



Pine Echoes



Over 80 Years of Communication
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South Hamilton, Massachusetts

What's Happening July 2024

- Thurs, Jul. 11 The Chosen Season 1, Jesse Lee House, 7:00
- Sat, Jul. 13 Historic Cottage Open 10 am-12 and 2pm -4:00
Squeezebox Stompers, Tabernacle, 7:30
- Wed, Jul. 17 First Weekly Teen Night, Johnson House, 7:00
- Thurs, Jul. 18 The Chosen Season 2, Jesse Lee House, 7:00
- Sat, Jul. 20 Historical Society Event & Ice Cream Social,
Dining Hall, 6:30
- Thurs, Jul. 25 The Chosen Season 3, Jesse Lee House, 7:00
- Sat, Jul. 27 Duathlon & Breakfast in Jessie Lee, 8:00 am
- Bouncy House, Mid-afternoon
- Youth Christmas in July and Dinner,
Dining Hall 6:00



July 4th Parade 2024

Merry Christmas

Stay Tuned for information on "Christmas in July" coming July 25th through July 27th. Events will include an all Grove Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt, a Holiday movie, Christmas themed Youth Fundraising Dinner and more!

Stars, Stripes and BBQ Delights

The Grove Celebrates July 4th

On July 4th, the usually quiet neighborhood of The Grove came alive with the spirit of an old-fashioned American celebration. It was a day that harked back to a simpler time, where community bonds were strengthened through shared laughter, friendly competition, and the joy of togetherness.

The day began with neighbors gathering in the heart of the community, which had been transformed into a vibrant parade route. Instead of professionally decorated floats, families showcased their ingenuity with homemade Wizard of Oz themed entries. Kids pedaled bicycles adorned with red, white, and blue streamers; adults cruised around in decorated golf carts festooned with patriotic flags and banners; onlookers lined the circle enjoying the creativity and imagination of the event. The parade was a testament to the communal effort, with everyone contributing in their unique way to the festive atmosphere. Huge thanks to the Recreation Committee for organizing the event.

The parade ushered the 200 plus crowd to the ballpark, where bbqs, balloon decorated tables and the traditional games *(cont. on pg. 5)*

2024 Egg Toss Winners
Jeremy & Sam Keifer



Welcome Bruce Gingrich new Facilities Manager



Bruce was born in Lancaster PA, in heart of the Amish country. He spent his childhood on a farm with horses and cattle, playing outside in the fields and stream, learning how to hunt and fish, and the ways of nature. After spending three years at a boarding school, Bruce headed for

more woods, at the University of Maine in Orono, after falling love with the state of Maine during a family vacation that passed through the state. After college, Bruce moved to Portland, where he started his building and design future. After taking classes in drafting at a local community college, he focused on architectural design, and attended University of Maine Augusta, then moved on to Boston, to attend the Boston Architectural Center. Since then he has worked with a mix of large healthcare firms and small residential firms, until he started his own design and construction business here on the north shore. Bruce lived in Gloucester for 8 years, renovating a home there with his wife, until his two boys were born, then moved to Hamilton in 2006. Bruce still loves the outdoors...skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, and gardening with his wife. Bruce is eager to bring his appreciation of history and architecture, and his building experiences to the Grove!



The Squeezebox Stompers

Squeezebox Stompers in the Tabernacle

The Squeezebox Stompers are returning to the Tabernacle on Saturday, July 13th at 7:30 PM! Everyone is welcome and donations will be welcome but not required. This group has been here a few times and every time there was dancing in the aisles and feet stomping everywhere.



Vesper Speaker July 13

This Sunday we welcome Rev Peter Preble as the speaker at our Vespers Circle at 4:00 under the shade of the pines. Rev Preble is renovating a summer cottage here in the Grove. He is pastor of the United Methodist Church in Hull, MA, and a full-time Hospice chaplain on the South Shore

Grove Wide Speed Limit 7MPH

This includes cars, bikes, and golf carts.
Please stop at all intersections and lead by example.



Camp Meeting Week Updates:

- Kick-off Sunday is August 4
- 10 am Bible Study teachers are Dan and Gina Blaze
- Evening services are with Methodist Pastor Ken Steigler

Bible Study in Jesse Lee House

Second Saturday Bible Study is 10 am this week with Lynn Samaan in Jesse Lee

Men's Class

Men's Class will meet each week on Sunday mornings, 8 am in the Coffee Shop. Topic is "What Would Jesus Do?" Contact Scott Roy at 978-468-1784. All men in the Grove are welcome.

Petting Zoo and Pony Rides Delight Asbury Grove Youth

Last weekend, the Recreation Committee hosted a delightful petting zoo and pony rides event that brought smiles and laughter to Asbury Grove. Enchanted Animal Parties did a fantastic job, providing our youth with an unforgettable experience. Children had the opportunity to meet and interact with a variety of animals, including sheep, goats, guinea pigs, bunnies, chickens, ducks, and more. The pony rides were a highlight, with ponies led by professional, experienced handlers who ensured a fun and safe experience for all the children. The dedicated staff from Enchanted Animal Parties was on hand, ensuring that every child had a wonderful time. It was a fantastic event that brought our community together and created lasting memories for our young ones. We are grateful to the Recreation Committee for making it all possible. *(More Photos Page 6)*

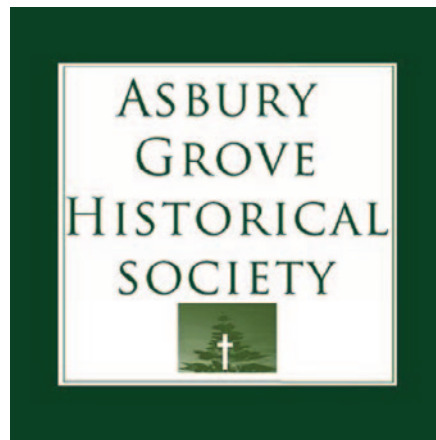


Petting Zoo

Ice Cream Social

The annual ice cream social and presentation of the Asbury Grove Historical Society will be held on Saturday, July 20 at 6:30 in the dining hall.

Sports throughout the years in the Grove is the topic for this year's talk with pictures and anecdotes about croquet and tennis tournaments, baseball teams, basketball, building of the pool, pool events and others. The Cottage Preservation Awards for 2023 will be presented.



The purpose of the Historical Society includes helping preserve historic cottages, buildings and grounds of Asbury Grove; preserving artifacts, photos and records; presenting programs of an historical nature both within and out of the Grove. In order to accomplish these goals we rely on the financial backing of membership dues and donations, along with many hours of volunteer labor.

Society dues for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 remain at \$5.00 for a regular membership, \$25.00 contributing membership and \$100.00 for a supporting membership. To become a member or renew a membership, dues can be given to Carolyn Walsh, treasurer, or Bill Zoldak, vice president. Membership dues and other donations are the primary means of funding projects taken on by the Historical Society.

Wesley House

The Society is now establishing the Wesley House as its headquarters, renewing the inside after some years of disuse and along with the Corporation had the building during the off-season. The goal is to not only have the building available as the Historical Society headquarters, but also for other Grove meetings and personal use rentals.

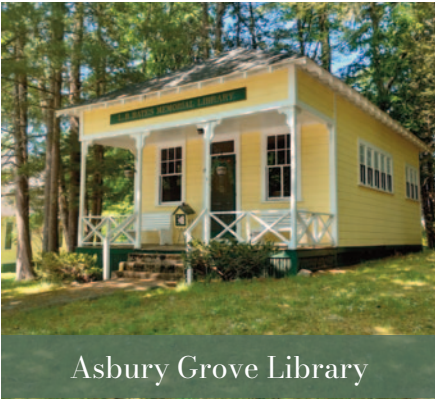
Historic Cottage Tours

The Historic Cottage on Wesley Park will be open Saturday, July 13, from 10:00 am to Noon and from 2:00 to 4:00



Cottage Plaques

Perhaps you have noticed these small plaques on cottages denoting the original owner and date of construction. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Loux jfloux@verizon.net or call/text Nancy at 215-767-3277. If information is available for your cottage, (unfortunately not all cottages are traceable) The cost is \$65.00 please allow four weeks for delivery.



Library News

The Library is now open on a limited schedule through the first week of July. Starting the second week of July, our hours will be:

- Tuesday & Thursday Evenings: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Additional times will be announced soon.

Please note, there will be no cribbage on Wednesdays as we are currently waiting to confirm an organizer for this activity.

Face of Tomorrow - Youth Outreach

Sunday School

Sunday School has started during Sunday vespers for all Elementary school age children. Children are dismissed from the service after the first hymn.

Youth Chapel

Drop-in program for youth ages 8-13.

July 1-August 23, 10AM-12PM at the Johnson Youth Center. Parents must complete a registration form for each child.

Teen Nights

Teen Night is every WEDNESDAY night 7-9PM in the Johnson Center beginning July 17.

Special Dates

July 27, 6 PM: Youth Dinner

August 2: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Richardson's Mini Golf/Ice Cream (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)

August 23: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Canobie Lake Park (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)

Youth Fundraiser--

Youth will be selling cold drinks and snacks outside the pool deck to raise money for a trip to Canobie Lake Park. We will begin with Mondays 2-4PM and may expand our days and hours as the summer goes on.

Any questions about Youth Programs can be directed to Beth Cook, 978-468-6006

Friday Movie

Night - July 12th

First movie night will be July 12th at 8pm in the dining hall. The movie will be James and the Giant Peach, rated PG. Snacks will be available for \$1. Popcorn is free while supplies last.

Family Game Night

Save the Date: August 16 is Game Night in the Dining Hall at 7pm. Join the community for fun games and prizes.



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The Watchful Eye

Parents please remind your children to stop at all intersections. Bikers need to follow the rules of the road.

2024 Independence Day Barbecue



awaited eager participants. The egg toss was a highlight, drawing all ages. Laughter filled the air as eggs shattered prematurely, drenching contestants in gooey yolk. It was a delightful mess that brought smiles and camaraderie, the kind of playful competition that breaks down barriers and fosters a sense of belonging. Congratulations to the winning father and son team of Jeremy and Sam Keifer, who egg-celled in their endeavors and left the competition scrambled. It was no yolk – their egg toss skills were unbeatable. Big thanks to Roger, who pulled it together, making it an egg-ceptional event.

Nearby, picnic tables were laden with a potluck BBQ feast. The tantalizing aroma of grilled burgers, hot dogs, and roasted chicken filled the air. Neighbors exchanged favorite recipes, ranging from tangy potato salad to homemade brownies. It was a culinary mosaic that united friends in their celebration of America's birthday. The BBQ was more than just a meal; it was a communal experience where food became a medium for

connection and friendship. After the BBQ, the festivities seamlessly transitioned to the pool, where families gathered for a refreshing respite from the summer heat. Children, still brimming with energy from the day's events, wasted no time diving into the cool, inviting water – joyful shouts and laughter echoing around the pool.

Freed from the usual constraints of time and routine, kids played with unbridled joy. Parents watched with a sense of nostalgia, remembering their own Grove childhoods when they, too, could roam freely without a care in the world. The Grove is a safe haven, a rare reprieve from the worries of



modern life, where kids can just be kids, running and playing until well beyond the setting of the sun.

The Fourth of July celebration at The Grove was more than just an event; it was a revival of a bygone era where community spirit thrived. It brought neighbors closer, fostered new friendships, and created memories that will be cherished for years to come. In a world often dominated by digital interactions and fast-paced living, this celebration was a blessed reminder of the enduring value of face-to-face connections and the timeless joy of coming together as a community.

July 4, 2024



Fellowship and Community at The Coffee Shop

Join us at The Coffee Shop for a warm and welcoming atmosphere where fellowship and community thrive! This July and August, we have a host of activities designed to bring us together and deepen our spiritual connections. Our committed volunteers are the heart and soul of the Coffee Shop, leading groups, cooking delicious food, and serving our community with dedication and love.

Wednesdays from 6:30-7 AM, join Rev. Bruce Arbour for "Coffee and Prayer." Kickstart your day with a comforting cup of coffee and heartfelt prayers.

Our Fridays from 8-10:30 AM feature a delectable selection of prepared foods. Enjoy our homemade egg pie (a delightful quiche with various vegetables), homemade muffins & cinnamon rolls, an assortment of bagels with your choice of toppings (butter, cream cheese, capers, or lox), and fresh fruit. Don't miss out on our yogurt with or without granola for a lighter option.

On Saturdays from 8-10:30 AM, treat yourself to a cooked-to-order breakfast menu. Even if you can't stay for a full breakfast, be sure to stop by and grab a delicious treat!

Men's Class will meet each Sunday morning at 8 AM in the Coffee Shop. This summer, we'll explore the thought-provoking topic, "What Would Jesus Do?" All men in the Grove are welcome to join. For more information, contact Scott Roy at 978-468-1784.



Elisabeth Meyer's Cinnamon Rolls

The Best Cinnamon Rolls You'll Ever Eat

One of the highlights of The Coffee Shop is the heavenly cinnamon rolls, crafted weekly by the talented Elisabeth Meyer. Her cinnamon rolls are the perfect blend of soft dough and sweet, cinnamon-spiced filling, topped with a sweet glaze that will leave you craving more. Elisabeth's dedication to baking these mouthwatering treats is just one example of the love and commitment our volunteers pour into their work to make our community gatherings special. Even if you can't stay for a full breakfast, be sure to stop by and grab one of these amazing treats—you won't regret it!



Petting Zoo



Pony Rides

Scrap Metal

Anyone with scrap metal to dispose of please reach out to Sandy Meade at 978-998-9924 to coordinate a time to bring it to the scrap metal pile behind the barn.

We will be calling for pick up next week

In an effort to beautify our grounds please take a walk around your yards and remove any unsightly debris.

Thank you,
The Grounds Committee

Propper United States Flag Disposal

For those putting up new U.S. Flags can give their old flags to Steve Walsh for proper disposal....just leave them on his side porch at 17 Hedding Ave.



Volunteer Opportunity

Weeding needed for several areas within our community. Many hands make light work. The sign behind the flag pole out front.

The directory area at the archway entrance
Across from the Dining Hall

Request for Submissions

The Pine Echoes Editor asks that all submissions for the Thursday printing be in by Monday. Please make sure to mark your calendars and get submissions in!

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Weekly Round Up

Saturdays

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with a made to order menu
- 9:30 pm Thrift Barn Open till 1pm
- 10:00 am Library Open till 12pm
- FBD Historic Cottage Visits
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5pm

Sundays

- 12:30 pm Pool Open till 3:30
- 4:00 pm Vesper Services at Vesper Circle or Chapel (depending on weather)
- Sunday School t Johnson Youth Center (After the first Hymn)

Monday - Friday

- 10:00 am Youth Chapel at Johnson Youth Center
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5 pm

Mondays

- 6:00 pm Foot Races

Tuesdays

- 6:00 pm Ice Cream Shoppe
- 6:00 pm Library Open till 7:30 pm
- 7:00 pm Bible Study at Jesse Lee House (Starting July 16th)

Wednesdays

- 6:30 am "Share and Prayer" at the Coffee Shop

Thursdays

- 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group at 'All is Well' on Mudge Ave.
- 6:00 pm Library Open till to 7:30 pm

Friday

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with coffee & Pastries
- 8:00 pm Movie Night at the Dining Hall
- 9:30 pm Thrift Barn Open till 1pm