

# HADLEIGH WOODS GAZETTE

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## Message from the President

So far this winter's snow fall is a lot less than last year. Let's hope it continues. The bad news is that even with this small accumulation of snow, we have again sustained property damage to garage doors, lawns and pavement areas. We are monitoring this and preparing to have these issues settled in a more timely manner than last year.

When you place items out for trash or recycling pickup, please take care that the items will not blow away and that empty containers are retrieved as soon as possible.

Would you like to help the community but feel that you lack the skills or afraid of commitment? I am looking for people to help me with small but very cost saving maintenance items. At issue is that although we have NextGen managing the property, their repairs are costly in comparison to what we have been accustomed to. These are the simple items that we volunteers can do: Light bulb replacements for the lamp post and front doors. Mailbox replacement and door bell buttons. Contact me if you are interest in this exciting work.

*Richard*



## 2016 Board of Directors



Left to right: Richard (President), Nina (President-Elect), Lucille (Treasurer), Gratia (Secretary) and Al (Director)



## Note from our Secretary

Because of the interest shown at the Annual Meeting in regards to our septic system repairs, the Board has formed a Document Change Committee, chaired by Nina. This Committee will research what would need to be done to change our Condo Docs. Anyone who would like to help with this project, please contact Nina.

*Gratia*





## Water System Committee

Hope everyone had a great holiday season with family and friends. It is now February, and with the rate time goes by, spring is not too far away.

After talking to a lot of folks, it is obvious that summer irrigation of our lawns is a very real concern. As you all are aware, we did not irrigate last summer because of concerns about the iron and manganese levels in the back flush of our water softening system seeping into the wetlands. I will be bringing this problem up to my fellow board members at this month's meeting, as they are also concerned. Hopefully we can come up with some ideas and strategies to correct this problem for good. (At least start the ball rolling. ) From what I understand, the numbers in the back flush we are concerned about are indeed dropping to a acceptable level (to allow irrigation) , but at a very slow pace. What are our options? What can we do to correct this? And at what cost? We will start the discussion this month. Also let me remind everyone that our water is perfectly safe to drink and to wash with. (Irrigation is the problem.)

Stay safe, and watch the ice when walking.

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Dear Homeowners,

Since my last notes for your newsletter, we have had the opportunity to see other units and meet owners to observe their requests. As I have said to each, we are seeking long term fixes to the problems presented. We have also received calls that are related to an individual's responsibility. But, we have been happy to provide an alternative for needed repairs.

Outside of snow plowing issues, the requests consistently involve water penetration in some manner such as previous ice damming damage, siding, basement concrete, bulkhead and roofing related leaks. Each has its own need to repair the job correctly. Here are some examples: With concrete leaks in the basement, it is not only important to plug the hole with the appropriate material. But, the source of the water needs to be identified and directed away from the building. In most cases, providing water another option to flow is not that complicated. To date, we have one unit that appears to have a section of siding that was not installed correctly. We are seeking reputable vinyl siding installation companies that have excellent references to provide quotes.

We continue to iron out the wrinkles of the snow plow company. Each of your concerns has been addressed to the contractor immediately upon request. Although I do like to ski from time to time, last February is still fresh in my mind and I am routing for an easy winter. I am still recovering from the Patriot's loss. I have only missed a handful of games on TV in 30 years. Here is a New York Times

headline from 1987 when the Patriot's Tony Eason was sacked in the end zone in Denver. It may look familiar:

**BRONCOS DEFEAT PATRIOTS**

**By WILLIAM N. WALLACE, Special to the New York Times**

**Published: January 5, 1987**

**DENVER, Jan. 4— The Denver Broncos had what New England lacked today - a running game, an inspiring quarterback and a penetrating defense.**

**Those elements fit into a 22-17 victory over the New England Patriots in a divisional playoff game. The triumph sends the Broncos to Cleveland for the American Conference championship game against the Browns on Sunday.**

Enjoy the day.

Ken Foley

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**ONGOING**

**Breakfast on Friday at 8:30 AM.** An informal breakfast, open to all residents and guests of Hadleigh Woods, is held every Friday at 8:30 AM at Sammy J's Breakfast Café in Salem.

**Bowling on Wednesday at 3:00 PM.** The H-W "Open-To-All" bowling party is held every Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 PM at Park Place Lanes. We bowl for fun & exercise never following the rules of the game. After our fun bowling, some of us go out for a meal.

**Breakfast on Sunday at 8:30 AM.** A number of the Hadleigh Woods Community residents are also going to breakfast at the Southside Diner in Derry on Sundays.





*I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon. ~Author Unknown*



## New Penalties for New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Infractions

The following is a list of changes to New Hampshire driving laws that took effect on January 1, 2016 for driving infractions:

Passing a stopped school bus: First offense a \$500 fine **plus a 30-day license suspension.**

Failing to yield to an emergency vehicle: First offense a \$150 fine.

Failing to yield to road construction equipment: First offense a \$75 fine.

Failing to yield to an officer who has pulled a driver over: First offense a \$75 fine.

Speeding above the 70 mph limit: \$65 for 1-5 miles over the limit and up to \$400 for more than 20 mph over the limit.



## Winter Driving Safety

Here is a quick overview. These tips may seem common sense, but a little reminder never hurts!

Snowy and icy weather can quickly slicken roads and reduce driving visibility. Slow down and stay alert in these conditions. Don't pull out in front of other cars too quickly. Give yourself extra space between your car and other vehicles. Avoid using cruise control.

Give yourself plenty of stopping room before applying brakes. Remember, four-wheel drive will not help you stop sooner. Accelerate gradually. Avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.

Don't follow or stop too closely behind plows. Snowplows travel much slower than posted speeds, when approaching a plow, give yourself plenty of time and space to slow down. Remember a snowplow driver's vision is restricted.

Research driving conditions before leaving home. Clear all snow and ice from your vehicle before driving. Always wear your seatbelt. Give yourself extra driving time.



February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Groundhog Day

On this day a groundhog, named Punxsutawney Phil, awakens from a long winter's nap and then goes outside to see if he sees his shadow. If he sees his shadow there will be 6 more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, spring will be just around the corner. Phil sees his shadow about 90% of the time.



Changes to Acceptable Identification for Flying  
"May be Coming"

Sometime in 2016, New Hampshire Driver Licenses may no longer be acceptable identification to board a domestic air flight.

The Real ID Act defines "real IDs" as those that are obtained only with proof of U.S. citizenship. New Hampshire driver's licenses do not require proof of citizenship and are considered "non-compliant" with the Real ID act of 2005, and thus they will no longer be acceptable forms of identification when boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft.

Acceptable Real ID documents are a passport, military ID, permanent resident card or DHS Trusted Traveler card.

**The government has not set a date when this part of the law will go into effect.**

**The NH legislature has introduced a bill in 2016 to make their driver licenses compliant with the Real ID Act. It is noted that in past years a bill to do this didn't pass.**

What can you do? You can wait to see if the Federal law is ever implemented, or to see if NH makes their driver licenses compliant, or you can get one of the approved ID's listed above before hand.

If you already have a US Passport check to see if it has expired or needs to be renewed.





## Don't forget to "VOTE"

NH Presidential Primary Election: February 9, 2016

Location: Windham High School

Time: 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

(Don't forget to bring your photo ID)



## What is the Senior Pass?

One of the best senior travel bargains anywhere is a low-cost lifetime national park pass that admits seniors free of charge to most U.S. national parks, forests, refuges, monuments and recreation areas. As part of the American the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program, U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are at least 62 years old can purchase a Senior Pass for a one-time processing fee of \$10 in person at a federal recreation site. A pass can also be purchased online or thru the mail for a cost of \$20. Applicants must provide documentation of age and residency or citizenship.

Two of the closest places to purchase a pass are:

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Newburyport MA. (978-465-5753)

[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker\\_river/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker_river/)

Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell MA. (978-970-5000)

<http://www.nps.gov/lowell>

Complete pass information, including additional sales locations, is available at

<http://www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm>.

## Quiz Questions

Country music comedienne Minnie Pearl always wears a hat with a price tag on it when she performs. What is the amount on the price tag?

What is the only U.S. presidential landmark operated outside the United States by the National Park Service?

Who said "I've never had an accident worth talking about"?

By law where in the U.S. do you not have to pay taxes?

What was golfing great Ben Hogan's famous reply, when he was asked how to improve one's golf game?

*Answers can be found later in the Gazette*



“Live Free Or Die”

“Live Free Or Die” is the official state motto for New Hampshire. The state motto for New Hampshire was adopted in 1945. The motto was taken from a toast written by General John Stark on July 31, 1809. General Stark was a famous New Hampshire soldier who fought in the American Revolutionary War. Part of his toast was “Live free or die: Death is not the worst of evils.” The state motto was added to our license plates in 1971.



NH State Veterans

The New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery was established to provide a dignified final-resting place to honor all veterans and eligible dependents.

Veterans and their spouses are eligible for interment in the State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH.

For questions or further information, please call (603) 796-2026. Mail or fax completed application to: New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery 110 Daniel Webster Highway Route 3 Boscawen, NH 03303. Phone: (603) 796-2026, Fax: (603) 796-6300, Email: [info@nhsvc.com](mailto:info@nhsvc.com) Website: [www.nhsvc.com](http://www.nhsvc.com)



### **More Things to Ponder on a Cold Winter Night**

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Why do we “drive” on a parkway and “park” on a driveway?

Why are they called “grandstands” when they are made for sitting?

Why is it called “after dark” when it is really “after light”?

How come Superman could stop bullets with his chest, but always ducked when someone threw a gun at him?



Tip of the Month - Baking

**How to Quickly Soften a Stick of Butter:** How often have you forgotten to take out the butter until right before your ready to start baking — so frustrating! But you can quickly soften the butter by grating it on the large hole side of a box grater. By the time you've assembled your remaining ingredients the butter will be ready to go!



**Upcoming New Hampshire Events – 2016**

**February 12-14, 2016 Blizzards of Orchids - Nashua, NH**

The NH Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale. Thousands of orchids on display and for sale. Exhibits, plants, supplies, jewelry, artwork and more. Feb 12 – 1pm to 7pm, Feb 13 – 9am to 5pm, Feb 14 – 9am to 4pm. Seniors \$8. Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH.

**February 12–14, 2016 Laconia World Championship Sled Dog Derby – Laconia, NH**

This international Sled Dog Racing Association event has mushers from all over the county and Canada competing on a 16-mile course over lakes and into the woods. <http://www.lrsdc.org>.

**February 13 & 14, 2016 Greater New England Golf Expo – Manchester, NH**

A great weekend of major golf vendors, product demo areas, merchandize deals and much more. Center of N.H Expo Center at the Radisson, 700 Elm St. Manchester, NH.



**Answers to Quiz Questions**

The amount on the price tag is \$1.98.

The only U.S. presidential landmark operated outside the country is “Campobello,” the summer home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in New Brunswick Province, Canada.

The quote about an accident belongs to *Captain E. J. Smith of the Titanic*.

You don’t pay taxes on an *Indian Reservation*.

Hogan said “*Hit the ball closer to the hole.*”

