

ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

December 2, 2015

- Results for the November 2nd through November 6th NMRSD Textile Collection Competition are that 5,750 lbs. were collected district wide. Class 3T was the top class at Ashby Elementary School and received a check for \$50.00. This is an annual event. There will also be a Textile Collection at Townsend Earth Day, Saturday April 23, 2016.
- Devens Regional Household Hazardous Products Collection Center, 9 Cook Street, Devens, MA will be open on Saturday, December 5th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Devens HHW is closed January and February; this will be the last collection day until March, 2016. For more information go to www.DevensHHW.com, call 978-501-3943, or use the link on the Town of Ashby website.
- The Ashby Recycle Center and Transfer Station will be open next on Saturday, December 12th.
- There will be a free Dance Interpretation of The Chosen Lambs on Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ashby Elementary School. For more information please call 978-906-5081.
- Holiday Open House will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ashby Free Public Library on December 6th. There will be live music, arts & crafts, refreshments, and fun for all ages. Plus, SANTA IS COMING! They are also having a raffle with multiple chances to win valuable holidays gifts while benefitting our community programs.
- The Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Common will be held on December 6th starting at 4:00 p.m. followed by Hobo stew at the Congregational Church.
- The Ashby Band Christmas Concert will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Ashby Elementary School on December 12th. Enjoy an evening of seasonal music (Snow date is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on December 13th).
- The Ashby Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of Town Hall. For those seeking assistance please drop by or contact them at ashbyfoodpantry@gmail.com.
- The Ashby Historical Society has published a photographic history of Ashby entitled "Images of America: Ashby". The 127 page book includes 200 photos of Ashby from the 1860's to the 1960's. The photos came from the Society's collection as well as contributions from private collections. The price is \$21.99 plus tax. Copies may be purchased at area bookstores including The Toadstool Bookstore in Peterborough and Barnes & Noble in Leominster as well as on the Historical Society website, www.ashbyhistorical.org Copies can also be purchased at events listed on the website. Profits from the book benefit the Ashby Historical Society.
- Songs of WWII will be sung by Ruth Harcovitz at 3:00 p.m. at the American Legion on Sunday, December 13th. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the performance (Broadcast Technicians are broadcasting flyer).

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- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
 - ❖ massDOT Bridge Inspection Report for A-12-009 Locke Road/Locke Brook
 - ❖ Xfinity Price Changes
- Public Service Announcements:
 - + All eligible individuals (seniors and ADA qualified) wishing to participate in the Meals on Wheels Program should contact the Council on Aging at 386-2424, ex. 27. Meals are only \$2.25 and are now delivered Monday through Friday around noon.
 - + MART Shuttle Service is available to all eligible (60 years or older and ADA qualified) individuals. Ashby residents may use the van Monday through Friday for medical appointments, social day care and shopping. Interested residents should call Jennifer Collins Monday through Thursday at 386-2501, ext. 11 to apply and schedule use.
 - + Current Board, Committee, and Department Vacancies: Administrative Assistant to the Police Department, Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission, Cultural Council, Dispatchers, Hazardous Waste Coordinator, Historical Commission, Historic District Commission, Senior Tax Work-off Program and Zoning Board of Appeals