

TEMPLE NEWSLETTER
Prepared and edited by the TVFDA
November-December 2024

Fire Station: 603-878-1972 **Police Station:** 603-878-3474 **Emergency:** 911
Temple Town Clerk & Tax Collector: 603-878-3873 Fax 603-878-5067 Tues. 9:00am -6:00pm and
Thurs. 9:00am - 2:00pm.
Assistant to the Select Board, 603-878-2536, Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9am - 3pm
Selectmen Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues. at 6:30 pm
Mansfield Library: 603-878-3100 Mon. 9am - 5pm: Tues. & Thurs. 3pm - 7pm: Fri. 9am - 3pm:
Sat. 10:00am - 1:00pm
Post Office: 603-878-1800 Mon. thru Fri. 9:30-1:30 & 2:30-4:30; Sat 7-11:30 Lobby open 24/7
Wilton Recycling Center: 603-654-6150 **Closed Sunday, Monday & Wednesday**
Tues. 7:00am-5:00pm; Thurs. 10am-7pm; Fri. 8am-11am; Sat. 8am-4:30pm

Snap Shot of Coming Events

Nov 1 Community Potluck	Dec 4 Faith Food Pantry
Nov 4 TVFD Meeting	Dec 6 Community Potluck
Nov 5 General Election	Dec 7 Library Event
Nov 6 Peggy's Coffee Hour	Dec 8 Advent Service
Nov 6 Faith Food Pantry	Dec 9 Movie Matinee
Nov 7 Library Event	Dec 9 TVFD Maintenance
Nov 8 Soup Lunch	Dec 11 Peggy's Coffee Hour
Nov 11 Veterans Day	Dec 12 Lion Club Meeting
Nov 11 TVFD Maintenance	Dec 13 Soup Lunch
Nov 13 Peggy's Coffee Hour	Dec 15 Advent Service
Nov 14 Lion Club Meeting	Dec 15 Temple Band Concert
Nov 16 Faith Food Pantry	Dec 16 TVFD Drill
Nov 18 Library Movie Matinee	Dec 17 Book Club
Nov 18 TVFD Drill	Dec 18 Peggy's Coffee Hour
Nov 20 Peggy's Coffee Hour	Dec 21 Faith Food Pantry
Nov 21 Book Club	Dec 22 Advent Service
Nov 25 TVFDA Meeting	Dec 23 TVFDA Meeting
Nov 27 Peggy's Coffee Hour	Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service
Nov 28 Thanksgiving	Dec 25 Christmas
Dec 1 Advent Service	Dec 28 Newsletter Deadline
Dec 2 TVFD Meeting	Dec 31 New Year's Eve
Dec 3 Ladies Aid Meeting	
Dec 4 Peggy's Coffee Hour	

Deadline for the January-February issue is Saturday December 28th, 9AM. Please E-mail an electronic file, in Microsoft Word file format, to maryeamsden@peoplepc.com The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information for upcoming events and pertinent information regarding community organizations. While some editing might take place, all items are subject to editing for length or inappropriate content.

Newsletter Subscriptions

The Fire Dept. Auxiliary offers subscription service to the newsletter for those who want it sent directly to them or friends or family out of town. Our subscription price is now **\$7.00 per year**. This rate is effective for all new subscriptions. If you wish to receive the Newsletter, please mail **\$7.00** for a subscription, along with your name and address to P.O. Box 80, Temple, NH 03084. **All subscriptions expire at year-end.** Make checks payable to the **Temple Fire Dept. Auxiliary**.

Fire Warden Report Fire Permits Required by Law. Yes, this includes Fire Pits!

The State of New Hampshire requires all persons to obtain a "permit to kindle a fire" prior to **any** outside burning including brush fires, cooking fires and seasonal camp fires. A permit to kindle a fire is also required for chimineas and other portable pottery or metal fireplaces. You must be at least 18 years of age to obtain a fire permit and you must be the property owner or have written permission from the property owner to kindle a fire. Temple's Forest Fire Warden, Mike Connolly (603-209-0699) can issue you a burn permit and will advise you of the rules and laws and fire class day conditions. **All fires must be at least 25 feet from any structure. Make sure fires are attended at all times & completely out when done.** When burning, please watch out for leaves and wind.

Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is a group of men and women of all ages who are interested in supporting the Fire Department. **You don't need to be related to a firefighter to join.** The Auxiliary supports the Fire Department with fundraisers (Chicken BBQ, Rummage Sale, etc.) and provides support and refreshments at large incident scenes. **The TVFD Auxiliary welcomes new members to join our group.** The Auxiliary holds its monthly meeting on the **fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.** at the Fire Station. Come join the fun, learn what we are all about and support your local fire department heroes. Any questions, please contact Mary at 603-924-6195 or Sandra at 603-878-4320.

Community Potluck

The **first Friday** of each month is POTLUCK NIGHT! Watch for the sign in front of the Friendship Hall. Bring a hot dish, a salad or dessert, & a hearty appetite & join us for great food and fellowship at Friendship Hall at 6:30 PM. This is a community affair and ALL are welcome. Contact Peggy at 1603-320-0498.

Ladies Aid Society Soup Lunch, Fridays, November 8th and December 13th.

Please join us at the **Friendship Hall** from **11:30am to 1pm**. We will serve your choice of two delicious homemade soups, rolls and desserts, all made by our faithful supporters, with coffee, tea or juice. This is a very pleasant way to catch up with friends and neighbors. Donations are gratefully accepted to help with the Ladies Aid work in the Temple community.

Ladies Aid Society

The Ladies Aid Society meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Friendship Hall at 7 pm. Our next meeting is **December 3rd**. New people always bring new ideas. You do not need to be a member of the church to become a part of the group. All that is needed is a desire to be a part of the community. If you would like to join us, or for more information give Sandy Benotti at 603-878-2297 or Mary Amsden at 603-924-6195 a call.

Peace Sundays in Temple – Our Spiritual Practice is Kindness.

Come join us on the third Sunday of every month from 7:00 – 8:00 pm at the Temple Town Hall, Temple, NH. We will sing, pray, listen and share silence. Let us light a candle as we lift one another up in hope.

These are challenging times. We witness great suffering in the news and in our homes. We take this time to come together, people of different faith traditions and no faith tradition are welcome.

Please come and bring a friend! Stay for refreshments and friendship!

For more information, contact: Rev Barbara Thorngren, 603-878-3076 or email infopeaceworksnh@gmail.com

2024 we will be meeting: Nov 17th and Dec 15th.

Faith Food Pantry

The Faith Food Pantry is a mission of the Congregational Church of Temple. It is open to anyone in our town or larger community who is food insecure. The pantry is open the first Wed. (5pm to 7pm) & the third Sat. (9am-12am) every month, no appointment is needed. The Faith Food Pantry is located on Rte. 45 between the Birchwood Inn and the Parish House. There is a long driveway but look for the red awning on a brown barn. Anyone in need is welcome.

The Temple Band will present its annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00pm at the Temple Elementary School. The concert is free but monetary and dry goods donations will be collected to benefit local area foodbanks.

Peggy's Coffee Hour

You are invited to meet with a group of fascinating people of all ages to share conversation and information. We do not discuss religion or politics, but try to inspire, encourage, and have fun! Coffee, tea and goodies will be served. This is an informal gathering for men and women, and there are no dues, no officers. We meet **Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m.** at the Friendship Hall. **Everyone is welcome.** For more info: call Peggy Cournoyer at 1-603-320-0498.

Mansfield Public Library

Harvest Festival Thank You!

Thank you to all our pie makers who donated to our Harvest Festival Pie Sale. We sold out of pie and raised almost \$500, which will go toward the purchase of a new book drop.

Take Better Portraits with Maddie Carpentiere

Join award-winning portrait and sports photographer Maddie Carpentiere for a photography workshop on Thursday, **Nov. 7** at 7 p.m. Carpentiere will give tips for taking better portraits of your family and friends. Open to shutterbugs of all skill levels. Bring your camera or smart phone. No registration required.

Souhegan Lions Club Winter Clothing Drive

Items for the 2024 Winter Clothing Drive can be dropped off at the library until Nov. 15. The Lions are collecting new and gently used blankets, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, coats, boots, snow pants, and winter socks. Please place items in the bin next to the library entrance.

Preschool Storytime

Our preschool Storytime meets on Fridays at 10:30 am. Stories and activities are geared for preschoolers, but all ages are welcome. We hope you can join us for a morning of stories, songs, and friendship. We will not meet on November 29. Our last session of the year will be on December 6. We will take a break during the holidays and return on January 17, 2025.

Monday Matinee

Our November Monday Matinee will be held on **Nov. 18 at 1 p.m.** We will be showing ***The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*** (2011) starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Dev Patel and Maggie Smith. This movie is rated PG-13 and has a running time of 2 hours and 4 minutes. On **December 9 at 1 p.m.**, we will show the holiday classic ***A Christmas Story (1983)*** starring Peter Billingsley. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 1 hour and 33 minutes.

Winter Bingo is Back!

Bingo cards for our annual bingo contest will be available beginning Dec. 2. We have three cards this year – one for adults, one for kids who are independent readers, and a third for children who are read to. The contest is open to anyone with a Mansfield Public Library card. Books must be read between Dec. 2, 2024 and Feb. 28, 2025. Earn a raffle ticket for EACH bingo you earn. If you fill the whole card, you get 25 tickets. All tickets will be entered into our raffle for fun prizes. Cards are due by March 7, 2024.

Cookies with Olaf!

Stop by the library for cookies and pictures with our frozen friend Olaf on Saturday, December 7 from 10 am to 1 p.m. Our reference room will be transformed into a winter wonderland with lots of treats and prizes for the whole family. No registration required.

Holiday Closures

We will be closed on Nov. 5 (Election Day), Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), and Nov. 28-29 for Thanksgiving. We will be closed Dec. 24 and 31.

Storm Closures

In most cases, the library will be closed if the ConVal school district closes due to weather. However, if we are closed or have a delayed opening, we also will be listed on the WMUR storm closure list.

Book Club

Our November book club will meet on November 21 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. (Please note: This is a week earlier than our usual meeting time due to Thanksgiving.) In December, we will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva. (Please note: This is a different day of the week than our usual meeting time due to Christmas.)

Spice Club Kits

You have two more months to take part in our spice club. November's spice is sage – perfect for your Thanksgiving stuffing! The kits will be ready on Nov. 4. The December spice is ginger and kits can be picked up starting Dec. 2. Thank you to the 250th Anniversary Fund for sponsoring this program. Watch for a new monthly club in the coming year!

New Materials

A small sampling of our new materials:

Adult Fiction: *The Grey Wolf* by Louise Penny; *The Last One at the Wedding* by Jason Rekulak; *Colored Television* by Danzy Senna; *The Boyfriend* by Frieda McFadden; *The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich; *Playground* by Richard Powers.

Adult Nonfiction: *Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions* by John Grisham; *The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum: The Rise and Fall of an American Organized-Crime Boss* by Margalit Fox; *From Here to the Great Unknown* by Lisa Marie Presley; *Sweet Tooth* by Sarah Fennel.

Young Adult: *Sync* by Ellen Hopkins; *All of Us Villains* by Amanda Foody; *The Island* by Natasha Preston.

Children's Fiction: *Hot Mess* by Jeff Kinney; *Wrath of the Triple Goddess* by Rick Riordan; *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell; *The Bletchley Riddle* by Ruta Sepetys.

Picture Books: *The Man Who Didn't Like Animals* by Deborah Underwood; *The Most Boring Book Ever* by Brandon Sanderson; *Bookie and Cookie* by Blanca Gomez.

Children's Nonfiction: *Hidden Systems: Water, Electricity, the Internet, and the Secrets Behind the Systems We Use Everyday* by Dan Nott; *Spooky Lakes: 25 Strange and Mysterious Lakes that Dot Our Planet* by Geo Rutherford; *Stone Age Beasts* by Ben Lerwill.

DVDs: *Twisters*; *The Gilded Age (The Complete Second Season)*; *Harold and the Purple Crayon*.

Souhegan Lions Club

Winter Clothing Drive

Serving the towns of Greenville, Mason, Temple and New Ipswich, are having a warm clothing drive to help our citizens keep warm. We are collecting new or clean gently used: **coats, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, blankets, boots, socks and snow pants** for distribution to needy area children and families. Please! Only outside clothing! Starting **November 1st** thru **November 15th**. **Drop-off points: Greenville: Sacred Heart Church, Post Office, New Covenant Bible Church; Mason: Library; New Ipswich: Library; Temple: Library.** The items will be available for distribution/pick up on Saturday, **Nov. 16th, from 11AM –2PM**, at the Greenville Sacred Heart Church. Contact Brenda Salmonson 603-924-2288 or Claudette Parmenter 603-291-0284.

Won't you help your fellow citizens?

Christmas Trees!

The Souhegan Lions, serving the towns of Temple, New Ipswich, Mason and Greenville, are again selling trees in front of the **Temple Village Store**, on Rt. 45. With a variety of 5-10 foot trees, the price is **\$45** each. Hours are 9-5 Saturdays and 9-1 Sundays, **starting November 25th**, for two weekends, but we always sell out, so come early. If you stop in **The Temple Village Store**, they might be able to help you at any time. All profits go to help Lion local charity projects, such as the Food Pantry and people with sight problems. Why not help your local community by buying a Souhegan Lion Christmas Tree? 'Tis the season!

Lions New Year's Day Peanut Butter Chip Chase Certified 5K Walk/Run & Kid's Race January 1, 2025

To register online, go to [https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Temple/](https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Temple/NewYearsDayPeanutButterChipChase5KWalkorRun)

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Adults: \$30 through **11:30 am 1/1/25**

[mail-in registration due 12/30/2024]

Age 16 and under: \$25 through **11:30 am 1/1/25**

[mail-in registration due by 12/30/2024]

Preregistration is recommended; the race will cap at 300 entrants.

T shirts for first 120 registrants; door prizes; refreshments

Free Kids' race at 11:30 around the common

Mail-in registration forms available at Temple Store; or by request to wmoore1225@comcast.net

All Proceeds will be used by the Lions Club to help individuals and groups in our service towns and in New Hampshire.

For more information, call or text: 1 603 562-7067

Want to Stay Informed? Here are a few easy ways!

- Temple Newsletter on the Temple Website
- Temple Website – templenh.gov/
- Temple E-News – Sign up for free to receive as few, or as many committee updates as you want. You choose.
- Just click: <https://www.templenh.org/subscribe>
- [Postings at the Library and Willard/Cournoyer Store](#)

COMPLETE STREETS

The Road Safety Task Force has been working to create a Complete Streets Policy the way many other towns in the Monadnock region have already done. These towns include: Alstead, Antrim, Greenville, Harrisville, Hinsdale, Jaffrey, Keene, Marlborough, Peterborough, Swanzey, Troy, Walpole, and Winchester.

Complete Streets is the idea of trying to make our roads safer for everyone. It has nothing to do with specific changes at this point; it's simply saying that our roads need to be safer and that we need to consider this in whatever we do. The Master Plan (2018) already states that 'trails and outdoor recreation should be encouraged to maintain the Town's rural character. Safe roads are one of many ways to achieve this.'

Complete Streets is a way to make roads safer for everyone, whether you're walking, pushing a stroller, biking, riding or driving. It's a way to consider everyone when doing any road work, without changing what we love about Temple. Check out all the Complete Streets info on the Temple Website: <https://www.templenh.gov/temple-community-advisory-committee/pages/complete-streets>

Temple Community Hiking Group—2024

If you like to hike and would enjoy the fun of hiking with others, you may wish to get your name on the community hiking list maintained by Linda and Steve Bollinger. The hikes range in difficulty level, environment, and timing, and we try to adjust the features according to the preferences of whoever has expressed an interest in any given hike. Our group includes people of all ages-- some are regulars, some are occasional participants, and some just enjoy reading the hike descriptions.

Usually we meet at the bottom of our driveway, 230 Colburn Road, and then drive to the trailhead in caravan style. Directions to the appropriate trailhead are provided in the hike notice, if possible, so that hikers can find the trailhead on their own if they prefer. We take breaks for snacks and water or whenever someone requests a time to pause for whatever

reason. Hiking together is a wonderful way to enjoy nature, get some great exercise, and connect with others.

We have information on specific local, regional, and NH hikes as well as information on hiking resources in NH. These files are available for anyone's use and can be sent via email attachment. They will be updated later this year.

Hike information notices are sent via email on Wednesday or Thursday before the weekend for the intended hike. The notice includes detailed information about the upcoming hike, a summary of weather predictions, and a brief recap of the previous community hike. If you wish to be placed on our hiking participant notification list, please send your contact information to Linda (via our land-line home phone at 603-878-1078, leaving a message, OR, preferably, via email at llkbollinger@gmail.com).

Our main community hike each week will still occur on the weekend, Saturday if possible, Sunday as backup. But, we have begun to offer weekday hike potentials as well. If interested, contact Linda for more information. We would love to see some of you on the trails.

Temple 250th Anniversary Fund

Deadline approaching for applications for 2024!

The Temple 250th Anniversary Fund Advisory Committee is accepting applications for 2024.

The advisory committee would love to hear from you!

Since 2009, some of the organizations we've supported with funds include:

- Mansfield Library (furniture; video camera; bulletin board)
- Historical Society of Temple (historic portrait restoration);
- Temple Elementary School (playground equipment);
- Cemetery Trustees (gravestone repairs)
- Village Green Committee (new trees and other plantings around town; repair of Town Common fencing)
- Comm. Advisory Committee (Welcome to Temple booklet)

Project ideas from individuals are also welcome!

You can find application information on the town website or inquire at the town offices.

We accept applications for grants throughout the year, review them until early fall, and usually make award decisions by October 15.

On the TempleNH.org website, you'll find us under:

["Town Boards and Committees/250th Anniversary Fund Advisory Committee"](#).