Reminders from Town Hall (North Yarmouth, Maine

Memorial School Lives!

Have you wondered why lights are burning at the "closed" school? Why so many cars are parked next to the "closed" building?

There's a LOT going on there!

Peter Bingham, Superintendent of the recreation program, said that so much is happening at the former school that the activities have spilled out of the gym into other areas of the building, demonstrating the urgent need for more recreational/enrichment/educational space in the community. According to him, the 4th grade basketball beginner program was made possible by the foresight of the voters of North Yarmouth. No other space was available – anywhere.

Beginning the day with activity....and ending the day with even more – the Memorial School gym (or multi-purpose room, as it is also called) is a busy place!

And what is going on in there?

Adult fitness close to home - 5 days a week!

- On Tuesdays and Thursdays, it's Dance Aerobics or the 360 Circuit
- On Mondays and Wednesdays, it's Cardio Fusion
- On Friday mornings, it Pi-Yo Live

You can even learn new moves

- Tuesdays it's Hip Hop
- Thursdays it's Tap/Jazz

Fitness for pre-schoolers

- Thursdays Spinning Sprouts (ages 3-5)
- Friday Bouncing Buds (ages 3-5)

Fitness for older folks, too

• Indoor walking program starts up again this winter – we expect.

And there's more!

- Personal training
- Private batting practice
- Private runners group

The town uses it, too

- Public Hearings

• North Yarmouth Veterans Corporation meetings

And, by the way, 37% of the people enjoying these recreational activities are North Yarmouth residents.

An old school finds new learners!

Kids are learning about the science of forensics (fingerprinting!), scary weather (hurricanes!), endangered species (giant pandas!) – all through the Home School Resource Center. This great resource for home schooling families offers unique classes for their students. The Center has had difficulty finding suitable space for their classes and programs at a reasonable price.

They found both at Memorial School.

And who isn't there but who would LIKE to be there? The Boy Scouts? The Girl Scouts? Other community groups?

Only the future knows.

<u>FMI: Cumberland/North Yarmouth Recreation</u> <u>FMI: Home School Resource Center</u> <u>FMI: Memorial School Schedule of Events</u>

Village Redevelopment Project Hearings Scheduled

Public Hearing Number 1

Wednesday - October 14, 2015 7 pm Memorial School

REFERENDUM ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Question #1

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to:

A) Create a municipal and community campus on the Memorial School parcel by renovating and reusing a portion of the school facility including the gymnasium; and

B) Sell the existing Town Hall parcel for residential and/or commercial development to increase the tax and employment base; and

C) Create a sewer system infrastructure that will enable these specific proposals A) and B), and stimulate future village development as envisioned in the Town Comprehensive Plan while protecting the aquifer resource.

Public Hearing Number 2

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Thursday - October 15, 2015 7 pm Memorial School

REFERENDUM ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Question #2

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to:

A) Immediately terminate making any expenditures and performing any work to study or to develop a Municipal sewer system;

B) Rebuild Wescustogo Hall in compliance with the 1997 agreement under which the Town accepted the property;

C) Retain the current Town Hall and land. Make renovations and additions to the building as needed over time for municipal purposes;

D) Solicit through a Request for Proposal (RFP) creative plans to renovate, repurpose, replace or sell the Memorial School building and property. Such proposals should consider but not be limited to public uses, private uses, senior housing, or combinations thereof. The Board of Selectmen shall not direct any specific uses to be included or excluded in the Proposals;
E) Bring all the Request for Proposals (RFP) received to Public Hearings to solicit resident feedback and then bring a recommended plan for the Memorial School property to a municipal vote in a manner that will maximize resident turnout.



Reminder from the Fire Chief: Fireworks Are Not Allowed in North Yarmouth

Reminder: Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due on October 1st

> Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due Thursday, October 1, 2015

Three Convenient Ways to Pay:

To pay by credit card:

There is a nominal fee charged for this service. Direct link to site: <u>https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/welcome</u>

To pay by mail: send your check or money order to

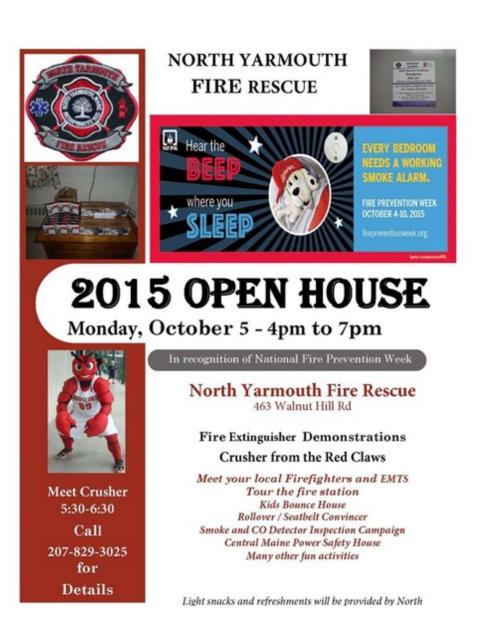
Tax Collector, 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097

To pay in person: come to Town Office during office hours.

REMINDER:

If your taxes are escrowed, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of all tax bills to your mortgage company.

NYFR Open House



Yarmouth Fire Rescue

The Cumberland Woodbank Needs Our Help!



Wood for Good

The Cumberland Woodbank, a local, allvolunteer organization that provides heating assistance to needy families throughout the region, has raised almost \$12,000 this year – so far. With just a few months to go, they hope to shatter previous records! They raise this money by selling donated firewood to an expanding group of loyal customers. It is the second largest woodbank in New England. And it is the only one that both sells wood for profit and donates wood to folks in need.

All sale proceeds are used to provide heating assistance.

Where do they get the wood? The wood – all hardwood, of course – comes from both

private donors, as well as businesses. Tireless volunteers from the group process the wood and deliver it to their customers. In 2014, the Woodbank processed and delivered over 40 cords of wood and raised over \$10,000. This year, the demand exceeded supply but late season donations helped and they were able to process over 50 cords.

The Woodbank can use your help! To make a wood donation, sign up to be a volunteer, or to place your order for wood, visit <u>www.woodbank.org</u>.

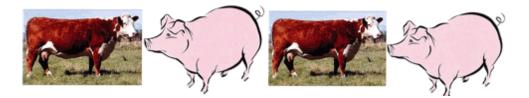


Support Our Local 4-H Club & Community Food Pantry



Last year through generous community donations, a steer and three pigs were purchased at the Cumberland Fair's 4-H Auction and donated to the Community Food Pantry in Cumberland. Over 100 area families benefited from this worthwhile fundraiser.

Please help us this year as our goal is to raise \$10,000 so we can purchase 2 steers and 2 pigs! It only takes 1,000 residents paying \$10 to reach our goal!



You can donate by cash/check/credit card. Checks should be made out to:

The Community Food Pantry-4H

Cumberland Town Hall

290 Tuttle Road

Cumberland, ME 04021

Credit Card Donation is available through the Town Website listed below: http://cumberlandmaine.com/4h-community-food-pantry-fundraiser/

> Thank you for your donation! Cumberland 4-H and Community Food Pantry

More Community News From RFTH! Look here for news of other events in our community

<u>MSAD 51</u>

Skyline Farm

Casco Bay CAN

Cooperative Extension

Lyme Disease Support Group

MSAD 51 Ranger Connection

Royal River Conservation Trust

North Yarmouth Historical Society

Cumberland/North Yarmouth Recreation



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