



# The Town CRIER



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# CROSSING THE MERRIMACK

No. 4

IN THIS, THE FOURTH AND FINAL ARTICLE IN THE SERIES, WE LOOK AT THE TWIN SPAN BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER WHICH HAS SERVED OUR TOWN SINCE THE 1970'S



*Twin Span c1975 "Veterans Memorial and Taylor's Falls Replacement Bridges"*

The challenge of crossing the Merrimack between the communities of Hudson and Nashua has been a re-occurring one since the beginning of our town's history. The twin span bridge shown in this C 1975 photo, is the result of such a challenge which began in the early 1960's and extended for a decade or more.

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State Plans c1967 "State of NH Plans for Bridge Construction"

By October 1967 the State issued this map showing the proposed bridge and access routes. Access to the proposed bridge would go through the 20th Century Building and eliminate part of Webster Street. This plan did include a rotary on the Hudson side, which was later eliminated with plans to extend Chase Street from School Street to Ferry.

The first to be completed was The Veteran's Memorial Bridge (northern span); constructed alongside and parallel to the aging concrete Taylor's Falls Bridge. Following 15 months of construction this bridge was opened in September 1970. State officials then made the decision to permanently close the old bridge. This set the stage for the construction of the southern



Original Sagamore Bridge "Connecting South End of Hudson at Lowell Road to Route 3 Nashua"

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span, the Taylor's Falls Replacement bridge. The old concrete bridge was demolished in the spring of 1973 and the new replacement bridge opened in December 1974.

Even though the initial plan called for two bridges with one way traffic on each the design of the access roads were adaptable so that either bridge could handle traffic in both directions should it become necessary, which it did!

As necessary as these bridges were, their construction and the access roads required for their use completely eliminated the general business area which had developed near Central, Ferry, and Webster Streets. Buildings were demolished and frontage taken to provide for the access roads required for the bridges.

The State of NH identified land frontage and specific properties to be taken along Ferry, Webster, and Central Streets. Many residents remember those times and the major impact the demolition and construction had on individuals and businesses. Gone are the 20th Century complex, the White Cross Superstore, the Morey Building, a Dry Cleaning shop, and Chick n' Chips, along with frontage north to Library Street. The intersection of Baker Street onto Ferry Street was eliminated, and Baker became a dead end street. Frontage, including 26 shade trees, was removed from



*20th Century "Popular Grocery Store at PO Square—Gone in Favor of New Bridge"*



*Chick n' Chips "Chip n' chips on Ferry Street—gone in Favor of Access Roads"*

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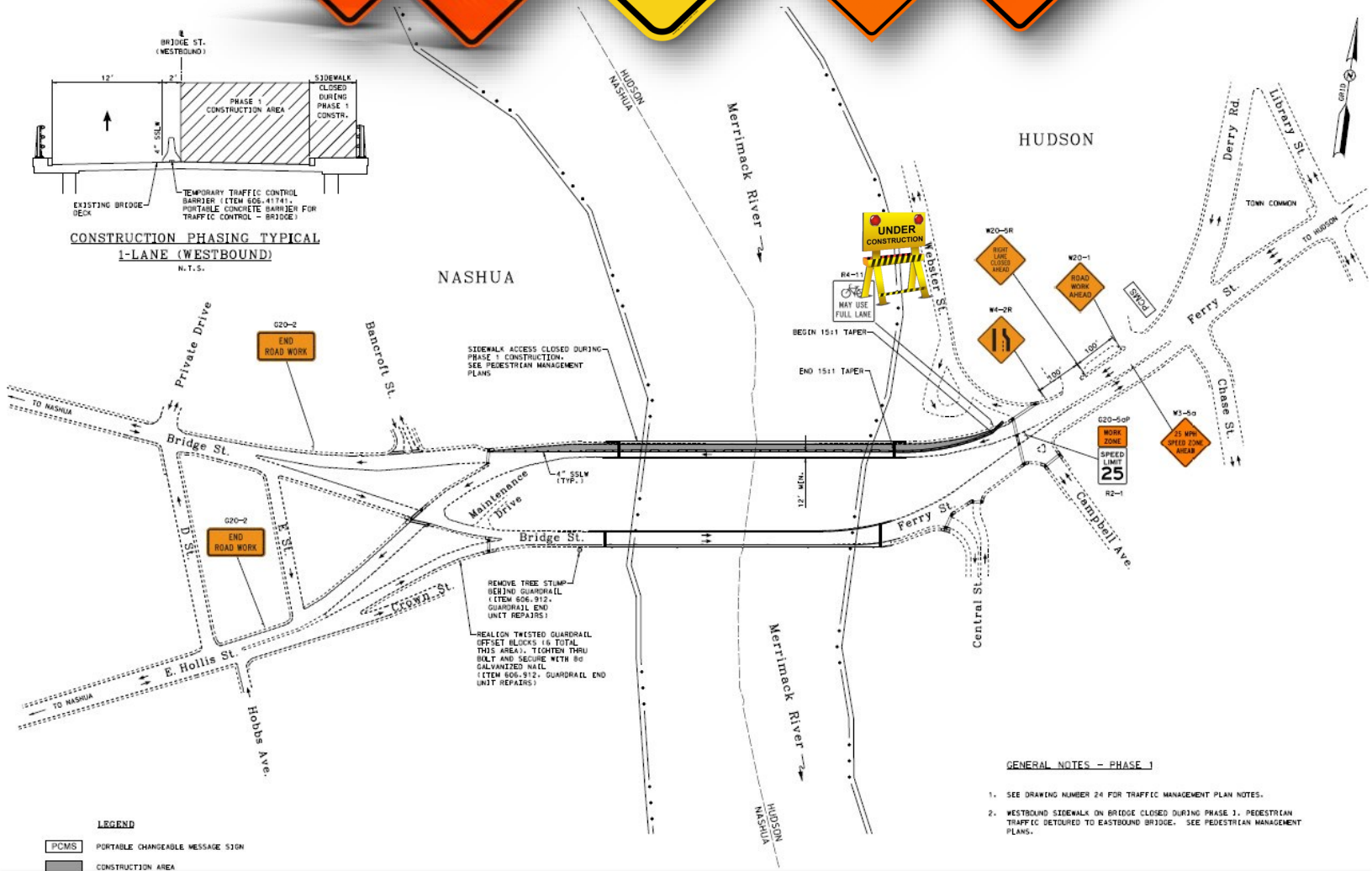
*Martin Building PO Square "Martin Building at Ferry and Central"*

Library Park. Initially it was thought that the old 'trolley stop' would also be demolished; but, in the final planning it was saved. The traffic pattern included the extension of Chase Street, which previously ended at School Street, through to Ferry Street. Driving on Ferry Street today heading toward the bridge, there is no evidence of these buildings; in fact, one wonders how there was even enough room for this complex to exist! The only possible reminder of the old roadway is the dead end of Baker Street or a possible relic of an old foundation.

There was competition for funding as plans were also being made to build the southern Sagamore Bridge connecting route 3A (Lowell Road) with route 3 in Nashua as part of the circumferential highway plans. Lowell Road, once a series of farms growing a variety of produce in large fertile fields, was being transformed to commercial and industrial use.

September 1970 the Veterans Memorial Bridge opened for two-way traffic. State and local officials were present on September 16 for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mrs. Georgianna Manter, a 99-year-old resident of Londonderry was given the honor of cutting the ribbon. She had outlived all previous bridges. She had driven a horse and buggy over the wooden bridge and driven an auto over each of the later bridges. Finally, our traffic needs no longer depended on the old, crumbling concrete bridge.

June 2024, some 25 years later, the twin span will undergo some necessary repairs and maintenance. The plan is to close one bridge for repairs and once completed, close the second bridge. During the closure the remaining span will be used for 2-way traffic!! ♦



# Beginning June 3, 2024 Veteran's Memorial Bridge Work Begins

- Work will consist of one bridge rehab at a time, the first is Veterans Memorial Bridge
- Length of time for repair to Veteran's Memorial Bridge only, approximately 9-12 months
- A one lane closure at the bridge is required
- Work will impact morning traffic along Route 102 (Derry Road) and 3A (Lowell Road)
- Plan accordingly and avoid it if possible



# Life is Good — in Hudson



Life is Good celebrated its 30th anniversary by recently opening a 500,000 square foot production and fulfillment facility located here in Hudson off Friars Drive. It is known as “The Factory”.

Over 100 robots independently roam the floors executing numerous tasks featuring moveable stacks of shelves delivered to employees. There’s even two on-demand screen-printing machines allowing for production of online orders of merchandise in small quantities.

The company has come a long way after being threatened with bankruptcy at the beginning of COVID. They more than doubled their revenue since 2019 with a big help by

sidestepping supply chain hindrances and bringing their fulfillment center to Hudson.

The once smaller company, known for marketing comfortable tees and such with a stickman named “Jake”, began living by their motto, “The Art of Optimism”. They seized the moment by turning a business pandemic-era full of woes into lucrative positivity. Listening to consumers’ cries for cheerfulness during a world-wide pandemic, they began to focus their design to lighthearted COVID-era graphics.

Stimulus checks, savings and pandemic fatigue propelled consumers to spend more, generating online sales to skyrocket and Life is Good witnessed their T-shirt sales increase by 47%.

In conjunction with their three other facilities in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, Hudson has become the somewhat hub for massive orders stocking the warehouses with over three million pieces of apparel. This extinguishes the original process of placing orders with factories in foreign countries and waiting for the finished product to arrive on time without being subjected to uncontrollable factory lockdowns or shipping delays.

The future is bright for Life is Good.

# Voter Reminder



**June 4, 2024**

**Deadline to change your  
party affiliation before the  
State Primary Election**

**Two ways to change your party:**

- ➔ At the Town Clerk's office, M-F 8am - 4:30pm**
- ➔ Supervisors of the Checklist, Tuesday, June 4, 7-7:30pm downstairs in Town Hall (use side door)**

# 2024 VFW Loyalty Day Award Winners

Loyalty Day originally began as "Americanization Day" in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began in 1950 on April 28 and climaxed May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America. In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar.

As part of its Annual Loyalty Day awards program, Hudson VFW Post 5791 requests the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department and the Fire Department provide the name and biography of a employee who has made a contribution to the well being of the community. Congratulations to this year's winners:



*Elvis Dhima — Town Hall*



*Brian Davenport — Police*



*Erica LaRiviere — Fire*



# Classic Coleslaw



## Ingredients

8 Servings

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tbsp. apple cider or white vinegar
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 3/4 tsp. celery seeds
- 1 tsp. Diamond Crystal or 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 medium green cabbage, very thinly sliced (about 4 cups)
- 1/2 medium red cabbage, very thinly sliced (about 4 cups)
- 2 medium carrots, peeled; julienned or grated

## Instructions

Whisk 1 cup mayonnaise, 1 1/2 tbsp. apple cider vinegar or white vinegar, 1 tbsp. honey, 3/4 tsp. celery seeds, 1 tsp. Diamond Crystal or 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, and 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper in a large bowl to combine.

Add 1/2 medium green cabbage, very thinly sliced, 1/2 medium red cabbage, very thinly sliced, and 2 medium carrots, peeled; julienned or grated to dressing and toss to coat. Cover and chill until ready to serve.

Coleslaw can be made 8 hours ahead. Keep



**WE ARE**

**HIRING**

JOIN OUR TEAM

Thank you for your interest in joining the Town of Hudson team.

Paper applications are available at the Town Administration Office or online.

You can email, snail mail, or apply in person. Applications are accepted only in response to listed vacancies.

Again, we appreciate your interest with the Town of Hudson.

FIREFIGHTER-EMT/AEMT/MEDIC

TOWN PLANNER

PUBLIC WORKS—MECHANIC

TOWN CLERK

Board/Committee	Member	Alternate
Benson Park Committee	2	2
Cable Utility Committee	4	0
Code of Ethics	1	0
Conservation Commission	0	1
Municipal Utility Committee	1	1
Planning Board	0	1
Recreation Committee	4	0
Supervisors of the Checklist	1	0
Sustainability Committee	2	2
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1	4

To find out more, simply click on the name of the Board or Committee of interest. For an application, click [here](#).

# MEETING CALENDAR

~ June ~



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> <u>Planning Board - ZORC</u> 7:00pm	<b>4</b> <u>Party Affiliation Change Deadline</u> 7:00pm	<b>5</b> <u>Highway Safety Cmte.</u> 8:30am <u>Budget Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> <u>Cable Utility Cmte.</u> 7:00pm <u>Conservation Comm.</u> 7:00pm	<b>11</b> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm	<b>12</b> <u>Library Trustees</u> 7:00pm <u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm		
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <u>Municipal Utility Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	<b>19</b> <u>HEAC</u> 7:00pm		
<b>24</b> <u>Sustainability Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	<b>25</b> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm	<b>26</b> <u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm	<b>27</b> <u>Zoning Board</u> 7:00pm	<b>28</b>

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- Sewer Utility ..... 886-6029
- Town Clerk ..... 886-6003
  - ◇ Car/Boat Registrations
  - ◇ Taxes
  - ◇ Voter Registration
  - ◇ Vital Records



### TOWN OF HUDSON TOWN CLERK POSITION

The Town of Hudson is accepting applications for the position of Town Clerk. This is an elected official and this appointment is until the next annual Town Meeting in March 2025.



### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, AGAIN

A cyanobacteria warning has been issued by NHDES. NHDES advises lake users not to wade or swim in the water during a warning.



### NEW BURN PERMIT SYSTEM BEGINNING JUNE 3

This system is completely self-service, however, you can still come to the Central Fire Station to obtain your burn permit if you wish.



### BLASTING SET TO BEGIN

Please note blasting operations are soon to begin in the Trigate Road area.

## Board of Selectmen:

- Bob Guessferd**
- David Morin**
- Dillon Dumont**
- Kara Roy**
- Heidi Jakoby**



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