



Celebrating Summer in Swanzey



Swanzey Old Home Day

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Festivities begin at 9am

Parade begins at 10am

Swanzey Old Fashioned Summer FUN!
Celebrating kids of all ages!
Ice cream, bicycles and hula-hoops...

On Saturday, July 19th, 2014, Swanzey is celebrating kids of all ages at their Old Fashioned Summer Fun event! Come on down to Swanzey Old Home Day! It is a FREE Family Fun Event with activities that will include everything from a classic car show, a parade, kids games, a hike up Mt. Caesar, a bike ride tour of Swanzey's beautiful covered bridges or shop the many crafters and farmer's market. There will be animals and tractors, music and food galore and so much more!

The huge sandbox is back with child sized excavating equipment and a raffle for 2 brand new children's bicycles!!



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| 9:00am | Parade formation |
| 11:00am | Bridges Bike Ride begins |
| 9:00am | Hike up Mt. Caesar begins |
| 10:00am | Parade begins |
| 10:00–3:00 | Book Sale Mt. Caesar Union Library |
| 9:00–2:00 | Classic Car Show |
| 10:00–3:00 | Martial Arts Demonstrations |
| 11:00–3:00 | Grange Hall Museum tours |
| 11:30–2:30 | DJ Music |
| 11:30am | K-9 Demonstration with Officer Josh English |
| 11:00 | Historic Walking Tour of Cemetery begins |
| 11:30am | Decorated Bicycle Judging at Town Hall |
| Noon-1:00pm | Monadnock Mavericks Line Dance Show Team |
| 12:30pm | Civil War Firing & Drill Re-enactment |
| 1:00pm | Classic Car Trophy Presentations |
| 2:00pm | Civil War Firing & Drill Reenactment |
| 7:30pm | “Old Homestead Play” at Potash Bowl |

For more details, visit <http://www.swanzeyoldhomeday.org/>

**Swanzy Recreation Department
Summer/Fall Schedule**

June 23rd to August 15th - SWANZEY LAKE DAY CAMP - Monday to Friday - 8am to 4pm
Space is still available! Sign up today!

July 21st to July 25th SUMMER SWIM PROGRAMS - **Space is still available!**
Red Cross Swim Lessons
Monday to Friday - 9am to 12pm

July 16, 23, 30 & August 6 Splash & Play
Infants to 2 years old - 12pm to 1pm
3 and 4 year olds - 11am to 12pm

July 28th to August 1st TENNIS CAMP - Monday to Friday - 9am to 11am
Age: 3rd Grade through 12th Grade
\$20 - Residents \$25 - Non Residents
Sign up today!

Now through September 3rd Open registration for the Fall Soccer Program
Age: 4 to 12 years old
\$25 - Residents \$30 Non Residents
Games are scheduled on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturday mornings
VOLUNTEER COACHES ARE NEEDED IN ALL LEVELS

Application forms are available at the Town Hall. Feel free to call with any questions 603-352-7411 extension 110.



Opportunities to Serve Your Town

Have you ever thought about signing up as a volunteer for a Town Board or Committee? The Swanzey Board of Selectmen is soliciting nominations for the following positions:

Conservation Commission

- 1 Alternate Member - Term to expire Town Meeting 2015

Recreation Committee

- 1 Regular Member - Term to expire Town Meeting 2017

Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee

- 2 Regular Members – 3-year Term

Cheshire TV Board of Directors – Swanzey Representative

- 1 Regular Member – 1-year Term

Personnel Policy Committee

- 1 Regular Member

Individuals may nominate themselves for consideration. Volunteering to serve on a board or committee of the Town can provide an opportunity to learn more about your town. It can also be a rewarding and worthwhile experience.

For more information on these positions or to obtain a nomination form, contact the Selectmen's Office by phone (352-7411 x 107) or email at selectmen@town.swanzey.nh.us. Nomination forms are also available on the Town's web site which can be found at www.town.swanzey.nh.us.

North Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct

Flushing: The North Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct will be flushing Fire Hydrants and Water Mains overnights & early morning hours during the month of July. Reduction in pressure and "brown" water from the loosened sediment and rust are normal during System Flushing. The water is safe. If your water is discolored, run the cold water tap until clear & use caution when doing laundry, as it may stain. Drivers should use caution around the utility workers & be aware there may be water on the road.

Paving: NHDOT has advised us that they will be paving Monadnock Hwy. NH Route 12 south of the Keene Line beginning July 10th. We will be raising our gate valve box covers to accommodate the higher pavement. The area at Lake Street & Swanzey Factory Road will not be involved in this paving, as the proposed "roundabout" is scheduled to go out to bid next January. The roundabout will require relocating our water main, hydrants, and services in the area.

Water Main Extension: The Safford Drive Water Main Extension is expected to start this summer.



A recent close call. Please pay extra attention when in a construction area.

Mt Caesar Summer Fun!

Miss Katy Music and Movement for pre-schoolers
Tuesdays at 10:30 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12

Summer Reading Program

Sign-ups beginning at end of school. This year's theme is FIZZ, BOOM, READ! (science). Children being read to may sign up too. Finale party with ice cream social and MAD SCIENCE.

Book Sale Old Home Day 7/19 9-2

There will be a few tables outside with select titles, the remainder of the sale will be inside in the upstairs meeting room.

West Hill Wander: Exclusive Tour of Land Soon to be Conserved

The West Hill conservation project includes land in Keene, Swanzey, and Chesterfield. The Monadnock Conservancy, a local land trust for southwestern New Hampshire, is in the final stretches of fundraising to complete the project. Most of the money has been secured or identified. Local residents and businesses are now being asked to help raise only \$75,000 toward the overall cost of \$372,000. For more information or to donate, go online: <http://monadnockconservancy.org/support-us/west-hill.html>.

Come experience first-hand why this project is so important. Join Monadnock Conservancy staff on Saturday, August 9, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as they explore the woods and wetlands on West Hill, part of an effort to protect nearly 700 acres in the California Brook Natural Area. A moderately strenuous, 4-mile-loop hike will bring the group to a remote beaver pond with a great blue heron nest. Bring water and lunch. Meet for carpooling from the Horatio Colony Nature Preserve parking area on Daniels Hill Road in Keene. (From the intersection of Route 9 and Daniels Hill Road in Keene, drive about 800 feet up Daniels Hill Road and the drive to the parking area will be on your left. If you get to Whitcombs Mill Road, you've gone too far.) For more information, contact Anne McBride at Anne@MonadnockConservancy.org or call 603-357-0600, ext. 102.

Whitcomb Hall Committee

In 1916, George Whitcomb donated a parcel of land and construction funds to build a Hall in the West Village. The Hall provided a venue for community life and focus for community character until 1988.

In 2011, a Whitcomb Hall Committee was formed to restore the Hall to its place in the community. To date much has been accomplished: the Hall was named to the NH Historic Register, a structural analysis and building code assessment was done, the Hall has been insulated and restored windows and new screens are installed, the slate roof has been repaired, and funds have been generously donated to install a new furnace. With continued community support we can have the first floor open and functional in 2014, and WH fully functional by its 100th year, 2016.

Last summer our chicken barbeque showed tremendous community support. Over 200 people shared a meal and conversation made possible by food and monetary donations and a large group of volunteers who did all the set-up, cooking and clean-up. Watch for upcoming events this summer to include another chicken barbeque and an ice cream social. We hope you will all come and share your memories and make new ones. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at Town Hall or Whitcomb Hall and welcome you to attend and participate. We value your input and encourage your attendance and participation.

Join us in our "Rebuild a Hall" campaign by participating and/or making a tax deductible donation to Town of Swanzey, Whitcomb Hall Fund in the memo line.



SWANZEY FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETE NH FIRE ACADEMY FIREFIGHTER I COURSE

June 10, 2014

Two Swanzey firefighters, Jason Champney, Troy Hill Road and Chelsea Bell, Sawyers Crossing road, recently completed the NH Fire Standards and Training Commission requirements for certification at the firefighter I level. Both Firefighter Champney and Firefighter Bell attended the class as part of their probationary requirements with the Swanzey Fire Department. Firefighter I consist of a 212 hour course that teaches firefighters the basic elements of firefighting including fire behavior, building construction, protective clothing, self-contained breathing apparatus use, search and rescue, firefighter survival skills, ropes, knots, ladders, ventilation, hose and streams, water supply and hazardous materials awareness and operations to name a few of the topics. Firefighters attended weekly classroom and practical session which taught students the skills necessary to meet the challenges of the fire service. The class was sponsored by the NH State Fire Academy and held as outreach training program at the Meadowood Training facility in Troy NH.

Both members were appointed to the Swanzey Fire Department last summer and have spent the past year attending department training sessions and certification courses in order to meet department probationary requirements. Firefighter Champney is also a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and is assigned to Engine 1, Station 1 in East Swanzey. In his full time career firefighter Champney works for the U.S. Post Office as a rural carrier. Firefighter Bell is employed at Target and is assigned to Station 2, Engine 2. When Firefighter Bell joined the Swanzey Fire Department she became a third generation firefighter and currently works along with her father, Firefighter Kevin Bell and her uncle Lt. Keith Bell at Station 2. Chelsea's grandfather is retired member Gerry A. Bell who served as the station Captain in Swanzey Center for many years.

The Swanzey Fire Department is comprised of career, part time and on call personnel who provide fire and EMS services to the town of Swanzey



operating from three stations located in East Swanzey, Swanzey Center, and West Swanzey. Firefighter I is considered the entry level certification offered by the state of New Hampshire and the academy offers dozens of other advanced fire, rescue and EMS training courses for firefighters and fire officers. In addition to the certification course members of the Swanzey Fire Department are required to attend one monthly firefighter in-service training and one EMS continuing education training session to maintain their employment status and perfect their skills.

Any resident of the town who is interested in hearing more about on-call employment with the town's fire department is encouraged to contact the Fire Chief, Norman W. Skantze by calling the fire station Monday through Friday at 358-6455. The department holds a physical ability test each year to qualify potential firefighter and EMT candidates. The next physical ability test will be held in the fall of 2014.

The Nurse Is In



The second Thursday of each month
1:00pm to 2:00pm
Swanzey Town Hall

Have your blood pressure checked.
Ask the nurse about high blood pressure,
cholesterol, and other health concerns.

The Nurse Is In clinic is one of the Wellness Programs offered by



1-800-541-4145

Swanzey Open Space Committee

Amidst laughter, questions, ideas and excitement the Swanzey Open Space Committee gathered at the Bridges Inn this past January to think about how to thank our generous landowners and spread the word that Swanzey has so many beautiful trails and open spaces for all to enjoy. To start that venture in Feb., OSC member Bob McKelvey organized a fun, snowy ski/hike at Dickinson Forest for residents and outdoor enthusiasts where 15 energetic hikers enjoyed the winter trail.

And suddenly it was April. Time for Jesse, James and Bright, OSC's oxen~ Ambassadors of open space protection, to dust off their horns and get ready for some early spring events. The Open Space Committee and their oxen were invited to Northfield Mt. Hermon's "Teach In", C&S Grocers employee gathering and the Monadnock Humane Society's Walk for Animals -and summer hadn't even officially started yet!.

Everywhere our stalwart oxen visit people want to learn more about them and their agricultural roots. The boys even showed their friends at Northfield Mt. Hermon how to be an ox and how to become a teamster thanks to a fun lesson plan developed by their teamster and OSC member Victoria Reck Ames! So many questions are answered at these events. How did the oxen become ambassadors of Swanzey open space protection, what does that mean? What IS a conservation easement, how can landowners get more info if they would like to protect their land?

Old Home Days is right around the corner on July 19th and Jesse, James and Bright would love for families to come and walk with them in the parade. Please contact Jeanne at 357-4356 for where families can meet. OSC will also have their booth with lots of information on trails and ways landowners can benefit from protecting their special open spaces...and we would love to know where YOUR favorite special open space is. Put it on our Swanzey map in our booth.

An exciting project that some OSC members have undertaken, Theresa, Karen and Mary, is to organize many of the trails in Swanzey onto one postcard that will reach every resident this summer. Finally, a beautiful keepsake of where to hike in Swanzey -worthy to

put on any refrigerator as a reminder.



Other projects/events coming up ~don't miss the Rail Trail Awareness Day event on Aug. 2nd sponsored by OSC. Come bike, hike, ride, stroll the beautiful newly refurbished rail trail with a stop at the Sawyer's Crossing Bridge for snacks and refreshments. Another hike is also being planned for September AND in October all can look forward to "A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes" a talk given by Adair Mulligan, Executive Director of the Hanover Conservancy. It will be held on October 22 at 7:00pm at Town Hall~this is not to be missed! Join in the fun, sample some OSC hospitality and help OSC celebrate Swanzey.

See you this summer!

