

Canterbury Town News

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This issue marks the third that has NOT been mailed out to every household in town. In an effort to conserve valuable tax dollars we are printing a limited number of "hard copies" and urging everyone to take advantage of the internet to access this and future issues online at the Town's website at the internet address above. If you have this copy in hand, then you know where future issues will be available. The next issue target date is April 1. If you would like to submit an article for consideration please send it to the Selectman's Office no later than March 22. If you received this copy in the mail, you will continue to do so until you call the editor to change your mailing preference. If you would prefer to have these newsletters mailed or emailed to your home, please contact the Editor, Robert Droesch, at 546-6301 or by email at rdroesch@snet.net.

CANTERBURY BOY SCOUTS



Boy Scout Troop 86 is sponsoring an Indoor Tag Sale, Saturday, Feb 10 from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday Feb 11 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Canterbury Community Center, Rt. 14.

Troop 86 is looking for new boys to join the troop. We do all manner of indoor and outdoor activities in a structured and fun learning environment. Some of our upcoming activities include rock climbing, canoeing, and a 5-day canoe/camping trip down the Delaware Water Gap in June 2007. Every month we do something different and fun.

Our Boy Scout programs are open to all boys ages 11 to 17. Our meetings are on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the old Town Hall below Baldwin School. The only costs are the registration fee and monthly activity costs. We also conduct fund raisers throughout the year to help parents pay for these activities and work with families with financial needs so their child can enjoy the program to its fullest. For more information, please call Cindy Phillips at 546-6486.

Cub Scout Pack 86 is up and running full speed. The boys enjoyed a nice Christmas party and a visit from Santa Claus. Our next pack meeting will be a luau in January.

Troop 86 and Pack 86 Food Drive

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to our food drive in December. Your contributions really helped us fill the food pantry's shelves for the coming winter and are greatly appreciated.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Credit Program



If you turned 65 in 2006, or you are totally disabled, you could be eligible for our Homeowner's Tax Credit Program if your income is within certain guidelines set by the State of Connecticut. The maximum income allowed for a married couple is \$35,300 and for a single person the maximum income is \$28,800. Proof of income is required. The filing period is from February 1 through May 15. Please call the Assessor's Office for more information about this program.

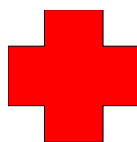
Additional Veteran & Local Option Veteran Exemption

These programs are designed to provide property tax exemptions for veterans whose income is within certain limits. To receive these exemptions, an application must be filed between February 1 and October 1 for the 2006 Grand List. Proof of income is required. Check with the Assessor's Office for the income limits.

Please note that all of these programs require a biennial filing. If you last filed in 2005, another application needs to be completed in 2007 in order to continue receiving the benefit.

Call the Assessor's Office (546-6035) if you have any questions about these exemptions or want to make an appointment to file an application for these programs.

AMERICAN RED CROSS



The American Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Drive on Friday, January 19 at the Finnish-American Heritage Society Hall (Route 169). The hours of the blood drive are 1:00 pm through 5:30 pm. To make an appointment, contact 1-800-448-3543 (1-800-GIVE-LIFE).

Walk-ins are certainly welcome, especially after 2:00 pm.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Jim Rivers will be opening his fifth "Key Gym" at Knollwood Plaza on Saturday, January 6th at 9am.. The Canterbury Economic Development staff will be on hand to conduct the official Ribbon Cutting along with our selectmen and other town officials. Every Canterbury resident is encouraged to attend the opening of this new workout center, which will be available to patrons on a 24\7 basis. In addition to Key Gym our new Chinese restaurant will be greeted by the EDC.

Please take this opportunity to learn about this new business moving to Canterbury and how it will help you maintain a more healthy lifestyle...also there is the strong possibility that a major New England retailer will be moving into Knollwood in the near future...more about that situation as it materializes.

See you all on the 6th! Avery Tillinghast, EDC Chairman

CANTERBURY SENIOR TRIPS



Our travelers enjoyed many diverse trips during 2006 - cruises, shows, education, etc. We enjoy traveling together with old and new friends. 2007 will offer more opportunities for travel.

We are offering both day and overnight trips. Our day trips include the Shanghai Chinese Acrobats, the musical "hair", Michael Amanti, shopping at the Wrentham Mall, cruising on the Connecticut River and on Narragansett Bay, Hu-Ke-Lau, a demonstration by champion Friesian horses and the Newport playhouse. We have great overnights to Mackinac Island, the King Tut exhibit and Brandywine Valley and the new show "In the Beginning" at the Millennium Theater in Lancaster, PA.

All are welcome to join the fun. Lists of our trips can be found in the Town Clerk's Office and the Library. For additional information you may call our trip chairperson at 546-9830.

CANTERBURY SENIORS

We have been busy traveling and feasting the past two months. Our Thanksgiving lunch was held on November 9, and the Christmas lunch took place on December 14. In lieu of exchanging gifts this year, the members brought in food and staples for the Canterbury Cares

Food Bank, which operates out of the Church on the Green.

On November 29 we attended a play at the Newport Playhouse with lunch first and a cabaret show after. On December 5, 6 & 7 we traveled to Hershey, PA where the highlight of the trip was the play "The Miracle of Christmas" at the Millennium Theater. The plays that are performed at the theater are the most colorful and exuberant than any we have seen at any other location. We encourage anyone who is able to take in at least one performance at this theater.

On December 12 the culinary class at Windham Technical School displayed their skills when they served us Baked Stuffed Shrimp and Prime Rib of Beef dinners. Delicious! At our December 14 meeting, a slate of officers was presented and voted on by our members in attendance. The new officers effective on January 11, 2007 will be:

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| President | Ernie LeBeau |
| Vice President | Carol Fitch |
| Secretary | Betty Bardsley |
| Treasurer | Camille Fitch |

Assisting them will be Norm Bardsley as Program Chairman and Arlene Renaud as Chairman of the Kitchen Crew.

On our program for the January 11 meeting will be a presentation by the Chairman of the Tax Relief for Seniors Committee, Marty Gumbs. This should be a very informative session and all are encouraged to attend.

Our outgoing President, Art LeBeau, wishes to thank all those who served in offices and on committees during his 3 1/2 years as President. Without your valuable help and the time you have devoted, our organization would not be on such solid footing. However, more members need to step forward to volunteer their time and knowledge in order for our organization to continue to function and prosper. Pitch in and HELP. This is your organization too!

Best wishes for a healthy and peaceful 2007. Art LeBeau.

CEA

In recognition of American Education Week and National Children's Book Week the Canterbury Teachers Association presented a check to the Canterbury library in the amount of \$429.00. The money was raised from individ-

ual teacher contributions that were matched by the Union. The CEA is proud to support the town library and all it provides for the people in Canterbury.

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(www.canterburyhistorical.org)



The Canterbury Historical Society (CHS) has gotten off to a great 2006-2007 season with meetings/programs through the fall months, averaging 40 attendees at each meeting. We closed out 2006 with our annual dinner meeting for our members and it was a great opportunity to look at the year's accomplishments as well as a look ahead.

Our next meeting takes place at the Baldwin School Library on Friday, January 12th at 7pm. The program for that night is entitled "From Grecian to Gibson: Changing Fashions for Changing Women of the 19th Century". Dressed in reproduction clothing of the Empire and Victorian Eras, Cynthia Dias-Reid discusses and displays women's roles and fashion in the 18th and 19th centuries. Cynthia is a painter and master gardener, who was employed at Old Sturbridge Village for many years.

The February meeting (Friday, February 9th) will feature a local reenactor, G. Leslie Sweetman, who will discuss Connecticut's role in the American Civil War.

The programs for the remainder of the year are still in work and will be posted on the CHS web page (www.canterburyhistorical.org). CHS meetings and programs take place on the second Friday of each month, beginning at 7pm and are normally located at the Baldwin School Library. Watch for postings in all the local papers and on our web page for meeting information as well as other items of interest to those curious about Canterbury's 300 year plus history.

Work continues on the cataloging of the CHS archives, now safeguarded in the old Town Hall vault. Some of the information cataloged can already be accessed through the CHS web page with much more to follow. Check it out!

In addition, the CHS continues to add to its list of available products with a Canterbury-theme. Pictures of the items can be seen on the CHS web page. They are:

- The 2007 calendar which features school photos from the Canterbury classes of the 1950s and 1960s. No doubt, many of the people reading this newsletter are either featured in the calendar or have friends or relatives

who are. The price is \$10.

- A stoneware crock with a rendering of the Green Schoolhouse/Canterbury on it. This is the first in a series of stoneware that the CHS is having made by a Pennsylvania potter. The price is \$22.
- Note cards/envelopes that have three different Canterbury scenes on them. They include a sketch of the Green Schoolhouse, a sketch of the Westminster Church, and the well-known 1800s' Barber print of the Canterbury Green. They come in sets of ten cards/envelopes and the price is \$7 per set.
- 'A Scrapbook of Canterbury District Schools,' a photo booklet of class pictures and the town's one-room schoolhouses is available for \$8.
- The Canterbury Historical Society's book "Canterbury: The First 300 Years", now in its second printing, is also available for \$20.

In addition, the Canterbury Historical Society will undoubtedly be playing a major role in the planning for Fourth Annual Canterbury Old Home Day/Green Schoolhouse Open House to be held in September of 2007.

In the meantime, we wish you all a Happy New Year and cordially invite you to any of our meetings. They are always free and open to the public.

Canterbury Public Library

860-546-9022 Fax: 860-546-1142

canterburypublic@yahoo.com **NEW**

Website: canterburylibrary.org



Hours

Monday – Wednesday 10:00-1:00; 3:00-7:00
Thursday 10:00 – 1:00; 3:00 – 8:00
Saturday 10:00 – 4:00

Calendar of Events

Stamping classes with Arlene Sweet: Sign up is required
February 8 6-8 pm
April 12 6-8 pm

Nutmeg Book Discussion Series

We meet the second Saturday of each month from 1:30-2:30.

January 13 Granny Torrelli Makes Soup by Sharon Creech

List of new books comes out in February. **Snacks and great conversations await you. So get reading!**

Adult & Young Adult Book Discussion

We meet the second Monday of each month at 7 pm

Jan 8 The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

- Feb 12 Saving Fish from Drowning by Amy Tan
- Mar 12 Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
- Apr 9 Like water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel
- May 14 Snow Flower & the Secret Fan by Lisa See

Our programs continue and grow thanks to the Jewett City Savings Bank.

NEW Ladder to Literacy for ages 3½ -5 on Wednesdays at 10 am. Sign-up is required.

Story time for ages 3-4 on Tuesdays at 10 am. Sign-up is required.

Music and Movement for ages 18 mos. – 3 on Thursdays at 9:15 and 10:15. Sign-up is required.

Please call for details and starting dates

Movies

Our DVD's and VHS movies now circulate for 1 week. Swap and new movies continue to circulate for 2 days.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



The Friends of the Canterbury Public Library (FOCL) is a community organization whose members donate time and money towards the improvement of our Town Library's collection and programs. We are always looking

for new members with new ideas. If you would like to support your local Canterbury Library, consider becoming a "Friend" too. You can pick up an application form for our group on our bulletin board or email me at appletonsherry@aol.com, or call me at 546-9834 and I will send you the membership registration form. For as little as \$5.00 you can become a "Friend" too!

We would like to thank each and every one of you that help make our October 28 book sale a success. It was a rainy day and it was wonderful seeing such a large turn out of people looking for a great bargain on books. \$915 was raised thru contributions and sales. Thank you all!

Due to popular demand, our spaghetti supper will be held after all! Mark your calendars for Friday February 16, 2007. It will be held at the Community Center. Come on down to satisfy your appetites and warm your hearts seeing all your hometown friends. Closer to the date, tickets will go on sale and takeout dinners also will be available.

We can always use more volunteers. Our planning meeting is set for Wednesday, January 10 @ Mecky Chappelka's home @ 7pm. Contact Steve Orlomoski 546-6669 or Sherry Appleton for directions. If you can't attend the meeting, you might want to keep your eye out for the future announcement of our annual Friends meet-

ing that will take place in MAY (at a date yet to be determined) but will probably be in conjunction with the Library's annual "Thank the Volunteers" event

We wish every one a Happy and Healthy New Year!

DHBMS PTO NEWS

DHBMS PTO has had a busy start to the new school year. Several new members have joined, however the PTO welcomes any assistance from both parents and teachers. PTO raises money to enhance the education of our children by providing materials and services that they might not otherwise have. Please consider setting aside a little time to become part of this worthwhile cause. We meet only once each month and the level of commitment is totally up to each individual, as we all realize what busy lives everyone has. If you feel you can not commit to meetings, we would appreciate *any* help, such as volunteering during fund raisers, baking for events, or compiling/organizing paperwork.

This year's first PTO event, the Sally Foster Fundraiser, was a success. A total of over \$3000.00 was raised. We appreciate all those who purchased items and all students who worked very hard to sell products. Congratulations to Mrs. O'Connor's class, who had the highest sales. PTO awarded them for their hard work with a Cupcake Party. Congratulations also go out to the three top selling students of DHBMS who were awarded movie gift certificates by the PTO for all of their effort.

PTO held another fund raiser this fall, selling Entertainment Books. Profits from these fundraisers have helped to support the purchase of several Newbury Award books for the library. Additionally, the PTO helped to provide a luncheon for teachers during the Parent Teacher Conference on November 7th. Thank you to all who baked and helped to provide this support for our teachers.

The PTO Holiday Wreath Raffle to support the 5th grade classes with raising funds for field trip activities and transportation was enjoyed by many. Fifth grade students and their families created festive wreaths for this event, which were won by both students and staff of DHBMS. A total of over \$ 300.00 was raised for the class.

PTO would like to wish everyone a very joyful holiday season!

Please contact Pam Warner @ 546-1034 and Megan Baker @ 546-2261 for further information or questions regarding PTO.

CANTERBURY RECREATION COMMISSION



Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School has been receiving a lot of tender loving care this year. We hope that some of you were able to get out and enjoy the refurbished tennis courts at DHBMS this summer. Many of you have attended events at the newly renovated gym - new floor and a fresh facelift. Thanks and appreciation goes out to the many folks who made the renovations a reality. If you haven't seen the gym's new look, stop by during our rec. programs and check it out.

We are pleased to announce several programs that are in place for the winter months.

Skating Rink at Manship Park - The rink framing is in place. We are waiting for Jack Frost's arrival to complete the set up and fill with water. Watch for the Recreation Commission Green Signs for updates.

DHBMS Activities: Grown-ups, want to feel like a kid again and shoot some hoops? Pickup games for those feeling young will be held Sundays (7-9PM), and Wednesdays (7:30-9:30) at DHBMS. Slower paced games for the young at heart will be played Sunday mornings from 9-11AM. Adult volleyball will be held Mondays (7:30-10PM). High-school and adult indoor soccer will be starting soon. Final renovations are underway to prepare the gym for indoor soccer.

CES Activities: The Rec. activities for kids at CES include movie making classes (Susan Miner), after school care (Rebecca Collins), and tumbling/dance (Deb Migani). Each activity starts at about 3:30 pm and runs through 5 pm. A new 8 week Yoga class for kids will begin in late January. It will be taught by Ross Anderson. He is a substitute teacher at NFA, and is a registered yoga instructor and currently offers classes at the YMCA in Norwich ("Shoulder-to-shoulder Yoga").

For more details on any of the mentioned programs, please call 546-9085 or DHBMS 546-9421, or CES 546-6744. By mid-January, we hope to have details posted on our page at www.CanterburyAthleticAssociation.com. Please email us at RecTrips@charter.net and let us know what other kinds of trips or activities you're interested in.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE



Please remember that the second installment on real estate taxes is due in January.

Supplemental motor vehicle taxes have been mailed and are also due in January.

The website committee has met twice and we hope to have a town website up and running very soon.

Our 2007 sportsmen's licenses are now available. You are entitled to a free lifetime license if you are 65 or over.

The clerk's office was been awarded a \$7,000 grant, by the state library, that was used to improve our computer indexes.

Please contact us at 546-9377 if we can be of service to you.

Happy New Year from Patty Spruance and her staff!

CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO



The Canterbury Volunteer Fire Company is happy to announce that we have been awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$44,555.00 for an exhaust system to be installed in the station to remove the harmful diesel fumes that we all breathe after we start our equipment.

With increasing call volume and training obligations, it becomes difficult for many of our volunteers to give of their time. We have developed and implemented a stipend program for recruitment and retention of our responders. This program is still in its infancy and needs further development.

The junior program is now in full swing. They have elected their officers, are holding meetings, attending training, and responding to many calls. There are currently 3 active members, with 2 new applications pending. Several of these young members are currently enrolled in MRT/EMT certification course.

If you wish to join, please call Chief Lavoie at 213-1964 or Betty Bingham-Patridge at 546-6096 after 5 pm.

We wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year!!

CANTERBURY VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Canterbury Veterans Memorial Committee continues to collect names of those who served during the Vietnam War to the present, and are always grateful for all contributions to ensure that all our Towns' sons and daughters who answered the call to place themselves in arms way



are remembered by name. Fundraising for this second phase continues and the committee plans a steak dinner Saturday Jan. 20. Call bill Deason 546-0606 for information. Tickets are still available. Corrections to Phase I were completed on December 28, 2006. Completion of Phase 2 is contemplated to be wrapped up by

Memorial Day of this year.

Forms for World War II veterans are available in the Town Clerk's office for recognition to the memorial in Washington, D.C. A copy of the separation paper must accompany the form: addressed: John G. Casey 378 Meridian Street Groton, Connecticut 06340. The veteran or surviving family member can apply for this honor and specify how many copies you wish. Your relation to the veteran should be signified in the application. Any questions: call Ray Roode 546-9547. Robert Tuttle and Thomas Lord are welcomed to the committee. The committee meets every second Saturday of the month and all who share a common desire in the completion of the project are welcomed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



Welcome 2007! We hope everyone had a safe and peaceful New Year. As the New Year begins, so does the start of the budget

process.

We not only encourage community involvement with planning next year's budget, but also depend on it. Your ideas, concerns and visions for the future of the Canterbury Public School System is crucial to our success in preparing a fiscally sound budget that addresses the needs of our students and families.

Here is a list of upcoming regular meetings as well as the budget workshop schedule. All meetings listed begin at 7:00, and are held at the Baldwin library.

- January 9 Community Budget Hearing
- January 16 Central Office/BOE/District Budgets
- January 23 Facilities/Transportation Budgets
- February 13 CES/DHBMS Budgets
- February 27 Special Education Budget
- March 6* Community Hearing, Review Budget, Possible Adoption
- March 13 Budget Adoption (if not adopted on March 7)
- March 20* Board of Finance

* Indicates a special Board of Education Meeting. We hope to see you at some of our future meetings.

Respectfully, Members of the Board of Education

CANTERBURY VETERANS MEMORIAL

Fundraiser Steak Dinner

Saturday, Jan 20, 2007
Canterbury Community Center
6:30 pm.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Adults - \$10

Child under 12 - \$5

- Menu:**
- Grilled Steak**
 - Green Salad**
 - Baked Potato**
 - Green Beans**
 - Rolls/Butter**
 - Choice of Beverages**
 - Dessert**

For Tickets call:
Bill 546-0606
Ray 546-9547