

Town of Holderness Summer Happenings

Contact Information
www.holderness-nh.gov

Town Hall Hours: M—F 8:30—4:30
Phone: 603-968-2145
Town Report: available online or at the Town Offices.

Summer Town Informational Meeting and Open House: Saturday, August 2nd from 9-11AM at Town Hall

Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator



The Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the second annual summer town informational gathering to be held on August 2, 2008 from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Town Hall. Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Ellen King, Town Administrator, Walter Johnson and representatives from the police, fire, public works and transfer station will be on hand to answer questions and comment on current issues affecting the Town of Holderness. Seasonal and year round residents/taxpayers are invited to attend and learn more about local government here in Holderness. Light refreshments will be served. Last year's meeting was a great success and very informative for those who attended. Please contact the town office at 603-968-2145 if you plan to attend. As always, if you are unable to attend this special meeting you can contact the town offices for answers to all your questions Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at 968-2145. We hope to see you on August 2nd!

Recreation Department Wendy Werner, Director

Recreate in 08

The Recreation Department is a part time department offering full time activities for you and your families. Our programming includes activities for people, ages infant to senior. We currently have openings in the summer day camp which runs from 6/30—8/8 Monday—Friday from 8—3:30. We spend two days at the beach and take one field trip per week. Trips this summer include the See-Science Center in Manchester, Whales Tale Park, Wellington State Park and so much more. We will also have a visit from Magician Mr. Phil. Call the office today to find out more.

Town Beach

The beach will be open from June 14th to Labor day this year. Beach attendants are on duty from 10—5 every day. Don't forget to pick up your 2008 beach passes. They are \$15 and are available at Town Hall. Please call or email the office to be added to our mailing list.

There's always something happening at
Holderness Recreation.
holdrec@roadrunner.com 603-968-3700

Police Department Jeremiah Patridge, Chief

Overpayment Scams, "How to avoid becoming a victim."

Overpayment Scams have been widely publicized, yet people still fall victim, believing an honest mistake has been made.

The Scam:

You list a vehicle for sale on Craig's List. The Suspect(s) show extreme interest in purchasing your vehicle. They often offer more than the asking price. They ultimately send a check or money order for well over the agreed upon price. They initially explain some bogus reason for sending such a large amount of money and explain that their agent will retrieve the overpayment when they pick up the vehicle. They later contrive a story about needing the difference sent back immediately. You cash the Money Order and send the difference Western Union. By the time your bank confirms the money order was fraudulent (usually 5 days), the suspect(s) have their money and stop answering your e-mails. **And, most importantly, YOU are responsible for repaying your bank for the loss.**

What you can do:

- 1) Recognize that there is a possibility that you are being scammed.
- 2) Understand that it doesn't matter what is being sold.
- 3) Have your Bank confirm that the check or money order is not fraudulent.
- 4) Contact the Police Department if you suspect you are being scammed.

Remember, "Nobody sends you free money!"

Holderness Library Victoria A. Lang, Director



Besides **Books** did you know that the Library offers DVD movies, Books on CD/Cassette, Newspapers, Magazines, Free Wireless, Computers for public use, Copier for public use, New Hampshire and Local History reference materials, Programs and Classes! We hope you will try to fit us into your Summer Schedule with the following highlights:

- Computer classes on Tuesday & Thursday nights
- Once a Month Book Group on Wednesday nights
- June 28th for the Friends of the Holderness Library Lawn Sale
- "G'Day" Summer Reading Program on Wednesdays at 10:30 starting July 2nd, in which storyteller Steve Blunt will be performing on July 23rd and magician Mr. Phil on August 13th. Come join us on Wednesdays for guest readers, crafts and a snack.
- Come in to view local artists Marcia Santore and Kathy Roos' wonderful display of acrylics, stained glass, and hand knit children's sweaters.

Visit us at holdernesslibrary.org.

Email: holdernesslibrary@roadrunner.com

We look forward to your visit!

Our hours are Mon. 10-6, Wed. 10-8, Fri. 10-5, & Sat. 10-1. Phone : 603-968-7066

Transfer Station

Welcome back for the 2008 summer. Our hours are the same as last year, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We are closed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and holidays. A reminder that we still don't accept leaves or grass clippings at the facility. Last summer we recycled more than ever and we thank you for your efforts. We anticipate doing as well or better this year. Remember every glass and plastic bottle you recycle helps. Have a great summer.

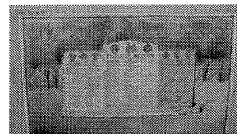
Scott Davis
Transfer Station Supervisor

Conservation Commission

Squam Lake Matters

The members of the Holderness Conservation Commission often get the following question: "I've noticed that on days of heavy rain, there seems to be a lot of run-off carrying lots of sediment into Big Squam Lake from the area of Rt. 3. Is the Commission aware of that and what are you doing about it?" Yes, we are aware of the problem, but the solution is fairly complex. We've had long conversations with Chris Devine of the Squam Lakes Association about this matter. He's brought the problem to the attention of the folks at the NH Department of Transportation. The solution is often the emplacement of deep retention basins where the water circulates in the basin for a while and allows the sediment to drop out before passing on downhill. These are expensive and do need to be maintained at regular intervals. Of course also important in this process is for the landowner to maintain vegetative buffers, particularly adjacent to drainage pathways, that reduce flow and reduce the chance of picking up sediment from the surface. We are continuing our dialogue with SLA on this matter. If you see similar problems in other parts of the Squam Lake Watershed, please feel free to call the Commission or SLA.

Veterans Memorial Fund



The Holderness Veterans Committee is accepting donations for the new granite Veterans Memorial being erected this October at the library. Please send donations to: Veterans Memorial Committee, c/o Holderness Historical Society, PO Box 319, Holderness, NH 03245

Fire Department Eleanor Mardin, Fire Chief



The houses on Squam Lake have now been numbered to meet 911 numbering standards. Letters were sent out to each home owner with your house numbers. If you have any questions on where to place your numbers please contact me.

The State of New Hampshire has passed a law that requires any persons installing or removing appliances, which use natural gas or propane, to have an official gas fitters' license. If you are installing a new furnace, installation permits can be picked up at the fire department.

For those of you that were somewhere warm this

and by Warden Richard Mardin.

If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the Holderness Fire Station.
Thank you,

Eleanor Mardin, Fire Chief

Department of Public Works, Peter Furmanick, Director



Hello from the Highway Department.

As you all know, this winter was very long and tiresome for the highway department. With the over abundance of snow we received it became very difficult for all of the residents to find a place to put the snow that accumulated in their driveways. Some peo-

plowing snow onto or across a Town road. Please do not do deposit snow on the Town roads during future storms. Thanks. Peter Furmanick

IS HOLDERNESS GROWING?

Residents and vacationers alike may wonder "Is Holderness changing?" Some basic statistics show 13 new building lots were created in 2006 and 8 in 2007. Building permits were issued for 5 new single family homes in 2006 and 18 in 2007. The census for Holderness indicated the population was 1,993 residents in 2000, estimated at 2,030 in 2005 and projected to be 2,080 by 2010, which figures an average annual growth rate of 0.77%. This growth rate is slightly greater than the regional annual rate of 0.62%.