

ASHBURNHAM

Week of Oct. 4 through Oct. 10

- 2 Alarm Activation
- 3 Animal Complaints
- 17 Assist Other Agency
- 25 Building Checks
- 2 Community Policing
- 5 Complaints
- 2 Motor Vehicle Accident
- 40 Motor Vehicle Stops
- 2 Out on Investigation
- 7 Request to Speak with an Officer
- 34 Vehicle/Person Information Request
- 2 Vandalism

Arrests

Friday, Oct. 6

Emilio Pacheco, 33
45 Dumais St., Fitchburg
Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; Driving a motor vehicle without an inspection sticker; miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violations

Saturday, Oct. 7

Elaine Lussier, 53
147 Chapel St., Gardner
Negligent operation of a motor vehicle; Failure to signal; Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol

Saturday, Oct. 7

Daniel J. Gagne, 38
34 S. Main St., Ashburnham
Warrant arrests

ASHBY

Week of Oct. 1 through Oct. 7, 2006

- 1 Alarm Activation
- 3 Animal Complaints
- 61 Area Checks
- 1 Breaking and Entering
- 26 Building Checks
- 3 Erratic Operation
- 5 General Services

- 1 Motor Vehicle Accident
- 1 Motor Vehicle Lockout
- 1 Motor Vehicle Complaint
- 1 Summons Served
- 2 Suspicious Activity

WESTMINSTER

Week of Oct. 3 to Oct. 9

Tuesday, Oct. 3

8:12 a.m. Depot Road — Officer stops a loaded tractor trailer truck crossing the bridge coming off Route 2. He reports the same incident occurred yesterday and advised if it happens again a citation will be issued.

8:24 a.m. Elliott Street — Highway Department called into report that a Fed Ex driver is all over the road, stated the truck is now making a delivery at the first house on the street. Officers checked the area and spoke to driver who stated he was swerving a bit because he was not familiar with the area and trying to find a house.

8:48 a.m. Depot Road — Officer back out with vehicle from earlier stop. Citation was issued for overweight load.

10:08 a.m. West Main Street — Officer conducting traffic enforcement.

10:50 a.m. Oakmont Ave. — Female party in the lobby requesting to speak with an officer about a stolen antique water pump silver in color. Female part calling back to say that the missing items have been relocated.

11:50 a.m. Route 2 West Bound — Female party in the lobby to report that over the past six months she has seen an older male driving a white SUV with Fl. plates three times. The male will drive in the slow lane of Route 2 from the Kmart exit in Fitchburg to exit 24 in town acting very weird carrying a bunch of Mardi Gras beads out the window.

10:41 p.m. Depot Road — Caller reporting he heard a loud bang at his residence, believes someone just tired to break in through the basement, then took off. Officers check area and neighbor's house with nothing found.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

7:44 a.m. Simplex Drive — MassHighway Department at the corner of Simplex and West Main reporting a B&E occurred overnight. Would like to see an officer to report. Officer reports two light bars taken off state DPW trucks.
9:58 a.m. Wilson Drive — Homeowner called to report missing knife. Sounded disorientated.

12:59 p.m. Dean Hill Road — Resident calls in regards to a sick raccoon in the roadway in front of his house. Reporting party called back stating raccoon is now gone to cancel cruiser.

1:33 p.m. Ellis Road — Caller reports harassing phone calls at his work.

3:39 p.m. Ashburnham State Road — Fitchburg Fire Department request one engine to central station for coverage they have a working fire on Ashburnham State Road. Fitchburg fire requests police to shut down road on Route 12, and request for manpower.

5:43 p.m. Ridge Road — Caller reports kids riding dirt bike up and down road. Area checked nothing found.

Thursday, Oct. 5

9:54 a.m. Narrows Road — Female resident calling to report she received two UK lottery international scam letters this week and would like to have an officer contact her regarding issue.

11:08 a.m. West Main Street — Male party calling into report that his vehicle's tire just shredded under the bridge of Route 2 and would like an officer to come to his location and also to have a tow come.

12:06 p.m. Wyman Road/Village Inn Road — Officer reporting two vehicles parked at intersection conducting some type of surveying.

1:39 p.m. Merriam Road — Female party calling to report that their were 20 pumpkins and 2.5 barrels of gords stolen from D&D Farm Stand.

9:31 p.m. West Princeton Road — Female caller reports she almost hit a man dressed in dark clothing walking up the road headed towards Davis Road. Male did not get out of the way but stayed in the middle of road and continued walking. Area checked nothing found.

Saturday, Oct. 7

2:36 a.m. Gatehouse Road — Several phone calls reporting a car in the water by Route 140 and Gatehouse. Motor vehicle is submerged. No one in vehicle. Registered owner called station he is at his house and states no one in car and no one is injured.

1:42 p.m. Route 2 — Report of a motorcycle that has flipped on Route 2 westbound at depot Road exit. State police will investigate.

9:18 p.m. State Road West — Gardner police report an erratic operator on Route 2A heading east. Officer unable to locate vehicle.

Sunday, Oct. 8

12:18 a.m. Westminster Hill Road — Officer responding to assist Fitchburg with motor vehicle accident.

1:00 p.m. Davis Road — Caller reports she believes someone may be outside her residence near a/c unit or could be the wind. Officer cleared scene with nothing found.

Monday, Oct. 9

9:20 a.m. Main Street — Caller reports pumpkins that were at Congregational Church pre-school have been smashed in the church parking lot. states she did not hear or see anything during the night.

We believe the death of a local person is important community news... **not a business opportunity.** That's why obituaries are still **FREE** in *The Community Journal*. We don't charge you to run an obituary like the daily newspapers. We treat obituaries as important community information, a **staple of a true community newspaper.** Obituaries can be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or dropped off to the addresses below. **And thank the real advertisers** in this newspaper for supporting a true community newspaper.



53 MAIN STREET, BOX 67,
ASHBURNHAM, MA 01430
TELEPHONE: 978-827-3386
FAX: 978-827-3200

newsupdate@thecommunityjournal.com

OBITUARIES

Charles Newell, 92

Was longtime Ashburnham resident; U.S. veteran



ASHBURNHAM — Charles Newell, 92, formerly of 11 Kelton Road, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, in HealthAlliance Hospital/Leominster.

He was born in Ashburnham on Jan. 13, 1914, the son of the late Charles and Edith (Seward) Newell. He resided in Ashburnham for 88 years and had lived for the past four years at the

Hillcrest Nursing Home, Fitchburg.

Mr. Newell was a machinist at Independent Lock Co. in Fitchburg, until his retirement many years ago. He attended the Assembly of God Church in Fitchburg and was a former member of the Ashburnham Grange.

He is survived by two step-children, Leslie Needham of Gardner and Jean Needham of Gardiner, Maine; five step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. His wife, Claire J. (Pretat) Newell, died on June 15, 2001. He was also predeceased by a brother, Franklin Newell and a sister, Hazel Wilson.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

The John H. Mack Funeral Home directed arrangements.

Peter A. Matson, 60

Was U.S. veteran; lifelong Townsend resident



TOWNSEND — Peter A. Matson, 60, of 73 Highland St., died unexpectedly on Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at HealthAlliance Hospital/Leominster, after being stricken ill at his home earlier that evening.

He was born in Fitchburg on Jan. 26, 1946, the son of the late Torsti O. and Harriet E. (Todd) Matson, and was a lifelong resident of Townsend. He was a 1964 graduate of North Middlesex Regional High School and later continued his education at Fitchburg State College.

Mr. Matson worked for the Massachusetts State Police for 34 years, retiring in 2002.

During the Vietnam War, he served his country for two years as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Matson was a life member of the Townsend V.F.W. and a member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Townsend, the Lodge of Masons as well as the Aleppo Temple Shriners.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Linda J. (Oja) Matson; a son, Peter J. Matson of Townsend; a daughter and son-in-law, Caroline R. and Marty Drummond of Ashby; a sister, Susan T. Tait of Leominster; and five brothers, Timothy L. Matson of Fitchburg, Jonathan W. Matson of California, Stephen T. Matson of Townsend, David A. Matson of Lexington and Enoch W. Matson of Marlboro; and two granddaughters, Megan J. Drummond and Heather E. Drummond.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Valiton Center for Homeless Veterans, Fairmount Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home directed arrangements.

ATTENTION CHURCHES

The Community Journal publishes Sunday worship service schedules and other pertinent information about your church.

There is a small charge for this service and churches are grouped in a special format on a designated page for our readers' easy access.

Call Sharon at 508-829-5981, ext. 10 for more information.

WORSHIP COLUMN

ASHBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Located at The Common, in Ashby. If you are seeking Christian worship, service and fellowship, join us Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for worship service and Sunday school. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7. There is a time for refreshments and fellowship following the service. Pastor Sally Calhoun can be reached at (978) 386-5566.

ASHBY FIRST PARISH CHURCH

The First Parish Church of Ashby, Unitarian Universalist regular services and religious education, Sundays at 10 a.m. We are welcoming congregation in the Liberal Religious Tradition. Gathered in 1774. On the Common, Rte. 119, Ashby, Mass. (978) 386-5660, www.ashbyuu.org.

ASHBURNHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH – UMC/UCC

Main & Chapel Sts., each Sunday, Contemporary Worship service with a Christian Praise Band, 8:30 a.m., and a Traditional Worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School is held and nursery care is provided during both services. Available opportunities include Adult Ed, Prayer Team, Youth activities, Band concerts, Harvest Supper, Women's Prayer Breakfast, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Holiday House Fair, choirs — senior and junior, Food pantry. Visitors are always welcome. Office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Pastor Dale Proulx, (978) 827-5553 or (978) 827-5485.

DAYSRING CHURCH

A Christ-centered, spirit-filled fellowship invites you to our Sunday worship service at 10 a.m., Rte. 68, Hubbardston. "Look for the purple doors."

HIGHER GROUND MINISTRIES

186 Central Street, Gardner. Senior Pastor, Kerry Twing. Sunday, two services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. There is nursery, toddlers, pre-school, Sunday school for K-6th grade, and teen class for both services. Monday night 7 p.m. is Prayer. From 6:30-8 p.m. is Children's Ministry (ages 5-11) on our 3rd floor and "ABOUTFACE" Youth Ministry (ages 12-18) that meets on our 4th floor. Tuesday evening is our mid-week service, 7 p.m. Office: (978) 630-1914, or visit our website @ www.hgministries.org.

PEOPLES EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

An evangelical congregational church affiliated with 4C's located at 56 S. Main St., Ashburnham, (978) 827-4010. Worship with us Sunday, 10:30 (Sept.-May) summer worship is 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9 a.m. (Sept.-May); Jr./Sr. High Youth Group Sunday 5:30 p.m.; Adult Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Men's Breakfast every Friday, 6 a.m.