

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES**

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) is a non-profit agency that is dedicated to the prevention of child sexual abuse, sexual assault and stalking and supporting individuals and families impacted by sexual violence.

SASS provides the following services to residents of Newton:

- 24-hour confidential crisis and support hotline for anyone affected by sexual violence. 1-888-747-7070
- Accompaniments with survivors of sexual assault to area hospitals and police departments and court hearings.
- In-person support to non-offending family members at the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County.
- Support groups
- "Safe Kids. Strong Teens." prevention programs for children in grades K-12 with the goal of preventing child sexual abuse, bullying sexual harassment, sexual assault and teen dating violence.

In order to ensure that our crisis and other services continue to be available to residents of Newton, and in recognition of current financial constraints, we are requesting level funds for 2013 in the amount of \$550.00. On behalf of our clients, board and staff, we want to thank the Town of Newton for your continued support. (1-888-747-7070)

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Beebe  
Executive Director

## **SEACARE HEALTH SERVICES**

Each year, SeaCare Health Services provides access to health care to uninsured individuals who live in the Town of Newton. Services were accessed by 34 residents, which included:

- Thirty-four (34) participants from Newton received care from our medical access programs, which include primary/specialty care, laboratory work and care coordination. (\$33,242).
- Sixty-four free prescriptions were filled through our Medication Bridge program (\$31,758)
- Four Children received services through our Children's Connection program.
- In 2012 the value of donated care for the Town of Newton reached \$65,000.

Our volunteer providers have donated over \$3,398,305 this year alone. We thank them and the townspeople of Newton who support this agency. As you can see, the need continues to be great and we are once again submitting a request for funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the year 2013 to help support the services we offer. (603-772-8119)

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Crompton  
Director

## VIC GEARY CENTER

The Vic Geary Center serves as a senior center for seven towns: Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, East Kingston, Newton, Newton Junction, Plaistow and Sandown. The following information will provide some insight into the diverse activities and services offered to the senior citizens of your community.

The Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program operates from the Center, at no cost to them, 5 days per week providing a hot noon meal in the dining room and Meals on Wheels to homebound clients in the nine towns. Frozen weekend and holiday meals are provided and meals comprised of shelf-stable items are provided for bad weather when delivery is impossible. Special meal celebrations for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving Christmas, summer picnic, lobster specials and other holidays are well attended by approximately 120-150 persons from the 9 towns on each occasion. Several area senior organizations regularly meet free of charge at the Vic Geary. A wide variety of day bus trips were offered and enjoyed by many area seniors this past year. Monthly teas, some sponsored by area Recreation Departments such as Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown, including refreshments and raffles. Entertainers such as the Salem Senior Singers and Boot Scootin Boomers also entertain the seniors throughout the year. A van and driver provides daily transportation for those seniors wishing to attend clinics, meals and special events at the Center.

Throughout the year, monthly blood pressure and twice a month foot care clinics are held at the center by Rockingham Visiting Nurses. Other clinics such as hearing and sight, safe driver and home safety are conducted regularly by area physicians and safety personnel. AARP tax preparation is offered on a yearly basis. Informative guest speakers on subjects of interest such as financial planning, prescription programs, diet and other topics are invited throughout the year. Fitness classes, bingo, card and board games, knitting group and arts and crafts are daily recreational activities offered at the Center. The WIC program now distributes surplus food monthly from the Vic Geary to income eligible area seniors and other area residents.

The building is rented to private individuals and groups. Several non-profit organizations hold their meetings at the Vic Geary, including the Knights of Pythians and the Plaistow Lions. Rental income is used for improvements to the building as well as contributing to the recent increases for fuel and electricity.

Wal-Mart, Home Depot, the Plaistow Lions and various caring individuals all deserve a big round of thanks for the support and donations of time and materials that they give to the Vic Geary Senior Center and its seniors.

### Organization Purpose

The purpose of the Vic Geary Center is to provide a pleasant, comfortable, safe gathering place for all senior citizens to congregate, share a nutritious noon meal, participate in recreational and social activities, to provide necessary services such as blood pressure, foot & flu clinics, and distribute surplus food stuffs.

The Vic Geary Center is a non-profit organization, operating under the auspices of a Volunteer Board of Directors.

Board Members include:

Jack McSheehy - President, Plaistow	Doreen Tufts - Treasurer, Danville
Bob Choolijian - Vice President, Plaistow Lions	Tom Tufts – Asst. Treasurer, Danville
Carol Simpson – Secretary, Kingston	Bob Walsh – Member, Hampstead
Ted Kennedy – Member, Atkinson	George Moore – Member, Newton
Alan Gagne – Assistant Treasurer, Danville	

The Vic Geary Board of Directors sincerely appreciates Newton's assistance to help us maintain this valuable senior resource enjoyed by many of our area seniors every day. (603-382-9276)

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack McSheehy, President  
Vic Geary Board of Directors

## **WEST NILE VIRUS / EEE**

Dry conditions favor West Nile Virus (WNV). That was apparent in NH and across the country last season. There were 5387 human cases of WNV with 243 deaths nationwide. In NH, there were 41 WNV positive mosquito batches in eight communities and a human case in Manchester. The WNV positive mosquitoes were trapped in Seabrook, Brentwood, North Hampton, Exeter, Stratham, Salem, Manchester and Nashua.

Mosquitoes carrying EEE were found in Newton, Sandown, Manchester, Brentwood, Newfields and Danville last season. Two horses and two emus died of EEE. The horses lived in Durham and Derry while the emus were from Fitzwilliam. Massachusetts had an active season with 266 mosquito batches testing positive for EEE and seven human cases of the disease. EEE may be on the rise again after two previously quiet years in NH. I would expect to see more EEE activity next year in the state.

Dragon has identified 154 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Newton. Crews checked larval habitats 245 times throughout the season. There were 58 sites treated to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 214 catch basin treatments were made to combat disease carrying mosquitoes. Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout town. Over 3200 mosquitoes were collected in light traps, identified to species, and select species were sent to the State Lab to be tested for diseases. Mosquitoes collected in Newton tested positive for disease in 2012. Spraying to control adult mosquitoes was conducted along roadways, the schools and in the woods where EEE mosquitoes were found last season.

The proposed 2013 Mosquito Control plan for Newton includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, efficacy monitoring, and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are found in stagnant water such as red maple and cedar swamps, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in July. The mosquito control program ends in October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yard by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, trash barrels, and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every two or three days.

Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use our No-Spray Registry online at [www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry](http://www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry) or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Anyone who submitted a request in 2012 may contact the office to reaffirm your request. Inquiries may be emailed to [info@dragonmosquito.com](mailto:info@dragonmosquito.com) or call the office at 734-4144. You may call or email our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, insecticides or questions about EEE or WNV. Check out our web site: [www.dragonmosquito.com](http://www.dragonmosquito.com) where you can request a larval survey, sign up for email alerts or follow us on Twitter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah MacGregor, President  
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.