

# Town News

## Events Calendar

### Newcomers Club Monthly Meeting

The Amherst Area Newcomer's Club hosts its coffee/tea social at "Cassidy's Grille" the second Thursday of each month. They are located at #25 Route 101A in Amherst. For further information, call Helen J Urtamo at 672-6122 or Gail Beers 673-9544 or visit our website www.nhnewcomers.com

### Saturday Night Comedy Club

Great Comedy on Saturday Nights at the Club Comedy at Amherst from the co-founder of the Comedy Connection. Doors open at 7p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m. Amherst Country Club, 72 Ponemah Rd, Amherst. For more information call 673-9908 or go to www.amherstcountryclub.com.

### MOMS Club of Amherst Announces 2010 Meeting Dates

The east and west sister chapters of MOMS® (Mothers Offering Mothers Support) Club of Amherst recently announced their business meeting schedules for the first half of 2010. Route 101 delineates the split into East and West chapters.

The East chapter meets 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The West chapter meets 9-11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Both groups' meetings convene in the basement of the First Baptist Church of Amherst, 25 1/2 Middle Street.

MOMS Club of Amherst is a chapter of MOMS Club International, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting stay-at-home mothers and their children. To learn more about our club visit <http://sites.google.com/site/amherstmomsclub/> or e-mail: [amherstmomsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:amherstmomsclub@yahoo.com).

#### April-June 2010 Meeting Dates:

East— June 15                      West— June 16

### Peabody Mill Environmental Center

## Hartshorn Summer Program 2010

The mission of Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC) is to foster an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world, by offering environmental, conservation, and science programs to all ages. PMEC strives to foster diligent stewardship of our environment so that future generations may inherit and continue to be inspired by the wonders of a protected and natural world.

With that in mind we are offering our 21st season of environmentally based programs in the Hartshorn Summer Program. Programs will be held at the PMEC located at the end of Brook Road in Amherst. Programs are offered by grade and the grade is what the child will be entering in the Fall of 2010. The week long classes are offered 9am-12pm daily with extended day options available. Be sure to register early as classes fill quickly. Classes will begin Monday 6/21/10 and continue for 10 weeks of summer! Ex-

tended day programs are not offered for children younger than those entering 1st grade.

- Week 1 June 21-25
- Week 2 June 28-July 2
- Week 3 July 6-9
- Week 4 July 12-16
- Week 5 July 19-23
- Week 6 July 26-30
- Week 7 August 2-6
- Week 8 August 9-13
- Week 9 August 16-20
- Week 10 August 23-27

Pre-registration is required for all programs, weekly or daily. Registration is complete only when payment has been received. Register at [www.amherstrec.org](http://www.amherstrec.org). Registrations can be mailed to P.O. Box 960, Amherst, NH 03031 and they can also be accomplished in person at the recreation office or by phone at 673-6248.

## Amherst Garden Club Announces Scholarship Winners



Rachel Konkler



Justin Richardson

AMHERST - The Amherst Garden Club is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 Scholarship Award. Rachel Konkler and Justin Richardson will each receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.00. The award is given yearly to two seniors or post graduates, who reside in Amherst or Mont Vernon. This year graduates both attend Souhegan High School.

Rachel Konkler is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Donovan Konkler. She plans to attend Ithaca College and study Biology with a concentration in plant biology and botany. her passion for nature has drawn her in to pursue this study. She hopes by studying and working with plants she will discover new uses and new species which will benefit the health and preservation of our plant.

Justin Richardson is the son of Mr and Mrs Dirk Richardson. He

plans to attend Gettysburg College and will pursue landscape design. During Justin's freshman year, he created a business, called Little Leaf Lawn Care, which was sponsored by Youth Venture/United Way. He has watched his hobby turn into a job and now a life style for him. He hopes to take what he learns in landscape design, in to beautifying properties and nature while still preserving it's natural beauty.

The Amherst Garden Club believes it has the opportunity to impact the future of our planet and keep it safe and healthy, as well as beautiful. With that in mind, the membership has committed to educating individuals and encouraging them to choose environmentally conscious careers. Rachel and Justin are wished every success.

## Amherst Reusable Bags

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of Amherst, the Amherst Junior Women's Club is selling handy Reusable Bags. The bags cost \$5.00 each and are imprinted with the official 250th Anniversary logo. All proceeds will benefit deserving charities in and around the Amherst community. The one-of-a-kind keepsakes are available at: Moultons, The Homestead, Toadstool, The Black Forrest, and PJ MacWilliams Bon Bon. Please pick one up while supplies last.



## Larval Mosquito Species Collected

medium and high breeding potentials. Of those thirty-eight breeding sites, 13 tested "high", 24 tested "medium" and 1 tested "low" for breeding potential.

The next step was to identify the larval mosquito species collected and categorize them into two groups; nuisance mosquitoes and those known to previously test positive for EEE and West Nile Virus in New Hampshire. "Remember, we're not treating nuisance mosquitoes in Amherst, we're only treating those known to transmit the deadly EEE & WNV" stated Gleason. Of those species known to transmit EEE and/or WNV, the three species "Oc. canadensis", "Ae. cinereus" and "Ae. vexans", were identified and treated with larvicide in Amherst.

Sarah MacGregor, president of Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. said it's too early in the season to make

any predictions about how severe the threat of EEE will be this year. "Looking at rainfall as predictor of EEE, we're drying up out there so that's the only going to make it better for the public, but if we get into another rainy period everything will turn around," she said.

The state saw a record number of mosquitoes testing positive for EEE last year. MacGregor said more positive tests may be found this year because more towns are monitoring mosquitoes. Towns already seeing high numbers of mosquitoes in wetland areas include Amherst, Derry, Newton and Salem, MacGregor said.

In recent years, mosquitoes carrying EEE have shown up as early as July and have continued to pose a threat through August and September. The next phase of the town's surveillance program will begin in

June and will include the trapping of mosquitoes. "Trapped mosquito's will then be sorted, frozen and sent to the state labs for analysis" explained Gleason. The state will begin testing mosquitoes for diseases in July and reporting back to Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc each individual local community's results.

"The most important aspect in reducing EEE and West Nile Virus in humans is public education" Gleason added. "Reducing breeding sites such as bird baths, old tires, clogged drain pipes and eaves troughs will help Amherst officials reduce the number of disease transmitting mosquitoes" he said. Because these mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk, reducing time outdoors during times of activity or wearing long pants and shirts and applying mosquito repellent to exposed skin will lessen the chance of contacting

the disease.

Since April, Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. has been identifying and monitoring potential mosquito breeding sites in Amherst. As new sites are identified with non- nuisance mosquito larvae, technicians will continue to apply larvicides to control the mosquitoes before they become adults.

Amherst officials continue to ask residents to report new areas of known standing water on private and public properties within the Town of Amherst. To report standing water, add any potential new breeding sites on private property into the surveillance program or for more information of the April site assessments, residents are encouraged to call Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. direct at 964-8400.

## Amherst Lions Club 2010 Amherst Citizen of the Year Nomination Form

The Amherst Lions Club invites nominations for the 36th Amherst Citizen of the Year. The award will be presented at the Fourth of July celebration on the Common following the parade. All citizens of Amherst are invited to submit nominations for the individual(s) who best manifest good citizenship through volunteerism, participation, concern and actions to help make Amherst the great community that it is today.

Past Citizen of the Year honorees include: 1975 Roy E. Maston; 1976 Elizabeth Arnold; 1977 Barbara H. Landry; 1978 Robert Crouter; 1979 Dorothy Davis; 1980 Richard Crocker; 1981 Ann and Peter Bergin; 1982 Louise Ainsworth Marley; 1983 Marshall D. Strickland; 1984 Marion and Harding Sortevik; 1985 F. Tenney Clough; 1986 Louis Heaton; 1987 Elliot and Jean Lyon; 1988 Arnie Wight; 1989 Thomas Grella; 1990 Jean Pituck; 1991 Peg Jones; 1992 Jean Butler; 1993 Ann C. Bergin; 1994 Elizabeth (Pixie) Lown; 1995 Buck Buchanan; 1996 Dave Hanlon; 1997 Doug Kirkwood; 1998 Janet Woodbury; 1999 Bonnie and Harold Struss; 2000 Bob Schaumann; 2001 Helen Burns; 2002 Donald Young; 2003 Marie Grella; 2004 Charlie Duval; 2005 Bruce Beckley; 2006 Lee Slocum; 2007 Bill Wichman; 2008 Nancy Johnson Head; 2009 Vernon H. (Vern) and Christina (Chris) Trudo.

### Nomination for Amherst Citizen of the Year - 2010

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications: (Attachments encouraged)

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to: Amherst Lions Club  
PO Box 1105  
Amherst, NH 03031

No later than June 19

## The End is Really a Beginning

the responsible town department or committee. More than 120 actions are listed. Many actions will depend on volunteers and require considerable work to accomplish. Here are a few examples from Amherst's new action list:

- Undertake a comprehensive revision and reorganization of our zoning regulations. Simplify, and make them easier to use.
- Revise our landscaping and sign requirements to better reflect Amherst's rural character.
- Plan for and protect corridors between conservation areas.

- Adopt design standards and guidelines and apply more rigorous site plan review for commercial development.
- Create a Transportation Advisory Committee to oversee Amherst roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and foot paths.
- Determine the desirability and explore options and methods to provide a public sewer where needed.
- Conduct energy use audits of town buildings and use "green" energy saving equipment where possible.

Priorities need to be set for the Master Plan's list of actions. However, completion of these actions will depend less on any assigned priorities, and more on the costs, volunteer interests, and the level of community support for the solutions. Actions that are easier and less expensive to accomplish will be done most quickly. Controversial and costly actions with take longer, or may never get done.

Please come to the meeting on June 23th to see what Amherst's Master Plan says. Think about how

you or your committee or group could help to accomplish these goals. Some new committees have been recommended as ways to accomplish some of our goals, including a Transportation Action committee, a Housing Committee, and an Energy committee. If these committees were created, would you be willing to serve on one of them? The completion of the plan is really just the start of the work that needs to be done.

Next Issue: June 22nd  
Deadline: June 16th

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