

# Events Calendar

### The MOMs® Club of Amherst

is holding a Multi-family Yard Sale , Saturday, May 30th from 8:00-2:00 at 47 Merrimack Rd, Amherst.

All proceeds to benefit the Nashua Children's Home. Items for sale include: clothes, collectibles, furniture, kitchenware, linens, computers, toys, and lots of baby stuff- crib,toys,etc., NO early birds, Please!

### Amherst Farmers' Market Opens

Join us on the village common from 2:30-6:30 every Thursday until October. We're back for our 5th season with all of your favorite vendors and some exciting new additions. The Amherst Farmers' Market offers you the best in local agricultural producers & artisan crafters. This season buy local and support local agriculture!

### Amherst Father/Son Canoe Trip

The annual Amherst Father/Son canoe trip on the Saco River is scheduled for June 18th, 19th, and 20th (Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon) 3 days and 2 nights of outdoor fun! This camping and canoe trip is open to all age sons from Amherst or Mount Vernon. (typically 7-15 yrs.) No canoeing experience is needed, rentals available. For more information call Jonathan Dubois 673-6365 or email: afscanoe@gmail.com.

### New Hampshire Audubon

#### Nashaway Chapter

New Hampshire Audubon's Nashaway Chapter invites public to join monthly programs and field trips

NASHUA, NH – New Hampshire Audubon's Nashaway Chapter invites the public to attend its monthly educational programs and field trips. All programs and field trips are free and open to the public.

Spring Warblers at Maple Hill Farm, Beaver Brook Association in Hollis will be on Saturday, May 16 from 6:30am – 11am. Join us as we search for migrating warblers, which will be decked out in bright breeding plumage and singing with urgency in readiness for their return to their breeding territories here and to the north. Meet at Maple Hill Farm on the far end of Ridge Road from Rt. 122.

For field trip registration, contact Richard Bielawski at 429-2537 or rbielawski@mac.com.

#### Saturday Night Comedy Club

Great Comedy on Saturday Nights at the Club Comedy at Amherst from the co-founder of the Comedy Connection. Doors open at 7p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m. Amherst Country Club, 72 Ponemah Rd, Amherst. For more information call 673-9908 or got to www.amherstcountryclub.com.

Amherst MOMS Club

The Amherst MOMS Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at the First Baptist Church on Middle Street in Amherst at 9:00. We are a non-profit organization that supports stay at -home moms and their children who live in Amherst. We plan get togethers, play groups, special outings and service and community projects throughout the year. All activities are during the day except our monthly mom's night out and children are welcomed at all our activities. Please contact Carrie Patel, president at amherstmomsclub@yahoo.com or by mail, PO BOX 508 Amherst, NH 03031 for more information.

#### MOMS Club of Milford / Mont Vernon

The MOMS Club of Milford / Mont Vernon meets every second Friday of each month at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church in Mont Vernonat 9:30am. This is a non-profit organization that supports at-home moms and their children that reside in the towns of Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton. We will be planning get togethers, playgroups, special activities and service and community projects. All activities are during the daytime except for a monthly mom's night out. Please contact Michelle Paquette, president @ momsclubofmilfordarea@yahoo.com for more information.

#### Medical Ride Service in Souhegan Valley

Rides to medical appointments will be available to people living in the Souhegan Valley towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis and Milford. The door-to-door service will be provided by the Nashua Transit System and will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. For information call 880-0100.



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## Nomination for Patricia Duval – Lynn Riccitelli Youth Citizen of the Year Award

Please join us in honoring our town's young people by submitting names for consideration for the Patricia Duval – Lynn Riccitelli Award for Outstanding Youth.

Students should be an Amherst resident in grades K – 12, between the ages of 6 and 20 as of May 30th. Criteria: This youth shall have done some form of volunteer work IN Amherst that has helped to make our community a better place in which to live.

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments that have helped to make Amherst a better place in which to live: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send to:

Marie Grella, Memorial Day Chair, P.O. Box 86, Amherst, NH 03031

Call 673-4905 if you are hand delivering, or e-mail to mgf1225@aol.com

Thank you for supporting our youth!

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# Town News

### Master Planning Notes

## Moving Forward

RICHARD HART, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

AMHERST – Review of the current draft Amherst Master Plan is nearly complete. All elements have been covered in recent meetings. Corrections, clarifications, and changes have been identified. These will be delivered to the consultants for inclusion in the next Master Plan update.

At the last meeting the committee reviewed the Recreation element, and then revisited the Land Use element. The Land Use element focuses on zoning regulation changes needed to implement the goals in the other elements. Some important aspects of the Land Use element remain to be resolved. These will be addressed at the next Master Plan meeting on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:30 PM in the town hall. Check the Master Plan web site ( http://www.amherstnh.gov/MP ) before the meeting for a document that will outline these issues and possible solutions.

The vast majority of changes, made at the past few meetings, were simple and uncontroversial. For example, “Managing future communications systems growth” might be more explicitly stated as “we should have a plan for the communications infrastructure to match the kinds of development we want.” Parking issues at the library, might be expanded to include parking issues throughout the village. And remember, it's not “The Green”, it's officially “The Large Common.”

Some issues remain. We want to preserve the Route 101 corridor, but how will that be done? Many fear that development along Route 101 will continue with the use of variances unless, and even if, we have a plan for the corridor. Everyone wants to make route 101A better, but how will that be done? Should commercial and industrial zones be merged? Might we allow some residential development along Route 101A, as part of a more mixed use sort of development? How should future design standards reflect Amherst's character? When the next big parcel of Amherst land is developed, should we allow a more mixed use development, one that might include small businesses or recreation areas?

New businesses and homes will be built in Amherst, either according to current zoning laws, according to variances that owners' might get, or according to plans that we make to accommodate future growth that respects Amherst's character and the desires of citizens. In reality, we must expect all three to happen. Our land use plans and zoning regulations in effect at the time will be the guides which define what will and will not happen.

With the conclusion of the review meetings, we will move into the next phase of the process. The next step for the Amherst Master Plan will be a new draft for review. We hope that few additional changes will be needed at that point, but that remains to be seen after these changes have been incorporated. The current draft of the master plan can always be found at http://www.amherstnh.gov/MP.

## Birth Announcement

Ava Kaylee Fisher was born on April 7, 2009 at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, Nashua,. Ava weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Her parents are Marc and Jessica (Tracy) Fisher of Amherst. Maternal grandparents are Frank (deceased) and Brenda Tracy of

Errol. Paternal grandparents are Herbert and Linda Fisher of Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Ava's middle name is a combination of her grandmothers' middle names, Linda Kay Fisher and Brenda Lee Tracy. She joins her sisters Jaclyn N. Fisher and Sydney A. Fisher.

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Town of Amherst

Memorial Day Observance

Friday, May 29, 2008

SUNSET PARADE FEATURING AMHERST'S YOUTH & CEREMONIES

5:30 p.m. Parade forms on Large Common

6:00 p.m. Parade Steps Off

Ceremonies after on the Large Common

(Parade will be held rain or shine—except thunderstorms!)

For info call Marie Grella 673-4905 or e-mail mgf1225@aol.com

Honor Deceased Veterans

Support Amherst Youth and School Participants

## Amherst Recognized by New Hampshire Arborists



Amherst Garden Club accepts Beautification Award for Town of Amherst from NH Arborist Association. L-R: Ann Logan (Civics); Christy Belvin (Civics); Pete Hoag President NH Arborist; Marti Warren President Amherst Garden Club.

Amherst has been chosen as one of twenty communities to receive the 2008 Community Beautification Award from the New Hampshire Arborists Association. This annual award recognizes New Hampshire communities for their outstanding efforts at public landscape management and beautification.

Certified arborists judge nominated communities based on four criteria, including maintenance on existing trees, shrubs, and flowers; planting in public areas; enthusiasm and spirit of those actively involved in a beautification project; and, overall appearance—cleanliness, aesthetics, and initiative in downtown and other public areas.

The New Hampshire Community Beautification Awards program was established in 1981 to encourage New Hampshire communities to have an increased awareness of the benefit and value of tree care and landscape beautification.

### ► Amherst Resident Pedals Again from page 1

is not the oldest cyclist on the MS tours. “Dick Thorn, the captain of my team ‘Dickie's Devils’ has a couple of years on me but I do think that I'm the oldest rider who does the three New England tours.” He states.

“A couple of years ago, I did the MS 150 from Houston to Austin, Texas. The first day was what I called a triple century: 100 miles, 100 degrees and 100 percent humidity. On the second day of the tour, I met a man from Brooklyn, NY who was 92 years old. He was doing the ride on a recumbent tri-cycle and was riding with his son. The son was older than I was. That inspired me not to quit riding!”

Ken is a member of the Board of Trustees of the chapter of the National MS Society that covers Massachusetts and New Hampshire. “I've seen the work that the money that's donated does. It helps those afflicted with this cruel disease and funds basic and applied research into treatments, causes and cures for MS. The National MS Society is a low overhead operation and I can assure you that your donated dollars will be put to good use!”

You are invited to donate, by visiting Ken's web page at http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/kjones

Or by sending a check, made out to “National MS Society” to Ken Jones at P.O. Box 6010, Amherst, NH 03031.

SPECIAL NEEDS DRIVERS

Amherst & Milford Areas

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