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## Whitefield Community Calendar

The 8th grade is taking orders for the Whitefield Community Calendar. The cost is \$7 with 8 listings (each additional listing is \$.25) - orders can be mailed to Whitefield School 8th Grade, 164 Grand Army Road or an email can be sent to Mrs. Howard at [choward@svrsu.org](mailto:choward@svrsu.org). The calendar will run from May '19 -April '20 and I will try to transition it back to a yearly calendar. All orders must be submitted by April 5th. We appreciate your support.



### HAM & BAKED BEAN SUPPER



SAT., April 27, 2019 5 - 7PM

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## Whitefield Town Meeting

By Tony Marple

About 65 people attended the March 16 town meeting, and as people mentioned in several discussions, most attendees were older residents. Since some had difficulty hearing speakers, the town may return to having young people hand out microphones to people wishing to speak as it was suggested.

Before the voting on warrant articles began, several people made brief presentations.

Town Clerk Darlene Beaulieu presented the election results including the election of Lise Hanners and Keith Sanborn to the Select Board, Marianne Marple, Glenn Angell and Steve Sheehy to the Planning Board and the write-in votes of Steve Smith, Jr and Lynette Conroy to two of the vacant Whitefield seats on the RSU 12 Board. A week later, the Select Board appointed Christine LaPado-Breglia to the third RSU board vacancy.

Darlene also encouraged residents to provide their email addresses or sign up on the town website to allow improved communications on town matters.

Sue McKeen gave an update on the library and fundraising for the purchase and renova-



tions of the Grange.

Planning Board chair Jim Torbert recognized Judy Maldovan for the many years of volunteer service taking minutes for the Planning Board.

Fire Chief Scott Higgins recognized retiring Lynn Talacko for his 35 years of dedicated service as EMS Director.

Select Board member Charlene Donahue gave kind words of appreciation for departing board member Frank Ober who served for 9 years and Tony Marple who served for 6.

Tony Marple gave an overview of the proposed 2020

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## School volunteer Pam Kenoyer, she's no stranger to kids

By Sue McKeen

On a rainy March day last week, I sat down with Pam Kenoyer in her cozy, reconstructed 300 year old home on the Hilton Road. There was a warm fire burning in the fireplace as we reminisced about old times and her volunteer activities.

After graduating from the University of Maine, Pam and her husband Ron moved to Whitefield in 1969 where Pam taught English at Lincoln Academy and then at Cony High School. She took a break from teaching to raise their four children, Kristen, Lynn, Sarah and Kate, who all attended the Whitefield School, where both Pam and Ron volunteered hundreds of hours of their time. In 1980 Pam co-founded The Whitefield Country School, a preschool run from her home on the Hilton Road. That school is still operating today and run by Joan Kierstead.

After returning to school to secure her Master's Degree in counseling from the University of Southern Maine, Pam worked for



*Pam Kenoyer* Photo by Sue McKeen

Erskine Academy as a guidance counselor. She was also employed as a guidance counselor at Lincoln Academy before she eventually went to the Tech Center in Augusta as a guidance counselor and later as director. She remained at the Tech Center until her retirement.

As part of the work of the collaborative committee, (a group formed in response to issues that were brought forth by a group of Whitefield School parents), a volunteer effort was launched at the school. Pam agreed to become a volunteer citing her deep commitment and concern for the children and the school. She volunteers her time twice a week for middle school teacher Karen McCormick where she tutors children in whatever areas are needed.

When I asked Pam about her experience at the school she said, without pause, "Anyone who enjoys working with the youth will enjoy volunteering at the *Continued on page 2*"

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town budget. The overall budget proposal represents an increase of 13.1%, but after the use of the 2019 road carryover of \$110,000 and the use of restricted funds, the net increase is from \$1,209,632 to \$1,246,068, or 3.1%. The roads budget of \$432,381 represents the amount needed to meet the needs of the 7th year of the Road Committee 10 year plan. In addition, there are two \$50,000 capital budget amounts to set aside funds for the repair and or replacement of two major culverts.



Also discussed was the impact of the rising State valuation of Whitefield property, which is resulting in a reduced school subsidy and a higher percentage of the Lincoln County tax. The trend may signal the need for a town-wide reassessment in the next couple of years.

He also discussed proposed legislation submitted by Rep. David McCrea of Fort Fairfield to improve horse and buggy safety. This helped lead Whitefield's Amish community to develop their own alternative plan to which they are now committed. The plan includes two extended oil lanterns on both sides of the buggies and additional reflective tape. Given recent modifications to McCrea's bill, if it passes, Whitefield horse and buggies will be in compliance.

There was a long discussion about the Food Sovereignty ordinance with opponents discussing the need for food safety and the cost to those who comply with regulations and proponents of sovereignty stating that the ordinance would provide more opportunities for local farmers and some legal protection for the Amish community. The ordinance was approved.

Steve Smith initiated a discussion about adding funds to provide a secretary for the Planning Board. After several comments and suggestions, voters approved \$1,000 for that purpose.

The town also approved a 7.7% increase in budgeted non-property tax revenue such as excise taxes and revenue sharing to a total of \$652,419. The town also approved taking \$100,000 from surplus, a reduction of \$50,000 from 2019. Tony Marple noted that the Governor has proposed an increase in State revenue sharing to reduce property taxes, but the outcome is unknown.

Other than the additional Planning Board funding and the approval of all requested charity funding of \$7,839 compared to the \$5,617 recommended by the Budget Committee and \$7,019 by the board, there were no changes made to the Town Budget.

Thank you to all who attended and for your very helpful participation.

## Beginning a New Trail at Whitefield School

Principal's Message, Mark Deblois: From the Whitefield Wildcat Weekly Issue 26 March 22, 2019

Whitefield Elementary School, the Town of Whitefield and the Mid-coast Conservancy are in the process of embarking on an exciting new venture with the creation of a new trail here at Whitefield School as well as on town-owned land. The funds for this project came from money granted to the town of Whitefield by the Atlantic Salmon Foundation after the completion of the Cooper's Mills dam removal process.

While the project is just beginning, the initial vision is a trail that could be accessed either at the school or from town property by the Fire Station that could be used all four seasons to include walking / running, biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. All of the groups involved are eagerly anticipating a new outdoor facility that can serve all constituencies within the town. I will be sure to keep everyone "in the loop" as the project unfolds.



*Photo courtesy of Mr. Trask's 4th grade at Hidden Valley Nature Center*

## Town Office News

The office will be closed on Monday, April 15, 2019 for the Patriot's Day Holiday.

Don't forget taxes are due on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Our office hours that day are 7:00am to 3:00pm

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Whitefield School. I get a good feeling just going into the school where the kids are good kids, the environment is friendly, the staff helpful. If you want to make a difference for students, volunteer at the school. It's a great place to work."

Never guilty of sitting in one place for too long, Pam is also busy with her 11 grandchildren who she and Ron visit often and are scattered all over the country. When she's not volunteering her time at the school or visiting grandchildren, she volunteers for the Restorative Justice program where she mentors teenagers. Pam is also an active member of her church.

Pam has spent a lifetime raising, mentoring, teaching and deeply caring about kids. She is, indeed, no stranger to kids. For more information about volunteering at the school, please contact Meagan Soule at 549-7691.



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# Maine Maple Sunday in Whitefield



Maple Sunday at Tim & Martha Chase's Photos by Sue McKeen

## Whitefield Library and Community Center Update

A huge THANK YOU to Ms. McCormick (what a committed teacher), her National Junior Honor Society students, those fierce dodgeball teams, and all the spectators for turning out for the 3rd Annual Dodgeball tournament! It was 5 straight hours of steam! Thank you for sponsoring Whitefield Library & Community Center. We applaud all of you! "Golden plungers" to all!



Can't beat Whitefield! Another Town Meeting proves that. Great turn out of caring residents who love this place! We do, too. Thank you 1000% for purchasing our hot dogs, coffee, and treats and for your generous donations in our jar!

She created a masterpiece! Who IS this famous artist? A huge shout out of "THANKS" to owner Artist Nicole, Host Aunt Gins, Event Planner Kathy, and ALL "fun-raising" artist who came to our Paint Party to support the Library & Community Center. It was so much fun! Our "priceless" art will be on display soon!



Please help!. We have run out of shelf space! Please help us purchase more used bookcases. Whitefield Library volunteers are busy getting books organized for Opening Day, May 18., and we need more shelf space. We are grateful for your contribution (Whitefield Library, PO Box 5, Whitefield, ME 04353 or [info@whitefieldlibrary.org](mailto:info@whitefieldlibrary.org)).

Whitefield Library & Community Center

## Wanted

House Painter for this Summer. Contact Sue & Bill McKeen at 446-7473

## Get Outdoors on the Whitefield Trails!

article and photo by Kit Pfeiffer

Mud season is here, and a fun way to enjoy it is to go out and get some dirt on your shoes on our three trails in town. Happy Farm River Trail, the Marr's Ridge Trail, and the Sheepscot West Branch Trail all cross portions of conservation easements held by Midcoast Conservancy. They have been a strong partner to the Whitefield Trails Committee, helping with GPS mapping, an online presence for the trails ([www.midcoastconservancy.org/preserve/sheepscot-valley](http://www.midcoastconservancy.org/preserve/sheepscot-valley)), and promotion of joint work parties. Many thanks to landowners Eli, Anna and Christena Troyer, Sandy Benne and Ellis Percy for their cooperation.



A March 2019 view upstream on the Sheepscot West Branch from the site of the old Howe Road Bridge

Later this spring work will begin on a new trail on the Maguire Preserve, owned by Midcoast Conservancy. The property stretches from the Heath Road east to Weary Pond. At this point, a short loop has been flagged part way to the pond, ready for willing workers with loppers and blaze blue paint to make it a reality. Further development of this area will include a trail-head parking lot on Heath Road and some bog bridging extending into wet areas leading to the pond. These projects are possible because of a generous grant from the Atlantic Salmon Federation secured by the Select Board in conjunction with their Coopers Mills dam removal project. The money is for the town to use on trails in Whitefield that are within the Sheepscot River watershed.

The Whitefield Trails Committee encourages anyone interesting in volunteering to contact David Elliott, 207-549-7572 or [d.elliott.92546@gmail.com](mailto:d.elliott.92546@gmail.com).

**How to get there and why to go:**

*Happy Farm River Trail* starts right behind the recycling center off Townhouse Road. Enjoy a full mile of river frontage and enjoy spring flowers and birds.

*Marr's Ridge Trail* starts on the middle section of Hunt's Meadow Road. Walk the half mile up to the ledge with granite sculptures or go further along on a loop through mixed hardwoods and old hemlock stands.

*Sheepscot West Branch Trail* starts from the Salmon Preserve parking lot on North Howe Road. Look for rocky ledges and deep pools along the undeveloped river, and see evidence of beaver and other critters.

## NEWCASTLE REALTY

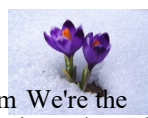
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# APRIL 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 1st** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm  
**KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, 7 pm
- 2nd** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm  
**KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING** - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 4th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsco General, 10
- 5th** **WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm  
**EMPLOYEE ART SHOW AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, Our amazing staff is a dynamic bunch! For the month of April, our employees will showcase their art in our gallery. Join us Friday, April 5th from 5pm to 7pm for an artist reception and a special surprise performance!
- 8th** **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 9th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepsco General, 10 am  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00  
**SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**PTA MEETING**- please join us for our meeting @ 5:30 always the 2nd Tuesday in the school conference room.
- 11th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsco General, 10 am  
**RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 12th** **ECOLOGICAL GARDEN TALK w/ REBEL HILL FARM**, Julie and Peter Beckford of Rebel Hill Farm in Clifton will be at Sheepsco General for an ecological garden talk. This will be held in conjunction with a perennial pre-sale. Talk will be on the following: The Ecology of Gardening with Native Plants
- 14th** **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 16th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 17th** **NEW PARENT PLAY GROUP**, Sheepsco General, The playgroup is primarily aimed at 0-2 years old Playgroup will meet in the gallery space at 9 am.  
**WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Town House, 1 pm  
**PLANNING BOARD**, Town Office 6:00 pm
- 18th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsco General, 10 am
- 19th** **OPEN MIC NIGHT FEATURING THE WELL SEASONED** at Sheepsco General 7-9pm We're the headline group for April. It's always a fun evening filled with pizza, music, and good company!
- 20th** **WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm  
**DRUMMING CIRCLE**, Sheepsco General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 23rd** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepsco General 10 am  
**SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 24th** **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP MEETING**, at the Whitefield Lions club Coopers Mills, bring a dish to share. Time 12pm. Come and join the fun. Gray. Contact number 549-5666
- 27th** **Ham & Baked Bean Supper**, SAT., April 27, 2019 5 - 7 PM, at Kings Mills Union Hall on Townhouse Road. Ham, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Shepherd's Pie, Garden Salad, Cole Slaw, Broccoli Salad, Biscuits, Assort. Pies. \$10.00 Adult \$5.00 children (10 yrs. & under)  
**SINGING CIRCLE**, Sheepsco General, 6 pm. Open to all, acoustic instruments welcome
- 28th** **CHAINSAW SAFETY: LEVEL 1** at Hidden Valley Nature Center on April 28th and 29th, from 8 am to 4 pm. Students should come prepared with all the food and water they will need. \$ 130 Midcoast Conservancy Members \$ 150 Non-Member. To inquire call (207) 389-5150  
**SUNDAY SNUDDLING AT FUZZY UDDER CREAMERY** 10-5, Townhouse Rd. 12-5, Townhouse Rd. Come snuggle our new baby goats and lambs! Sample and buy cheese!
- 30th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm



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**Contact: whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com**

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