

First Annual

State of Our Town Dinner

Saturday, April 8, 2017



www.northfieldma.gov

Hosted by the Northfield Elementary School PTO

www.nespto.org

Northfield Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization – Presenter: Cheryl George, Co-Chair

The NES PTO is an incorporated, non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that works to enrich the educational experience for the school community. The PTO's annual budget is approximately \$15,000 and these funds help to purchase classroom supplies, bring in school enrichment programs and help to fund field trips. The PTO raises these funds through many fundraisers and fundraising events throughout the year. These events help to engage families and build a strong school community. The PTO meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the NES Library. Website: www.nespto.org Email: northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com
Facebook: Northfield Elementary PTO

Zoning Bylaw Revision Committee – Presenter: Rich Fitzgerald

To see the full proposed bylaws, maps of the Zoning districts, or for the latest updates, please check the town website, www.northfieldma.gov/home/news/zoning-revision-proposal.

Northfield Historical Commission – Presenters: Joe Graveline & Joan Stoia

The chair of the Historical Commission is currently Carol Lebo, whose email is clebo@nmhschool.org. Members are appointed by the Select Board and function under the auspices of relevant Mass. General Laws and town ordinances to preserve and protect the town's historic assets. The Commission typically meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall. Meetings are posted in advance and agendas and minutes are posted on the town website. When a vacancy comes up, residents can apply to become a member by completing and submitting a citizen participation application available in the Town Hall lobby.

Finance Committee – Presenter: Lois Sterns, Chair

The members of the Northfield Finance Committee are: Lois Stearns, Chair; Dan Campbell, Vice Chair; Chad Glover; Bonnie L'Etoile, Bernie Porada, and Tony Matteo. Our Secretary is Beth Walker. Our regular meetings are on the second Monday of each month, at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. The Town Accountant, Debbie Mero attends our meetings. We can be contacted via the Town Hall, 69 Main Street, Tel. 498-2901. Our busiest time starts in December as we prepare for the Town's Annual Town Meeting which occurs on the first Monday in May.

Town Clerk – Presenter: Dan Campbell

The Town Clerk is an elected position. The term is three years. Many of the duties of the Town Clerk are governed by Federal, State and Local By-Laws. The following is a list of some of the duties carried out by the Town Clerk: Chief Registrar of Voters, Chief Election Official, Recording Officer, Registrar of Vital Records, Public Records Official, Supervisor of Voter Registration, and Licensing Officer. Town Clerk Dan Campbell can be reached at 413-498-2901 x112.

Northfield Area Tourism & Business Association – Presenter: Steve Stoia

NATABA meets on the last Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions due to scheduling speakers, etc.). We meet either at a local business or in the Community Room of the Library, depending on the program. For example, when the weather gets better we've been invited to the Crumpin Fox Golf Club to hear about their new initiatives; the August meeting is an annual picnic at Northfield Golf Club where we honor an outstanding supporter of area tourism (see plaque on Mim's wall--Kim won in 2016). While there are no dues, members participate by purchasing advertising in the brochure or on the website for a two year term. Those who are interested in receiving notices of monthly meetings and learning more about membership can contact Joan or Steve Stoia at 498-5921 or email us at info@visitnorthfieldarea.com.

Northfield Junior Firefighters – Presenters: Tyler, Aiden, Dakota, Patrick

Want to be more involved in your community? Learn basic skills, make new friends and have fun doing it. Regular meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday @ 6:30-8pm. Teens between the ages of 13 to 18, interested in becoming a part of the Northfield Junior Firefighters, please call 413-498-5100.

Redemption Christian Academy – Presenter: Marquita Wilchcombe, RCA Program Director

Redemption Christian Academy is the most uniquely affordable boarding school in the country! Even though RCA is one of four remaining Historically Black Boarding schools, it has a diversity of students from across the United States and abroad. International students that have been welcomed into the RCA family represent such countries as Jamaica, Venezuela, China, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Poland, England, Ghana, Nigeria, the Bahamas, Germany, Switzerland, and more.

Address: 154 South Mountain Road, PO Box 183, Northfield, Massachusetts 01360

Phone: 1-855-722-1979 | Fax: 518-270-8039

Website: www.redemptionchristianacademy.org Twitter: @RCA_Academy

Facebook: @RedemptionChristianAcademy

Deerfield Valley Art Association – Presenter: Bev Phelps

DVAA, established in 1931 is a 501 (c) 3 not for profit corporation, with a mission to encourage, create and foster appreciation of and for the fine arts and crafts in our region, through ongoing exhibitions, education, demonstrations by prominent artists and crafters, scholarships for art students, and other activities. Membership is open to anyone interested in the arts. As an additional venture, DVAA has established the Museum of New England Art, Craft, and Design, MoNEA, which we will launch at our new location in Northfield. Our mission for the museum is to acquire, preserve, exhibit, and promote the art, craft, and design created by artists born or working significantly in the New England States. Our new location, DVAA Center for the Arts, is at 105 Main St., the Green Trees Building, where we will have a gallery, gift shop, workshop/presentation space, and office. The DVAA Grand Opening will be April 28th, from 6:30-9:00pm. At 7:30, there will be a special program: American Vastness: The Hudson River Painters, presented by Barry Deitz., a well-known lecturer in the Lyceum tradition. MoNEA's Grand Opening will be June 23rd, from 6:30 - 9pm. Programs to be announced. Our websites are: www.deerfieldvalleyart.org and www.museumofnewenglandart.org.

Northfield Summer Road Race – Presenter: Bob Emberely, Founder

Bob Emberley started the Northfield Summer Road Race in 2012 as a fun community event designed to bring people together. The 3.3 mile race takes place every Thursday, June through August. Check out the race Facebook page for more information on this great community gathering including photos, videos, and the results and recap of every race (www.facebook.com/NorthfieldSummerRoadRaceSeries).

Community Bible Church – Presenter: Bob Emberely, Pastor

Bob is the pastor of the Community Bible Church (www.cbcnorthfield.com). You can contact Bob at rwemberley@gmail.com and (413) 498-4404.

Schell Bridge Advisory Committee – Presenter: Judy Wagner

The Schell Bridge Advisory Committee has recently been appointed by the town to advise the Town of Northfield during the design, planning and construction of the Schell Bridge replacement. The nine member committee includes engineers, a city planner, local business members, Historical Commission members, bicycle enthusiasts and participants in the Friends of Schell Bridge group. All are town residents. The committee will work cooperatively with the Town, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Mass DOT and its consultants and is especially interested in supporting public input and participation throughout the process. The Committee currently meets monthly on the second Wednesday, 7:00pm at the library. (We may go on hold after April as we wait for info from Mass DOT). Meetings will be posted on the town website as all meetings are open to the public. Messages can go through the Town Clerk, Dan Campbell.

Friends of Schell Bridge – Presenter: Barb Richardson

Vision Statement: “An historically-faithful replaced bridge across the Connecticut River that serves both as a premier recreational link for a network of hiking and biking trails in the tri-state region and as a centerpiece for a series of linked riverfront parks for Northfield and area residents.” FSB is a non-profit organization founded in 2005 with the mission of preserving the historic Schell Memorial Bridge. In 2014 the group chose to support the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) in its commitment to replace the Schell Bridge. FSB lends its support to the (Town of) Northfield Schell Bridge Advisory Committee in its role in working with MassDOT on the design, planning and construction of the new bridge. The project has the support of Senator Stan Rosenberg, Representative Paul Mark, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, and the Northfield Selectboard. For more information or to join the Friends of Schell Bridge contact: Barbara Richardson, brichardson71363@gmail.com or 413-498-5931.

Northfield Police Department – Presenter: Rob Leighton, Chief

The mission of the Northfield Police Department, in partnership with the community, is to provide quality police services through crime prevention and to promote safety and security while safeguarding the constitutional rights of all people. Contact Info – Dispatch: (413) 625-8200, Office Voicemail: (413) 498-5118, Fax: (413) 498-5115; email: police@townnfld.com

Pioneer Valley Regional School District – Presenter: Ruth S. Miller, Superintendent

168 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360

Phone: (413) 498-2911 Email: millerr@pvrsdk12.org

The District offices will be moving July 15, 2017 to PVRS, 97 F. Sumner Turner Rd., Northfield, MA 01360

Northfield Senior Center & Council on Aging – Presenter: Heather Tower, Director

The Northfield Senior Center is overseen by the Northfield Council on Aging and is a place for Northfield seniors, and those in surrounding communities, to come together to enjoy camaraderie, support, information and learning. Weekly and monthly programs provide opportunities for meals, music, day trips, workshops, support groups, informational presentations, community events and applications for assistance programs. It is located on the ground level of Town Hall and is handicapped accessible from the parking lot in the rear of the building. Most programs are free-or ask only a nominal suggested donation of a few dollars. Everyone is welcome regardless of income. See our calendar of events page for upcoming programs on the Town website, www.northfieldma.gov (located under Departments). Congregate meals are served at 11:30 on Monday and Tuesday for a suggested donation of \$2.50. On Thursday at 11:30, we have the Senior Cafe, prepared by the staff, also with a suggested donation of \$2.50. Call the Center before 11:00 am, one or two days in advance to sign up.

Phone: (413) 498-2186

Community Preservation Committee – Presenter: Tony Matteo

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) was adopted by Northfield voters on November 4, 2008. The Act authorizes a surcharge, with certain exemptions, on property tax bills, and the funds are to be segregated and used for specific purposes. The funds must be used for the acquisition, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation or creation of: Historical Resources, Community Housing, Open Space, and Recreational Resources. Ten percent of receipts must be used (or banked) for each of these three components. Five percent of receipts may be used by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for administrative purposes such as appraisals, surveys, presentation materials, etc. The remainder of the receipts may be used for any of the three components eligible for funding. The funds may not be used for routine maintenance or to replace operating budgets. Members are: Anthony Matteo, Carol Lebo, Tammy Pelletier, Robin Conley, Rhoda Yucavitch, Lara Dubin, Charles Eiseman, and Ted Thornton.

Agricultural Commission – Presenter: Bill Llewelyn, Chair

The Agricultural Commission develops working relationships between farmers and the community, town boards, state and federal agencies, legislators and environmental organizations. The Northfield Agricultural Commission consists of nine appointed members serving staggered three year terms. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.

Conservation Commission – Presenter: Bill Llewelyn, Chair

The Conservation Commission is an appointed body whose purpose is to protect and preserve the natural resources of the town and to enforce the protection of wetlands. A major aspect of the Commission's work is reviewing, approving and controlling the conditions under which work may be done which affects a river, stream or wetland in Northfield. Anyone seeking to do any work within 100 feet of a wetland, 200 feet of a river or stream, or in any area that may cause additional runoff into a wetland, river, or stream must obtain prior approval of the Commission. In order to get that approval they must file documents, providing complete information on the site and the proposed work, by filling out a Request for Determination form or a Notice of Intent. The Conservation Commission is proposing a Stewardship/Advisory Subcommittee to advise the Conservation Commission on the uses of the Town's Conservation areas including Town conservation lands and CR properties and to be active stewards of said properties. The business of the Land Stewardship /Advisory Sub Committee would be to consider and encourage recreation, preservation, conservation and education uses. If you are interested in being a part of this subcommittee please fill out a Citizen Interest form and return it to the Town Secretary at Town Hall. The Conservation Commission meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

Cultural Council – Presenter: Gretchen Licata, Chair

The Northfield Cultural Council is a volunteer organization that receives funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Annually we review grant applications from individuals, schools, and organizations for projects and events in the arts, humanities and the interpretive sciences, providing a local public benefit. The Northfield Cultural Council currently consists of eight members; Gretchen Licata (chair), Mandy Lyn Sweet-Antes (secretary), Cynthia Mead (treasurer), Deborah Potee, Jennifer Goselin, Ann Linge, Mary Mayshark-Stavelly and Robert Sullivan. The council has approved 23 grants for 2017 totaling \$4,606 including three NES PTO enrichment programs and two NES Fieldtrips. For a full list of grant recipients visit www.mass-culture.org/Northfield. In the coming year the council hopes to focus on fundraising ideas and exploring and expanding town venues. We will be accepting grant applications in September of 2017 for the next grant cycle, with an October 15th deadline.

Email: gretlicata@gmail.com

Website: www.mass-culture.org/Northfield Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthfieldCulturalCouncil/>

Greater Northfield Watershed Association – Presenter: Andrew Vernon

The Greater Northfield Watershed Association is a non-profit group with a mission to protect town watersheds of the creeks that lead to the Connecticut. We're part watchdog, part action, and part education... a loose network of over 80 stakeholders that we can organize quickly when water is threatened. We also join in larger regional projects like Source-to-Sea cleanups and water testing. Please sign up for our digital newsletter (3x year) and email list!

Northfield Community Park Committee – Presenter: Robin Conley, Chair

Meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. Any questions, please contact Robin Conley, Chair 498-2881.

Kiwanis Club – Presenter: Denis Murphy

Your Kiwanis Club of Northfield is part of an International organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis International has service leadership programs that go from elementary school to college. Kiwanis International in partnership with UNICEF has raised 110 million dollars to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus (MNT). Tetanus kills an infant every 9 minutes. The cost of one shot is less than two dollars! Locally we have the Easter Egg Hunt, Charter both Northfield Boy Scout Troop 9 and the Cub Scout Pack. We provide scholarships for higher education, for both PVRHS and FCTHS students. We also sponsor the Great River Challenge off-road triathlon held in the fall at Northfield Mountain. We sponsor a gift program to be used for food and clothes in partnership with NES. We have a beautiful pavilion that is available for rental, a kid's playground (adult supervision required). We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday's of each month. Email Denis at dmurphy2nd@comcast.net for further information.

Dickinson Memorial Library – Presenter: Deb Kern, Director

Hours: Tuesday 1-8, Wed 1-6, Thurs 1-6, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-3

Phone: 413-498-2455 Address: 115 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360

Website: www.northfieldpubliclibrary.org Email: dmemlib@gmail.com Facebook: Dickinson Memorial Library

Board of Selectmen – Presenter: Tracy Rogers

As the executive branch of the Town government, the Selectboard is responsible for policy decisions & carrying out most of the decisions of the Town made at Town Meeting. Additional responsibilities include:

- Approval of bills and payroll before they are paid by the Treasurer. Signatory authority for all notes, bond issues, abatements, and weekly town warrants which itemize all town department bills and payroll.
- Granting and issuing licenses and permits which include temporary one day liquor licenses; Class I and II auto licenses.
- Control of town property.
- Calling town meetings by the issuance of the Town Warrant.
- Awarding bids and contracts.
- Appointment of the Town Administrator, Highway Superintendent, Building Commissioner, Accountant, Building Maintenance Technician and Town Secretary.
- Appointing authority for the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Council on Aging, Cultural Council, Historical Commission and most of the other Boards and Committees in town.

Board Members - John G. Spanbauer (Chair), Tracy Rogers, Julia Blyth

Contacts - Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary, (413) 498-2901 ext. 110

Paul Boushell, Interim Town Administrator, (413) 498-2901 ext. 115

Thomas Aquinas College – Presenter: Michael McLean, President

Thomas Aquinas College is a Roman Catholic liberal arts college offering a single integrated academic program. It is located in Santa Paula, California in Ventura County, with a second campus opening in Northfield, Massachusetts in 2018. It offers a unique education with courses based on the Great Books and seminar method. It has school accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, a regional accrediting board for California and Guam. It is endorsed by The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College.

Address: 10,000 Ojai Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060

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The Moody Center – Presenter: Julia Wiggin, General Manager

Website: www.themoodycenter.org

Email: jwiggin@themoodycenter.org

Phone: 413-834-8508

Thank you for attending tonight's event!

Other groups that could not be here tonight...

Northfield Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five regular members and three alternate members. They are appointed for 5-year alternating terms and are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board meets on Thursday evenings as needed for business meetings and public hearings. The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of certain special permit applications, petitions for variances from the Zoning Bylaws and appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector. The Board has the power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Courts. The Board meetings are scheduled as needed as applications are received. The ZBA is also actively looking for new members. Please contact the ZBA at northfieldZBA@gmail.com for further information.

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 13 PINE STREET, PO BOX 151, NORTHFIELD, MA 01360, 413-498-5565

The Northfield Historical Society is an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Northfield's past. Our biggest project is maintaining the museum at 13 Pine Street. Formerly the Pine Street School, the museum houses three stories of artifacts and records relating to the town's history. It is open by appointment as well as on an announced schedule during the summer months. Thanks to an active program committee, NHS hosts a variety of presentations to which the public is invited. Our calendar featuring scenes from Northfield's past is always popular. The Annual Meeting of the Membership takes place each July. NHS welcomes new members and volunteers. For more information, please write to the above address, contact a board member, or pick up one of our brochures at the library, the town hall, the senior center, or at several business locations in town. Board Members are: Sue Ross, President; Joanne Gardner, Curator; Barbara Lemoine, Secretary; Martha Tenney, Treasurer; Kathy Wright, Fund Raising; Marcia Edes, Membership.