

# THE ANTRIM ADVISOR

## *James A. Tuttle Library to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Dedication of New Addition*

Be sure to mark **Saturday, August 16** on your calendar. That is the day Antrim will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the James A. Tuttle Library and the dedication of its new addition, which is already in use and undergoing finishing touches.

One hundred years ago, 900 guests signed the guest registration for the dedication of the original library on Aug. 26, 1908, which was part of the town's Old Home Day celebration.

This year, in a spirit of remembering the old and anticipating the new, the Dedication and Celebration Committee is busily preparing for a day-long event to celebrate the past hundred years of service to the town and dedicate the newly completed addition as we look forward to the next hundred years.

The day will start with a short dedication ceremony, beginning at 10 a.m., which will include special music, a lively recapitulation of the library's history, and the reading of the poem presented at the original dedication. The governor's office will issue a special proclamation honoring the dedication and birthday celebration. Those individuals and groups who have paid special attention to fulfilling the needs of the addition, whether through gifts and donations or just plain hard work, also will be honored. The ceremony will be capped with the ribbon cutting for the new addition.

Once the ceremonies have concluded, there will be time to enjoy the rest of the day.

Among the outdoor activities there will be sidewalk chalk drawing and face painting for kids, gift certificates, door



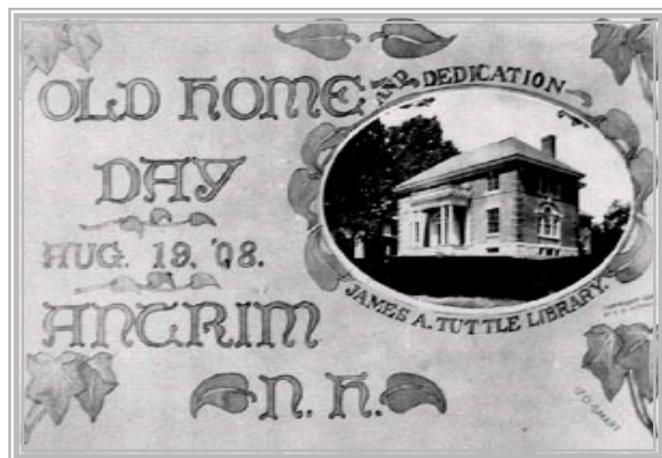
*Library Addition to be dedicated August 16, 2008*

prizes, balloons, and possibly a scavenger hunt. Tee shirts, hats and tote bags commemorating the library will be available at a nominal price.

Inside the library, there will be refreshments, a continuously running PowerPoint presentation about the library, special displays including a timeline of the history of the library addition, and tours of the library.

Members of the Dedication and Celebration Committee are Margie Warner, chair of the library trustees; Sandy Snow, trustee; Kathy Chisholm, librarian; Ron Haggett; Kara Penny; Missy Taylor and Dick Winslow.

Antrim residents and all friends of the Tuttle Library are cordially invited to take part in this historic event. Watch the local papers and postings at the Library, the Town Hall, and the library's website for more details as August 16 approaches.



*From the Library Dedication, 1908  
The collection of the Antrim Historical Society*

## ***The Search for a New Police Chief***

As we have previously reported, we have been actively investigating the possibilities of the regionalization of our safety services with the towns of Bennington, Deering, and Hancock. We have held three productive meetings to date.

We have come to realize, however, that this process may take several years to implement and even longer period to begin to see any rewards from regionalization. Therefore, we have decided to move ahead and hire our own Chief of Police, while continuing to explore the long-term possibilities. We have contracted the services of Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) to administer our police department until the end of July. We have also advertised the position of Chief of Police.

We have formed a committee of five people consisting of residents and police professionals who will review the applications, interview the finalists, and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Committee members are Lieutenant Peter Thomas, Keene Police Department; Detective Kathleen Kimball, New Hampshire State Police and resident of Antrim; Chief Michael Healy, retired police chief and MRI consultant; David Boule, Antrim resident; and Crista Salamy, Antrim resident.

We have asked for comments and concerns from all our residents, we have looked at our short-term and long-term needs, and we have solicited comments from our current police officers and from outside police professionals. We will use all of the information that we have gathered and carefully consider the recommendation of the search committee to make the best possible choice we can for our new Police Chief. We hope to reach a decision no later than the end of July.

In the interim period, we have appointed two part-time officers, Steve Campbell and Brian Giammarino, to assist us in providing good police coverage during the next few months. We very much appreciate their willingness to assist us as we make this transition.

### **Parks & Recreation**

**Roller Skating & Dance Arcade, Saturday, July 19 & Saturday, August 16:** at Antrim Town Gym, 6 pm - 9 pm. Cost is \$7 per person, family discount provided. Roller skating rentals are included in admission. Family Skate: 6:30 - 7:30; Young Adult/Adult Skate: 7:30 - 8:30.

**Community Bus Trip to St. Gaudens National Historic Site, Sunday, July 27.** \$15 admission for Antrim residents includes bus, admission to park and concert by Norman & Jeanne Kierman Fischer on cello and piano. Call 588-3121 for more information.

## ***ANTRIM in the EVENING Summer Concert Series***

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join your friends and neighbors for the remaining concerts of *Antrim in the Evening*. This free concert series starts at 6 pm each Wednesday outdoors at the Bandstand in Memorial Park. Parking is on Jameson Avenue or behind the Presbyterian Church. In case of rain, concerts are held indoors at the Antrim Town Hall.

**July 16: Otis & the Elevators** - Blues Band

**July 23: Fountain Square Ramblers Dixieland Band** - Traditional Jazz Band

**July 30: Tree-O** - Acoustic Americana

**Aug. 6: Purdy Mouth & the Purdy Mouth Boys** - Bluegrass Band

**Aug. 13: Mad Bavarian Brass Band** - Polka Music

**Aug. 20: Off The Cuff** - Acoustic Swing, Blues, Folk & Rock



*Antrim in the Evening will host Off The Cuff on August 20.*

### ***Update on North Main Street***

Work on the North Main Street Bridge and road will soon begin. The contract for the pre-cast bridge has been awarded to CSI Concrete Systems, Inc. and the earthworks contract has been awarded to Landsite Corporation. The project is scheduled to be completed no later than the middle of November.

Mark Your Calendars!

### **HOME & HARVEST WEEKEND**

Friday, September 19 through Sunday, September 21  
Parade - Skateboard Races - Pumpkin Regatta - Fireworks  
& lots more fun for all!

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