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## SENATOR HASSAN VISITS VILLAGE SCHOOL

by James Rinker / The Keene Sentinel.

A government-supported project to build a new preschool alongside eight units of senior housing in town could serve as a model to help ease New Hampshire's affordable housing and child care crises, U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan said.

The Democratic senator visited Walpole Tuesday morning to learn more about the partnership between The Walpole Foundation, a nonprofit organization, and The Walpole Village School, a private nonprofit preschool, to embark on the multimillion dollar project. She said the project could serve as a model for policymakers and potentially be scaled on the national level.

The Walpole Foundation received a \$1 million grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission, a federal-state partnership established in 2008 to help alleviate economic distress and encourage private sector job



Sen. Maggie Hassan receives a tour from Walpole Village School staff and The Walpole Foundation board members highlighting plans for a senior living community and school construction Tuesday morning (August 6) in Walpole.

(Hannah Schroeder / Sentinel Staff)

creation in parts of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and New York.

That will help fund the first phase of the project, to construct an energy-efficient 6,510 square-foot building for the Walpole Village School on the current four-acre property bordering Route 12 and the Connecticut River. The second phase aims to build eight units of senior rental housing on the same land.

The first phase of the project is expected to cost more than \$4.5 million, according to Peggy Pschirrer, the president of The Walpole Foundation.

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## Hooper Renovations

How many of you can identify the yellow house at the left at the top of Prospect Hill. How many of you have ever been inside the building? The Hooper Institute was built in 1926 as the result of a bequest to Walpole, in trust, from Mary Hooper who died in 1924. Her husband George had left his estate to her with instructions to establish a school "where agriculture, forestry, botany, the development and improvement of the soil by planting and reaping, may be taught young

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY

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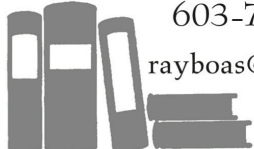
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The foundation purchased the school's property at 75 Westminster St. in Walpole in February 2023, which Pschirrer noted is the 10th building bought by the organization.

The foundation, which has been around since 2004, is not only guided by historic preservation but the future economic sustainability of the Walpole community, Pschirrer said. The foundation purchases buildings in town, which it then restores and pays property taxes on before leasing to tenants below the market rate, she said.

"Part of our mission is to ensure the health of our community," Pschirrer said. "We want to build a school that's going to be here for the next 50 years."

Pschirrer noted the first phase is expected to break ground by August 2025 and take approximately a year to build. The current school building will be demolished after the new one is occupied. The new building for Walpole Village School will add a third classroom, as well as a kitchen and a community room to allow for programming by other local nonprofits and groups, according to project plans distributed by The Walpole Foundation.

The Walpole Village School, which has operated since 1974, offers early preschool and preschool education for children living in Walpole and surrounding towns such as Westmoreland, Alstead and Charlestown. The school had 32 families with children ages 2 to 5 enrolled last year, accord-

ing to Jody Metcalf, the school's director.

"Enrollment has fluctuated over the years, especially during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020," she said. "Now the school has two full classrooms and a waitlist for the upcoming school year." Pschirrer added that the project not only has sought out federal and state funds, but has some of the foundation's own funding dedicated to it in addition to private donations from the community. The foundation has pledged to contribute more than \$760,000 to the project, with \$315,000 committed to date, according to the project plans.

The first phase is the most important part of the project for the foundation, Pschirrer noted. Once the new school building is in operation, she said the organization's board will begin developing the full plans for financing and building for the senior housing.

Hassan said in an interview following the site tour that this model can benefit other communities across the state, and possibly across the country, as community organizations seek out solutions to address the need for housing and childcare.

"They're looking at what makes sense for these communities, and we're looking at how we can replicate that on a large scale," she said.

"... Those relatively small investments, they really add up. That's what makes communities like Walpole so great."

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men and women." The Institute was named for George's brother, Frederick H. Hooper. A few people in town do remember those agricultural and industrial arts classes at Hooper. That trust was reaffirmed and expanded in 1995 by the Probate Court to include Conservation and Environmental Sciences.

With the creation of the Fall Mountain School system, the Institute shifted its classes to the Walpole Elementary and Middle School because the Trust may only serve Walpole students. At the Institute the staff provides summer camps, wood working classes, community gardens and a museum on the second floor as well as Fall and Winter festivals.

The building interior has remained as it was built in 1926. The boiler dominates the lower floor and is shut down for the winter because of its age and inability to adequately heat the building. The building cries out for renovation, so that is what has begun!

An Energy Audit was completed on the building with a grant we ob-

tained from Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). Andrew Dey, who is our consultant, wrote the grant. Andrew has evaluated the whole building and is now working with Chris Adams of Foulrite Design Services to recommend steps to renovate the building so that it is energy efficient, handicap accessible and useable all year round.

Renovations will start with insulating the building and making the windows airtight. The furnace will be replaced with mini splits, which will not only heat the building but cool it when necessary. Bathrooms will be handicapped accessible, and a lift will be added for easy access to the second floor. A commercial kitchen will be added to the building to enable our community gardeners and others to learn canning and freezing techniques.

Our goal is to make the Hooper Institute a year-round facility used by all age groups. We will continue to achieve George Hooper's wishes with an up-to-date educational facility.

—Peggy Pschirrer

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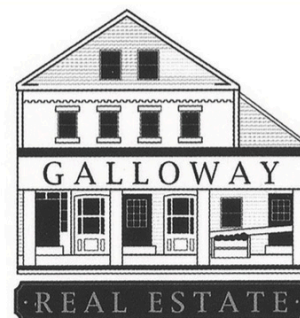


## **TOWN of WALPOLE PUBLIC MEETING**

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## School Days

Excerpts from *REMINISCENCES OF A VILLAGE LIFE*, manuscript by Josiah G. Bellows (1841-1906)

My first school began when I was too young to make the journey to it alone, and my elder brother led me one morning down the street to the Wells house. There, some 12 or 15 children none over 10 or 12, were assembled, and we entered upon our studies under the charge of Miss Annie Alcott. Herself a girl not over 16....Our teacher was a very lovely and commonsense girl, and I presumed did all she could do to further our progress in the difficult fields, then open to the youthful learner. I can't remember distinctly when I learned to read, although I must have learned my letters even before this. ...

Miss Alcott's school did not last long, not more than a term, I think, and from there I went to three little schools, but I cannot recall the exact order in which they came. Marie Nichols kept school in a small building, just back of Mrs. Cota's bakery ...which stood on what is now High Street, a street then nonexistent. Miss Nichols was a rather stern teacher. All that I can remember of her is that every half hour so during the day she used to take her ruler and march around, and administer to almost every one of her pupils, a slight ferruling. Although I was never punished in that way, it must have done me good afterwards, for Miss Nichols' school was quite remarkable for it's order and the rapid advancement of its pupils in learning.

Mrs. Walton Meade should be remembered, for she kept a similar school to these in her little house, now a two-story dwelling, standing on the south side of Middle Street. I remember of this school only the facts that Mr. Thomas B. Peck, a year or so younger than I, and myself were the youngest pupils, and set upon a very low and small wooden bench... and that at recess and at intermission, we children used to skate and slide on the ice that then formed in the Buffam lot next adjoining....

There were public district schools in the village, which were kept in the brick schoolhouse which stood on the site now occupied by the Episcopal Church. These district schools were not then of much account nor patronized by the children of the elite of the town, but the earlier people were much interested in the cause of education, and through the enterprise of the leading citizens had already erected the present high school building, and which was in its exterior the same as now.

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Join the Power committee in a Public Meeting September 11, at 6:00 pm at Walpole Town Hall. NH Saves will present a workshop about improving the energy efficiency of your home. Learn about saving electricity, energy audits and rebates for electric and gas appliances. Refreshments will be served.

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Walpole Unitarian  
Sunday, 10:00 am  
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<https://walpoleuuchurch.wixsite.com/walpoleunitarian>

River Valley Church  
Launch Sunday - Sept. 15, 10 am  
38 Elm St., Walpole  
[rivervalleychurch.com](http://rivervalleychurch.com)

**For Service Schedules, or more information,  
visit the church websites.**



## RIVER VALLEY CHURCH

### Launches September 15th

River Valley Church is a welcoming faith community that features a talented music team, Bible-based messages, a vibrant kids' program, and some great local coffee. For the past year, they've been hosting monthly "Preview" services at 38 Elm Street, offering a small taste of what to expect when they transition to weekly gatherings later this month.

Their mission? *"Practicing the Way of Jesus Together"*.

Justin Barney, along with his wife Danielle, their three children, and a core team, are helping to lead this new church. Justin is the former Associate Pastor at Elm City Church in Keene, a thriving faith community that he and Lead Pastor Albie Powers helped form together in 2018.

"From day one, we've wanted to be a 'church-planting church' – that is,

we've aimed to be a church that multiplies and starts new churches in order to reach new people," Justin said.

In addition to the monthly worship gatherings, the team has been making improvements to their historic building, including laying new carpet, adding an additional bathroom, and renovating the entire basement into a kids' wing equipped with multiple classrooms.

"We are excited to be part of the Walpole community, and look forward to serving the greater River Valley for years to come," Justin said.

River Valley Church invites you to join them on Sunday, September 15 at 10:00 am for their official "Launch Sunday".

River Valley Church is part of the EFCA (Evangelical Free Church of America). To learn more, visit [rivervalleychurch.com](http://rivervalleychurch.com), attend services in person, or watch the livestream on Sundays at 10:00 am.

— Justin Barney

**Below - Justin Barney, his wife Danielle, and their three children.**

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## September at the Library

**Community Conversation.** Saturday, September 6 at 10 am, Main Library.

**Lunch and a Movie.** Bring your own lunch and watch a movie on the big screen at the library. Thursday, September 12, ***The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*** and Thursday, September 26, ***Summer of Soul***. Show time both days -1:00 pm at the Main Library.

**Walpole Reads.** *The Humans* by Matt Haig. Pick up a copy at the library starting in early September. Walpole Reads Book Discussion with Alice Fogel on Monday, October 7, 6 pm Main Library. Registration begins Monday, September 9.

**Art Exhibit at the Main Library.** The library will host the 2024 Climate Farmer Stories exhibition featuring original portraits of and interviews with 12 Upper Valley farmers who are digging in on the climate crisis, using their farms to draw down carbon, cool the climate, and build food security and community resilience.

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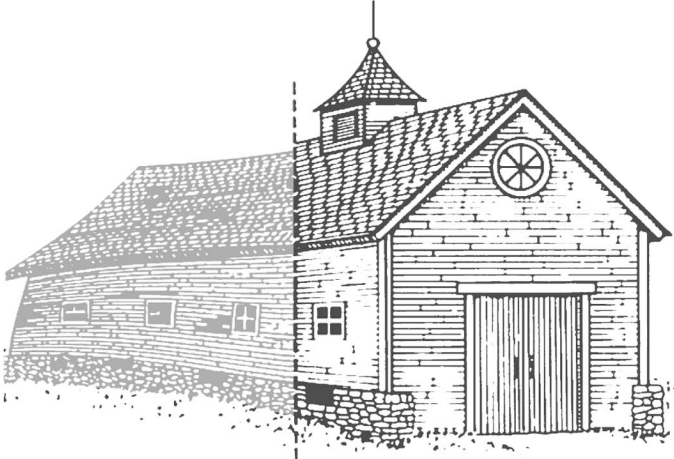
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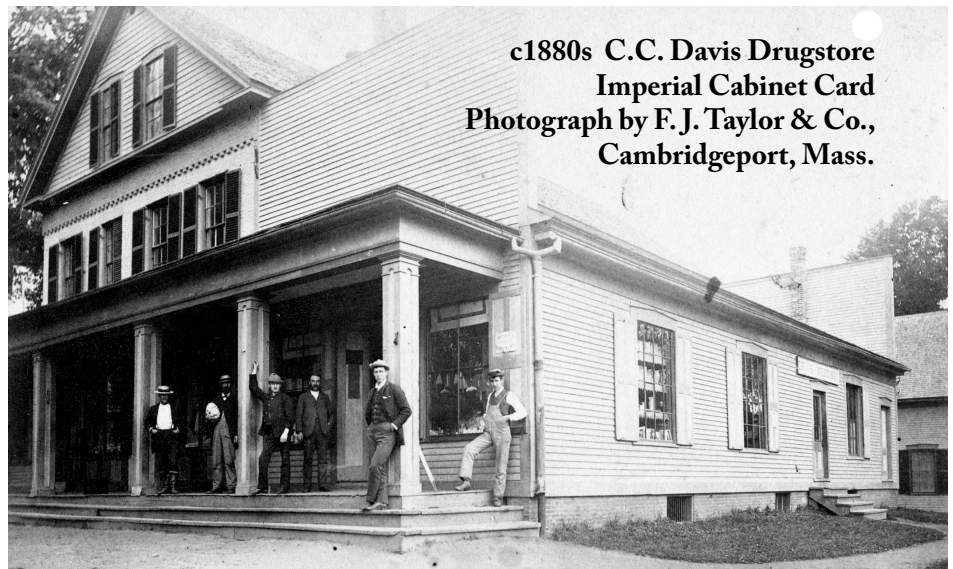
# Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...since 1796, there have been at least six apothecary or drug stores in Walpole? After teaching at New Ipswich Academy, John Hubbard came to Walpole in 1796. He taught here for a while, but as an apothecary he developed a vegetable pill for female complaints. Advertising its potency in the *Farmer's Museum*, he claimed it the best remedy for "fainting, indigestion, and hypochondriac affections, vapours, or lowness of spirit, are carried off by the use of a single box."

About 1803, Thomas Seaver began his business in the building located at the site of the present library. Seaver, principally an apothecary, also sold a variety of items for more than 40 years. He compounded a liniment "which was very popular for the time and met a ready sale". On Westminster Street (in the brick building now the Tavern), John C. Howard had a drug store from 1894 to 1898. Following Howard, Archie I. Davis operated a drug store there for years, selling to Roy Peck of Bellows Falls in 1919. In 1929 Peck added a luncheonette, and ten years later he completely modernized the building. And North Walpole had its own drugstore, the "Red Cross Drug Store", which opened in 1907.

However, it is at the southwest corner of Westminster and Main Streets where drug stores have been for over 100 years. This block (now housing the Post Office, Burdick's, and



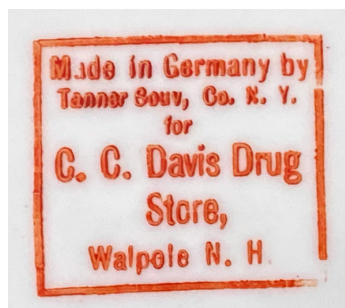
c1880s C.C. Davis Drugstore  
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Galloway Real Estate) burned twice, once in 1849 and again in 1855. This block was rebuilt, probably by Edwin R. Wells and B. F. Aldrich, and was known as the Aldrich Block. In the town history there is brief mention that J. W. Hayward had a drug store at the north end of the building in 1858. Edward Crosby may have preceded Hayward in 1855 with his apothecary

shop, "which was a favorite resort and the center of news".

Charles C. Davis came to Walpole in 1866 at the age of twenty-two, and bought a half interest in the corner drugstore with Dr. S. J. Martin. Davis was a teacher, and since Walpole was without a high school teacher at the time, he taught here from 1866-7. Soon he bought Martin out and conducted the business until his death in 1905. In the late 1800s, besides serving as the pharmacist, C. C. Davis sold books, stationery, periodicals, jewelry, fancy goods, picture frames, and local souvenirs. He also had a print shop doing "job printing" and printing the Town's Annual Reports. A telephone was installed in the store in November 1882. In 1883, Davis bought the building from Edwin R. Wells' heirs. Following his father's death, Davis' son, Arthur P. Davis, took over the business. After his death in 1937 the drug store was managed by Lila Pierce.

In 1946, the Davis heirs sold to Lyndon I. Wilson from Ware, Massachusetts, who soon sold to a Mr. Woodman. Ralph Brainard purchased the store July 1949, selling in January 1954 to Les Chickering, who took Al Martin in as a partner. In 1975, Ed Reardon became the new owner, run-



## FLORENTINE FILMS

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from September 7 through October 19  
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Please join us at **12:30 pm** every Saturday through October 19 for a fascinating discussion, demonstration, or reenactment, in a sociable setting.

**Chinese Export Porcelain** – September 7 - Tricia Houstoun will discuss porcelains in the collection of the Walpole Historical Society and local private collections.

**The Mystery Trunk Revealed** – September 14 - A trunk donated to the Walpole Historical Society in 2019 was found to contain a large collection of beautiful clothing made between 1880 and 1910. Join us to hear our volunteers describe the fascinating discoveries made as the clothing was carefully examined and catalogued.

**Exploring the History of North Walpole in Three Iconic Photographs** – September 21 – Julie Rios promises lots of fantastic history and unique stories from the periods of time encapsulated in each of the photographs.

**Read All About It** – September 28 - Ray Boas brings you through 230 years of printing, newspapers, publishing and bookselling in Walpole, from noted colonial printer, Isaiah Thomas, through to the present.

Visiting hours for the museum at 32 Main Street are Saturdays from noon to 4:00 pm. Come visit for the 12:30 pm special events and a closer look at our surprisingly varied collections and an opportunity for an engaging discussion!

The Walpole Historical Society's museum is free and open to the public and all are welcome. For more information, visit [www.WalpoleHistory.com](http://www.WalpoleHistory.com). Please plan to join us!

—DYKT continued

ning the drug store until 1995 when he sold to Rite Aid. When Reardon sold, Paul Tole took over the space, moving and expanding the variety items they had sold in the gas station. Tole's Variety remained over 20 years before being taken over by Vicki Gohl, who moved that store back to the gas station, keeping it open until The Walpole Foundation purchased the property in 2011.

To the right is a souvenir saucer sold by C. C. Davis.

On page 8 the marking on the underneath is depicted.

With a collection of over fifty such Walpole souvenirs, I am working on a history of souvenirs to share with you in the *CLARION*



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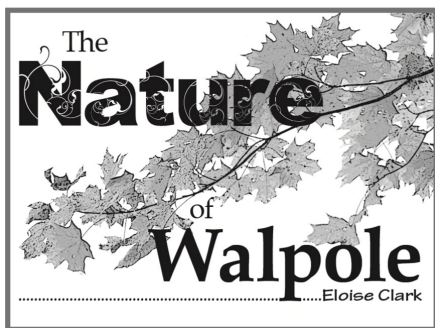
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There's a hedge of Japanese knotweed along the eastern border of the Hooper Pond in Walpole. It extends for about 100 feet along the edge of Maple Grove Road. In the late 1800's, Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*) was imported from abroad for just such a purpose. Little did the gardeners of the time know what a hellion species they were unleashing upon the landscape of North America.

Japanese knotweed is one of a suite of invasive species without any natural predators, making them a destructive force in our environment. In our area, buckthorn, Oriental bitter-sweet, burning bush, honeysuckle and multi-flora rose have all aggressively expanded their range and changed forest and field ecosystems.

The dense clonal communities of Japanese knotweed are anchored by rhizomes, a type of root, that penetrates the ground up to ten feet deep. The roots can spread laterally forty feet in all directions. As these patches of rhizomes grow, they can bump up against our infrastructure. Sidewalks and roads have been known to buckle and house foundations crack. The roots can disrupt underground utilities, drainage and septic systems.

When people see the shoots and leaves of Japanese knotweed they are reminded of bamboo, as the stems are jointed. Bamboo, however, is in the grass family while knotweed is in the buckwheat family, known as Polygonaceae. The greenish stems have purple blotches and grow to about an inch in diameter. Each can grow as much as 8 inches per day up to about ten feet tall. It grows so quickly; sprouts escape herbivores who might

dine on them and add a measure of control. Young shoots are gathered by foragers. I've tasted their lemony flavor.

The stems are hollow and in segments, separated by thicker joints every few inches. Each joint is a reproductive node. A piece of stem as small as one half inch is able to sprout roots and create a new plant, if it contains a node. If mowed, fragments can be spewed across the landscape potentially creating new colonies.

**Japanese knotweed** leaves are spade shaped with smooth edges. They are 4-7" long by 3-4" wide. The foliage is so dense, it reduces light levels on the ground, making it difficult for other plants to grow. The rhizomes release a substance that suppresses the growth and germination of other plants. This chemical warfare is known as allelopathy. Knotweed tolerates poor quality soils, drought, a range of pH levels and even high salinity. This hardy plant is well adapted to road edges.

Japanese knotweed is a traveler of riparian corridors as well as roadsides. It was once planted as a soil stabilizer on banks. Unfortunately, it has found its way to the banks of the Cold River. During times of high water, when swift moving water undercuts the banks, rafts of knotweed can break free, drift downstream and establish new colonies. Dense stands can impede the flow of water, causing an increased risk of flooding upstream.

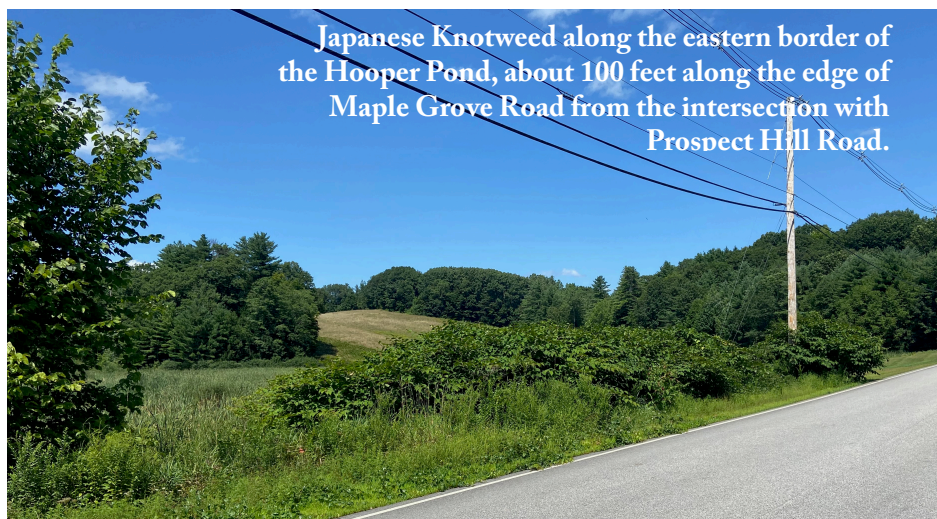
Japanese knotweed produces tiny, white flowers this time of year. You may have noticed the white haze of blooms atop the stems. They are very attractive to honey bees and some native pollinators. Beekeepers love this source of "buckwheat



honey". Perhaps you've tasted some?

What is a homeowner, business, municipality, State or Nation to do with this aggressive super plant that has invaded 42 of our 50 states? *"Preventing the Spread of Japanese knotweed (Reynoutria japonica): Best Management Practices"*, has guidelines for preventing its spread as well as treatment options to eradicate it. This excellent publication is from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, prepared by Douglas Cygan and can be found online.

And what of the knotweed hedge on the edge of the Hooper Pond? At this point it seems contained, hemmed in by the road and the dense mat of cattails delineating the pond edge. But once established, a colony is almost impossible to remove.





## Gleanings from the Town Minutes

**Selectboard - September 1** — Bridge at Elm and Main Streets: There is an area under the road that is collapsing. The engineer recommended Daniels Construction, who looked at it immediately. They are preparing a plan addressing the issue. The Town will need an emergency DES permit, but that is usually a quick process. They will need to make a road to get equipment down to brook level. Fortunately, the Town owns all the land just north of the bridge.

**Selectboard - Sept. 8** — Elm and Main Streets Bridge Repair Contract: Mr. Dalessio reported that a DES wetlands permit has been obtained. The cost of repairs will be a maximum of \$200,000 which includes repair of other deteriorating cement under the bridge. A motion was passed and the Purchase Order was signed. Mr. Dalessio will find funding for this emergency repair.

**Selectboard - July 18** — Dunkin Donuts Pending Building Permit: Jason Hill, representing Dunkin Donuts, emailed stating that the NH Dept. of Transportation (DOT) permit process is taking a very long time. He asked permission to obtain a building permit now so that work can proceed this year. NH DOT needs to issue their permit before the Town will issue a building permit. There was Selectboard consensus that there are no exceptions to that rule.

**Conservation Commission - August 5** — Rest Area Mowing and Shelter Update: The Town is not available to mow. We need to get the rest areas mowed. France Menk will ask landscape companies in Town to mow one month each year. Each company could put up a sign for their month.

## GOLF OUT CANCER Sunday October 6, 2024

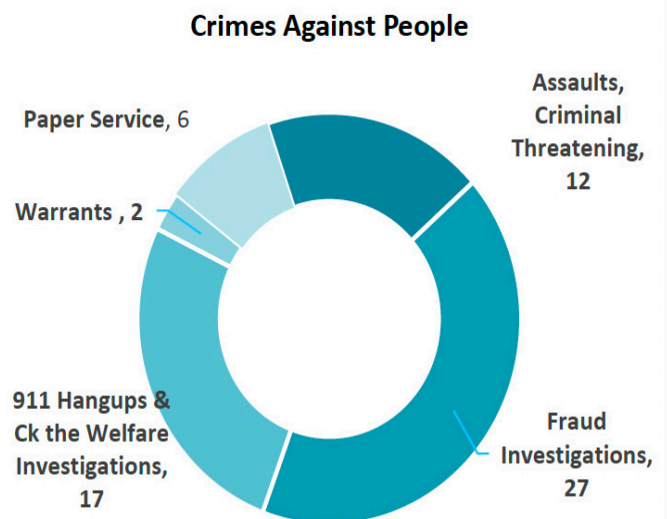
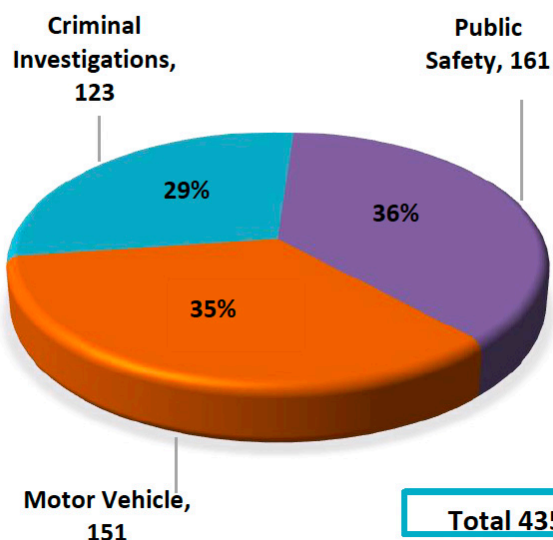
Please join us for our 3rd annual Golf Out Cancer event to be held at Hooper Golf Course. The majority of this year's proceeds will support Dana-Farber research, with the rest for local families to support their fight against cancer. The golf event will be from 10am-3pm and prize drawings from 3-5pm. The fun day will include the golf tournament, food, prize drawings, silent auction, putting contest, music and more!

- Entire event will be held at Hooper Golf Course
- 18 hole scramble starts at 10:00 a.m. Registration at 9:00 a.m.
- Silent Auction and Prize Drawings will close at 4pm.
- BYO-Chair
- Lunch will be provided
- First 18 golf teams of four will be in the tournament
- Message Brian Pickering 603-209-2783 or Dean Prentiss 603-757-2603 to enter golf event
- \$100 per golfer. Spots will fill up fast.
- Watkins Tavern will be open
- Checks for Golf and/or donations can be made out to Golf Out Cancer
- Can't make the event but would like to donate? Send check to Golf Out Cancer, P.O. Box 1114, Walpole, NH 03608 or Venmo @golfoutcancer. If you are asked for the last four digits of a phone number, it is 2783.



**Conservation Commission - July 1** - Rest Area Cleanup: John Peska reported Kara Dexter is now spending one to one and a quarter hours per week cleaning the rest areas. He recommends paying \$18 an hour for a maximum of two hours per week to be billed quarterly. This would be a maximum of \$1870 per year, but the rest areas are not plowed in the winter. A motion was made and approved unanimously to engage Dexter for this work. The rest areas are not mowed but should be to make it look nicer and to make it easier to keep clean.

## Walpole Police Department — Statistics July 2024 - Complete Report on CLARION Website



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OFFICIAL BALLOT  
FOR  
**WALPOLE  
DEMOCRATIC**

STATE PRIMARY  
ELECTION

September 10, 2024



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FOR  
**WALPOLE  
REPUBLICAN**

STATE PRIMARY  
ELECTION

September 10, 2024



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## Palmieri Named

Walpole resident Tasha Palmieri has been named Care Transitions Specialist at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS). Palmieri will be working with Keene-area physician offices, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities to build awareness of hospice services. She will also provide educational programs to facilities and the community about the end-of-life services the agency provides.

Palmieri has been supporting the Hospice at HCS program in an administrative capacity since 2022 when she moved to New Hampshire from Phoenix, Arizona. While in Phoenix, Palmieri was a post-acute alignment specialist for a large hospital system, educating patients and families on the benefits of hospice and coordinating discharges to home-based hospice care.

HCS serves southwestern New Hampshire with home health and hospice services and provides support services such as Meals on Wheels that help residents to recover at home or remain safe in their home. The agency is celebrating 117 years of providing care in the region and has offices in Keene, Charlestown, and Peterborough. More information about services is available at [www.HCSservices.org](http://www.HCSservices.org) or by calling 603-352-2253.

—Susan Ashworth

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### FLOWER Fall Festival

The Hooper Institute is hosting a FLOWER Fall Festival on Saturday, September 21, 11 am – 2 pm. Join us for this novel event onsite at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Rd, Walpole.

We will have on hand buckets and buckets of flowers picked locally or grown by the Hooper Institute and will offer a make your own flower bouquet to take home. There will be a table of flower crafts, hints and tips for growing your own flowers, and collecting seeds. Donations are welcome, all of which supports the Hooper Institute programs in every way. Please join us and celebrate the bounty and beauty from our fall gardens.

For more information:

[hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net) or 603.756.4382

—Helen Dalbeck

### Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet again on September 16, 12:00 noon at the First Congregational Church. The Savings Bank of Walpole will present a program on Scams. Bring a dish or dessert to share. We are growing. Fourteen attended the August meeting. Walpole, North Walpole, and Drewsville residents, 50 years and up are welcome to join and bring a friend or neighbor. For more information call 603 904-4016.

—Carole Hill

### Women of Walpole

Although WOW takes a summer break, we have still been active in our lovely community. Please enjoy the lovely garden at the corner of Middle and Main Street thanks to the green thumbs of several members. Also, as part of our worthy causes program, WOW has funded six family pool memberships and contributed to the purchase of new pool chairs and umbrellas.

The new season for the Women of Walpole is almost here. Our first meeting will be on September 25, at 2 pm. We will be meeting at the Traditions Real Estate office at 73 Main Street. Please note the change of location from previously announced. An introduction to planned programs will be shared at that time. Dues will be collected and remain at \$35; and new members are always welcome.

Our October 16 meeting is dedicated to planning for a Holiday Home Tour. Join us in September to hear more about this exciting holiday event with the proceeds benefitting worthy causes in the Walpole community. Location for this meeting will be announced soon.

WOW welcomes any woman working or living in Walpole. Look for WOW on Facebook and in The Clarion.

For further information and to join our email list, please contact Susan Johnson ([pete\\_suejohnson@verizon.net](mailto:pete_suejohnson@verizon.net) or 603-313-4018) or Carolyn LeBail ([carolynlebail@gmail.com](mailto:carolynlebail@gmail.com) or 714-717-4184).

—Susan Johnson

### Distant Hill Wins

Distant Hill is proud to announce that we won a \$10,000 award from Kubota Tractor Company as part of the Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program.

Kubota announced 20 grant recipients from over 1,500 applicants in its fourth annual Hometown Proud Grant Program, and Distant Hill is honored to be one of this year's winners. The grant will be used to further develop the accessible nature trail and pavilion at Distant Hill Nature Trail ensuring that people of all abilities can enjoy nature and the outdoors.

As part of the grant process, each of the 20 selected projects competed in a public vote against another non-profit from their region. The 10 projects with the most votes, one in each region, will turn their \$10,000 grant into a \$50,000 award. The voting period for the 2024 Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program concluded on August 14, and the votes are in the process of being verified.

The winners of the \$50,000 awards will be announced on September 10, 2024. Check the October issue of the Walpole Clarion to see if Distant Hill won.

—Michael Nerrie

### Save the Date

Walpole Grange

**Annual Harvest Supper**

October 5

Details October Clarion

### Ecumenical Worship Service

To start the year, in the spirit of community and cooperation, First Congregational Church of Walpole will join with Saint John's Episcopal Church and start the fall together in a combined worship service Sunday, September 8 at 10:00 am (rain date September 15, 10:00 am) on Walpole

Common by the gazebo. We welcome and encourage other clergy in the community to join with us to lead the service. Just contact Rev. Fred Chisolm or Rev. Richard Malmberg by September 4. All are welcome to attend.

—Richard Malmberg

## Great Decisions

### Sino-American Rivalry: A New Cold War?

"Great Decisions" returns to the Walpole Town Library on Monday, September 16, at 6:00 pm, with a discussion of U.S.- China rivalry and China's rise as a trading partner, global power and threat to regional stability. Ambassador J. Stapleton ("Stape") Roy will lead our public forum via Zoom. Ambassador Roy, a Distinguished Scholar in Chinese-U.S. Studies, served in Singapore, the People's Republic of China and Indonesia.

China's economic rise has resulted in a rethinking of our engagement with China as perhaps a strategic blunder. Should China be viewed as a business opportunity or a national security threat? Or both? Will China invade Taiwan in 2027, as Xi Jinping threatens?

The relevant reading from the Foreign Policy Association is "Technology denial and Sino-American rivalry" by Jonathan Chanis. For this, and the meeting's Zoom link, contact Library Director Jane Malmberg at [jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org)

— Sue Kibbe


## Friends of the Library

Our annual book sale is the last weekend in October - Saturday, October 26 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Pre-Sale is 8:00 am -10:00 am with an entrance fee of \$25); and, Sunday October 27 (9:00 am-12:00 noon).

Funds raised help support our library going towards new books, the children's program, museum passes and much more.

Thank you for your support of the Walpole Friends of the Library with special thanks to all of those who have helped with book sorting on Wednesday mornings, your time is much appreciated.

—Eryn Sellarole



## FROM THE CLARION

**A sampling of way we've reported in more than 12 years of publication:**

**One Year Ago (September 2023)** - River Valley Seniors at Home (RVSAH) hosted a presentation entitled: "Tips for how to get the most out of appointments with your health care provider."

**Three Years Ago (September 2021)** - The US Census reported Walpole's population decreased 2.7 percent to 3,633 from 3,734 in 2010. [NH Demographics currently reports "With 3,696 people, Walpole is the 102nd most populated city in the state of New Hampshire out of 238 cities."]

**Five Years Ago (September 2019)** - Hooper Institute welcomed its new Executive Director, Helen Dalbeck. Helen comes to town with 29 years of experience in science, environmental and museum education.

**Seven Years Ago (September 2017)** - The September issue of New Hampshire Magazine tells a story that Walpoleans try to keep their secret, and to themselves. Featuring a photo of the Walpole Academy building, The Walpole Historical Society, the article by Barbara Radcliffe Rogers states "Walpole Epitomizes NH's Monadnock Region..

**Nine Years Ago (September 2015)** - Originally permitted in July 2012 to be a transfer site for construction debris only, Ruggiero Trash Removal has applied to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) for a permit to add the processing of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), defined as primarily residential waste. Much of this residential waste could come from Vermont.

**Eleven Years Ago (September 2013)** - "It's a Win, Win, Win," Peggy Pschirrer, chairperson of the Hooper Study Committee said. The committee recommended a "... private sale with encumbrances, the land occupied by the Hooper Golf Course and the surrounding timber land and all buildings."

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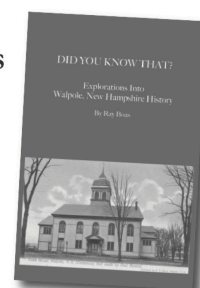


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September 14th, 2024

The Westminster Community Festival is Saturday, September 14, 10 am to 4 pm (rain date: Sept. 15) on the grounds of the Westminster Institute, 3534 US-5, and First Congregational Church of Westminster. Admission is free with plenty of stuff to do, eat, and see as we:

**Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Westminster Institute** by dedicating the North Room as the Dascomb Room.

**Showcase the Westminster Congregational Church**, just down the street from the Institute. Find out about the newly restored stained glass windows and some history of the structure that was completed in 1835 and raised in 1902-03. Get a guided tour of the building, and listen to music from its historic pipe organ. And food.

**Display our creativity.** The Creative Community Collage features the work of more than 25 local artists, quilt makers, writers, and others in the Westminster Institute's Big Hall.

**Cater to your stomach with a barbeque** by Westminster Fire and

Rescue; bike-powered smoothies by the BF Community Bike Project; chili, baked potatoes, and sausage at the church; and caramel apples from the Bellows Falls High School Class of 2026. Delight your ears. Music by the Inlawski Brothers, the Milkhouse Heaters, and Westminster's own Intercept.

**Celebrate our agricultural legacy.** Farmers of Westminster, a tent featuring information on local farmers and farm products, and farmers to answer your questions. Sweet corn to munch on. Live sheepherding demonstration and hayrides.

**Showcase our history.** Do you know: *Where was the first mill constructed in Westminster? Who built it? There were 2 ferry crossings in Westminster; where were they located? and more...* The Westminster Trivia Game, by the Westminster Historical Society will test your child's knowledge of our storied history! Win prizes! History displays by the Westminster West Library and Westminster Historical Society. See more of Westminster's fascinating history upstairs in the Town Hall and at the William C. Bradley Law Office.

**Showcase our town.** More than two dozen vendors and exhibitors of local products and services will be on hand.

Find out more at [www.westminsterfestival.org](http://www.westminsterfestival.org) or contact us at [westminsterfestival@gmail.com](mailto:westminsterfestival@gmail.com).

—Susan Harlow

Bandwagon Summer Concert on the Lawn

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<https://tockify.com/next.stage.arts/detail/86/1726434000000>

The Bandwagon Summer Series is presented by Next Stage. Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (a non-profit, who owns the Robertson Paper Mill in conjunction with the Town of Rockingham) is excited to host this show. Alcohol and food served onsite. Kids under 12 free. A dedicated play area available. Bring a picnic and blanket and enjoy.

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## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

In my travels and explorations of the immediate world around me, I often go to town's websites to learn what I can about the town. I have reviewed a wide range of municipal websites, with a wide range of content, usability, and information. I would constantly reflect back to the Town of Walpole website which, to me, was disappointing - BUT NO LONGER.

On August 6, the Town launched a new website, developed by CivicPlus, which focuses on developing Government Websites. Claiming over 10,000 customers with over 340 million resident users, their website states "Our government technology solutions help municipalities streamline their operations and improve civic engagement." I encourage you to take a look at the new Town Website, learn what information is there, and utilize this well presented asset.

As our students return to school, it was gratifying to have Senator Hassan visit and learn what The Walpole Foundation is doing to assist with pre-school learning. Of special interest this project includes on-site senior housing, thus allowing intergenerational interaction with these youngsters. A "win-win" for all. Hassan said other communities can learn from what Walpole is doing, concluding, "...and we're looking at how we can replicate that on a large scale...Those relatively small investments, they really add up. That's what makes communities like Walpole so great."

Walpole is special, but hopefully you know and appreciate that.

—Ray Boas, Publisher

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