

POTLUCK PICNIC WILL BE FUN FOR ALL PLAN TO COME. BRING YOUR FAMILY

HELPERS NEEDED:

2 PERSONS TO COOK HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS
2 PERSONS TO SET BUFFET TABLE
3 PERSONS TO CLEAN UP AND TAKE TRASH
AWAY

1 COOLER FILLED WITH ICE
1 LARGE COOLER OF ICE TEA
1 COOLER OF LEMON AID
1 ELECTRIC COFFEE POT FOR HOT WATER (TEA
OR COFFEE)

POT LUCK FOOD NEEDED:

- SALADS
- VEGGIE TRAY
- CHIPS & DIP
- DESSERT OFFERINGS
- ANYTHING ELSE THAT SUITS YOUR FANCY!

Food should be brought no later than 3:30 PM. Bring a folding chair if sitting on picnic bench is not your thing. We are in the first pavilion on right overlooking beach area.



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A very brief Annual Meeting will be held for the purpose of reporting on year's activities and filling positions on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee proposes Charles Marchant and Howard Graff as Directors, and Marjorie Holt for a 2 year term as Secretary. At this time the Treasurer's position is vacant because Tiz Garfield is not willing to continue in the post.

If you can fill this position please tell Robert DuGrenier as soon as possible.

**PLEASE TELL US THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WE NEED TO FEED!
CALL TIZ AT 365-4055.**

**REMEMBER THE DATE: SUNDAY JULY 22ND AT THE TOWNSHEND DAM.
FOR TOURS MEET AT 1:30 PM.**



TOWNSHEND HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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THREE HISTORICAL TOURS AND A PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 22ND 2007 COME AND BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The Townshend Historical Society invites you to meet at the Townshend Dam picnic area, first pavilion on right above the swimming area, at 1:30 PM on Sunday, July 22nd. From there we will initiate three historic tours:

Tour #1, led by Charlie Marchant, to the Howe Cemetery in West Townshend. Few persons ever visit this cemetery where the first male child born in Townshend is buried. His name is Benjamin Howe who died July 5, 1858. The first census for Townshend, ordered by the Governor of New York in 1791, lists Benjamin Howe, John Howe, and Benjamin Howe, Jr.

Tour #2, led by Walter Meyer, to the Round Hill Cemetery in West Townshend. This cemetery is burial site for many of Townshend's leading citizens, among them Sgt. Major Dexter E. Boynton, a Civil War veteran who served for many years as station master for the West River Railroad stop in West Townshend. Boynton also owned a general store. Walking to this site is easier than access to the Howe Cemetery.

Tour #3, led by Rob Thomson, to the Follette stone arch bridges in West Townshend.

James Follett built his first bridge in Townshend in 1894. At this time his methods and materials were already quite obsolete, having been superseded by iron construction. The Follette bridges are stone arches, made up of unworked field stones or roughly hewn granite blocks, usually laid up without mortar. In a style of construction dating back to the Romans, the fairly shallow arches are held in place by the enormous weight of their stones bearing on one another and on a keystone at the top of the arch. Six of Follette's stone arch bridges survive in Townshend. They are among the community's most distinctive treasures. (Source for the above A Stitch in Time)

NOTE: Tour-goers should meet at the picnic pavilion at 1:30 PM. We will carpool to the sites since we have arranged with land owners for parking, which can be a problem. Expect to leave the Dam by 1:45 PM and return in time for a cook-out picnic at 4:00 PM.

Families and friends not going on a tour are welcome to swim, hike, and/or socialize. Townshend Historical Society will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, charcoal, pickles, ketchup, and mustard. But we would like an estimate of how many mouths to feed and we need your help in other ways. Please turn the page over for a sign-up sheet of volunteer helpers. This is a rain or shine event and we do have the shelter in case of inclement weather.