February 10, 2017



Town News

Living Well in North Yarmouth ~ An Age-Friendly Community



Last fall, at the request of Town Manager Rosemary E. Roy, a small committee of town residents began working on a project aimed at improving life for everyone in town – from kids to seniors. After meeting with representatives from the Southern Maine Area on Aging and the AARP, our committee prepared a survey directed to senior citizens, but affecting everyone, to assess the age-friendly aspects of life in our town. Well-lighted wide sidewalks, curb cuts, accessible recreational facilities, shops, and restaurants benefit everyone. Research tells us that people of all ages are looking for the same things to call a community home.

Living Well in North Yarmouth ~An Age-Friendly Community: We gave the project this title because mothers with strollers and grandmothers with walkers benefit from the same curb cuts. Families caring for older relatives benefit from community age-friendly amenities such as wellness calls - another resource to spread responsibility for family care. Playgrounds benefit families and grandparents looking for a safe place for the grandkids to play. Home care services benefit older citizens needing hospital after-care or the young family needing help due to childbirth or illness.

The survey has been mailed to all residents and an electronic version is posted on the tab: Living Well in North Yarmouth. The results of the survey will be available later this month. We will analyze the results to help identify needed services – and share those results with townspeople and town leaders. Many committees in town are working to improve our town and the quality of life in it: Economic Development, the Comprehensive Plan group, the groups working toward the Town Office renovation and Wescustogo Hall rebuild. Now, a new town planner is available.



PDF Version

We want to collaborate with all these people, as we all work toward the goal of a community that benefits all.

Interested in joining us? Please call Town Manager Rosemary E. Roy at 829-3705 or email manger@northyarmouth

Deadline to complete the survey is February 13, 2017.





Municipal Offices Closed Monday, February 20, 2017



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WESCUSTOGO HALL & NORTH YARMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Thursday, February 16th at 7pm Thursday, March 9th at 7pm

Location: North Yarmouth Memorial School

Hosted by the Wescustogo Building & Design Committee

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2-13-2017 Budget Committee 6pm

2-14-2017 Planning Board 7pm

2-14-2017 Select Board Budget Workshop 6pm

2-15-2017 Select Board Budget Workshop 6pm

2-16-2017 Select Board Budget Workshop 6pm

2-16-2017 Economic Development & Sustainability 6:30pm

2-16-2017 Wescustogo Building & Design Forum7pm @ NYMS

2-21-2016 Select Board 6pm workshop 7pm meeting

2-23-2017 Budget Committee 6pm

2-23-2017 Joint Standing Committee 7:30am

2-23-2017 Wescustogo Building & Design Committee 7pm @ NYMS





Are you looking for a way to help out in your community? The Town Manager is looking for Volunteers for the following Municipal committees...

- ❖ Board of Assessment Review
- ❖ Economic Development & Sustainability Comm.
- ❖ Living Well in North Yarmouth
- North Yarmouth School Fund Committee
- ❖ Parks & Recreation Committee
- ❖ Planning Board
- ❖ Zoning Board of Appeals

If interested please contact the Town Manager, Rosemary Roy at 207-829-3705 or email manager@northyarmouth.org



ADOPT A HYDRANT

North Yarmouth Fire Rescue is asking for your partnership in our Adopt-A-Hydrant program by adopting a fire hydrant close to your home or business and keeping it free of snow during the winter and free of weeds and shrubbery in the summer.

In the event of a fire it is important that the Fire Department gain access to a water supply via a fire hydrant as quickly as possible. That way, the fire can be extinguished and prevent loss of property and/or life.

We ask that you shovel the area around your adopted fire hydrant after each snowfall. Clear a path approximately three feet around the hydrant as well a clear path from the street or roadway up to the fire hydrant so that the hydrant is visible and accessible. During the summer months it is also important to make sure that the same three foot path around your adopted hydrant is free of weeds, shrubbery, flowerbeds, etc.

Please consider clearing snow from a fire hydrant for your neighbors who may have medical conditions, disabilities, or those who are elderly that may be unable to do so themselves. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood.

Your participation in this program and maintenance of the area around your adopted hydrant saves time in the Fire Departments incident response, and time is very valuable. If you notice that a fire hydrant has been damaged, missing caps, leaking water, or if it is blocked please notify North Yarmouth Fire Rescue by calling 207-829-3025.





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The second annual winter cribbage tournament is scheduled for February 11. The event will run from 9AM-12PM and be held at the North Yarmouth Memorial School site, as it was last year. The proceeds for this year's tournament will go to the Living Well in North Yarmouth, An Age-Friendly Community fund. The event is sponsored by the Events Committee.

There will be two divisions of play: tournament and novice. Prize money will be awarded to the top four tournament division scores: \$80, \$60, \$40, \$20. A trophy will be awarded the winner of the novice division. The novice division will run from 9-11AM and their games will be shortened to 61 points.

People wishing to participate can preregister on-line, complete a registration form at the Town Office or email shpalmer@maine.rr.com. The deadline for pre-registration is February 6^{th} . Registration is \$10 for the tournament division and \$5 for the novice division. People may register at the door or on-line after February 6^{th} for \$15. We were at capacity last year so we do recommend pre-registration.

The tournament was great fun. People enjoyed meeting other people, there was plenty of congenial conversation and laughter amidst the competition- an all - around warm hearted atmosphere. The food concession offered up wonderful choices as well so come out and make it a family event. Will we see you on the 11th?



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, February 13th -1pm-6pm Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (247 Walnut Hill Road, North Yarmouth)

You can walk in or make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.



Mornings With Friends February 15, 10:00-11:30 Tuttle Road United Methodist Church



Come join us for a morning with friends! Waite Maclin, Maine Sunday Telegram Source Elder Award Winner will speak on his love of fruit trees and his work as an educator, entrepreneur and "citizen gardener" with Cultivating Community in greater Portland.

For more information: Deborah.gray48@gmail.com or AIPCumberland.org AIP: 207-829-2205 - For Rides: Call 829-3367



Thanks to the generosity and community spirit of the Cumberland Aging in Place Committee, North Yarmouth seniors will have access to extra help this winter. The AIP Friendly Visitor volunteers, along with students from Greely, will help with shoveling, pet walking and minor home repairs.

Interested? Call 245-8033 - the Cumberland AIP Friendly Visitor.

Residents in North Yarmouth will soon be asked to become involved in a similar project called Living Well in North Yarmouth - An Age-Friendly Community. A survey will be sent out in early January, which will help assess quality of life issues for seniors - similar issues that affect everyone in town. The committee organizing the survey is looking for other people interested in these issues. Want to help? FMI: call Steven Palmer at 829-5004.



Gentle Yogafor Seniors Classes

Mondays 11am to 12:15pm at the former Memorial School (120 Memorial Highway)

This is a donation class being offered to seniors in our community. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a Yoga mat if you have one. Mats will be provided for those who do not have one.

Class begins with simple meditations and a breathing exercise in seated or reclining position. We move into gentle warm ups with a series of stretching, range of motions, and gentle asanas. The later of the class will be restorative utilizing a variety of props to support the body, mind, and spirit.

FMI – Contact Joanne Sullivan at 829-6093 or sullijo@gmail.com



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