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To all Residents,

You have probably noticed that we have new yellow caution signs. It looks as though a number of drivers have taken heed of these. Thank you.

I know we have all been anxious for warmer weather. Time to get out and enjoy the warmth and do outdoor activities. We have some great activities for all you wonderful volunteers that make up our community.

We need volunteers and especially someone to coordinate finishing the painting of our front column bases that we began last year.

We are also looking for volunteers to clean and replace light bulbs in our lamposts.

Our storage shed is in dire need of a cleaning also. We will reach out for assistance when that time is scheduled.

We had a few yards of loam and pea stones delivered to the pump house parking lot. These are for filling sink holes and repairing lawn areas. Owners are welcome to take some for their own puposes. Check with the Landscape Committee beforehand to make sure that we don't work at cross purposes.

I know that the Gardening Committee is anxious to get going in sprucing up our property like that do every year. I thank them in advance for all the beautiful work that they do.

Thank you to the unit owners who attended our April meeting. I believe an involved community is a healthy association.

Richard



Dear Homeowners,

This is my favorite month for the Gazette. We New Englanders have paid our dues with a long winter and feel the hope of spring and summer ahead even if it has been cruelly chilly at night. All the hard work of the Landscape Committee comes to life as well as the other volunteer efforts of the owners. The mulch and fertilization are down to kick start the season and seed will be planted in the bare areas of the lawn where the salt and plows affected over the winter. The dinged mailboxes have been replaced and final repairs from plow damage are scheduled. It won't be long until the irrigation system is up and running and lawn mowers begin manicuring the grounds. There is plenty ahead with tree trimming, painting, and street repairs. Let's enjoy it now and look forward to the months to come.

Sincerely, Ken Foley, NextGen

Hello neighbors,

Last fall when we moved the gazebo furniture inside for the winter, we noticed one of the benches had a leg with wood rot. The other bench had a couple of places with the start of rot on the seat area. I knew that Larry Yetto had kept his wood working equipment and had the expertise to fix them for us, so I asked him if he would be willing to take on the task. Not only did he agree, but he also decided to build a third bench for us.

For those who may not know, John Todt originally built three benches and a table from scraps of wood that were being disposed of by the contractor. When his wife, Gerda moved out a year ago, their son wanted one of the benches for his home. Larry never knew that we originally had three benches, so his surprise was extraordinary.

On April 19th Larry Yetto and Gene Goodwin helped clean the gazebo before we moved all the furniture into the gazebo in time for the warm weather, we had that day.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for their efforts and acknowledge the positive impact their work has on our community. If you are out walking in the community, I invite you to stop by and enjoy the handy work of past and present residents.

Andrea



FIND the WORDS

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Red-Tailed Hawk



This is probably the most common hawk in North America. Red-tailed hawks soar above open fields, slowly turning circles on their broad, rounded wings.

It is very rare for a Red-tailed hawk to go after dogs and cats.

Cool Facts:

- •The Red-tailed hawk has a thrilling, raspy scream that sounds exactly like a raptor should sound.
- •Courting Red-tailed hawks put on a display in which they soar in wide circles at a great height. The male dives steeply, then shoots up again at an angle nearly as steep. After several of these stoops, he approaches the female from above, extends his legs, and touches briefly.
- Red-tailed hawks occupy just about every type of open habitat on the continent. This includes desert, scrublands, grasslands, roadsides, fields, pastures, parks and broken woodland.

Food:

Mammals make up the bulk of most Red-tailed hawk's meals. Frequent victims include voles, mice, woodrats, rabbits, snowshoe hares, jack rabbits and ground squirrels. The hawks also eat birds, pheasants, bobwhite, starlings, blackbirds, as well as snakes.

Nesting:

Red-tailed hawks typically put their nests in the crowns of tall trees, where they have a commanding view of the landscape. Males and females build the nest, or simply refurbish one of the nests they've used in previous years. Nests are tall piles of dry sticks up to 6.5 feet high and 3 feet across. The inner cup is lined with bark strips, fresh foliage and dry vegetation. Construction takes 4-7 days.

Clutch Size: 1-5 eggs Number of broods: 1 brood Egg length: 2.2-2.7 inches Egg width: 1.7-2.0 inches Incubation Period: 28-35 days Nestling Period: 42-46 days

Egg Description: white or buffy, blotched or speckled with buff, brown or purple.

Condition at Hatching: Tiny and helpless, unable to raise head, and weighing about 2 ounces.

Behavior: Red-tailed hawks are large, sharp-taloned birds that can be aggressive when defending nests or

territories. Mated pairs typically stay together until one of the pair dies.

Red-tailed hawk populations have increased by about 1.3% per year between 1966 and 2019.

I have seen and heard the Red-tail hawk overhead at Hadleigh Woods.

Credits:

All About Birds NH Audubon Peterson Field Guide

Elaine G

Time to put out your Hummingbird Feeder

Nectar Recipe:
1/3 cup refined sugar (White)
1 1/3 cup water
Rapid boil for two minutes. Let cool, then fill your feeder.
!!!!!!!!!!! NO RED DYES !!!!!!!!

Baltimore Orioles will also be visiting soon. Put out orange slices. (I put slices in a suet feeder)

Elaine G







Parmesan-Pecan Pork

This is a recipe that I have used for years, and former clients enjoyed. Quick & easy.

INGREDIENTS:

¼ cup (1OZ) pecans
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Ground black pepper
2 large egg whites
4 boneless pork loin chops
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a mini-food processor, grind the pecans and Parmesan cheese to the texture of fine breadcrumbs. Place mixture in a shallow bowl, season with pepper to taste.
- 2. Place egg whites into another shallow bowl. And beat lightly.
- 3. Dip pork chop into the egg whites and then pat the cheese & pecan mixture on thickly. Set aside.
- 4. In a large nonstick skillet or well-seasoned cast iron skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add chop until the first side until coating is golden, about 3 minutes. Carefully flip the chop and cook until the pork is mostly cooked through, about 3-4 minutes. Remove from heat and let chop sit in pan for about 2 more minutes.

NUTRITION FACTS:

4 OZ. CARB-1g PRO-25g FAT-15g CALS-239 SODIUM-186 mg

ENJOY!

Source: unkown

Claudette

Hampstead Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, May 3,2025 Town Hall Green 11 Main Street Hampstead, NH Time: 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

This is one of the best plant sales I've ever attended. Organized. Great Prices. Wide Variety.

Windham Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, May 17, 2025 Time: 9:30am to 1:00pm 61 Kendall Pond Rd. Windham, NH

The Windham Garden club will often ask the community to save the containers that the plants come in. They will place a notice on the Windham Independent News as to when they will collect them at the Windham Transfer Station. Usually about 2 weeks after the plant sale.