

**TOWN OF HEBRON  
WEEKLY MANAGEMENT REPORT  
FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014**

**TOWN MANAGER:**

In observance of **Memorial Day** Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014.

**Memorial Day Parade** – The parade begins at RHAM at 11:00 a.m.

**SELECTMEN BOARD/COMMITTEE DATES:**

**Board of Selectmen-** Thursday – June 5, 2014 – 7:30 p.m. – TOB

**LIAISON MEETINGS:**

**Historic Properties Commission** – Tuesday, May 27, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – Sr. Ctr. – (Mulligan)

**Open Space Land Acquisition** – Wednesday, June 4, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – TOB – (O’Connell)

**Hebron BOE** – Thursday, June 12, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – GHS

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEES:**

**Town of Hebron Health and Safety Committee:**

We have worked 60 days without a work related injury or accident.

**Library Board of Trustees** – Monday, June 9, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Room

**DEPARTMENT NEWS:**

**Parks & Recreation**

**Parks**

We will be installing a scoreboard on multi field 2 at Burnt Hill Park that was donated by the RHAM Youth Lacrosse organization. Weekly, we do general mowing at all fields and around town and field prep. The Park crew will continue to work on gardens around town. The community garden should be ready for planting for the Memorial Day weekend.

**Prep**

We are now accepting all registration for our **Prep Program for the 14/15 School year**. Anyone who needs before or after school care, for their children, can register by stopping in our office or print the application that’s online. It can be found at [hebronct.com/P&R Department/Prep Program/Application](http://hebronct.com/P&R%20Department/Prep%20Program/Application) and mail it in with a check. We have openings in all classrooms at this time.

**Recreation**

**National Trail Days**

In celebration of National Trails Day, Hebron, Colchester and East Hampton are teaming up to have activities/stations planned along the Airline Trail. Walk, jog, bike or ride a horse along the 10 mile stretch that covers all three towns. Visit 3 stations and receive a free t-shirt. Stations

include; bike maintenance, trail history, nature interpretation, land conservation, arts/crafts, viaduct history and trail safety.

**Location: Airline Trail**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Fee
All Ages	Sa	10:00-12:00A	6/7	\$0

**Zumba**

Zumba is an exciting Latin inspired dance n' tone program that blends body sculpting techniques and specific Zumba moves. This challenging workout helps to build coordination. This class is designed to offer a safe, yet effective, total body workout. Instructor-Brian Laroe. Wear comfortable clothing. All are welcome. (8 weeks)

**Location: Gilead Congregational Church**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Fee
Adult	TH	7:00-8:00P	5/29 -7/17	\$40.00

**Boot Camp in the Park**

Get ready to become one with nature! This challenging outdoor workout will consist of cardio drills including running/jogging and strength training exercises that will tone every muscle in your body. We will work together to stay motivated and encouraged. All are welcome! Modifications will be given to meet every fitness level. Prepare to feel like a kid at summer sports camp! Instructor-Donna Bellmore- BS in Human Development and Family relations, NASM Certified Personal Trainer, AFAA Fitness Certified.

**Location: Burnt Hill Park**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Fee
Adult	T	6:30-7:30P	6/24-7/29	\$54 (drop in \$10.00 per class) No class on 7/1

**Yoga**

Join Tina Catanzaro, (AAFA, AAI certified Yoga Instructor) as she takes you through a journey of self-exploration. Each class will include breath work, postures, and meditation. Come increase your energy and flexibility while reducing stress. This class will allow you to honor your body, mind and spirit; explore your limits and maximize your potential. Please bring your own yoga mat, water bottle and towel. Wear comfortable clothing. All are welcome. (6 weeks)

**Location: Gilead Hill School Activity Room or Music Room**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Fee
Adult	M	7:00-8:30P	6/2-7/7	\$89

**Summer Camp**

Check out our Summer Camp information, it can be found at our web page

[www.hebrobnct.com/parks&rec/current](http://www.hebrobnct.com/parks&rec/current) programs/youth. Any questions please call P&R at 860-530-1281.

### **Public Works Managers**

This week the department concentrated on drainage improvements on Yorkshire Drive in anticipation of the paving that will be occurring in the upcoming weeks. Under drains were installed and catch basins rebuilt as part of this project. The crack sealing crew worked on Warner Pond, Gilead Landing and Settlement Road. They will continue to Seal the pavement next week as the weather permits.

### **Building Department**

Our department has seen an increase in the number of applications received which is normal for this time of year with one quarter of the applications for renovations and repairs to existing homes. Of the applications we have received and that are in the review process, one is new home construction and others are additions.

May is also the time the swimming pools get uncovered and are prepared to be used. I have included a handout addressing pool safety (see below). Also the use and occupancy of a pool without a certificate of occupancy is a violation of the State Building Code, if you have had a pool installed recently or in the fall of last year please make sure that a final inspection has been performed and approved by this office. If you are unsure or would like to schedule an inspection, call our office at 860-228-5971 ext. 141.

### **Douglas Library**

The Douglas Library is now on Facebook. Follow us for program news, book news and library-fun related posts. <https://www.facebook.com/douglaslibraryhebron>

**Saturday Program: How to Pick a Computer, Tablet, Cell Phone** that is right for you? Make an appointment with our Tech Guru, Bryn on **Saturday, May 24 between 11 and 2!** He will discuss things to look for and sources to use to make sure you are getting what you want and need. Call 860-228-9312 to make a 30 minute appointment

Fire Marshal

### **Grilling Safety**

#### **It's time to take that grill out of hibernation!**

Whether you prefer classic charcoal or convenient gas, there's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a disaster waiting to happen.

**NFPA Facts:** Fire departments respond to an average of 7,900 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues each year, including 5,000 outside fires and 2,900 structure fires. June and July are the peak months for grill fires. Thirty-three percent (33%) of home grill structure fires start on the exterior balcony or an unenclosed porch/deck area.

To ensure a safe start to your grilling season, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year and after changing the propane tank. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose and connections. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop call the fire department.

To have fire safe cookouts, make sure someone tends the fire at all times. Here are some safety tips to consider:

- Keep grills away from combustibles, including the outside of your house, balcony or garage.
- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- Keep children and pets away from the grilling area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and trays below the grill.
- Charcoal grill starter fluid should only be used when starting a charcoal grill.
- Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquid to the fire.
- When you finish grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container. You may add water to ensure that they are extinguished.
- Keep charcoal lighter fluid out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Avoid exceptionally loose clothing, especially sleeves can catch fire.
- Long handled grilling tools make grilling easier and will prevent burns from splattering grease.

Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling this season.



### ADULT SUPERVISION AND OTHER SAFETY TIPS

Building safety codes protect children and adults in pools, hot tubs and spas. Alert adult supervision of children is essential in pools, hot tubs and spas at all times. There is no substitute for adult supervision to ensure child safety in the water.

Other safety measures include:

- Assign an adult to watch the pool at all times when children are present, making sure there are no distractions such as talking with friends or cooking on a grill.
- The assigned adult must be watching the children at all times.
- Don't assume guests or their children can swim. Ask and observe.
- Don't leave toys in or around the pool area.
- Toddlers and infants should have physical contact with an adult at all times while in the pool area.
- Infants and small children should have constant supervision.
- Make sure all doors and gates leading to the pool or spa area are securely closed when the pool is not in use.
- Do not allow anyone impaired by alcohol or drugs to use the pool.

### SAFETY GEAR

Keep a phone within easy reach of the pool area for emergency calls. Post local emergency numbers in the pool area. Always keep basic lifesaving equipment by the pool and know how to use it. A pole, rope and personal flotation devices are recommended.

### EDUCATION

Make sure at least one adult supervising activities around the pool has cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training.

- Teach your children to swim.
- Post CPR instructions in the pool area.
- Post basic Rules for Pool Safety in a visible spot near the pool.

### WATER QUALITY

Clean and clear water is essential for safe pool, spa and hot tub use. If you cannot see the bottom of the pool at its deepest point, the pool should not be used and you should contact your pool professional.

### ELECTRICITY

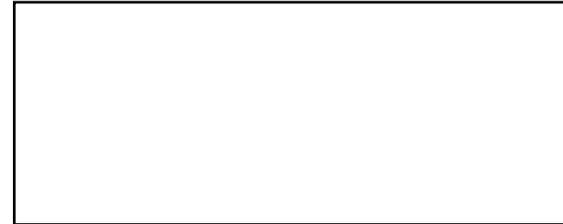
There should be no electrical devices in the pool, spa and hot tub area unless they are installed, maintained and inspected by qualified professionals. Electrical devices also need to be protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

### KID CONNECTIONS

Sonny, the friendly fish, and Bubbles, the safe hot tub and pool buddy, teach children about pool, spa and hot tub safety through fun coloring and activity books at [www.Splashzoneusa.com](http://www.Splashzoneusa.com).

## Support Building Safety!

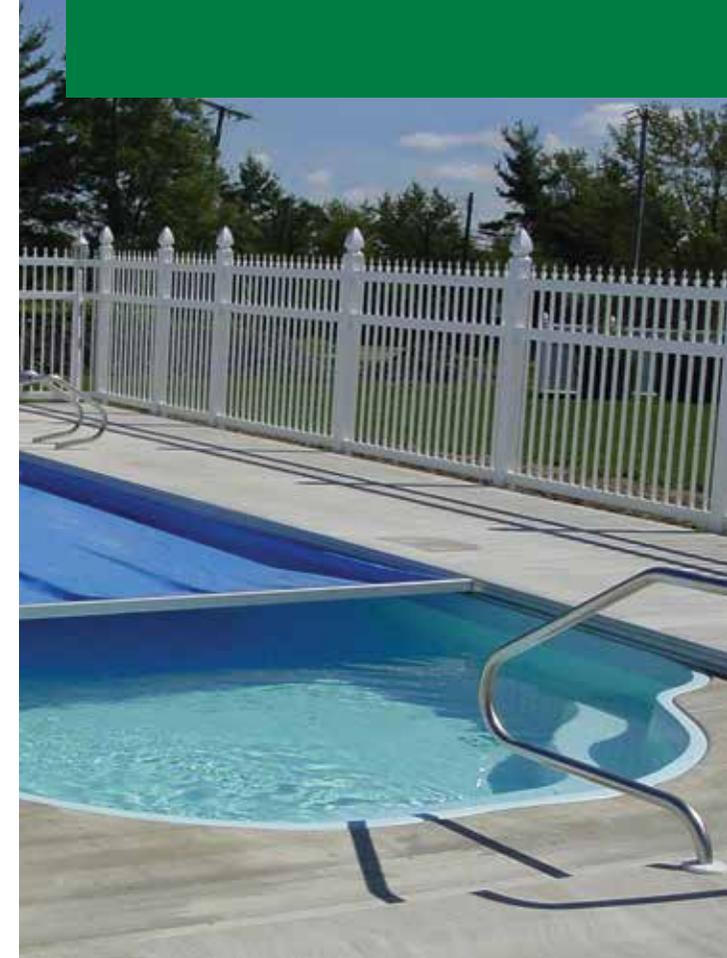
For more information about building safety codes and local requirements, contact your local building department below:



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# Safe Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs Save Lives

*Pools and spas are great for play, exercise and therapy. However, an alarming number of water-related deaths and injuries occur in and around pools each year. Properly following building safety codes, such as the International Code Council's International Swimming Pool and Spa Code™, can help prevent such tragedies and ensure family and friends have a safer, more enjoyable experience when using pools, spas and hot tubs.*



## STATISTICS

Every year, more than 250 children under the age of five drown in swimming pools and more than 2,700 children seek medical treatment for pool-related accidents—mostly in backyard pools, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

More than 75 percent of swimming pool accident victims were missing for five minutes or less when they were found drowned or in serious trouble.

One or both parents were supervising victims when the swimming pool accident occurred.

## WHAT WE CAN DO

Building safety codes are life savers. International Code Council® codes include specific provisions to make pools and spas safe. For example:

### FENCES

- Install a fence at least four-feet-high around the pool area.
- Install a self-latching gate or door in the fence to make pool areas inaccessible to children and unauthorized swimmers.
- Spas and hot tubs also should have a similar fence or an approved, lockable safety cover.

### DOOR ALARMS

Install a door alarm. When the door or gate is opened, the alarm sounds and acts as an early warning device.

### POOL ALARMS

Install a pool alarm to detect accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. While the alarm provides an immediate warning, it does not substitute for the fences, door alarms and safety covers required by the code.



## Saving, Enhancing Lives through Safety Codes

### SAFETY COVERS

Install either an automatic or manually operated, approved safety cover to completely block access to water in the pool, spa or hot tub. Never allow anyone to stand or play on a pool cover.

### DRAIN (SUCTION OUTLET) COVERS/GRATES

All pool and hot tub drains (suction outlets) must have a cover or grate that meets industry standards for suction fittings marked to indicate compliance with ANSI/ASME A112.19.8 2007. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has asked manufacturers to mark covers with “VGB 2008” to help identify covers that comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Safety Act that

establishes safety requirements for public pools and spas.

A cover protects people from entrapment, including suction. Without the cover, some part of a person’s body (especially a limb) may be trapped, causing injury or drowning. If a cover is broken, loose or missing, the pool should be closed immediately until the drain cover is replaced or repaired by a professional. No one should be allowed to play with a drain cover or near a drain.

### OUTLET CONFIGURATION

Pools and spas with drains should have more than one drain (suction outlet), spaced a minimum of 3 feet apart; one or more unblockable drains or no main drain.

### VACUUM RELEASE OR VENTED SYSTEMS

Pools and spas with a single drain, other than an unblockable outlet must have one of the following: a safety vacuum release system (SVRS); an engineered vent system; a gravity drainage system; or other safety features that comply with industry standards (ANSI/APSP-7-2006).

### POOL CLEANER FITTINGS

Pools and spas with wall vacuum fittings must have self closing, self latching covers located at least 6 inches and not greater than 18 inches below the minimum operating water level, or as an attachment to the skimmer.