	Dungeons and Dragons, Barrington Public Library
01/20/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
01/20/2020	6:30PM	Black Trumpet Benefit Dinner 2020 – Black Trumpet, Portsmouth NH
01/21/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
01/21/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
01/21/2020	6:30PM	Barrington Library Trustees Meeting, Barrington Public Library
01/21/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Planning Board Meeting
01/22/2020	7:00PM	Friends of the Barrington Public Library Meeting, Barrington Public Library
01/23/2020	3:30PM	Teen Drawing Class, Barrington Public Library (pre-registration required)
01/23/2020	5:30PM	Back from the Nuclear Brink Public Presentation, Barrington Public Library
01/24/2020	3:30PM	Teen Drawing Class, Barrington Public Library (pre-registration required)
01/27/2020	12:30PM	Brown Bag Book Discussion: <u>Educated</u> by Tara Westover, Barrington Public Library
01/27/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
01/28/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
01/28/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
01/29/2020	5:00PM	Tri-Association Mixer at The Stone Church, Newmarket NH
02/01/2020	10:30AM	Writer's Group, Barrington Public Library

02/01/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
02/01/2020	3:00PM	Winter Bonfire & Owl Walk – SELT, Exeter NH
02/03/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
02/04/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
02/04/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
02/04/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Planning Board Meeting
02/05/2020	6:00PM	Genealogy Club, Barrington Public Library
02/06/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Conservation Commission Meeting
02/07/2020	6:00PM	Barrington Snow Goers Club Ride
02/10/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
02/11/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
02/11/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
02/11/2020	6:00PM	Barrington NH Public Library Campaign – Monthly Meeting – Lois Lane Community House
02/11/2020	8:00AM	Presidential State Primary Election @ Barrington Middle School
02/12/2020	5:30PM	Barrington Democrats Meeting, Barrington Public Library
02/13/2020	5:30PM	Local Author Russ Staples: <u>My Everest Odyssey</u> , Barrington Public Library
02/14/2020	9:00AM	91st World Championship Sled Dog Derby – Lakes Region Sled Dog Club, Laconia NH
02/15/2020	10:00AM	Dungeons and Dragons Club, Barrington Public Library
02/18/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
02/18/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
02/18/2020	6:30PM	Library Trustee Meeting, Barrington Public Library
02/18/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Planning Board Meeting
02/19/2020	2:30PM	Grow Deep Book Club, Barrington Public Library
02/19/2020	6:30PM	Barrington Bloomers Garden Club, Barrington Public Library
02/19/2020	7:00PM	Town of Barrington – Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting
02/20/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Conservation Commission Meeting
02/24/2020	12:30PM	Brown Bag Book Club: <u>The Story of Arthur Truluv</u> by Elizabeth Berg, Barrington Public Library
02/24/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
02/25/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
02/25/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
02/26/2020	7:00PM	Friends of the Library Meeting, Barrington Public Library
02/27/2020	5:30PM	Garden for Wildlife: Natural Landscaping for a Better Backyard – Durham Public Library
03/02/2020	6:30PM	Indigenous Stories: Abenaki Horticulture & Garden Forestry – Portsmouth Public Library
03/03/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
03/03/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
03/03/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Planning Board Meeting
03/04/2020	6:00PM	Genealogy Club, Barrington Public Library
03/05/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Conservation Commission Meeting
03/07/2020	9:00AM	Snowshoe Stonehouse Forest, Barrington NH
03/07/2020	10:30AM	Writer’s Group Meeting, Barrington Public Library
03/09/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
03/10/2020	7:00AM	Town and School Election – Voting DAY! – Barrington Middle School
03/10/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
03/10/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
03/10/2020	6:00PM	Barrington Library Foundation Meeting, Barrington Public Library
03/10/2020	6:00PM	Applying to College 101 for Juniors and Parents, Oyster River High School Library
03/11/2020	5:30PM	Barrington Democrats Meeting, Barrington Public Library
03/13/2020	7:00PM	Gabby Martin Live at Kozy's Pizza, Barrington NH
03/17/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
03/17/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
03/17/2020	6:30PM	Barrington Library Trustees Meeting, Barrington Public Library
03/17/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Planning Board Meeting
03/18/2020	2:30PM	Grow Deep Book Club, Barrington Public Library
03/18/2020	6:00PM	Barrington Bloomers/Garden Club/Friends of the Library Meeting, Barrington Public Library
03/18/2020	7:00PM	Town of Barrington – Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting
03/19/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Conservation Commission Meeting
03/21/2020	10:30AM	Books in Bloom, Barrington Public Library
03/21/2020	12:00PM	Dungeons and Dragons Club, Barrington Public Library

03/23/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
03/24/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
03/24/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
03/25/2020	7:00PM	Friends of the Library Meeting, Barrington Public Library
03/30/2020	12:30PM	Brown Bag Book Club: <u>Outcasts United</u> , Barrington Public Library
03/31/2020	12:00PM	Mahjong Club, Barrington Public Library
03/31/2020	4:00PM	Lego Club, Barrington Public Library
04/13/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
04/17/2020	7:00PM	Wild & Scenic Film Festival at the Music Hall in Portsmouth, NH
04/25/2020	6:00PM	Flag Hill Chef's Table Dinner- April 2020 @ Flag Hill Distillery & Winery in Lee, NH
04/27/2020	6:30PM	Town of Barrington – Select Board Meeting
05/01/2020	7:00PM	Gabby Martin Live at Kozy's Pizza, Barrington NH
06/06/2020	5:00PM	The Lights, Boston area @ Topsfield Fairgrounds
10/17/2020	10:00AM	2nd Annual Dover Dog Howloween Celebration & Costume Parade @ Henry Law Park



Town of Barrington

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies:	911
Police Department:	603-664-7679
Fire Rescue Department:	603-664-2241
Town Administrator:	603-664-9007
Recreation Department:	603-664-5224
School District:	603-664-2715
Highway Department:	603-664-0166
Transfer Station:	603-664-2446
Land Use & Planning:	603-664-5798
Building Department:	603-664-5183
Selectperson's Office:	603-664-9007
Tax Office:	603-664-2230
Town Clerk:	603-664-5476
Library:	603-664-9715
Barrington Town News:	603-742-5112

SELECTPERSON'S OFFICE

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
 Wednesday: 8:00AM – 6:00PM

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
 Wednesday: 1:00PM – 6:00PM

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 8:00AM – 3:00PM
 Wednesday: 12:00PM – 6:00PM

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mon-Thurs: 7:00AM – 5:00PM

LAND USE & PLANNING OFFICE

Mon-Thurs: 8:00AM – 3:00PM

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mon-Fri: 8:00AM – 4:00PM

LIBRARY

Mon/Fri: 10:00AM – 6:00PM
 Tues/Thurs: 10:00AM – 7:00PM
 Wednesday: 10:00AM – 8:00PM
 Saturday: 10:00AM – 3:00PM

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mon-Fri: 7:00AM – 3:00PM

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

Selectboard Meetings @ ECLC

Approximately Twice Monthly on Mondays, with additional Meetings while preparing for Budgets and Deliberative session. For more information, contact: Tiffany Caudle, Municipal Office Administrator
 603-664-0146

Planning Board @ ECLC

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM to 7:30PM

Conservation Commission @ BES Library

1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30PM to 7:30PM

Zoning Board @ ECLC

3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM to 8:00PM

Library Trustees @ Public Library

3rd Tuesday, 6:00PM

Recreation Commission @ Town Gym

3rd Monday, 6:00PM

Fire Department @ Public Safety Building

Tuesdays, 7:00PM

EMS Department @ Public Safety Building

3rd Wednesday, 6:30PM

School Board @ SAU Office

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM to 7:30PM
 July/August on 1st Tuesday Only

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Every effort will be made to hold a Public Hearing on the posted day and time. However, in the event of inclement weather, power outage or other adverse condition, the Town may choose to cancel a meeting or event.

This information will be conveyed to the local newspaper, WOKQ radio, Channel 9 news, Town website and Town telephones & on the Town Library Website. Please note that not all the media/communication sources as listed above may be available during emergency or adverse conditions.