



The Common Thread

North Quabbin Community Coalition

Working to improve the quality of life in the North Quabbin.

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Please enjoy our summer edition of the Common Thread!



Job Opportunities

Career Opportunities at Gardner VNA

Healthy Families Program Coordinator, Full-time

To implement the Healthy Families Program and be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the program, including supervision of the para-professional staff, program documentation and quality assurance. Must have relevant human service experience. Bachelors degree in Social work, Human Service, Counseling or Nursing preferred.

Healthy Families Home Visitor, Full-time

Provide psychosocial assessments, social service coordination, advocacy, support and education for first time pregnant and parenting women under 20 and their families, in a culturally competent manner, alleviating barriers to care, through home visiting and case management. High School diploma or GED. 2 years college preferred. Spanish bi-lingual a plus.

If you are interested in applying, please call Dale DelleChiaie at (978) 632-1230, Ext. 3002 or visit us on the web at www.gardnervna.org. EOE

Local Events

Announcing Summer Programs for Children at the Village School in Royalston July 6-22.

The Village School Summer Programs are open to all area children. They are designed to enrich and expand knowledge of the natural world through hands-on exploration in art and science, while providing opportunities for plenty of physical activity, and making new friends. Local scientists, artists and teachers lead the programs, with assistance from Village School alumni. The programs are fun and engaging. The mornings fly!

All programs are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. except the piano program.

July 6-9	ages 4-8	Nature Arts and Play
July 12-16	ages 4-8	Nature Arts and Play
July 12-16	ages 8 and up	Summer Art Intensive
July 19-23	ages 8 to 12	Science and Art Experience
July 19-22	ages 4 and up	Introduction to Suzuki Piano 9-11 each day

For more information, go to www.villageschool.to to download the brochure and registration form. Royalston children receive a discount, courtesy of Royalston Academy. Summer Programs are also supported by New Salem Academy.

Seeds of Solidarity News

Contact us for more info and to register: Earth and Spirit Retreat for Adults: July 9-11; School Garden Workshop: August 12; Earth and Spirit Retreat for Youth: August 20-22

Grow Food Everywhere: July 2-4, Omega Institute in Rhinebeck NY, Registration open at www.eomega.org

Don't Miss... 12th North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival: Oct 2 and 3

Two Days of Peace, Love and Garlic! www.garlicandarts.org

SAVE the DATE! Zydeco Dance Party to Benefit Seeds of Solidarity Youth Programs!

Dec 4, Orange Town Hall.

Just Confirmed!! Slippery Sneakers, one of New England's hottest, most rockin' bands.

Athol Bird and Nature Club Events

ABNC's 11th Annual North Quabbin Garden Tour
The Gardens of New Salem—July 18, 2010
Request for Day-Of Volunteers

The Athol Bird & Nature Club's annual garden tour, a fundraiser for the Millers River Environmental Center, will be held **Sunday, July 18** in New Salem, with assistance from the North Quabbin Garden Club. We are looking for volunteers to help on that day:

- Ø Someone with a truck or station wagon to pick up plants from Theresa Superchi in Athol at about 9 a.m. & take them to the New Salem General Store
 - Ø One or two people to sell plants and tour tickets from 9:30-11 a.m.: Mary Ellen Kennedy
 - Ø One or two people to sell plants and tour tickets from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - Ø One or two people to sell plants and tour tickets from 1-3 p.m.
 - Ø Someone with a truck or station wagon to take unsold plants back to Theresa at 3 p.m.
- Please contact Chris Long at christyblue@juno.com or 978-249-0246.

Tuesday, July 13, 8-10 a.m. Accessible Birding with Joe

Join Joe Superchi on the second Tuesday of the month visiting local sites. Open to birders of all abilities. Meet at the Center, 100 Main St., Athol. Call ahead for wheelchair van access, 978-248-9491.

Sunday, July 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 11th Annual Garden Tour

In an encore of our popular tour last year, we'll be visiting more gardens in New Salem, in conjunction with that town's Old Home Days. Tickets (\$5/person or \$15/carload) will be available at Bruce's Browser and Agway in Athol; Noel's Nursery, North Quabbin Woods and Educare in Orange; and at the New Salem General Store. Day-of tickets, garden plants and blueberries will be available at the New Salem General Store. The event benefits the Millers River Environmental Center. *Presented with help from the North Quabbin Garden Club.*

Sunday, August 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Orange Bicentennial Garden Tour

In celebration of Orange's 2010 Bicentennial, we're featuring the gardens of Orange and North Orange in this benefit for the Millers River Environmental Center. Tickets (\$5/person or \$15/carload) will be available at Bruce's Browser and Agway in Athol; Noel's Nursery, North Quabbin Woods and Educare in Orange; and at the New Salem General Store. Day-of tickets, garden plants and blueberries will be available at Maple Valley Farm, 190 Main St., North Orange. *Presented with help from the North Quabbin Garden Club.*

Tuesday, August 10, 8-10 a.m. Accessible Birding with Joe

Join Joe Superchi on the second Tuesday of the month visiting local sites. Open to birders of all abilities. Meet at the Center, 100 Main St., Athol. Call ahead for wheelchair van access, 978-248-9491.

Saturday, August 14, 10 a.m.-noon August in the Park

Join expert birders Joan and Larry Duprey and amateur botanist Christine Beckert Long in a stroll through the Alan E. Rich Environmental Park and Cass Meadow near 50 Main St. in Athol to discover the nature of an environmental park and the long-term vision for the area. *Info:* Chris Long, 978-249-0246 or christyblue@juno.com. *Co-sponsored with the Friends of the Park*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is always the third Friday of the month prior to the upcoming newsletter. This is a community newsletter so your input, advertisements and announcements etc... are **always** welcomed and encouraged.

Federal Government

(for the North Quabbin Region)

U.S. Senator John Kerry (413) 785-4610

Fed. Bldg, 1550 Main St., Springfield, MA 01101

Website: www.kerry.senate.gov

U.S. Senator Scott Brown(202) 224-4543

Senate Russell Courtyard 1

Washington DC 20510

State Government

(for the North Quabbin Region)

Governor Deval Patrick (617) 725-4005

Office of the Governor

State House, Room 360, Boston, MA 02133

Email: GOffice@state.ma.us

Senator Stephen Brewer (617) 722-1540

Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Warwick, Athol

State House, Room 109B, Boston, MA 02133

Email: stephen.brewer@massmail.state.ma.us

Senator Stanley Rosenberg (617) 722-1532

Wendell, Erving, New Salem

State House, Room 320, Boston, MA 02133

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Rep. Chris Donelan (978)-544-2180

Erving, Orange, Athol, Warwick

186 Walnut Hill Rd., Orange, MA 01364

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Rep. Anne Gobi (800) 650-4624

Petersham, Phillipston

State House, Rm. 473F, Boston, MA 02133

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COALITION MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Coalition is open to all agencies, religious communities, business and industry, government officials, civic groups and other interested individuals and organizations. The Coalition holds monthly meetings (the third Friday of every month except July & August) on relevant topics, facilitates monthly task forces on critical local issues, publishes a monthly newsletter, provides resource materials, networking services and advocacy efforts on behalf of Coalition issues. The North Quabbin Community Coalition is an affiliate of Valuing Our Children. The Coalition is funded in part by the generous contributions of members; the Department of Children & Families' Community Connections; the Central Mass. AHEC; UMass Medical School MASS AHEC Network, Community Coalition for Teens DFC Mentoring Grant; the Boynton Fund and the Athol-Royalston Regional School District.

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Task Force Mtg. Schedule

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wed. July 28 @ 5 p.m. at the NQCC Office,

427 Main Street, Athol



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Mission Statement

The North Quabbin Community Coalition is a community-wide alliance committed to improving the quality of life for all those living and working in the North Quabbin region.