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TAMWORTH PHOTO SHOOT AND BBQ

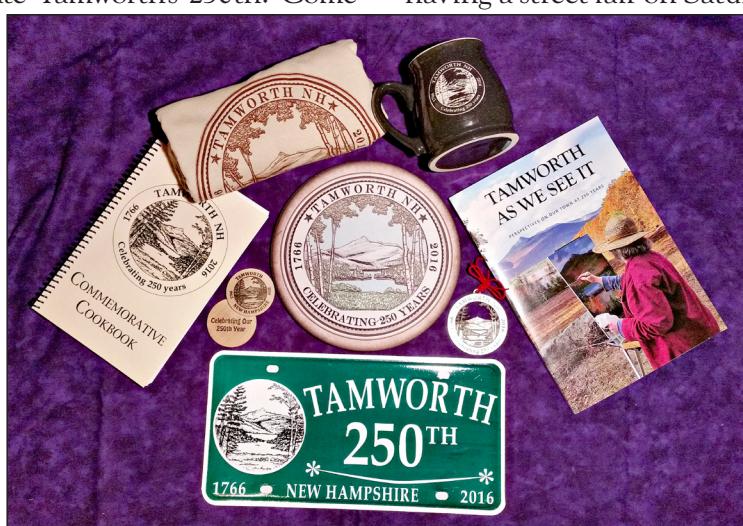
On Saturday, July 30th, join your friends and neighbors for an historic event to celebrate Tamworth's 250th! Come to the Behr Farm, just west of the Four Corners intersection in Tamworth Village, for an aerial group photo, followed by a chicken barbecue and music.

Organizers are asking people to arrive at 2:30 for a 3:30 photo shoot. Participants will form a human chain outlining the numbers 250, with photos to be taken from the air using a drone. Be part of this historic town-wide photo!

After the photo event, the festivities continue until 7PM. Dinner is free and will feature Behr Farm chicken and corn, with salad provided by The Community School. Dessert is pot luck, so bring your most tempting treat to share. There will also be a soda fountain and a shade tent for a break from the sun. The K.A. Brett 8th grade will be selling Tamworth 250th commemorative mugs and glasses. You can bring your own place settings, as organizers are working toward a "zero waste" event.

Music starts at 4PM with Doug Hazard and Blues Bus.

Want to volunteer at this one-of-a-kind Tamworth celebration? Contact Annie Provenzano: 323-2348 or annieprovenzano@gmail.com.



Tamworth celebrates the 250th with a wonderful array of books and memorabilia. Find your anniversary souvenirs at stores, libraries, and events all around town.

TAMWORTH STREET FAIR

The Tamworth Economic Development Commission is having a street fair on Saturday, August 6th to celebrate our town's 250th birthday. Much of Main Street in Tamworth Village will be closed so that businesses, entrepreneurs, non-profit groups, etc. can line the street with accessible displays. There will be food, music, and an array of products for sale along the street starting at 9AM. Event parking has been arranged to ease arriving and departing traffic flow. This will be a special opportunity for everyone to celebrate Tamworth's diverse businesses and services.

Imagine the delight of visitors who, after shopping at our famous Tamworth Farmers' Market, stroll down Main Street, pass under the Tamworth 250th Celebration banner, and discover that the fun continues!

A live broadcast from Magic 104 will be advertising the goods and services of all participants. We are still looking for two more sponsors to help with this cost. Sponsors will be advertised five times a day on both WMWV and Magic 104 during the week preceding the street fair. Thus far, the Economic Development Commission and Rosie's Restaurant have signed on to underwrite the Magic 104 broadcast.

Details about the 2016 Tamworth Street Fair will be posted on the Tamworth Exchange in the coming weeks.

Remember, August 6th is the date to celebrate Tamworth's 250th with your friends and neighbors. Plan to be part of this exciting day as local businesses and nonprofits share what they have to offer.

Contact Pat Farley (farleygroup@msn.com or 401-524-6655) for more information.

We need your support! Send a check to Tamworth Civic Association, PO Box 402, Tamworth, NH 03886 or visit our website, tamworthcivicnews.org and click the "Donate" button.

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April 7th

Police Chief Penny Colby reported the police sergeant position closes April 8th. The board set up a non-public meeting for April 11th at 5:30 to review and discuss applicants and salary for the position. ♦ Bruno Siniscalchi stated the "Celebrating Tamworth's 250th" banners have been put up on the Welcome to Tamworth signs, wooden tokens and stickers for the 250th celebration have been ordered, the Commemorative Book is progressing nicely, and the 250th Cookbook has gone to the printer. ♦ Economic Development Commission head Pat Farley reported that the Tamworth Street Fair will be held on August 6th, with specific details to follow. ♦ Selectman Steve Gray attended the Tamworth Village Association meeting. The association is planning to double the capacity of the waste water system. ♦ Chairman John Roberts attended the Cemetery Trustees meeting. Together with the Outing Club, the committee decided where the Christmas tree will be located in the veteran's triangle and a permanent sleeve was placed in the ground. ♦ Joshua Robinson and Casey Rollins of Checkmate payroll services came to discuss the proposal to outsource payroll. Robinson reviewed the company structure and types of services that are offered, including NHRS reporting, IRS filings, TLM management. They offered references; board will contact. No decision was made at this time. ♦ Executive Assistant Darlene McWhirter distributed draft copies of two job descriptions for the town office and a sample interview packet for the board's review. Job descriptions will be distributed to the town administrators that offered to help in this process. ♦ McWhirter is working with the webmaster to set controls to allow a few users to make changes to specific pages on the town web site. ♦ The board agreed to have the planning board purchase a computer for the lobby area for public access to assessing information. ♦ There will be temporary help in the office three days a week beginning April 12th until the job is filled.

April 14th

In non-public session, board discussed salary for temporary office help and met an applicant for the police sergeant position.

April 21st

Colby reported that a new police sergeant has been hired and will begin work next week. ♦ Transfer Station Manager Glenn Johnson discussed new bids for new recycling containers. Board voted to purchase three new containers from Atlantic Recycling for \$20,175. Johnson is still working on finding a vendor to recycle steel. ♦ Pat Farley contacted the local radio station for a possible live promotional event during the upcoming street fair. It can be costly. Farley will contact other committees to share the cost. ♦ Joel Clements, from Freedom Computer, presented computer options to be placed in the lobby for research. He recommended and the board approved the Optiplex 744 All-in-One to be placed on an arm in the corner over the map table. Clements said it was possible for him to set up a guest account that will let boards and committees access the internet during meetings without having access to the town's computers, and he was instructed to do so. ♦ Bob Streeter came before the board to

discuss the upcoming Farmers' Market season and the plans to make the parking situation safer. "No Parking This Side" signs will be posted on the west side of Route 113 during the Farmers' Market. There are three new parking lots in the area to allow patrons off-street parking. ♦ Tucker Letarte was appointed to the Economic Development Commission.

May 5th

Opened the bids for paving on Page Hill Road, Mountain Road, and Mill Road. Contract awarded to lowest bidder, FR Carroll, for \$86,050. ♦ Chief Colby introduced Sergeant Greg Cooper, who joined the force at the end of April. He comes to Tamworth with sixteen years' experience. Colby reported both Tahoes are back on the road. ♦ Farley briefly discussed the possibility of using Gregg's Way and a portion of land owned by Remick Acres as a pass-through to alleviate parking issues on the day of the street fair. ♦ 250th committee will attend the selectmen's June 2nd meeting to discuss the time capsule that is in the vault at the Town House. ♦ Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Trammell briefly reviewed the list of possible properties that will be taken for taxes. Roberts stated that any discussion regarding tax deeding will be discussed in public. She also presented email correspondence she had with Town Attorney Rick Sager regarding three inter-pleaders that should have been settled in 2014. She has been waiting since December 2015 for a response from Sager. She asked the board how they wished to proceed. The board instructed Trammell to continue correspondence and get a response from Sager and present it to the board. ♦ Tamworth resident Charles Moody came before the board to discuss the parking and entry into White Lake State Park and Chocorua Lake. He also asked for clarification of the conservation easement on the Helen Steele property. Moody is concerned that at both lakes it has been very difficult to gain access. ♦ The board hired Checkmate Payroll Services.

May 12th

Trammell presented the board with a list of eight properties that were ready to be taken by tax deed. Board voted to accept deeds as read. ♦ The computer and printer in the lobby have been very well received. When printing tax cards from the lobby there will be no charge.

May 19th

The new backhoe is scheduled for delivery this week. Page Hill Road is ready for paving. Mountain Road should be paved the 1st week of June. ♦ Farley reported that the Career Day was a great event and well attended. There were thirteen businesses and twenty-eight interested job seekers. ♦ Peg Poirier asked if the board would be discussing the correspondence from her husband, retired Chief Dan Poirier, in the meeting. Chairman Roberts stated that it was a personnel issue and it would be discussed in non-public. Cassandra Pearce asked why this discussion will be non-public and was told it was the board decision. She also stated that if Dan's request was granted, she has proof that a member of the board discussed a confidential matter with the retired chief and she will bring suit against the town if his legal bills are paid. P. Poirier asked Pearce how she was made aware of

Six Poets on a Hillside

Six poets gathered on a hillside
in early summer, still stunned
that winter had gone
as quickly as a thunderclap

Through open windows
poured the sweetest breeze
trailing behind it bright planets

Poems and stories of night sounds,
kayaks, oceans, and flying socks,
a book of memories from long ago,

With canapés and drinks and more tales of the past
there were fresh greens and mustard
from one of their gardens with
cider and even lemonade

It was an eternal summer night
on a hillside in Tamworth
with six living poets
and laughter

—Collin Seward, June 2016

SUMMER 2016 AT THE BARNSTORMERS

June 23rd—July 2nd

A Little Night Music

July 7th to July 16

Sylvia

July 19th to July 23rd

Dancing at Lughnasa

July 28th to August 6th

Das Barbecue

August 11th to August 20th

A Murder Is Announced

August 25th to September 3rd

You Can't Take It with You

For tickets and information, call the box office at 323-8500 or visit BarnstormersTheatre.org. Remember: Friday night is *Family Night*, with specially-priced tickets to family groups, purchased on the day of the show. Family groups include at least one person 18 or under. Availability may be limited, so first come first served.

Minutes, continued

the correspondence regarding her husband. Pearce said she reads the minutes and can put two and two together. ♦ Pearce said that in her opinion the board is allowing McWhirter to change a number of things without the board's permission, which was not the case when Pearce was the town administrator. ♦ Rebecca Mason asked if the job descriptions for the selectmen's office were completed and why the town administrator position had not been advertised. ♦ Mason asked that the police department report their mileage on a weekly basis. She is concerned that with both vehicles going out of town, the mileage will increase rapidly. ♦ After a forty-minute non-public session, public comment continued. ♦ Roberts said that the board will be asking legal counsel how to proceed with retired Chief Poirier's request. ♦ Roberts stated on April 29th, 2016 in a 2-1 vote, the board appointed Darlene McWhirter as town administrator. ♦ Mason stated again that she is concerned that the board did not follow their plan to hire a new town administrator.

SERVICES AT THE WONALANCEST CHAPEL

In 2014, Lester Ralph asked me to replace him as pulpit leader in the Wonalancet Chapel. Lester chose speakers in this role for twenty-nine years. He is also an ordained minister, a former mayor of Somerville, Massachusetts, and a lawyer with many years of practice behind him, so he certainly casts a long shadow!

My goal as pulpit leader was to continue Lester's mission of choosing officiants for the chapel who represent different perspectives within the faith. Many of our speakers are ordained ministers, but many are simply people connected to the area who tell stories from their own spiritual lives.

Among the clergy, there have been Roman Catholic priests, Episcopal ministers, and pastors from many Protestant denominations, including Methodists, Congregationalists, and Baptists. One of our returning ministers this year is the Reverend Arthur Rouner from St. Paul, Minnesota. He runs a program called the Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation that works to resolve conflicts — in Africa and around the world — by bringing warring parties together to reconcile their differences.

The lay ministers who speak at the chapel come from many different walks of life and bring different perspectives to bear, but they all share some connection to the area.

Most speakers in the chapel follow our order of service, using hymns from the *Armed Services Hymnal*, prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer*, and readings from the Bible. However, the sermons do not necessarily follow a Eucharist or canon. The choice of subject is entirely up to the speaker.

In the chapel, you can expect worship with friends, neighbors, and visitors, with the mountains and fields of Wonalancet as a backdrop and a new perspective on faith every week.

—Henry Steele

Somerville, MA and Wonalancet, NH



The Wonalancet Union Chapel was erected in 1880. In 1892 the chapel was incorporated as The Wonalancet Corporation. Through the years there have been changes in the physical appearance of the chapel. In 1896, the square tower and bell were constructed and, in 1937, the Katherine Sleeper Walden steeple was added. In 1963, the weathervane was installed, a gift from Rev. and Mrs. Allen Clark.

Upkeep of the building is made possible by the support of many. Contributions and memorial donations go to: The Wonalancet Corporation, c/o Chele Miller, 3805 Chinook Trail, Wonalancet, NH 03897

Services: Sunday at 10AM, July 3rd to September 4th

Annual Meeting following the August 7th service.

GOT BEARS?

If so, you're not alone. Tamworth resident Jessie Dubuque, a wildlife biologist with the White Mountain National Forest, agrees that black bears are more active than usual this year.

The problem isn't just local. The town of Lincoln, Jessie says, has started enforcing a town ordinance that requires all outdoor dumpsters to be bear-proof. "The Dunkin' Donuts up there is only a mile or two from the forest as the crow flies," she says.

What's different this year? For one thing, "The mast crop was pretty fantastic last fall," Jessie says. Hard mast — acorns, beechnuts and other tree fruits that accumulate on the forest floor — are what bears bulk up on before they go into hibernation, she explains. "A hardy mast crop has an effect on how productive the females are, how many young they bear. And the winter was really light so they woke up earlier than normal." Bears waking out of hibernation are ravenous, but the berries and summer fruits they depend on aren't available yet, she adds. "Once July comes, and the berries are edible, a lot of the bear issues will diminish."

Why are bears a bigger problem than, say, raccoons, chipmunks, or skunks, which also spend a lot of the coldest months sleeping? "Bears are extremely intelligent, and once they've discovered an easy food source, like somebody's garbage, they'll keep coming back to it, because they know they get a much bigger nutrition bang for the buck," Jessie says. An adult bear requires an average of 20,000 calories a day when it's not denned up for the winter. "That's the equivalent of twenty gallons of blackberries, forty peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, 200 apples, or 100 granola bars," she adds.

Bears have excellent memories, so cubs whose mother has shown them an easy feeding place will come back year after year once they're on their own. Even bears relocated many miles into the forest wilderness often find their way back to previously fruitful food sources.

It's not hard for a hungry bear to locate your garbage, bird feeder, or chicken coop. "A bear's sense of smell is 20,000 times stronger than a human's, so if there's even a trace of a smell, the bears will come after it," Jessie says. They can also identify food sources by sight and have been known to break

into a closed and locked car to get at an empty, deodorized blue-and-white plastic cooler because a similarly colored and shaped object previously yielded some tasty snacks.

So what can we do, especially between now and mid-July, to discourage hungry bears from becoming habitual visitors to our garbage cans and chicken coops? "The real point is to prevent the problem before it starts," Jessie says. "Keep food or garbage where they can't smell it, or at least where they can't get at it." Of course take in any bird feeders early in the spring. Electric fences around a chicken coop can prove effective. "If it gets to the point where a bear is coming into your home or getting into your garbage, it's really your fault and not the bear's."

If you catch a bear near your house, "Encourage it to leave," Jessie advises. "Make as much noise as possible by yelling, banging on pots and pans, or otherwise making loud noises. Boat air horns work well. As a last resort, and only if you're in a protected position, throw stones or other small objects in the direction of the bear — with the intent of driving it away, not hurting it. The more stressful a bear's encounter with you is, the less likely it is to come back."

"If you unexpectedly encounter a bear on your property, walk, don't run away. Move slowly and don't make eye contact. Don't get between a sow and her cubs. Remember, to change the behavior of bears, we must first change our own. Don't wait until you have a problem to do something about it. It's our responsibility, if we choose to live in bear country, to learn how to live with bears."

—Kate Vachon



STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

Tuesday, September 6th: Supervisors of the Checklist meet at the Tamworth Town Office from 7–7:30PM to accept voter registration applications. No change of party affiliation can be made at this time and this is the last day for the Tamworth's town clerk and supervisors to accept voter registration applications until Election Day. Bring photo ID and proof of Tamworth residency.

Monday, September 12th: Tamworth town clerk will be available to accept any completed absentee ballots filed in person, 3–5PM.

Tuesday, September 13th: State Primary Election Day. Polls are open at the Tamworth Town House from 8AM –7PM. Voters may register at the polls on Election Day. All voters must show their photo ID and registering voters must provide proof of Tamworth residency.

TAMWORTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Call Director Parker Roberts for program info, 323-7582

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi, Town House, Monday, 6–7:30PM; Tuesday, 9:30–11AM. Call Parker to find out which class is appropriate for you, as one is introductory and one is for more experienced students.

Step Aerobics, Town House, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8–9AM. **Living Strong**, Town House, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8–9AM.

The Summer rec program for children ages 7–14 starts in early July and runs through mid-August. Visiting children (including grandchildren and out-of-town guests) are welcome to join for part or all of the program. Call the Rec. Department for more information. Registration is ongoing.

Soccer for grades 1–6 starts in September. Volunteer coaches are needed! Call Parker at 323-7582 if you can help.

TAMWORTH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July & August

Tamworth 250th Art Exhibit "Off Our Walls: Tamworth Art with a Story," Cook Library. Reception, July 27th, 4:30–6:30PM.

Sundays

Live from the Lyceum. Featured musician, 12:30PM; song circle & jam session, 1:30. Tamworth Lyceum. Music listings at tamworthlumber.com.

Sundays

Dinner Bell community meal, 5PM at St. Andrews.

Tuesdays & Fridays

Community Food Center at St. Andrew's Church, open 10–12. 960-4067.

Tuesdays

Tech Tuesday at CML. One-on-one tech assistance. 1–2PM or by appointment. Call 323-8510.

Saturdays

Tamworth Farmers' Market. Unitarian Church parking lot, Tamworth Village, 9–1.

Saturdays, 7/2, 8/6, & 9/3

Friends of Cook Memorial Library monthly book sale in the library annex, 10–12.

Saturdays, July 2nd to September 3rd

Contradance at the Tamworth Town House, 8–11. See caller and band listing at tamworthoutingclub.org.

Sundays, July 3rd to August 7th

Concerts by the River, 3–5PM, behind The Other Store, Tamworth Village. Rain or shine.

Monday, July 4th

Tricky Britches performs at the Tamworth Lyceum starting after the July 4th parade.

Tuesdays, July 5th–August 16th; September 6th–20th.

Storytime for young children, 10:30AM, Cook Memorial Library. Guest readers all summer.

Wednesdays, July 6th–August 10th

Weekly activities for kids ages 5–12 at Cook Library, 2PM. Call 323-8510 for details.

Thursdays, July 7th & 21st, August 4th & 25th

Outdoor walks focusing on recognizing useful plants. Remick Museum, 10–11. 323-7591.

Saturday, July 9th

Save the Loons fishing derby. Meet at Chocorua Lake grove. 10–2PM. Email jenbuchanan@comcast.net for details. www.chocorualakeconservancy.org for info.

Tuesdays, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, & 9/6

Fiber Arts group. Bring your own project or watch demos. Remick Museum, 9:30–12. 323-7591.

Tuesday, July 12th

Honeybee Family Dynamics with Athena Contus. Remick Museum, 7–8:30PM. Free. 323-7591.

Tuesdays, 7/12, 8/9, & 9/13

Monthly writers' group, 5PM, Cook Library. Call Ed Martinez FMI, 730-4482.

Wednesdays, 7/13, 7/20, 8/3, & 8/17

Music on the Lawn, 6:30–7:30 pm, live music, local musicians, in front of Cook Library.

Thursdays, 7/14, 8/11, & 9/8

Hillsdale 4-H Dairy Club meets at Remick Museum, 7–9PM. Free. Call 323-7791.

Saturday, July 16th

Tamworth Firemen's Club auction with George Cleveland, auctioneer. 10AM, South Tamworth Fire Station.

Tuesday, July 19th

Full Moon Campfire & Walk. Remick Museum, 7:30–9PM. \$3/person. Call 323-7591 for details.

Fridays, July 22nd & August 26th

Small Farmers Club at Remick Museum, 10–12AM. \$5/child, ages 2–6. Call 323-7591 to pre-register.

Monday, July 25th

Children's Literacy Foundation storytelling and new book giveaway for children, 10:30AM, K.A. Brett School. Sponsored by Cook Library, Tamworth Recreation, and CLiF.

Tuesdays, July 26th & August 23rd

Trivia Night, 7:30–9PM, Remick Museum. Bring a team or form one here. Call 323-7591 to preregister. \$3/person; free for members.

Wednesdays, July 27th & August 24th

Cook Library book group, noon. Call 323-8510 for book titles or stop by the library.

Wednesdays, July 27th & August 24th

Climate change films and discussion, 7PM, Cook Library.

Saturday, July 30th

Chocorua Day, 250th edition! Book sale, art show, raffles, barbecue lunch, dam and park tours, Citizen of the Year award, and more. 9–1. Art show runs all day, Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday, July 31st

Ultimate Frisbee with Jeff Landesman, 2PM at the Town Green. All ages; sponsored by Cook Library.

Monday, August 1st

Tamworth Foundation Annual Meeting. 7PM, Runnels Hall.

Thursday, August 11th

Village Harmony teen world music ensemble. 7:30, Tamworth Congregational Church.

Monday, August 22nd

The Lonely Heartstring Band performs at the Tamworth Lyceum starting at 8PM.

Sunday, August 28th

The Barnstormers annual auction, 5PM behind The Other Store. Details at barnstormerstheatre.org.

Saturday, September 3rd

Bean Supper at Union Hall. Two sittings at 5 & 5:45. Adults \$8, kids under 12, \$4.

GREEN BURIAL IN TAMWORTH

Many of us are, understandably, uncomfortable when it comes to considering our own death or that of a loved one. As a society, we have become far removed from direct contact with the deceased, and from the burial rituals once so integral to the cycle of our ancestors' lives. In "modern" society, we rely on professionals to prepare the dead for burial and, quite often, assume that this is our only available option.

Not only is this type of funeral expensive (\$9,000 to over \$13,000, according to nhfuneral.org, depending on whether it is a casket burial or a cremation), but the resources required by such burial practices are staggering and, in some cases, quite toxic. There are over 22,000 cemeteries in the United States. Each year, along with the dead, our society buries approximately 60,000 tons of steel, over 1.6 million tons of reinforced concrete, 20 million board feet of hardwood, 17,000 tons of copper, bronze, and other precious metals, and 4.3 million gallons of embalming fluid (which includes formaldehyde). Cremating a body requires enough fossil fuel to drive the average car almost 5,000 miles and the cremation process releases a variety of toxins into the atmosphere.

But there are other ways to prepare and bury our dead, which are less costly, have a lower environmental impact, and can be a unique and very intimate way to honor our loved ones. And these options are legally recognized and supported in New Hampshire and right here in Tamworth.

The practice of "green" burial has made steady gains in popularity and acceptance in the US since the first green burial preserve opened in South Carolina in 1998. In this method of interring the dead, unembalmed remains are placed directly into the ground, either shrouded in cloth or buried in caskets made of natural materials such as wicker, cardboard, or pine. Green burial sites do not enclose caskets in steel-reinforced concrete vaults, intended to prevent graves from collapsing. Instead, earth is mounded atop the burial site, eventually settling as the remains below go through a natural process of decomposition.

In Tamworth, our elected cemetery trustees oversee all town burial grounds and ensure that town and state rules governing burial practices are followed. The most recent set of rules regulating all Tamworth burials, adopted in September 2014, includes Section 4.4: Green Burial Lots, which states that "In areas specifically so designated, the Trustees allow 'green burials.'" According to these rules, green burial "... excludes embalming fluids, non-bio-degradable containers, herbicides and pesticide use, and in no way inhibits natural decomposition." (These regulations are available online at tamworthnh.org. Click on "Downloadable Documents," then go to "Regulations & Ordinances" and select "Regulations.")



The trustees have reserved two areas specifically for green burials:

- Rows 23–32, sections O–Q, in the Chocorua Cemetery's "East Coville" section;
- Rows 54–72, sections C–M, in the Ordination Rock Cemetery.

Plot maps for these cemeteries can be viewed at the Tamworth Town Office and a green burial plot can be purchased, just like any other Tamworth cemetery plot, by Tamworth residents and non-residents who own property in Tamworth.

If the concept of green burial is interesting and possibly the way you would like to settle into your final resting place, but you find the details a bit overwhelming, there is help. For starters, the website

nhfuneral.org has a wealth of information on the topic specific to New Hampshire. In addition, Silver Lake resident Julie Lanoie is a knowledgeable advocate for green burials. She welcomes inquiries as to how to go about this very personal and economical burial alternative.

To find out more about green burial, contact Julie Lanoie at 387-9798. For specific questions about green burial regulations and locations in Tamworth, contact Tamworth Cemetery Trustee Mark Albee at 323-7969.

—Amy Berrier

WHY & HOW OF TAMWORTH RECYCLING

Do you understand the economics of recycling? Consider this: Trash disposal costs \$80/ton, but Commingled Recycling and Glass cost \$22/ton. Corrugated earns a \$25/ton rebate and Paper earns \$10/ton rebate. Transportation and disposal charges of \$245 per load are additional, so making cardboard and paperboard boxes flat is important. A ton of glass in the trash costs \$80 but in recycling it costs \$22, so each ton of bottles recycled instead of trashed saves \$58. Also, consider reuse: Usable items can be sold at a yard sale, donated, or posted on the Tamworth Exchange. Did you know Goodwill takes old bicycles and refurbishes them?

Nuts & Bolts of Tamworth Recycling:

Recycling loads with problems are sometimes rejected by the recycling company, so let's get it right. First, read the signs at the transfer station. Then, ask questions if you're not sure. If you set out recycling containers for guests or at a party, sort through this before bringing them to the Tamworth Transfer Station.

A complete listing of disposal instructions and pricing for the Tamworth Transfer Station is available at: luckdragon.falconweb.net/serve/36/file/Transfer_Station_Guidelines_2015_update.pdf.

For more information, ask at the transfer station or contact Sue Stowbridge, Tamworth HHW Coordinator (323-7620 or sue.stowbridge@gmail.com).



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WHY GO TO TAMWORTH FAMILY DAY?

From first birdsong greeting early registrants at the annual Ordination Rock 5K to the fading of the last fireworks glowing in the night sky, Tamworth Family Day has something for everyone, all day long, and is a collective EVENT not to be missed!

This town-wide July 4th celebration is truly held by and for our community. It is a day that gives all of us a chance to have fun, enjoy an amazing assortment of activities and food, and just relax with family, friends, and neighbors.

Cook Memorial Library staff and volunteers are up at the crack of dawn, getting ready, set, GO for the 8:30AM start of the Ordination Rock 5K race. Entrants can run or walk, well-mannered dogs can come too, and there are prizes! Sign up the day of the race or in advance at the library.

As the race wraps up, parade participants are putting the final touches on their floats, bikes, fire trucks, antique cars, and maybe even tractors (will we see the return of the infamous Green Team of past parades?), and vying for prizes in categories such as most patriotic, most original, most humorous, best music, best commercial, best overall, and best family float. A good parade has lots of people in it and an appreciative crowd cheering all along the way. Whether you prefer to sit on the sidelines or parade down the middle of Main Street, don't miss this classic Tamworth event. The parade starts in Tamworth Village at 11AM and ends at the Brett School around noon.

And the Brett School is the place to be for delicious food and fabulous entertainment! Come support your favorite Tamworth non-profits and munch on a burger, sandwich, or cooked-to-perfection piece of barbecued chicken. The concessions at the Brett School are set up by local organizations not only to provide food for your enjoyment, but also as significant fundraisers for their yearly budgets. The Tamworth Outing Club, Boy Scouts, Tamworth Congregational Church, the upcoming K.A. Brett eighth grade class, the Tamworth Firemen's Club, and more — all of these groups work hard to serve up food and goodies and deserve our solid support at Family Day.

While you enjoy your lunch, stroll the Brett School grounds and take in the fun. This year, Recreation Director Parker Roberts has hired a mime, a storyteller, a juggler, and a talented array of musicians to entertain the crowd. Get your face painted by local artists. Tour the car show organized by Jeff Libby, with antique and hot rod rigs on display. Try your hand at dousing local notables in the dunk tank. Team up with a partner for the traditional egg toss. Cheer on pie eaters, or have a seat at the table yourself.

The afternoon winds down around 2:30, when the musicians of Idol Hands sing their final sweet harmonies under the tent. But that's not all. . . .

Take a break, go swimming, nap in the hammock, and then come back for more. Music under the tent resumes with the popular Jonathan Sarty Band at 7PM. Once again, concessioners will have food and drinks for sale. Music goes until just before the fabulous fireworks display lights up the sky, starting at 9:30.

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Many Tamworthians spend countless behind-the-scenes hours coordinating Family Day activities, food, and more. Don't miss this year's extra-special celebration as Tamworth marks its 250th anniversary.

For more information about Tamworth Family Day, contact Parker Roberts at 323-7582.

—Amy Berrier

JULY 4TH FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7:00–8:00 Ordination Rock 5K sign-up at Brett School
 - 8:30 Ordination Rock 5K race begins
 - 10:00 Parade sign-up on front entry of Tamworth Town Office, Tamworth Village
 - 11:00 Parade starts at Tamworth Town House and proceeds to Brett School
 - 12:00–2:30 Idol Hands band plays under the tent; juggling, mime, storytelling, car show, dunk tank, & more.
 - 1:00 Parade awards presented under the tent
 - 1:30 Pie eating contest & egg toss
 - 7:00 Jonathan Sarty Band under the tent
 - 9:30 Fireworks!
- Note that all afternoon and evening Family Day activities are on the grounds of the K.A. Brett School.