



SHAPLEIGH NEWSLETTER

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking to fill vacancies in the follow Boards/Committees:

Board of Assessment Review

Planning Board Alternate

Zoning Board Alternate

Capital Improvement Committee

Recreation Committee

Community Day Committee

Saco River Corridor Commission

SELECT BOARD UPDATE

Select Board meetings are now scheduled every Tuesday, unless otherwise posted, at 5:00pm. Meetings can be streamed live from home or viewed at a later date at the following link:

https://townhallstreams.com/towns/shapleigh_me

The Town has joined forces with York County Soil and Water District in the Community Resilience Partnership. This venture opens opportunity for the Town to receive grant funds for projects in the community. On September 9th at 6:00pm a public forum will be held at the Town Hall to seek input from the community on where the grant projects should be focused. More information will be forthcoming later this month.

Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are scheduled to be committed on August 13th, and property owners should expect to see the bills in their mailboxes the following week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As a reminder all campfires exceeding 3' in diameter or height require a burn permit. During Red Flag Days (high fire danger), burning will not be permitted. Burn permits can be obtained online at:

<https://apps1.web.maine.gov/burnpermit/public> or in person at the station when staff is on duty.

The Fire Department would like to thank the 4H Group, "4 Leaf Clovers" along with their leader Else Cook for the flowers planted at the new Smokey the Bear sign at the station.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Effective July 1st, the Town welcomed new animal control officer, C.Lillian "Lil" Charron into service. Lil can be reached at 207-432-6321. As a reminder, Animal Control is only permitted to handle domestic animal issues. Wildlife issues should be directed to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at the State of Maine.



We would like to thank Jim Driscoll, former Animal Control Officer, for his many years of dedicated service to our furry friends; and send him healing thoughts as he continues his battle with cancer.

SHAPLEIGH COMMUNITY DAYS

Shapleigh Community Days were a huge success. The Committee has spent months in advance planning this day and are commended for a job well done. Friday night, Phoenix Rizing, played at the Gazebo while concessions were available for spectators. Saturday's events began with a parade down Back Road with the "Out of this world" theme.



Following the parade, the Annual Spirit of America Tribute Foundation award was presented to the Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club for their exemplary service to community and residents of the Town of Shapleigh. Throughout the day, many visitors came by and visited vendor booths, the childrens area, and concessions. The primary goal of Community Days is to bring the Community together in celebration, while raising money for an annual scholarship for Shapleigh residents furthering their education. Many thanks to the volunteers who put this all together and those who helped make the day a huge success.

LIBRARY NEWS

The children’s summer reading program is underway. The library is hosting a weekly story/crafting hour Thursdays at 6:00pm through the summer with a final summer reading program celebration on Thursday August 22nd at 6:00pm.



TRANSFER STATION

Please be aware that the SINGLE SORT RECYCLING compactor at the LOWER LEVEL of the Transfer Station is for glass, cans, tin, plastics (#1-7), paper, and cardboard. All containers should be rinsed prior to disposal and should NOT contain any food. Cardboard boxes should be broken down so that they lay flat when placed in the compactor. Plastic bags are not allowed in the single sort compactor, there is a plastic barrell next to the compactor for disposal of the bags, ALL FOOD WASTE must be discarded at the UPPER Level.

CONSERVATION TRAILS

As a reminder, the walking trails located at the Goosepond Overlook abutted by Totte Road, Dogwood Drive, and Hodgdon Road are for pedestrian traffic only and are marked at both ends prohibiting ATV, Dirtbike, and Snowmobile traffic. This land is a conservation parcel and is home to the Endangered Blandings Turtle.



SCHOOL NEWS

The first day of school for children in grades 1-9 is Tuesday September 3rd, while the Pre-k, K, and 10-12 grades will start on September 4th. Those new to the community should reach out to central office at RSU57 207-247-3221 as soon as possible to sign your student up for the upcoming school year.

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