

# Town of Hooksett

Spring 2024 Newsletter



## Beautify Hooksett Day

Saturday, April 20th is Beautify Hooksett Day with the Kiwanis. Many organizations and businesses will be participating in this town-wide effort for Earth Day to clean up parks, roadsides, and trails. The Conservation Commission will be focusing on the Hooksett Riverwalk Trail. All ages and abilities are welcome. Volunteers will remove trash, extract invasive species (such as bittersweet), and clear the trail of brush and overgrowth. A lot of trash and debris washes up along the river at this time of the year and in the past years, volunteers have been diligent about clearing it out, restoring the natural landscape, and making it safe for wildlife. This is a perfect opportunity for kids to be involved in conservation and clean-up efforts in the community. Participants will need old clothes, sturdy shoes, gloves, a willing attitude, and perhaps some tick repellent and sunscreen, or rain gear! This year, an extra effort is being made to beautify the property for the grand opening event in May! For more information and to register, visit the Hooksett Kiwanis website.

## Planning Board

The Hooksett Planning Board is scheduled to conduct a public hearing to review the 2020 Master Plan. A copy of the plan is accessible on the Community Development page on the website. The Planning Board recently revised its Rules and Procedures which is available on the Planning Board page on the website. These guidelines outline the expected conduct for both the Board and attendees during the public hearing process.

## Residential Construction

Construction is underway for 30 new condominium units located at 1385 Hooksett Road along with an additional 20 condominium units being built at Blaise Way off Maurais Street. Moreover, the Hooksett Planning Board has granted approval for a new development titled "Chester Woods Commercial Suites & City to Mountain Estates" at 214 Londonderry Turnpike. However, construction of the Mixed Use of Commercial and 72 residential apartments is contingent upon obtaining the necessary state approvals.

## Town Voting Results

Below are the Hooksett residents voted into vacant positions:

**Town Councilor At Large - 3 Year Term:** Jodi Pinard

**Town Councilor At Large - 1 Year Term:** Alexander Walczyk

**Town Councilor District 1 - 3 Year Term:** Timothy Tsantoulis

**Town Councilor District 4 - 3 Year Term:** Vincent Lembo

**Budget Committee - 3 Year Terms:** Elizabeth Spitzer, Alyssa Ehl, Maryann Soucy

**Cemetery Commission - 3 Year Term:** Michael Horne

**Library Trustee - 3 Year Terms:** Sandra Calfee Mack, Mary Farwell

**Moderator - 2 Year Term:** Todd Lizotte

**Sewer Commission - 3 Year Term:** Robert Duhaime

**Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 Year Term:** Lisa Blaise

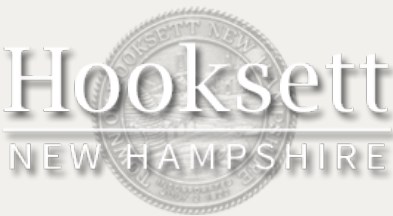
**Trustee of the Trust Fund - 3 Year Term:** Donald Winterton



Additional results can be found at  
[www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org)

# A Vision Realized- Two Communities Connected

Thursday, May 16th at 4:00PM, the grand opening of the Hooksett Riverwalk Trail, “A Vision Realized -- Two Communities Connected,” will be hosted by the Conservation Commission. All of Hooksett is invited to commemorate this achievement. The new trail connects Hooksett to Allenstown, where it meets up with the Allenstown trail system. The completed trail includes nearly 1-1/2 miles of trails, bridges and boardwalks over streams and wetlands. A golf cart will be available to transport anyone needing assistance to the end of the trail and back. Speakers have been invited to mark the occasion, and Hooksett’s own Sandee Guide will open the event with the National Anthem. This trail system was made possible with three grants from the NH State Parks Recreational Trails Program for a total of \$210,000 and the support of Hooksett residents through three warrant articles in 2015, 2018 and 2022.



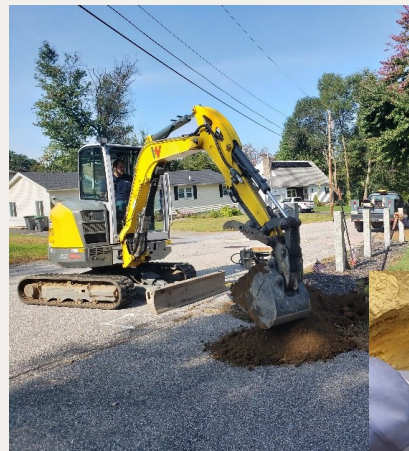
## New & Relocating Businesses

- Raven’s Nest Self Storage - 249 Londonderry Turnpike
  - Dressler Family Dental - 88 West River Road
  - After School Program - 1271 Hooksett Road
  - Planet Fitness - 1292 Hooksett Road
  - Black Diamond Car Wash - 1554 Hooksett Road
  - Puckstoppers - 47 Thames Road
  - Lunar Ink Tattoo Studio - 35 Londonderry Turnpike
  - Game Knight - 1461 Hooksett Road
  - El Viajero Tradicional Mexican Restaurant - 1461 Hooksett Road
  - The Vault RV/Vehicle Storage - 63 Londonderry Turnpike
  - Harley Davidson - 100 Technology Drive
- \*Not all businesses listed may be open yet, these are businesses the town is aware of that have opened recently or are moving to these locations.*

The Town of Hooksett website has received a makeover. Check out the changes at [www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org). Remember to register for E-Notify to get email notifications about upcoming meetings and events.

## Busy Construction Season in the Village

2024 is shaping up to be a busy construction year from spring through fall for the Hooksett Village Water Precinct. Projects include water main improvements on Highland Street, Meadowcrest & West Bank Roads and Main Street / Hooksett Road as well as the Thompson Corner tank replacement and a system-wide service line inventory. The Precinct would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to those residents and businesses that will be impacted by these construction activities. The projects are important for the long-term sustainability of the fire protection and drinking water systems in the Village area. We appreciate your patience and understanding as the work is completed. Please contact us if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns related to the projects.





**Q&A with Author, Producer, Director and Screenwriter Stan Zimmerman on “The Girls: From Golden to Gilmore” - March 13, 2024 7:00-8:00PM**

Welcome producer, director, screenwriter, and debut author, Stan Zimmerman, to New Hampshire and Massachusetts libraries for this virtual meeting! He'll be discussing his new book "The Girls: From Golden to Gilmore". From personal experiences to the insider scoop, Stan will take us down memory lane about some of our most cherished TV shows - the making of, the stars, and the challenges. We can't wait! Register at [discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events](https://discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events).

**Backyard Birdscaping - March 27, 2024 6:30-7:30PM**

Learn how to step up your game and attract more birds and more species of birds to your backyard with Steve Hale from Open World Explorers. This presentation reviews various feeder types, food types, and the importance of natural live and dead cover for birds. Diversifying your backyard with food, cover and water will have the birds in your yard ... and not in your neighbor's yard. Register at [discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events](https://discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events).

**100 Classic Hikes New England - April 5, 2024 6:30-7:30PM**

Author Jeff Romano offers a slideshow presentation highlighting hiking opportunities throughout New England. The program will cover destinations in all six states with a focus on itineraries featured in his latest guidebook, an updated edition to 100 Classic Hikes New England (June 2023). Jeff will share advice, provide insights, and answer questions on how and where to plan your next hiking adventure. The presentation will also include information on New England wildflowers, birds, wildlife, history, and conservation success stories. Register at [discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events](https://discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events).

**Minimizing (or Eliminating!) Food Wastage for Families with Sarah Robertson-Barnes**

New Hampshire and Massachusetts libraries are partnering to present this virtual event on **April 11, 2024, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM**. Join Sarah to discuss how to minimize or eliminate food wastage in your family, especially with kids. Sarah will have all kinds of ideas to take baby steps to save, use, or compost food scraps so none (or little) goes into landfills! All ages are welcome. Register at [discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events](https://discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events).

**“Cooking with Scraps” Baking Demonstration and Discussion - April 17, 2024 7:00-8:00PM**

Do you feel bad about throwing away (or even composting) food scraps that could be used? Well, feel guilty no more! Lindsay-Jean Hard, cookbook author and sustainability warrior, and Amy Emberling, Managing Partner of Zingerman's Bakehouse, are here to help us learn how we can make use of those scraps, keep them out of landfills, and still have enough left-over for our compost pile! Learn the classic banana bread made at Zingerman's Bakehouse (it includes the whole fruit—yup, peels too!), a recipe featured in their latest cookbook, Celebrate Every Day. We'll leave plenty of time for this dynamic duo to answer all of our questions about their recent release, celebrating every day, minimizing food waste at the Bakehouse and in our own homes, and more! Register at [discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events](https://discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events).

**From Field to Table: Foraging and Identifying Wild Edibles - April 24, 2024 6:30-7:30PM**

Learn how to identify select wild edibles (e.g. mushrooms, berries, greens, or even trees) via a slideshow and in person samples to see and feel. Emily Makrez, owner of F-Word Farm and educator on all things fermenting, farming, and foraging related, will show you how to identify these seasonal finds and how you can then incorporate them into your food or drink! Register at [discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events](https://discover.hooksetlibrary.org/events).

Save big and borrow a discount pass! Choose from an assortment of 14+ popular venues, like the Boston Children's Museum, Children's Museum of NH, Currier Museum of Art, McAuliffe-Shepard Discover Center, New England Aquarium, Zoo New England, and more, to enjoy family-friendly learning and entertainment. Visit [discover.hooksetlibrary.org](https://discover.hooksetlibrary.org) to learn more!

## Youth Events

**Drop-In Build a Leprechaun Trap**

Tuesday, March 12th in the Discovery Room for the chance to create your own trap to catch that tricky leprechaun! There will be materials set out for each child to create the trap of their dreams.

**Drop-In St. Patrick's Day Crafts**

Saturday, March 16th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making crafts for the holiday!

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

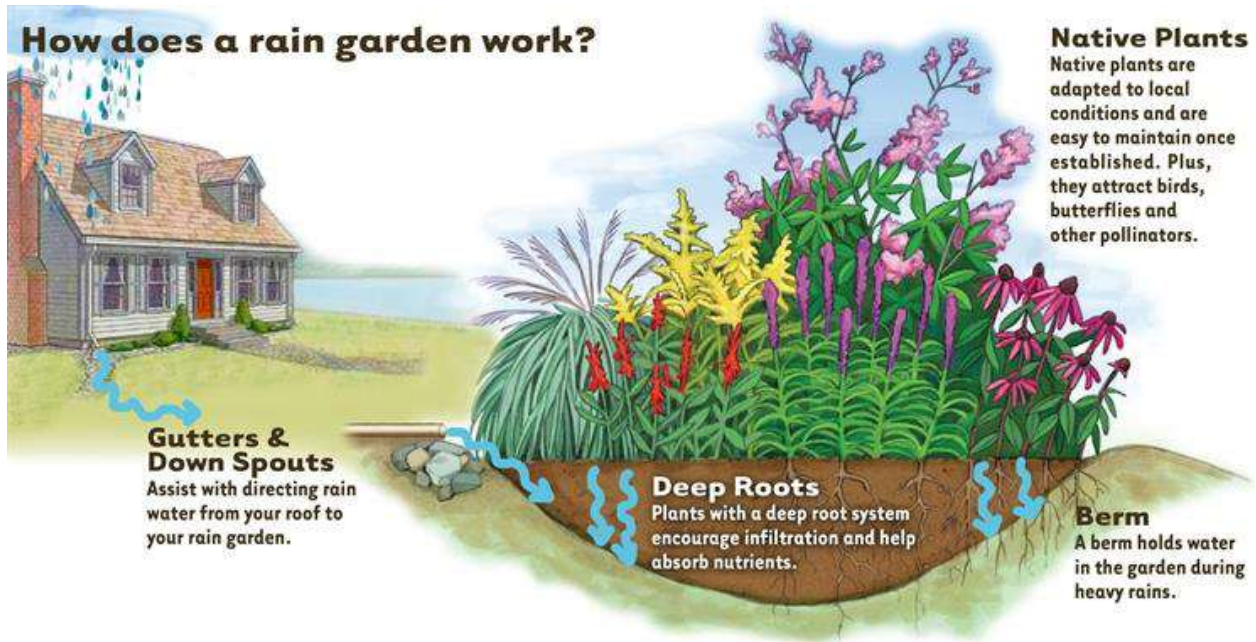
Saturday, March 30th for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be celebrating the holiday with pictures with the Easter Bunny, crafts and our library-wide egg hunt

9:30- Babies and Toddlers; 10:15- Preschoolers (3-5); 11:00- School Aged Children

Did you know that you can borrow one of the Library's specialty items from the growing Library of Things Collection and “try before you buy”, like a metal detector, hotspot, yard games, telescope, Dremel tool, Karaoke system, and more? Visit [discover.hooksetlibrary.org](https://discover.hooksetlibrary.org) to learn more.

# STORMWATER AWARENESS

## Rain Garden



Citizens can play a big role in helping to reduce Stormwater pollution. The first step is to understand what [Stormwater pollution](#) is.

**What can you do to help reduce this pollution?**  
[Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management](#)  
[Public Participation](#)

The Town is responsible for finding any illegal discharges to the storm drain system that pollute the water ways. This link, [Illicit Discharge](#) will explain what process the Town takes to try to locate where these discharges are coming from. There is a list of suspicious things that a resident can observe to give you an idea what an illicit discharge can consist of the next time you look

down a storm drain on your street.