

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR/OPINION****Volunteers needed for beautification group in Warner****To the Editor:**

A small group of residents started a beautification group in town last fall. We remembered past efforts of the now-defunct women's club and decided our goal would be to make the town come alive with flowers. We planted mums and placed pumpkins, cornstalks and gourds at the transfer/highway department sign, the police station, the fire station, the town hall urns and in the fountain and at the Welcome to Warner sign at Exit 8. We weeded the foundation plantings at all the public buildings. These touches made Warner's Festival look just that much more appealing. Private funding, donations and some allocated dollars from the town budget made it possible.

Once festival passed, we planted masses of daffodils for spring flowering. The holiday season brought two decorated Christmas trees to the town hall urns and an overflowing display of greens, winterberries and fairy lights in the fountain.

We have plans to put out summer flowers at all these spots, including the Harriman Monument, plant more spring flowering bulbs and recreate the fall and winter looks of 2024. We need volunteers to make this happen. With lots of volunteers, the per person tasks will be small. We welcome ev-

eryone from master gardeners to those wishing to learn about flower planting and care.

We will have an information and signup table at town hall on Election Day March 11. Email kathy.carson50@gmail.com for info or to get on board with making Warner a colorful place.

**Kathy Carson,  
Warner**

**Sunapee Fire Dept. Association Scholarships**

The SFDA 2025 scholarship applications are available on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SunapeeFireAssociation>.

The scholarship is for tuition support to college/university or technical school and is open to seniors graduating from Sunapee Middle-High School, Mount Royal Academy, Sunapee homeschoolers, and Sunapee students continuing their post-graduate education.

Any questions can be referred to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Steve Marshall at [secretary@sunapeefireassoc.org](mailto:secretary@sunapeefireassoc.org) or 603-340-0849.

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or the Newbury Town Library and must be submitted by April 30. Only fully complete and on time applications will be considered. For more information contact Bonnie Guterl at [bonnieguterl@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieguterl@gmail.com). It seems early to be considering this, but time flies so quickly, don't miss out.

**Library**

The Great Stone Face Book club – Runs until June 1 for grades 4-6. You must read at least three of the books on the Great Stone Face Children's Book Award list. Pick up your reading log/list at the library. Check off each book you have read. Fill out a thumbs up or down and why you

rated it that way. Then all will meet in June to vote on your favorite and have a celebration party.

Free cardiac clinic – Tuesday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar screenings will be offered by Dartmouth Health/HVC CARES (Heart & Vascular Center Community Awareness Research & Education Saves Lives). The screenings will be in their program room. This is a drop-in program and takes less than five minutes.

Celtic folk music – Saturday, March 22, 6-8 p.m. Join talented musicians to experience the music, instruments and evolution of this

music. Learn about the ancient foundations and journey of Celtic music styles. Open to all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Newbury Public Library. Refreshments and door prizes.

Preventing scams – Saturday, March 29, 11 a.m. Join Ginger Marsh, Sugar River Bank Manager, and Aaron Sparks, police sergeant, for an informational session on preventing a variety of scams.

**Food pantry**

The food pantry needs white rice, beef stew, Ritz crackers, canned chicken and salad dressing.

**Wilmot Neighbors**

by Neighborhood Correspondent Patricia Trader • [ptrader@musician.org](mailto:ptrader@musician.org)

This week's quote comes from Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) sixth president of the United States: "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

**Free workshop**

NHSaves Button Up, the popular home energy savings workshop series, is coming to Wilmot. The Wilmot Community Association, Kearsarge Climate Action and Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners are presenting this free workshop for residents. It will take place at the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) Red Barn, 64 Village Road on Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m. This workshop is also available through Zoom, go to [plymouthenergy.org/button-up](https://plymouthenergy.org/button-up) and look for Wilmot for the Zoom link.

The workshop is sponsored by NHSaves and coordinated statewide by the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI). Access additional energy saving tips and programs through NHSaves on Facebook and Twitter.

NHSaves is a collaboration of New Hampshire's electric and natural gas utilities (Eversource, Liberty Utilities, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Until). The utilities are working together to provide New Hampshire customers with information, incentives and support designed to save energy, reduce costs and protect the New Hampshire environment. PAREI of Plymouth is working with local groups around the state to bring these workshops to the public on behalf of New Hampshire's utilities.

The NHSaves Button Up Workshop is a one and a half-hour presentation plus Q&A about how to improve the energy efficiency of your home. It is conducted by a certified energy auditor and covers basic building science principles as well as examples of whole house weatherization measures that will button up your home for the heating and cooling seasons. It also covers details about the energy efficiency programs offered by New Hampshire Utilities (for existing homes and new construction) that provide energy audits, weatherization measures such as air sealing and insulation and rebates on new technologies and products such as electric and gas appliances and high efficiency electric heating/cooling equipment.

New Hampshire residents wishing to use energy more efficiently, conserve energy and save money on their heating and cooling bills, will find the workshop presentation very helpful. The local workshop organizer, Meg Dugan, executive director of WCA said, "We are bringing this workshop to Wilmot because it offers valuable and practical information about how to save energy and reduce costs while making our homes more comfortable. The information about available funding can also help make these improvements possible for more people. With the high cost of energy, efficiency is now more important than ever. We hope many people will take the time to attend this informative workshop."

No registration is necessary. For more information on the Wilmot NHSaves Button Up or other NHSaves Button UP Workshops visit [plymouthenergy.org/button-up](https://plymouthenergy.org/button-up). For questions about this workshop email [wca@wilmotwca.org](mailto:wca@wilmotwca.org).

**Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon**

The last two Kearsarge Area Senior Lunches in Wilmot for the season at the First Congregational Church in Wilmot,

19 North Wilmot Road, next to the Wilmot Public Library will be held Thursday, March 20, and Thursday, April 17, noon. Hot lunch, friendly conversation, entertainment and door prizes. Suggested donation of \$6 for those 60 plus. Call 603-526-4236 to reserve a spot.

**Absentee ballot application**

Wilmot residents needing to vote by absentee ballot must complete an absentee ballot application. The application is available via download from the town website under "Departments" – Elections at the bottom of the page. It may be delivered by hand or by email to the town clerk. Any questions should be directed to the clerk's office, 603-526-9639. Mailed ballots must be received by March 11, 5 p.m.

**WCA news:**

Check the WCA website at [www.wilmotwca.org](http://www.wilmotwca.org) to learn more about the weekly classes and special events being held at the Red Barn.

Big Book AA – Monday, 7-9 p.m.  
Tai Ji Quan: moving for better bal-

ance – Monday and Friday, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga with Julie – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:15-9:30 a.m. Also, Wednesday and Friday, 10-11:15 a.m.

Mah Jongg – Tuesday, 1-3:30 p.m.  
Pilates – Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Line dancing – Thursday, 9:30-11 a.m.

Walk-in painting – Thursday, 12:30- 2:30 p.m.

Tiger Mountain Karate – Tuesday and Thursday, 4-8 p.m.

Garden club regular meeting – Wednesday, March 12, 4-6 p.m.

**Library news**

LEGO night – Friday, March 21, 5:30-7 p.m. Free pizza and dessert.

"Before Peyton Place: In Search of the Real Grace Metalious" – Saturday, March 29, 1:30 p.m. Robert B. Perreault, scholar, sheds light on the life story of author, Grace Metalious. In 1956 Metalious published "Peyton Place" which would go on to spawn a franchise extending four decades and included several movies, a follow-up novel, a TV series and a soap opera. Perreault will address several essential questions: to what extent does fiction reflect culture or shape it? Can one be ruined by a book?

This free event is brought to you in part by "Humanities to Go"

Book groups  
Sci-fi book group – Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. "Hail Mary" by Andy Weir.

Tuesday evening book group – Tuesday, March 18, 7:15 p.m.

**Thanks a million!**

WILMOT – The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) would like to thank Mascoma Bank and Bar Harbor Bank & Trust for their funding of their new arsenic remediation system.

Thanks to these two donors, the WCA was able to ensure that drinking water at the WCA's Red Barn meets all state and federal guidelines.

The WCA continues to be in awe of all their generous business and individual supporters.

**LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE****SRK Greenway Annual Meeting**

The 2025 SRK Greenway Annual Meeting will be held at the Sutton First Free Will Baptist Church beside Kezar Lake in North Sutton, N.H. on Saturday April 5 starting at 5 p.m.

The evening begins with a Potluck Supper starting at 5 p.m. All are welcome to join but please bring a dish to share. The Sunapee Ragged Kearsarge Greenway Board will hold a quick business meeting that is designed to share with the community the current status, important issues and latest news of the SRK Greenway. This short, informal meeting will be immediately followed by a lecture by John Morton.

**Olympic Biathlete John Morton will discuss designing recreational trails**

**SRK Greenway Guest Speaker John Morton will present on Saturday, April 5 at 6 p.m.**

John's presentation will focus on the process of designing and constructing contemporary Nordic skiing recreational trails and competition venues. He will also speak about the pros and cons of designing trails that encourage multiple users like: mountain bikers, horse riders, trail runners, cross country skiers and others. A seven time Olympic participant (Biathlon), John is an author, as well as a commentator on Vermont Public Radio. He will be bringing copies of his books: *A Medal of Honor*, and *Celebrate Winter*, for folks who'd like to purchase autographed copies.

Join us on Saturday, April 5 at 5 p.m. for a great Potluck Supper at the North Sutton Meeting house on Route 114 – across the street from the Vernondale General store. Bring something to share. Stick around after the Potluck to hear John Morton discuss the important design aspects of multi-use trails. Free and open to the public. This is sure to be a fun, information-packed lecture you will not want to miss.

**About our Speaker:**

John Morton is the founder of Morton Trails and the designer of hundreds of trail projects across the United States and abroad. He has developed trails for private landowners, schools and municipalities, resorts, as well as competition venues for major international events such as the World University Games and Biathlon World Cups.

A seven-time Olympic participant, twice as an athlete for the US Biathlon Team and Chief of Course for Biathlon events at the Salt Lake City Olympics, John began designing trails in 1989 after eleven years as head coach for the Dartmouth College Ski Team.

**Who:** All are welcome to this free event. Bring something to share for the potluck.

**Where:** First Free Will Baptist Church, 1533 Route 114, North Sutton, N.H.

**When:** Saturday April 5, Potluck at 5 p.m., Lecture at about 6 p.m.