

TOWN OF HANOVER
2009
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
Hanover High School Gymnasium
Voting - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Hanover 250th Charter Commemoration



(1761 to 2011)



In July of 2011 the Town of Hanover will commemorate the 250th Anniversary of its official charter! Hanover, together with 11 other communities along the Connecticut River, can date its heritage back to pre-revolutionary days. These communities include Canaan, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Plainfield, Fairlee, Hartland, Hartford, Norwich, Thetford, and Windsor, and are collectively referred to as the “Middle Grant” for two reasons - they are all situated in the middle of New Hampshire or Vermont and they received their charters from Governor John Wentworth mid-way through the granting period.

In 1961 these communities worked together to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the signing of their charters. Each community planned its own events which were promoted regionally and took place throughout the summer of 1961. For the 250th Charter Commemoration, the same model will be followed. Each community has appointed a representative to serve on the regional board that is working to coordinate and support these events. As in 1961, each community will host a variety of local events that will be promoted regionally.

Early in 2010, a group of interested Hanover citizens and members of the Recreation Department met to begin planning for the events of 2011. Representatives from the following groups came together to brainstorm: Hanover Historical Society, the Howe Library, Hanover Improvement Society, the Hopkins Center, the Hanover Center’s Old Timers Fair Planning Committee, local business representatives, Dartmouth College, Youth-In-Action, Hanover Rotary, Hanover Lion’s Club, Hanover Garden Club, and Vital Communities. This group hopes to grow in number and will continue to meet over the coming months.

Some of Hanover’s anticipated 2011 Commemorative events include a kickoff at the Town’s annual Muster Day Celebration on Memorial Day; a historical project with the schools; old fashioned activities at the Hanover Center Old Timer’s Fair in June of 2011; an exhibit at the Howe Library; an updated written history of Hanover looking forward from the early 1960’s; a Pig and Wolf project; Downtown celebrations, which may include a concert, street dance, picnic or barbeque, or storefront contests; fireworks; Historic House Tours; and a Native American event. The commemoration will likely end with an expanded 4th of July Celebration which will include a parade, games, food, period actors, performances, speakers, and contests like pie eating!

To get involved in the planning or to volunteer at an event please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 643-5315 or at Liz.Burdette@Hanovernh.org or Bill Young at William.W.Young@Dartmouth.edu.