

Brookline, NH Economic Development

Newsletter

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Spring 2015

Announcing Brookline's First Wedding & Bridal Showcase!

Vendors: Registration is now open. Space is limited.

Brides & Grooms: Register now for free door prizes.

See on page 3 for more information.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Grove:** Opening Day June 20, 2015. Membership available at town website
- **Bridal Showcase:** October 03, 2015 - Brookline Event Center
- **Southern NH Expo:** November 07, 2015 - Hampshire Dome



Calling all Brides!

Meet Wedding
Professionals and
Plan Your
Special Event

Register for Free
Door Prizes

Free Admission
and Parking

Planning for Your
Big Day!

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2015
NOON – 4:00 PM
BRIDAL
SHOWCASE**

Brookline's First Wedding & Fall Showcase

Merrimack & Souhegan Valley
Wedding Professionals from
New Hampshire & Massachusetts

**BROOKLINE EVENT
CENTER**

32 Proctor Hill Road
Brookline, NH 03033

Sat., October 3rd, 2015
Noon – 4:00 pm

www.brookline.nh.us/Economic-development-committee

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Meet Brookline Businesses (series) Kalee Gwarjanski, Chef Reid Services

What's for dinner?

Imagine coming home to a full fridge or freezer of meals that were designed just for you. All you do is heat it up! Or need help planning a multi-course menu to impress? Chef Reid Services is a Personal Chef business that does all the work for you.

Chef Kalee Gwarjanski does the meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking, storage and clean-up for your family's meals or event. Services can range from a one-night only event to once a month or even as often as once a week. *Chef Kalee* is



classically trained from *Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute* and puts her spin on world-renowned French technique to



create delicious meals specifically made for her clients tastes and diets. All meals are prepared fresh as

shopping is done on the same day to ensure quality ingredients and therefore quality meals. Special diets can be a challenge, but this service relieves the stress, as almost any request can be easily accommodated. *Chef Kalee* is

fully insured and has training in food safety and preservation. This service is ideal for busy families, seniors, those with special dietary needs, new parents, those recovering from surgery or illness, or dinner party hosts. It can even be given as a gift.



Contact Chef Kalee today to learn how she can help your family!

Kalee Gwarjanski - Chef Reid Services
Kalee@chefreid.com - www.chefreid.com
207-852-7359

March 2015 Town Meeting Zoning and Transportation Updates

Thank you to all residents who went to the polls and attended the Annual Town Meeting in March!

HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS (HOP) ORDINANCE - AMENDMENTS APPROVED

After numerous meetings including a forum to gather residents' concerns and questions about housing alternatives for seniors, the Planning Board and the Economic Development Committee worked together to revise the entire HOP Ordinance and present it to voters in March.

The main amendment changed the age requirement for residents from 62 to **55 years** and older. Other important modifications, included:

- reduce the minimum development tract size to 10 acres and reduce the minimum percentage of the total tract area to be set aside as open space to 20 percent,
- provide alternative options when such developments are proposed in the Residential/Agricultural district or the Commercial/Industrial district such as:
 - Dwelling unit density
 - Site perimeter buffer
 - Setbacks and unit separation
 - Unit standards
 - Pedestrian linkage and circulation

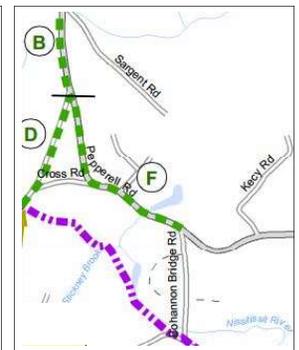
The entire text of the HOP ordinance can be found on the Brookline website by clicking on <http://www.brookline.nh.us/where/z>

TRANSPORTATION - 2 NEW SIDEWALKS SECTIONS TO BE ADDED

As part of the "Transportation" plans in the Brookline Master Plan, sidewalks are seen as a necessity by many Brookline Residents. This year again, voters approved a warrant article to add two new sections:

- on Old Milford Road from Steam Mill Hill Road to Rocky Pond Road (Section E).
- on Route 130 from South Main Street to Bohannon Bridge Road (Section F),

The town applied for and obtain a Federal Transportation Alternative Program grant which will offset 80% of the cost of the project. The sidewalks will be designed this year and built in the summer of 2016.



Bridal Showcase (Continued)

Saturday, October 03, 2015



Bride & Groom Registration

Is there a wedding in your near future? If so, mark your calendar now to attend the best Bridal Showcase in the Merrimack & Souhegan Valley!

The Brookline Wedding & Bridal Showcase will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd from Noon to 4:00 pm** at the Brookline Event Center.

This **FREE** event will feature many vendors including: **gowns, photographers, caterers, cakes, limousines, flowers, party rentals, gifts, DJ's and more!**

Free parking and admission. Register now for free door prizes.

Visit with wedding professionals and plan every aspect of your wedding or special event. Let them make your wedding dreams come true! Many vendors

may offer specials that day only! More information, including the **Registration Form**, is available on the Brookline Economic Development Committee Website page under **BRIDAL SHOWCASE** www.brookline.nh.us

Vendors/Exhibitors Registration

Open to all Merrimack & Souhegan Valley Wedding Professionals.

You are invited to participate in Brookline's First Wedding & Fall Bridal Showcase. The event will attract numerous area brides, grooms and their families who are interested in your service.

Act Now! Booth space is limited and is reserved on a **first come first served basis**.

To participate, complete the **Bridal**

WHERE:
Brookline Event Center
 32 Proctor Hill Road (Route 130)
 Brookline, NH 03033
www.brooklineeventcenter.com

Showcase Exhibitors Contract and return it along with your booth fee and the "Table, Chairs & Door Prize Information" form to the address listed at the bottom of the application.

(See these items at the Brookline Economic Development website page under **Bridal Showcase** www.brookline.nh.us)

We must receive your application and payment by August 1st, 2015.

In order to be included in advertising material, Exhibitors who submit an application and payment no later than **July 1st, 2015** will be included on all remaining posters, flyers, and advertisements that will be circulated in advance of the Showcase.

The sooner you reserve your booth, the more advertising your business will receive. This is a great way to promote your business, so please register early!

We look forward to your participation in Brookline's First Wedding & Fall Bridal Showcase!

Brookline General Store.

Welcome Cheri & Kevin Scott!



Follow The Brookline General Store LLC on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/brooklinegeneralstore) and see what Cheri and Kevin have to offer and what they are cooking for lunch and dinner!

They also organize many contests such as the Pet Rock competition. What a great way to involve the entire community and have fun!

The Store also carries a great selection of wine and champagne!

Everything you may need
 The Brookline General Store has it!

- General goods
- Lottery
- Deli featuring *Boar's Head* meats & cheeses
- Extensive beer and wine selection
- Coffee and breakfast items
- Hand tossed pizza



Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting on April 18th

Stop by to say Hi!
 They also have a checkerboard and chess set for you to relax while enjoying a nice cup of coffee!

Do not hesitate to call to place an order!
 Here is the number: **673-8100**

News from the Public Library

Be a Hero at the Brookline Public Library!



*Escape the Ordinary
Be a Super Budget Hero!*

Be a Hero at the Brookline Public Library! The Brookline Public Library is a fantastic asset for the residents and businesses of Brookline,

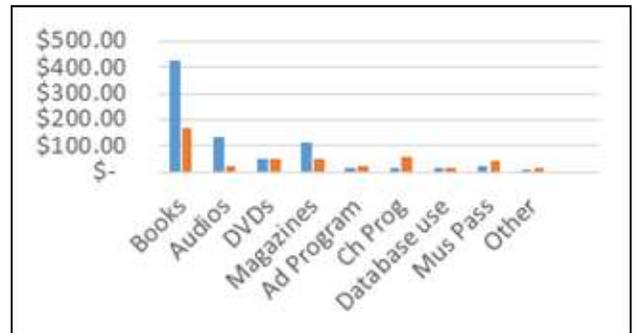
and our resources include not only books, but DVD's, audio books, magazines and newspapers and excellent programming. But the best resource of all is our people.

Some of the heroes participating in our summer reading programs: Firefighters, Police Officers, EMT's, Scientists, Naturalist, Artists and Cooks... and YOU! The [Children's Summer Reading Program](#) kicks off June 16 at RMMS, and there is an event every Thursday night starting June 25th. You'll especially want to join us for "*Meet Your Hometown Heroes Night*" on July 9th and "*Super Science Night*" on July 16th.

The theme of our [Adult Summer Reading Program](#) is *Escape the Ordinary*. Find out more about both programs

by stopping by, calling the Library at 673-3330, checking our website, or by following us on Facebook and Twitter.

The Library can help you be a budget hero! Here is an example of what two random families saved by using the resources at the library. You can calculate what *you* save at our website www.bplnh.weebly.com by going to Library Info> Using your library> Why it's better to borrow.



So far this year, Family "A" has saved \$812, and Family "B" has saved \$425 by using the Library rather than renting or purchasing goods and services.

Fire Department

Charles Corey, Sr. Selected as Full-Time Fire Chief

A search committee comprised of two firewards and two Selectboard members has selected Charles Corey, Sr. to serve as Brookline's first full-time Fire Chief.

There were 11 applications submitted for the position, including six from candidates residing outside of New Hampshire. After a thorough review of the applications, two finalists were interviewed.

Charlie Corey will begin serving as the full-time Chief on Monday, June 1st, 2015.

Brookline Chapel

Concerts, Recitals, Weddings, Art Expos and other events can be held inside this beautiful piece of architecture!

Did you know the Brookline Chapel has hosted over 75 weddings since it was purchased by the Town in 2008?

The Chapel is available for rent all year long and can seat up to 160 guests.

Brusch Hall, located behind the Chapel, is fully equipped with bathrooms, complete kitchen, sofas, chairs and tables.

An ample **parking area** is conveniently available.



Would you like to visit the Brookline Chapel? Do not hesitate to contact anyone at the Town Hall! We will be pleased to open the doors for you!



To Rent the Chapel:

Please contact Rena Dunclee

Phone: 603-673-8855 ext 214

E-mail: rena@brookline.nh.us

Welcome Packets for New Residents Available!

Welcome to Brookline!

We would like to welcome new residents and their families to Brookline!

The Economic Development Committee has developed tools to better communicate with businesses and residents.

Welcome Packets have been put together to provide as much information as possible for new residents. The Packets are available to be picked up at the Town Hall. You will find valuable information about town services, town departments, schools, clubs, organizations, and local shopping. Packets also include information and coupons from local businesses.

More information can be found on the town website.

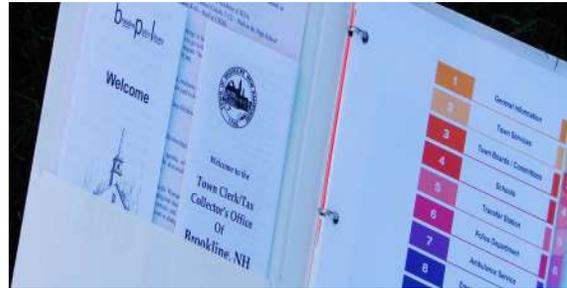
www.brookline.nh.us.

The website offers an easy navigation for business owners, residents and visitors to access pages dedicated to news and events as well as information on all town boards, committees, departments, organizations and schools.

Features include quick links to Town Resources such as past meetings via a link to **Town Hall Streams** and receiving news via email by subscribing to **E-Alerts**.

Dedicated pages for Residents, Businesses and Economic Development have also been created.

Businesses and Residents can directly contact the website administrator to submit announcements and questions.



Do not hesitate to contact Town Hall Staff with any questions you may have. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

The contact list can be found on the website at:

www.brookline.nh.us/contacts-directory.

Brookline Historic Homes Photography Project

In an effort to preserve a record of Brookline's homes, [Donna Corey](#), [Steve Russo](#), and [Bob Ottavi](#) will be taking photographs of older town residences.

The three will be conducting this project under the aegis of the Brookline History Committee ([Keith Thompson](#), chair). Corey, Russo, and Ottavi will start by photographing homes built before 1915; Brookline has 156 homes in this category, the oldest dating from 1744, and 27 from the later 1700's when Brookline was actually called Raby. An additional 120 other properties date from the 1800's.

The goal of the project is to memorialize these homes with a photograph and a brief history of each which will be incorporated into a bound book. A copy of the book will be presented to the Town, the Brookline Public Library and the Brookline Historical Society for preservation.

Homes change over the years – rooms and dormers are added, windows and porches are changed: this project will be documenting their present condition. However, the trio will also be looking for any photographs from the home's owners or town residents depicting how the properties may have originally appeared and/or been transformed over the decades.

A calendar featuring some of the homes is also being planned, the sale of which will benefit the activities of the Brookline History Committee.

If you have photos or illustrations of older Brookline homes that you would like to share, or for more information, please contact Keith Thompson 603-769-0732; email: BrooklineHistoryCommittee@gmail.com.



Current Vacancies and Volunteer Opportunities On Town Boards

Brookline Pipeline Task Force – Continually evaluates filings related to the proposed gas pipeline project and follows the permitting process while evaluating if the project may have any unreasonable adverse impacts on the Town’s air and water quality, the natural environment, historic sites, public health and safety, and general welfare of the population.

- 1 “At Large” seat currently vacant.

Conservation Commission – Responsible for maintaining the Town’s conservation land, including new land purchases. Seeks grants for trail improvements and land purchases as available. Involved in the review and approval process for new site plans and subdivisions. Organizes the annual Ghost Trail Rail Trail Race.

- 3 “Alternate” seats are currently vacant. Alternates can attend any meetings and are called upon to vote in the absence of a Full Member. Meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Economic Development Committee – Chartered by the Selectboard to “promote balanced, long-term economic development, which reflects and enhances the character of the community.” Aims to promote current businesses in Town and encourage new ones to locate here.

- New committee members always welcome. Committee meets monthly.

Planning Board – Ensures compliance with planning and zoning regulations and ordinances when reviewing site plans and subdivisions. Regularly reviews regulations and ordinances for compliance with state and federal rules and to improve the alignment of them with the Town’s objectives.

- 3 “Alternate” seats are currently vacant. Alternates can attend any meetings and are called upon to vote in the absence of a Full Member. Meets the third Thursday of each month.

Recreation Commission – Responsible for maintaining the Town’s ball parks (Frances Drive and Mountain Road) and the Grove (town beach on Lake Potanipo). Also responsible for organizing the annual Fishing Derby.

- 2 “Full Member” seats are currently vacant. Meets monthly.

Town History Committee – Chartered by the Selectboard to publish a comprehensive update to Edward Parker’s town history (published in 1914) in time for Brookline’s 250th anniversary in 2019. Currently focused on data gathering through research and conducting oral histories.

- 2 seats are currently vacant. Meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Responsible for reviewing applications for zoning variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and hearing appeals from the decisions made by administrative officials.

- 4 “Alternate” seats are currently vacant. Alternates can attend any meetings and are called upon to vote in the absence of a Full Member. Meets as needed.

******Contact Tad Putney at tputney@brookline.nh.us for more information******

May 2015

***By Working Together, We Will build a Better Future for the Town,
the Residents and Businesses***

Southern NH Expo - Save the Date!

The 2015 Southern NH Expo will once again take place at the Hampshire Dome in Milford.

This year again, the event will be held on a Saturday, on November 7th, 2015.

The "Expo" is the largest Business / Community Exhibit in the Region!

www.southernnhexpo.com

"Absolutely outstanding" was the description for our recent SNH Expo. The 2014 Expo was the culmination of many months of very hard work by many volunteers. The Hampshire Dome was jam packed with over 200 businesses, civic organizations and

The Southern NH Expo Draws Thousands of Visitors. The Expo represents a Great Opportunity for Exhibitors, Visitors, and Event Sponsors!

fantastic restaurants and food merchants.

Easily topping the record 3,500 from the previous year's event, visitors to the SNH Expo were treated to the talents of local musicians, student activity groups and entertainers.

Each year the Expo grows and 2014 was no different. The exhibit floor was totally sold out with a long waiting list

hoping for last minute cancellations. A showcase of all that is happening in the region's communities – that is the Southern NH Expo.

Press Release Business Expo Website



Book Before August 1 to Get Early Bird Booth Price!

First Brookline Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off Was a Great Success!



Thank you for Making Brookline's First Annual Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off a Success!

We want to express our appreciation to the many visitors, restaurateurs and amateur cooks who contributed to the success of Brookline's 1st Annual Chili/Chowder/Soup Cook-Off held on February 21, 2015.

Thank you to Ron and Kathie Pelletier for setting up the Brookline Event Center that welcomed about 100 visitors who tasted and enjoyed many delicious and warming concoctions!

A special thank you to all participants, both professionals and amateurs, who prepared some amazing items to sample. Votes were cast by each attendee and the finally tallies were very close. None left hungry after having sampled up to 12 different offerings.

Many thanks to the Copper Door and T-bones who donated gift certificates for the raffle. It was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the First Place Winners:

Best Soup

Juanita's Mexican Restaurant

Best Chili

David Straka and Scott Scorpa "Slap & Frikle"

Best Chowder

Chrysanthi's Restaurant

Lastly, we want to thank the members of the Brookline Economic Development Committee for all their hard work and time spent to make the Cook-Off such a great event. We are looking forward to another successful event next year! Don't miss it!



David Straka & Scott Scorpa
"Slap & Frikle"
Amateurs Category



San Juana Perez
Juanita's Mexican Restaurant
199 Route 13 - Brookline NH



Vana Kalampalikis & Jamie Firth
Chrysanthi's Restaurant
204 Route 13 - Brookline NH

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Creating a Foundation for Business Success

*In May 2012, the Selectboard chartered Brookline's Economic Development Committee ("EDC") to
"promote balanced, long-term economic development, which reflects and
enhances the character of our community."*

*The EDC meets at least monthly as it works to complete research and develop materials that will support
both existing and future businesses in Brookline.*

If you are interested in learning more about Brookline Economic Development and its Committee, please contact **Tad Putney**, Town Administrator at tputney@brookline.nh.us or **Valerie Rearick**, Town Planner at valerie@brookline.nh.us for more information.

Do you want to promote your business? We can help!

The Economic Development newsletter is mailed to 1,900 postal patrons, is posted on the Brookline website and emailed to many businesses in the area!

The EDC encourages all Brookline Business & Home Business Owners to send a description of their activities, a biography, a presentation of their team, etc... along with pictures to be included in future issues.

For more information, please contact Valerie Rearick (603) 673-8855 ext. 215 or email valerie@brookline.nh.us

We want to make sure that all Brookline businesses have a chance to be listed in the **Brookline Business Directory** on the Brookline website and we make every effort to keep it up-to-date.

If your business is not listed in the Directory, if your contact information has changed, or if you have a new website, please contact Valerie Rearick valerie@brookline.nh.us

Businesses and residents can directly contact the [website administrator](#) to submit news, announcements or questions. Follow the links under "**Town Resources**" on the home page.

The Town of Brookline is a member of the **Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce**. Our membership provides a great way to increase communication with business owners in the area by keeping them informed of upcoming events, workshops or organized events sponsored by the Chamber, the Town of Brookline and other SVCC Members.

For more information about the SVCC, please contact
Tracy Hutchins, Executive Director, 603-673-4360.

<http://www.souhegan.net>

