

THE SCANTIC SCRIBE



JULY 2018



HAMPDEN SENIOR CENTER

104 ALLEN STREET

Monday-Friday 9:00am—3:00pm

413-566-5588 (phone)

413-566-2103 (fax)

Website: www.hampden.org



FREE WI-FI



TRI TOWN TROLLEY (413) 525-5412 — The TRI Town Trolley is running for Hampden, East Longmeadow & Longmeadow residents. Mon-Fri, 9:00am-2:00pm. **Every Tuesday, Hampden Seniors can book rides for grocery, banking, etc. shopping at Allen & Cooley Street, Springfield or East Longmeadow stores.**

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PLEASE NOTE: If for some reason or another you are not receiving the Scribe by mail, we will be happy to send the newsletter to you via email. Please call or stop in and leave your email address at the front desk .

Greetings!

Are you surviving the heat or would you rather be in the ice cold tundra? It's 95 degrees as I'm typing this, so be sure to stay hydrated in the extreme heat and check on your older adult neighbors and friends to make sure they are ok!

Many thanks to those that walked and those that donated to the walk for the Memory café. We raised over \$1700 from the walk alone! We are so grateful for the support we are receiving for this important program.

Another big thanks to those that supported the Memory Café by dining at Gio's on June 8th and/or 9th. This was a very successful fundraiser, raising \$1,000 for the café. Special thanks to Gio for his support of the senior center and the memory café.

There are a lot of great programs and events happening in July. Be sure to keep an eye on the calendar and sign up in advance for programs so you are sure to get a seat.

Stay cool, keep hydrated and wear sunscreen!
Becky.....

COA BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman: Marty Jacque

Vice Chairman: Deborah Mahoney

Treasurer: Nancy Willoughby

Secretary: Deanna Vermette

Cliff Bombard, Monique Downey,

Suzanna HaskinsEd Norman

Rep to GSSI: John Shay

NEXT COA BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, July 10th @ 9:15am

The Hampden Lion's Club provides the paper for the SCRIBE and Friends of Hampden Seniors provide postage. Many thanks to both organizations for supporting the Hampden Senior Center!

Volunteers are needed to help collate our monthly Newsletter (the Scantic Scribe) one day a month. Check calendar for date. Thanks!

OUTREACH

The Outreach Office is your resource center. Information on a variety of services, assistance programs, home health care, alternative living options, insurance information, etc.

The Outreach Program is partially funded by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living

BROWN BAG -TUESDAY, July 17th @ 1:00pm

FALLON INSURANCE- Call for Date and Time

SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone)
Call for an Appointment with Becky if you need help navigating the Medicare maze!

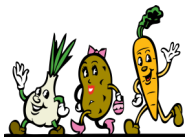
RMV Near Me - NEW CHANGES HAPPENING AT THE RMV. CALL WENDY AT 566-5588. FLYERS AVAILABLE

FARMSHARE PROGRAM Sponsored by D & R Farm here in Hampden!

Wednesdays at 10am

\$10/week shares of fresh fruits and veggies!

Application required.



**Cash, SNAP and HIP accepted
Call Wendy for more information**

“ The Journey”

A memory café

The Memory Café is a welcoming place for individuals with memory challenges along with their caregivers and/or family and friends to gather in a safe, supportive and engaging environment.

Every Friday from 10am to noon

Please call Wendy if you would like more information about the café.

566-5588.

Sponsored in part by:



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Homewatch
CareGivers

HEALTH/ WELLNESS CORNER

BAYSTATE HEARING

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

CALL FOR APPT



FOOTCARE: THURSDAY, July 26th

Call for an APPT

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

10:00 AM—11:00 AM



Monday Movies at 12:15

July 2 - Murder on the Orient Express

In this retelling of Agatha Christie's classic mystery, a train ride through Europe on the famed Orient Express becomes the setting for murder when an American passenger is slain -- and almost everyone on board is a suspect. Cast:

Kenneth Branagh, Penélope Cruz, Willem Dafoe

July 9 - Going in Style

Cheated out of their pensions, three elderly friends decide to extract justice from the system by robbing a bank and then heading for Las Vegas. But their grand plan starts to fall apart when a dogged FBI agent picks up their trail. Cast:

Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Alan Arkin

July 16 - Kidnap

A typical afternoon in the park turns into a nightmare for single mom Karla Dyson (Academy Award® winner Halle Berry) when her son suddenly disappears. Without a cell phone and knowing she has no time to wait for police help, Karla jumps in her own car and sets off in pursuit of the kidnappers. A relentless, edge-of-your-seat chase ensues, where Karla must risk everything to not lose sight of her son. In this tense, action-fueled thriller from the producers of Salt and Transformers, one mother's heroic attempt to take back her son leads her to ask herself how far she will go to save her child. Cast: Halle Berry, Sage Correa, Chris McGinn



July 23 - Queen of the Desert

Helmed by Werner Herzog, this historical drama charts the life of the remarkable Gertrude Bell, a British adventurer, archaeologist, spy and political attaché who played a key role in reshaping the Middle East after World War I. Cast: Nicole Kidman, James Franco, Damian Lewis

July 30 - Home Again

Set in Los Angeles, this romantic comedy follows a recently divorced single mother as she defies common sense and takes in three young male boarders -- who become part of her unconventional family. Cast: Reese Witherspoon, Nat Wolff, Jon Rudnitsky

Please use this form to make a donation to the **FRIENDS OF HAMPDEN SENIORS**.
We appreciate your support! Please make checks payable to
"Friends of Hampden Seniors"

Donation From: _____

Address: _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____

In Honor of: _____ In Memory Of: _____

Send acknowledgement to: _____ Address _____

Donation to be used for: _____ Memory Café _____ Food Pantry _____ Emergency Fuel Fund
_____ Programs & Activities _____ General Need _____ Other (Specify) _____

Mail to: 104 Allen Street, Hampden, MA 01036 or drop off at the front desk at the senior center

TRIPS WITH BOBBI GRANT

Call Bobbi @ 413-566-8271

email to bobbijg2@charter.net

All Trip Prices Include our Driver's Tip.

\$20/pp Deposit Due at Sign-up unless otherwise stated;
Coach Seat Assigned When Deposit is Received. Separate
Checks for Each Trip, Please. **FYI: There will be no
reminders for balances due. If you miss the deadline,
you lose your seat.**

Sun-Mon, Aug 12-13, Cape Cod & Boston Pops, Dan'l
Webster Inn Brunch, Brkfst Buffet @ the Irish Village Resort,
Musical Entertainment, Free time in Hyannis, Harbor Cruise.
A \$40pp Deposit is Due at Sign-up. Full Payment Deadline:
July 13 \$270/pp dbl, \$260/pp tripl, \$320/pp single

Wed, Sept 12th, CT River Narrated Wildlife Cruise aboard
the *RiverQuest*, Shop @ Lyman Orchards, Griswold Inn
lunch, 90 minute Narrated Cruise.
Payment Deadline: Aug 10 \$83/

Wed, Oct 10, Dreamland Wax Museum in Boston,
Family-style Luncheon @ Maggiano's Little Italy, see figures
of Celebrities, Local Boston Icons and Historical Heroes,
Shopping Assembly Row/Faneuil Hall.
Full Payment Deadline: Sept 12, \$87

Tues, Nov 27, Winter Wonderland Light Show @Tower Hill
Botanical Garden, Christmas Tree Shop-ping, Early-bird
Dinner @ O'Connor's Restaurant, Unique Garden Gift Shop.
Full Payment Deadline: Oct 26 \$78.

Trip Flyers are Available @ the Hampden Senior Center

HAMPDEN TRAVEL CLUB

Call NORA at 566-5796

****Limousine service from your home to
the airport and back**

**** Tour guide stays with you for your trip**

THIS FALL OCTOBER 2018:

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

OCTOBER 5-10, 2018

**TROPICAL COSTA RICA, OCTOBER 15-23, 2018 9
DAYS**

New for 2019:

AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES

**NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE - 8
DAYS, APRIL 12-19, 2019**

Call for fliers or pick one up at the SC!

STAY HEALTHY AND HYDRATED THIS SUMMER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 9:30am-11:00am

**The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts
offers free nutrition education programs to our
member agencies.**

**LEARN ABOUT: Stay Hydrated-not only by drinking
water, food safety in warm weather, saving money
on fruits and vegetables, making delicious recipes
without heating up your kitchen.**



Social DANCE Lessons

Thursday's July 5, 12, 19 & 26

6:30-7:30 pm Lesson



Couples \$15.00, Singles \$7.00

7:30-8:30 Open Dance



**These lessons will be
great fun! They are going to
feature instruction from
Joe Barker.**

**Joe has been teaching
social dance for over seven years;
has taken part in trainings for
national certification and is
well recognized in social dance
in the area.**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 9:00 Knitting 9:30 Bridge 10:00 Tai Chi 11:15 Beginner Tai Chi 12:15 Movie	3 9:00 Ladies Pool 9:00 SHUFFLEBOARD 10:00 Weights 10:00 Blood Pressure 11:00 Chair Yoga (canceled) 12:00 F Fitness (canceled) 12:00 Bunco 12:30 Canasta 1:00 Yoga (canceled)	Closed Happy 4th 	5 9:00 Men's Pool 9:45 Art is 4 Every 1 10:00 Blood Pressure 10:00 Weights 12:00 Bingo 12:30 Genealogy 1:00 Yoga 2:00 Line Dancing 6:30 Social Dancing	6 9:00 Quilting 10:00 MEMORY CAFÉ 11:00 Mahjongg
9 9:00 Knitting 9:30 Bridge 10:00 Tai Chi 11:15 Beginner Tai Chi 12:15 Movie	10 <u>COA MEETING</u> 9:00 Ladies Pool 9:00 SHUFFLEBOARD 10:00 Weights 10:00 Blood Pressure 11:00 Chair Yoga 12:00 Functional Fitness 12:00 Bunco 12:30 Canasta 1:00 Yoga	11 <u>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</u> 9:00 PINOCHLE 9:30 Healthy Hydration Class 10:00 Trivia 12:00 Pitch	12 9:00 Men's Pool 9:30 FACIALS 9:45 Art is 4 Every 1 10:00 Blood Pressure 10:00 Weights 12:00 Bingo 1:00 Yoga 2:00 Line Dancing 6:30 Social Dancing	13 9:00 Quilting 10:00 MEMORY CAFÉ 10:00 Manicures 11:00 Mahjongg
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23 9:00 Knitting 9:30 Bridge 10:00 Tai Chi 11:15 Beginner Tai Chi 12:15 Movie	24 9:00 Ladies Pool 9:00 SHUFFLEBOARD 10:00 Weights 10:00 Blood Pressure 11:00 Chair Yoga 12:00 Functional Fitness 12:00 Bunco 12:30 Canasta 1:00 Yoga	25 9:00 <u>DIABETES REUNION</u> 9:00 PINOCHLE 10:00 Trivia 11:00 State Senator Representative 12:00 Pitch HOT FUDGE SUNDAE	26 <u>FOOTCARE</u> 9:00 Men's Pool 9:45 Art is 4 Every 1 10:00 Blood Pressure 10:00 Weights 12:00 Bingo 1:00 Yoga 2:00 Line Dancing 6:30 Social Dancing	27 9:00 Quilting 10:00 MEMORY CAFÉ 10:00 Manicure 11:00 Mahjongg
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Senior Center Activities



ACRYLIC PAINTING

Thursdays, 9:45--11:45am, \$15.00 includes all materials.

BRIDGE

Monday, 9:30am. Always looking for players.

BINGO

Thursdays, 12:00 noon, \$.50 cents a card.

BUNCO

Tuesday, 12Noon, \$2.00

CANASTA

Tuesdays, 12:30pm



CHAIR MASSAGE

Come enjoy a chair massage with Vicki Finnegan on the 3rd Friday, 10:00am, 15 minutes for \$10.00

CHAIR YOGA

Join Sue Kent on Tuesday, 11am \$5/Class

FACIALS

2nd Thursday of every month. 1 hour for \$30.00. Call for Appointment.

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS — TUESDAY, 12NOON, With Sue Kent.



GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY

1st & 3rd Thursday of Month, 12:30pm

JEWELRY

ON HIATUS UNTIL OCTOBER

KNITTING/CROCHET

Join Barbara Dunwoody and class in learning different patterns Mondays 9:15 am



LINE DANCING

Join J.P. Ellery on Thursdays, 2pm, \$5.00

MAHJONGG

Fridays, 11am , will teach anyone interested

MANICURES

Cathy is here twice a month, call her at 335-7422

MEMORY CAFÉ

Fridays from 10-12 noon.

Call Wendy for info



PITCH

Wednesdays, \$2.00. SIGN UP 11:45am, PLAY 12:15. Come join all the fun!

POOL ROOM

LADIES (Tuesday)

MEN (Thursday)



PINOCHLE - Wednesdays, 9am



QUILTING Fridays, 9:00am-3:00pm

SHUFFLEBOARD Tuesdays, 9am

SOCIAL DANCING Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm.

TAI CHI

ADVANCED CLASS, Mondays, 10:00am. \$5.00

BEGINNER CLASS, 11:15am TO 12:00noon. \$5.

TRIVIA Wednesdays @ 10AM.

Always looking for fresh minds!



WEIGHT TRAINING

Join Vicky from the YMCA - Tuesdays &

Thursdays, 10AM, \$3.50

YOGA Join Sue Kent on Tuesday & Thursday, 1:00pm, \$5.00/Class

ZUMBA GOLD - CANCELLED



Please check our events calendar monthly for any CANCELLED classes.

Hampden Senior Center
104 Allen Street
Hampden, MA 01036
413-566-5588

JULY 2018

LUNCH MENU

Lunch served daily @
11:30am, RSVP before
noon the day before.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Pot Roast/Gravy Sweet & Sour Cabbage Baked Potato 12 Grain Bread Lemon Dinosaur Cal: 782 Sod: 879	3 Potato Chowder Tuna Salad Cucumber Salad Hot Dog Bun Mixed Fruit Cal: 832 Sod: 981	Closed Happy 4th 	5 Salisbury Steak/Gravy Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Wheat Bread Peaches Cal: 802 Sod: 913	6 Pier 17 Fish/Tartar Rice Pilaf Jardinière Vegetables 12 Grain Bread Fruited Jell-O Cal: 861 Sod: 950
9 Chicken Meatball Stroganoff Summer Blend Veggies Pumpkin Bread Vanilla Pudding Cal: 811 Sod: 918	10 American Chop Suey Spinach Oat Nut Bread Ambrosia Cal: 789 Sod: 652	11 <u>CATCH OF THE DAY</u> Haddock/Red Sauce White Rice Chuck Wagon Corn Rye Bread Birthday Cake Cal: 599 Sod: 808	12 *Roast Turkey/Gravy Cranberry Sauce Mashed Potatoes Butternut Squash Dinner Roll Pears Cal: 643 Sod: 1024	13 *Ham, Tomato Mac & Cheese Green Beans Rye Bread Peach Cal: 723 Sod: 1475
16 Potato Pollack Filet Tartar Sauce AuGratin Potatoes Mixed Veggies Wheat Bread Peaches Cal: 947 Sod: 1052	17 Breaded Chicken Tomato Sauce Buttered Ziti Broccoli Rye Bread Cal: 724 Sod: 970	18 Turkey Meatloaf/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas/Pearl Onions Oat Nut Bread Mixed Fruit Cal: 604 Sod: 682	19 <u>COLD PLATE</u> Cauliflower Soup Egg Salad/Bun Green Beans/Pimento Salad Watermelon Cal: 701 Sod: 686	20 Italian Beef Stew Buttered Parmesan Ziti Tossed Salad Dinner Roll Peach Crisp Cal: 714 Sod: 695
23 Cabbage Roll Skillet White Rice Summer Squash Pumpkin Bread Fruited Jell-O Cal: 645 Sod: 625	24 *Hot Dog/Bun Mustard/Relish Baked Beans Cole Slaw Plum Cal: 780 Sod: 1257	25 Apple Juice Cheese Omelet Oven Brown Potatoes 12 Grain Bread Peaches Cal: 628 Sod: 1024	26 <u>COLD PLATE</u> Grilled Chicken Breast Shredded Lettuce Cheese Tortellini/Ranch Tomato & Onion Salad Chocolate Chip Cookies Cal: 801 Sod: 1097	27 Sweet & Sour Pork Loin Fried Rice Ginger Carrots Wheat Bread Lemon Pudding Cal: 763 Sod: 1188
30 Taco Bowl Shredded Cheese Lettuce & Salsa Yellow Rice Tortilla Chips Pears Cal: 633 Sod: 708	31 *Turkey Tetrazzini Rotini Italian Blend Veg 12 Grain Bread Pineapple Cal: 800 Sod: 1055		<div style="border: 1px dashed red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sod=Sodium CAL=Calories *Item over 500mg Sodium Total Sodium & Calories Based on Regular Dessert</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px dashed red; padding: 5px;"> <p>*High Sodium Entrée Suggested Voluntary Donation \$2.00 Puree Meals available <u>Call GSSSI</u> <u>781-8800</u></p> </div>



Wednesday, July 11th

“National Blueberry Muffin Day”

Join us for a Continental Breakfast
celebrating the great blueberry muffin!

Cost \$2.00

Wednesday, July 25th is National Hot Fudge Sundae Day!

Come and enjoy a delicious lunch with us and enjoy an
Ice Cream Sundae generously provided by:

Lunch @ 11:30 Cost \$2.00 Sundae Free!



ART SHOW

We invite you to experience, explore and purchase the diverse art on display

July 21, 2018 (10:00 - 4:00)

Reception (12:00 - 2:00)

(Meet the Artisans)

104 Allen St., Hampden, MA
(Hampden Senior Center)

**Live
Demos!**

Exhibiting Local Creativity

ScanticRiver
ARTISANS

For additional
information
about the Artisans
and exhibiting
opportunities,
please leave
a message at
413-205-7985

www.scanticriverartisans.org



Mark your Calendars...August 10th
Annual Senior Picnic Lunch
Entertainment by: Chuck & Ron

Saturday Night Dinner Dances

HAMPDEN SENIOR CENTER

104 ALLEN ST. HAMPDEN, MA 01036 413 566 5588

Cost \$20. PREPAID, PER PERSON. Appetizers, Dinner with delicious sides, Complimentary Cocktail and Dessert. Cash Bar. 50/50 Raffle (Fund-Raiser for Sound System and Memory Cafe). Doors Open at 5:30 pm. The Bands will play for your listening and dancing pleasure from 6-9 pm. Themed Apparel suggested!

July 28th

Good Acoustic
Band

Pulled Pork

Playing music from
the 50's, 60's & 70's



August 18th
Union Jack



Chicken and Beef Kabob

Playing music from the
British Invasion

September 29th
Off The Record

German Bratwurst

Seasonal music and
50's, 60's and 70's



October 27th
Sharades Band



Beef Tips over Mashed

Prizes for best costumes!

Seasonal music and 50's, 60's & 70's

Sponsored in part by Friends of Hampden Seniors
and generous donations from area businesses

Town of Hampden Newsletter



July 2018

An Update on the Town of Hampden vs Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee

From Phill Schneider, Chair of the Deregionalization Committee...

"We remain dedicated to Hampden, our children, and our schools. In response to your many inquiries, I am providing you with this update.

March 30th, 2018: Initial hearing at the Trial Court of MA in Springfield before Judge Karen L. Goodwin, Justice of the Superior Court. Several Hampden residents attended this session where our Town's attorneys Christine Pikula and Edward Pikula, along with the Regional School Committee's (RSC) attorney, Sean Sweeney, when arguments were made for:

- an injunction that would stop the RSC from going forward with their plan to close TWB, and move our Middle School Students to Wilbraham Schools until a trial could be held;
- that the educational offerings in both Towns are the same; and
- the scheduling of an expedited trial which would have the trial scheduled as soon as possible.

Judge Goodwin ruled that both the injunction and the trial should be handled together, and July 25th was set as the first day of the trial, which is expected to last 2-3 days.

Judge Goodwin has established a schedule to facilitate the start of the trial. This schedule included the invitation to the Town of Wilbraham, the MA Dept. of Education, and the Attorney General to intervene in this matter. It established May 11th as the deadline for motions, and notification of whether the trial should be by judge or jury. May 25th was established as the deadline for filing a motion to dismiss, and June 25th was the deadline for disclosure of witnesses.

Recently our case has been reassigned to Judge Mark Mason.

During the week of 7/2/18, a conference of the lawyers and Judge Mason will be held for trial preparation.

July 10th: Final trial documents are due. July 12: final pre-trial conference between the attorneys and Judge Mason.

Everyone is continuing to work hard to assure that Hampden is well-represented and that Hampden prevails. We are the "little guy" going up against the giant, but remember the story of David and Goliath! When a powerful competitor takes on a smaller one, the smaller one just might prevail.

A huge thanks to everyone that has assisted in this work. "

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Editor's note: "How is the Tax Rate is Set?" part 2 of Town Accountant Cliff Bombard's info sheet will appear in the August issue.

**Best Wishes for a Happy, and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

**And on the subject of celebrations, 2018 is the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Hampden! Any ideas of types of events we can have in the Fall? Perhaps those who remember the 100<sup>th</sup> can write out some thoughts about how the town has changed since then? Or how the town has changed since they were brought up here, or from when you moved here? Think of it as writing to the future and leaving a legacy!**

"Whether we appreciate it or not, we live out our lives surrounded by an intricate pattern of social connections... We're all embedded in this network; it affects us profoundly and we may be unaware of its existence, of its effect on us." Nicholas A. Christakis --Sociologist, Physician, Professor, Yale Univ-- Sources: brainyquote.com; wikipedia

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~~~~~From Ann "Annie" Daly, Assistant to the Cemetery Commissioners....

"Two new Commissioners were elected on May 14, 2018: Tim Connors & Linda Casey. We are very pleased to have them aboard and all our positions are now completely filled. Remember if you need any information regarding cemetery issues, please call the office at 566-2151 x 111 Mon-Thur, 12:30-4:30pm.

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==== From Carolyn Reed, MAA Principal Assessor, and Kelly McCormick, Assessing Clerk ...

The Hampden Assessor's Office will be mailing out Chapter 61 applications in July for those who were enrolled in one of the programs last year.

The Chapter 61 programs give Massachusetts landowners an opportunity to reduce their property taxes in exchange for providing important public benefits like clean water, wildlife habitat, rural character, wood products, food, and outdoor recreation.

There are three different Chapter 61 programs:

Chapter 61 – Forestry Chapter 61A – Agriculture Chapter 61B – Open Space and Recreation

All of the programs aim to keep land undeveloped, and each program focuses on a different type of land use. If you are interested in learning more about the Chapter programs, please contact the Assessor's Office at (413) 566-2151 x106. Their office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9am – 2pm.

Please see the link below for further information on each program.

–Chapter 61 Programs: Understanding the Massachusetts Ch. 61 current Tax Programs- a 24-image booklet, the same edition that the Assessor's Office uses for reference <https://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.net/files/Ch-61-Web.pdf>

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=From Eva Wiseman, Tax Collector.....

Real Estate tax, and Personal Property tax bills went out at the end of June. If you have not received one, (or both, if applicable) by July 10th, give the Tax Collector's Office a call at 566-2151 x104, Monday –Thursday, 9am-3pm.

Both types of bills are due Wednesday, August 1st. There are three ways of paying these bills: in person, and bring the whole bill in; by mail a good 7-10 days before the due date, or on-line, directions on your bill.

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*Thanks to Hampden Engineering for providing the paper and printing for this one page newsletter, and thanks to Katy Noes, a creative employee, who inserts the graphics to perk up the Newsletter.*

We'd really appreciate hearing from you. Please send Comments & Suggestions via email to [selectmen@hampden.org](mailto:selectmen@hampden.org)

**Nancy Zebert, volunteer editor**