



# THE OSPREY ORACLE

A Newsletter for the residents of Osprey Landing – March 2021

*“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”*

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## *Happy Spring!*

March invites us to celebrate the first day of spring. Spring is such a fresh, exciting, and invigorating season. Everyone seems to have more energy, we smile more, there is a “spring” in our step and we eagerly watch as buds and flowers peek out from everywhere!



Happy St. Patrick’s Day on Wednesday, March 17, and the first day of spring is Saturday, March 20. On Sunday, March 14, Daylight Savings Time begins. Don’t forget to spring forward one hour!

We would like to thank all of you for your cooperation this season during snow removal. Your efforts were a tremendous help in getting the lots cleared of snow. Thank you all so much!

We wish you all a wonderful March!

~The Osprey Landing Team

## *Federal Taxes*

While it may be true there are only two things certain in life – death and taxes, filing a federal income tax return does not have to be stressful or expensive. There are several organizations in NH that offer free tax assistance and there are no fees to file. Remember, the stimulus money you may have received is not considered taxable income.

New Hampshire Tax Help:

<https://nhtaxhelp.org/>

NH Legal Aid:

<https://nhlegalaid.org/self-help-guides/taxes/free-income-tax-help-vita-and-tce-centers>

Granite United Way – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

<http://www.graniteuw.org/our-work/granite-united-way-initiatives/volunteer-income-tax-assistance>

For Seniors Only: AARP Tax-Aide

<https://taxaideqa.aarp.org/hc/en-us>

## *Summer Camps*

Summer 2021 is not canceled! Many camps will re-open this year with safety protocols in place and a reduced number of campers. To find out more, sign up for NH Magazine’s virtual Summer Camp Expo happening on March 6 from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Registration: <https://live.remo.co/e/summer-camp-and-program-expo/register>

The event will kick off with a discussion around summer camp safety. The panel will discuss why it is important to get children back to camp. Following the panel discussion, parents and their campers will meet with camp directors via Table Talks – where they can ask camp directors specific questions about their unique camping environment and programs. All attendees will receive a download of this year’s digital **Guide to Summer Camp 2021** — packed with information, tips, and summer camp listings.

## *March is Maple Month*

When days warm but nighttime temperatures still plummet, sap begins to flow in New Hampshire’s maple trees, and maple-sugaring season gets underway. During this intense period of six weeks or so, maple producers make syrup and other maple delights. In March, more than 90 sugarhouses in New Hampshire open their doors to show visitors the maple-sugaring process in full swing. The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association has dates and detailed information on participating sugarhouses and their offerings, from tastings and horse-drawn wagon rides to pancake breakfasts and the chance to make old-fashioned sugar-on-snow.

Each sugarhouse will have their own COVID protocols for visiting and/or buying during the pandemic so check out their listings or call for details about online ordering. You can find your local sugar house through the NH Maple Producer’s

website:

<https://nhmapleproducers.com/>

Share in the excitement of the sweetest time of year... you’ll be happy you did!

## Community Events

### St Patrick's Comedy and Dance Spectacular

Live performance at The Music Hall, Portsmouth  
Saturday, March 13, 2021, 8:00 pm

Get tickets online:

<https://www.themusic hall.org/events/saint-patricks-day-comedy-and-dance-spectacular/>

### New Hampshire Theatre Project

New Hampshire Theatre Project (NHTP) works in partnership with theatre-makers, schools, corporations, non-profits, and community participants through four distinct areas of programming:

- Mainstage Productions & Guest Artists
- On-site Camps, Classes & Professional Development Workshops
- Artist-In Residence & Theatre For Life (for schools, businesses & community organizations)
- Elephant-in-the-Room Series touring performances & community residencies.

Find out what's on stage now:

<https://www.nhtheatreproject.org/onstagenow>

### The Center of Wildlife (for all ages):

*Fully Fledged: An Adult Naturalist Series - Life Aquatic*

Thursday, March 4, 2021 – 6:00pm-8:00pm

Join Nature's Dan Gardoqui and Center for Wildlife staff and ambassadors for an evening of nature immersion, exploration, and storytelling (including yours!).

The melting ice and snows of winter fill our wetlands, lakes, ponds and rivers with abundant water. This evening will focus on better understanding the world of local aquatic mammals: beaver, otter, muskrat & mink.

Each month features a different topic and will include wildlife demonstrations, time outdoors, and/or slides and other visuals. Tiered pricing available. 20 people max, ages 13+.

Registration and masks required. Reserve your tickets online:

<https://www.thecenterforwildlife.org/events>

## NASA's Mission to Mars

On February 18, NASA's rover Perseverance successfully endured its autonomous seven-minute descent to the surface—known as the “seven minutes of terror”—and joined its solar-powered predecessors Opportunity and Spirit.

The robot, “Percy,” is designed to hunt for signs of past microbial life, if it ever existed. The rover will collect samples of rock and soil, encase them in tubes, and leave them on the planet's surface to be returned to Earth at a future date. Perseverance will also study the Red Planet's geology and test how astronauts on future Mars missions could produce oxygen from CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. This oxygen could be used for breathing and rocket propellant.

In addition, a drone-like helicopter will be deployed to demonstrate the first powered flight on Mars. Perseverance will explore Jezero Crater, near the planet's equator, for at least one Martian year (about 687 Earth days).

The mission also provides opportunities to gather knowledge and demonstrate technologies that address the challenges of future human expeditions to Mars. These include testing a method for producing oxygen from the Martian atmosphere, identifying other resources (such as subsurface water), improving landing techniques, and characterizing weather, dust, and other potential environmental conditions that could affect future astronauts living and working on Mars.

Keep an eye on space news, this year may be the first time China, Europe, Russia, and the US could have vehicles on the Red Planet operating simultaneously.

Perseverance is tweeting! You can follow it on Twitter: [@NASAPersevere](https://twitter.com/NASAPersevere)

You can also see new pictures and videos from NASA:

<https://www.nasa.gov/perseverance>

