

Town News

Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

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Who: Ages 6-16
Where: Bean Field
When: July 27- July 31
Fee: \$135 Half day
 \$190 Full day
 Pre-School Programming

NEW session of Tiny Toes Dance

Lets get groovy!
 Our Tiny Toes Dance program is for girls and boys ages 3-5. In this 4 week program, students will get an intro to dance.

Who: Boys and Girls ages 3-5
What: Tiny Toes Dance
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center
When: 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 from 10:15-11am
Fee: \$25R; \$30NR

Story Telling on the Green

A Collection of local story tellers will gather to share some wonderful stories! These events are perfect for both children and adults.

Where: Amherst Town Green (look for a sign)
When: Tuesday June 2 from 4:30-6pm
 In case of inclement weather, the storytellers will meet at the Amherst Town Library at 7pm on the dates listed above.

Homeschool Science Programs

Amherst Recreation offers environmental and science programs to home school students throughout the school year at the Peabody Mill Environmental Center!

Who: Home school students ages 3-14
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)
When: May 19th from 1-3pm (3-5yr olds from 1-2pm)
Fee: \$5 for 3-5 yr olds, \$10 for 6-14 yr olds
 Please visit www.amherstrec.org for activity descriptions

Adult Programming

Morning Miles

Who: Adults
What: Loosely organized running group
When: Tuesday and Thursdays at 6am March 31-June 18
Where: Village Green, in the parking lot across from the Congregational Church
Fee: FREE!

Rugby 7's for Adults

Rugby 7's is a quick, fun and easy to learn sport.

Who: Adults 18+
Where: Lower Wilkins
When: Wednesday Nights starting June 24th
Fee: \$20R; \$25NR

Adult Basketball and Adult Volleyball

Pick up games at AMS have begun. The registration fee covers the entire school year. See our website

for details and to register.

Game Days

Amherst Recreation offers a fun afternoon of table or card games for adults.

Thursdays 1:00-3:30pm @ the Amherst Fire Department Training Room.

No registration required, It's free!

Family Programming

Birthday Parties at PMEC!

Create amazing birthday memories this year with a Birthday Party for your child age 3-12 at the Peabody Mill Environmental Center!

We have several themes to choose from or we can work together to tailor one just for your Birthday Girl or Boy. Please visit www.amherstrec.org for more details.

We add programs weekly, so check our website often...

And make time in your life for Recreation!

ENGAGEMENT



Neukam – Philips

Arja and Rande Neukam of Amherst are very pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Suvi Neukam, to Patrick Philips, son of Robin and Nathan Philips of Eugene, OR.

Suvi is a graduate of Souhegan High School and Middlebury College. She is graduating this May from the College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of New England, and beginning her residency in June in internal medicine at the Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR in pursuit of a specialization in geriatrics.

Patrick is a graduate of Oak Hill High School in Eugene, and Middlebury College, with graduate work pursued at Universidad de Buenos Aires. He is currently employed as a Data Scientist developing crowdsourcing and machine learning algorithms at Euclid Analytics, San Francisco.

Our family's bigger now, our house smaller, our lives happier, all as should be.

Please send Engagement and Wedding announcements (forms available at www.amherstcitizen.com) to Editor: The Amherst Citizen, PO Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031.

Also, enclose a S.A.S.E. for return of color or B&W photos. Emailed photos must be 700kb or larger

Overview of the Town's Industries in 1895

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15 tons. They are building a road to bring out the latter."

Brick Making
 "Formerly bricks were manufactured in Bedford and Amherst in large quantities, giving employment to a large number of men, and affording a market for a large amount of wood. Owing to the discovery at Hooksett and Suncook of deposits of clay of a superior quality and located in high banks, manufacturers began to leave Bedford for those places, and later, by reason of railroad facilities having been extended to Hooksett, Suncook, Epping, Plaistow, and other places, the business gradually died out in Bedford and Amherst. The supply of clay in Bedford and Amherst is large, but not well defined, covering perhaps from 100 to 200 acres, in thin layers upon moist intervalle land, from two to three feet beneath the surface. Its quality at best can only be called fair, generally requiring the use of ashes to work it. The line of the proposed railroad is in the immediate vicinity of the former brick yards; but [the referees found] that in the present condition of the brick industry throughout the state, and without a largely increased demand for such brick as can be made from clay of such quality as that found in Bedford and Amherst, it is not probable that the opening of the proposed railroad would make it profitable to work the yards there to any considerable extent."

Ice from Baboosic Lake
 "Baboosic pond in Amherst has an area estimated at from 700 to 900 acres. Ice formed from its waters is of a desirable quality, and it [was] estimated that at least 600 tons can be harvested there yearly. Dealers in ice were gradually being excluded from some ponds in the vicinity of Boston [as they were] taken for parks and other public purposes. While there [were] numerous ponds in the vicinity of Boston from 10 to 30 miles distant, from which dealers [had] not been excluded, where a sufficient supply of ice [could] be obtained, yet dealers whose places of business [were] on the line of the Fitchburg Railroad, to save switching charges from other railroads reaching such pond, to the Fitchburg railroad, are looking to Baboosic pond as a superior place for obtaining ice, and one or two of them express a readiness to establish plants upon its shores, provided the proposed railroad shall be constructed, and reasonable freight rates can be obtained,



Board Walk, Baboosic Park, Amherst, N. H. Published by L. E. Clark

Boardwalk from Baboosic Lake train stop (1900-1925) at lake's north end to cottages and to two picnic groves, each with pavilion, on lower western shore. Postcard published by Louis E. Clark (1866-1942) who from 1903 to 1923 owned the lakeside grove where he built Moonbeam dance hall in 1903 and ran a pool hall.

and thus give employment in Amherst to the men necessary to carry on such business."

Agriculture
 "Bedford and Amherst are good farming towns raising large crops of hay, fruit, milk, and other farm products. The proposed railroad would save their farmers the difference between the expense of carrying their products to the present railroad stations and to those that would be located upon the proposed railroad within these towns, averaging from two to three miles,

and so far forth it would facilitate their access to market, and there would be a like saving upon freights coming to them."

Attracting More Tourists and New Residents

"The village of Amherst has only water power enough to run one small saw and grist-mill, but it possesses some advantages, particularly vacant tenements and probably low rents, for the cheap manufacture of hand-made goods, and that for many years it has not had any commodious hotel. The evidence

fail[ed] to satisfy [the referees] that the building of the proposed railroad would restore its old-time prosperity or importance, or that its summer boarders have been less numerous in recent years because of any lack of railroad facilities. Baboosic pond, situated some six or seven miles from Amherst station, on the Wilton Railroad, and quite near the line of the proposed railroad, has attracted summer business, a farmhouse accommodating some twenty-five guests, and three cottages, being already upon its borders, and negotiations for the sale of a small number of lots for cottage sites are pending, awaiting the result of this petition." (End of excerpts from referees' majority report.)

At the end of the 19th century, farming and tourism were Amherst's main industries. Amherst Village was largely deserted in winter, and not just the mansions. Many houses were owned by summer people. But the somnolent Village came to life in summer, despite the lack of sufficient demand for a big hotel. Baboosic Lake was one of New Hampshire's leading summer resorts, competing with the likes of Mont Vernon and its several grand hotels! The first ballroom at Baboosic opened in 1898.

Judgment was rendered against the petitioners of the proposed new RR by the N.H. Legislature in March 1897. Eventually the opposition, the Boston & Maine Railroad, subsidiary of the Concord & Montreal RR, did build the Manchester-Milford line to block competition from reaching Manchester. Amherst gained two additional stations, one at the SE edge of Amherst Village and the other near Baboosic Lake, which operated from 1900 to January 1926. Naturally, the degree of benefit of the new stations depended upon the locations of individual boarding houses, farms, lumber operations, and quarries, but the new, slow train line did not boost Amherst's economy appreciably – although right around 1900, the building of summer cottages at the lake exploded.

Primary Source:

Journals of the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, January Session, 1897, p. 683-703. Online via books.google.com. See report for proposed route, comparison with existing railroads, population & valuation of all affected towns.

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We are pleased to welcome Dr. Mary Burns, D.M.D. to our dental office where she joins Dr. Bernard Ang in providing full bite restoration & orthodontics.

Dr. Burns received her Doctorate degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and her Orthodontic degree from Ohio State. An instructor for O.B.I. - TMJ oriented oral rehabilitation - she travels regularly throughout the country sharing her passion for excellence in dental care.



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