Town Hall News

Annual Town Meeting

This year's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. Because the process for next year's budget is running behind schedule, financial matters will be postponed to a June date yet to be determined.

ZBA Seeking Alternate Members

The Zoning Board of Appeals has two openings for Alternate members. The ZBA holds public hearings and makes decisions on requests from Gill property owners to use land or buildings in ways that are not allowed as a matter of right by the Gill Zoning Bylaws. An Alternate member can participate in meetings and hearings but does not vote unless a regular member is absent or has a conflict of interest. If you have ever thought about joining a town board, this is a great way to gain experience. If you are interested, please contact Ray Purington at Town Hall (863-9347) or any of the other ZBA members listed on the Town website.

From the Tax Collector

A reminder that tax bills are due Friday, May 1, 2015 from 9 to 5 at the Town Hall. The Treasurer's Office will be open even though it is a Friday so that payments may be received. Late payments will be subject to a charge and post-dated bills are not accepted.

Town Clerk

Some residents have not yet responded to the census questionnaire. This information is important to keeping our records complete. Remember also to get your dog licensed for 2015 if you have not.

Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election will be held on May 18, 2015 from Noon to 8 PM at 196A Main Road, the Town Municipal Building, in the Fire Station. The deadline for registration to vote at the Annual Town Election will be 8 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Town Clerk's office.

The offices and incumbent officers on the ballot this year include:

Select Board, Sewer Commissioner, three-year term, *John Ward* (*Incumbant*)

Moderator, three-year term, *John Zywna (Incumbant)*

Assessor, three-year term, Nancy Griswold (Incumbant)

Cemetery Commission, three-year term, *Vacant*

Tree Warden, three-year term, Ernest Hastings (Incumbant)

Board of Health, three-year term, Randy Crochier (Incumbant)

Library Trustee, three-year term, *Vacant*

Town Clerk, three-year term, Lynda Hodsdon Mayo (Incumbant)

Town Clerk Office hours are Monday-Thursday 1–4 PM, Monday evening 5:30-6:30 PM and other times by appointment. (413-863-8103)

From the Assessors' Office

The Assessors are continuing their work in the community to record project progress up to the January 1, 2015, the deadline date that becomes the basis of all the assessments for the 2016 tax bills.

Assessors' Clerk Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Board of Assessors meetings are alternate Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. (413-863-0138)

Public Health

Spring Cleaning For Health

Spring literally offers us a new leaf reminding us of the opportunity to start anew. Here are some spring cleaning ideas to help keep you healthy.

- 1) Create and implement an action plan addressing your personal health goals. Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-bound goals are easiest to achieve. Sharing your action plan with a friend or coach can help keep you accountable.
- 2) Review and update a current medication list, including all prescription, over the counter medi-



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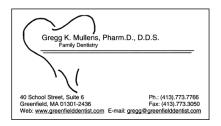
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cations and supplements taken at what dose and time. This updated list should be reviewed with your physician at next visit and carried in your wallet "just in case".

- 3) Dispose of old and unwanted medications. Franklin County has a number of Drug Drop Off boxes hosted by the Northwestern District Attorney's office and local Police Departments where all types of non-liquid medications may be disposed of. There are 24 hour Drug Drop Off boxes at the Greenfield Montague and Deerfield Police Departments.
- 4) Safely dispose of sharps (hypodermic needles and lancets). The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District offers a free exchange of sharps containers to its member Towns. Gill residents can also turn in and receive sharps containers through the CPHS nurse.
- 5) Be ready for ticks. The return of spring means active and hungry ticks in our everyday habitat. Back yard leaf removal, daily body checks and appropriate use of repellents are important lines

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of defense against tick borne illness. Free tick testing (tickreport. com) continues to be available to Gill residents through June 15

For more information or help with any of the above suggestions, please contact Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Nurse Lisa White at 413-665-1400, x 114.

Slate Library News

Despite the muddy outdoors, Spring has come to the library! We have many new titles for both young and old on our shelves. Come and sit in a sunny spot while you look at a good book. In our fiction section, you will find The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro, A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler, and *Trigger Warning*: Short Fictions and Disturbances by Neil Gaiman. Titles in non-fiction include *H* is for Hawk by Helen MacDonald, Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be by Frank Bruni and Pioneer Girl by Pamela Smith Hill. We also have many new DVD's and audiobooks. For our younger patrons, we have new Box Car Children on audio and titles including The 14th Goldfish by Jennifer Holm and The Madman of Piney Woods by Christopher Paul Curtis.

With Summer on the heels of Spring, we have begun to plan for our Summer Reading Program, which starts at the end of June. Some planned events are a comic workshop for our teen readers and an animal program for all ages on the topic of cats in the wild. Visit the library for more information on our upcoming programming!



HONOR ROLLS for Gill Students

Second Quarter

Pioneer Valley Regional High School

Grade 12

Honors: Malcolm Crosby and James Elliott

Grade 11

Honors: Eric Shutta and Julie Wallace

Grade 9

Honors: Josiah Nilsen

Grade 8

Highest Honors: Audrey Corrigan

High Honors: Rylie Zager

Honors: Emily Minor and Hugh Schatz-Allison

Turners Falls High School

Grade 12

Second Honors: Zachary Demars, Brittany

Rawson, Stephanie Robertson, Kaleb Warren and Nick York

Grade 11

Second Honors: Nadia Hansan and

Mackenzie Phillips

Third Honors: Alexander Lindgren

Grade 10

Second Honors: Gabrielle Arzuage,

Bryn Kruzlic and Kaili Lynch

Third Honors: Tahner Castine and Jeremy

Wolfram

Grade 9

First Honors: Kyle Kucenski

Second Honors: David Tricolici and James

Vaughan

Third Honors: John Wheeler II

Great Falls Middle School

Grade 8:

Second Honors: Reilan Castine and Ethan

Shilo-Draper

Third Honors: Deven Goshea

Grade 7

First Honors: Alyson Murphy and Lindsay

Whiteman

Third Honors: Mason Kucenski

Grade 6

Taylor Murphy, Julie Sprankle and Olivia Whittier

Frontier Regional High School

Grade 12

High Honors: Kori Wileman

Grade 10

High Honors: Ashley Levasseur

Grade 9

High Honors: Joseph Lawton-Curtis

Franklin County Technical School First Trimester Honor Roll

Grade 12

Honors: Ryan Bezio

Grade 11

Honors: Fallyn Adams

Friends of Gill

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