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## Dates to Remember

April 2: Annual Town Meeting, 9 a.m., HWRHS gymnasium

April 7: Annual Town Election, Winthrop Elementary School, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

April 27: Brush dropoff, Chebacco Road landfill, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

May 2: Fourth quarter taxes due

May 7: Townwide Leaf Pickup

June 1: Water Bills Due

Sept. 17: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

## More Than \$150K Donated to Affordable Housing Trust as part of Patton Ridge Project

C.P. Berry Homes and Alan Berry have contributed \$156,480 to the Hamilton Housing Trust as part of the company's development of Patton Ridge on the Patton Homestead property off Asbury Street.

"Thanks to his construction of the Patton Ridge property and his contribution, one or more additional families will be able to afford to live in our wonderful town," said David Carey, chairman of the Hamilton Affordable Housing Trust.

Patton Ridge is Hamilton's first ever development under the town's senior bylaw and will help fund an endowment for the Patton Homestead as well as recreation fields, ac-

ording to Scott Maddern, chairman of the Hamilton Board of Selectmen.

"I'm so proud to accept this check, a direct result of the generous gift of the Patton Homestead to the Town of Hamilton by Mrs. Joanne Patton and her family," Maddern said.

In addition to the sale price

of \$1 million, the Hamilton town government will receive more than \$150,000 per year from taxes on the homes.

"And with the Patton Board of Directors in place too, as the non-profit for the management and planning of the Homestead, the Town Meeting decisions are really being delivered on," Maddern said.



## Hamilton First Responders All Trained, Now Carrying Overdose-Reversing Drug Narcan

The Hamilton Fire and Police departments are now both carrying Narcan in response to the state's opiate overdose epidemic. Narcan is a prescription drug that blocks the effect of opioids and reverses an overdose.

EMS Coordinator David Ray-

mond, a Hamilton firefighter, has trained all of the town's firefighters and police officers about how to use Narcan and has set up an agreement with Beverly Hospital, according to Hamilton Fire Chief Phil Stevens.



Narcan was used on Tuesday night, Feb. 9, to save an overdose victim in Hamilton, according to Stevens. Essex first responders were the first on scene and administered the drug.

## Dog Rescue, Car into House Among Snow Squall Calls

A quick moving snow squall caused some problems for about an hour on Friday morning, March 4, in Hamilton, including several car crashes. Amid it all, there was also a dog rescue.

At about quarter to 9 a.m., Hamilton first responders were called to a report of a car into an utility pole on Highland Street near Pingree School. At the same time, firefighters were also called to the report of a dog fallen in the water, possibly

along with its owner, at 100 Essex St., according to Hamilton Fire Chief Philip Stevens.

The dog was rescued and nobody was injured in the crash, where the driver signed a refusal of medical attention and the Ford station wagon was towed away.



There ended up being a second two-car crash near the first crash on Highland Street. Nobody was injured in that crash and both vehicles were driven away, Stevens said.

At about 9:15 a.m., a car crashed into a house at 925 Bay Road (Route 1A). Again, nobody was injured and the home was not damaged but there was damage to a stone wall. The car was drivable afterward.

## Trump, Sanders Top the Ticket in Hamilton

Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders were the top vote-getters in Hamilton in the Presidential primary.

Turnout was 51.6%, with 2,895 of Hamilton's 5,609 registered voters going to the polls at Winthrop Elementary School, according to Town Clerk Andrea Carlson.

Trump got 435 votes on the Republican ballot in



Hamilton, followed by John Kasich, Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz.

Sanders had 829 votes followed by Hillary Clinton with 693 votes on the Democratic Party ballot.

Four voters took the Green-Rainbow Party ballot, splitting their votes four ways.

## Button-cell Battery Collection To Raise Money for Hamilton Seniors

Turning in your dead button-cell batteries will help the Hamilton Council on Aging and the environment at the same time.

Bring button-cell batteries from your watches, hearing aids, cameras, calculators, dog collars, small toys and other items to the Hamilton Senior Center, 299 Bay Road, to be included in the button-cell battery rebate program.

For every pound that the Hamilton

COA collects, they receive \$100 up to 10 pounds in a calendar year.

Millions of these batteries containing mercury are disposed each year into the municipal solid waste stream, so turning them in as part of the button-cell battery rebate program will help the environment and the seniors at the same time.

Call COA Director Mary Beth Lawton at the Senior Center at 978-468-5595 for further information. Anyone who would also like to host a box for collection at your business should call Lawton too.



## Warning: Imposter Scammers Continue to Target Hamilton Residents

Hamilton police are warning residents, especially senior citizens, to be on alert for so-called impostor scams.

In two of the recent scams reported to Hamilton police, seniors were targeted where the impostor posed as a grandchild who was trying to solicit money for an out-of-state emergency, according to Hamilton Police Lt. Scott Janes.

Luckily, in both cases, the potential victims didn't fall for the scam, Janes said. But

Janes reemphasizes a warning he issued in December about what to do if you are confronted by one of these scammers.

### What to do:

Stop and check it out. Before you wire money to anyone, call the person, the government agency or someone else you trust to get the real story and then decide what to do.



Pass along information about the call or email to a friend. Even if you haven't gotten one of these calls or emails, chances are you know someone who has. No government agency will ever ask you to wire money.

If you spot a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)

Online at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)

## Open Burning Season Runs Through May 1, Permits \$20

Open burning, allowed with a permit, runs through May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Residents can get a seasonal permit from the Hamilton Fire Department at a cost of \$20 for the season and \$10 for senior citizens. Payment is accepted by check only.

Permitholders must call after 8 a.m. on the day they wish to burn.



Once a permit is issued, you should keep fire suppression tools handy along with a water hose, pump, shovel or other fire-fighting implements that can be used to manage the fire and put it out if it starts to get out of control. The fire must be attended at all times and must be 74 feet away from all structures.

The items that are allowed to be burned include trees and brush, cane, driftwood, forestry debris and tree prunings.

## Follow-Up Tests Come Back Negative From Town Well

Follow-up tests on water samples from the town's School Street well came back negative for E.coli, according to Hamilton DPW Director Bill Redford.

"That's great," he said.

On Jan. 6, Hamilton water users were notified that raw, untreated water at an offline town well had tested positive for E. coli.

The well was already offline at the time of the test and was pumped briefly to collect the sample, but additional samples needed to be taken.

Now that the follow-up tests have come back negative, no further action is anticipated at this time, Redford said.



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## February Home Sales Average \$447K

The five homes that sold in Hamilton in February averaged a \$447,900 sale price, according to data from the Board of Assessors.

The board tracks arms-length sales as part of its process to keep tabs on assessed values in Hamilton.



The sale prices ranged from \$305,000 for a home at 399 Asbury St. to \$602,500 for a home at 31 Moulton St. It was the fewest number of homes to sell in a month since October 2015, when five homes also sold.

## Join Town Leaders in the 2016 ‘Readers are Leaders’ Challenge

Join town leaders in Hamilton and Wenham by taking the 2016 “Readers are Leaders” reading challenge.

Copies of the reading challenge list are available online or hard copies are available at Hamilton-Wenham Public Library. Print out the list or just keep a tally on your computer as the year goes by to be eligible for a prize at the end of 2016, donated by the Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library.

The contest was organized by Hamilton-Wenham Public Library Director Jan Dempsey and based on a suggestion by Hamilton Town Manager Michael Lombardo.

So what are the leaders of Hamilton and Wenham reading from the reading challenge list?

Lombardo is reading “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr, which is a “book you’ve been meaning to read”. He just started it and likes it a lot.

He just finished “Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel, which is “a book chosen for you...”.

Wenham Town Administrator Peter Lombardi is reading “The Wright Brothers” by David McCullough and “In the Heart of the Sea – The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex” by Nathaniel Philbrick. The first book has allowed Lombardi to time-travel with a historical or science fiction book and the second one has a movie or TV tie-in.

Lombardi promises “more to come as the year goes on.”

The rules are few and very simple – be 11 years of age or older, read 10 books in any format (audio, print, e-book or e-audio) during 2016 that match the suggestion list and fill out the form completely (one per person) and give it to a library staff person for the drawing on Dec. 30, 2016.

