2011-2012 Town Budget
The Town Council adopted an operating budget of $13,868,140 with a sewer budget of $1,952,077 for a total recommended budget of $15,820,217. This is a 1.36% ($191,808) reduction from the FY2010-11 budget. This budget will now begin review by the Budget Committee beginning on Saturday, February 5th.

The Town Council also adopted 15 warrant articles that would have financial impact and three (3) non-monetary articles for a total of 18. These have also been sent to the Budget Committee, however, the Budget Committee can only vote on these but cannot change the amounts nor add warrants.

Zoning Petitions
The last day to file 2011 zoning petitions is close of business on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. A minimum amount of two percent (2%) of registered voters of the Town of Hooksett is required for each petition. All petitions should be submitted to the Administration Department located at the Hooksett Municipal Building – room 100, 35 Main Street, Hooksett, NH.

Grants
Grant funds have recently been approved to provide the town with a portable LED Reader Board, a generator at town hall, and to install sidewalks on College Park Drive.

Lease Space Available
The Town will have approximately 2000 square feet of space at Town Hall to lease due to the closing of Scholar's Academy. It additionally has the commercial kitchen at town hall that is now available for leasing on a per day basis. For further information please contact the Town Administrator at 485-8472 or email, cgranfield@hooksett.org.

The R.U.O.K. Program
This program is designed to check on the welfare of residents who are senior citizens, who have disabilities, are homebound, or who may have some other special needs. We have a computer located within the Police Department Communications Center which automatically dials registered residents every day at the same time each resident chooses their own time which is convenient for them. If the registered resident doesn't answer their call from us after a couple of tries we will send an officer to the resident's house to check on them. The program has had wonderful results in the past here in Hooksett. We have found that this program has helped residents maintain their independence and that it offers reassurance to family and friends of the resident.

You can apply by filling out a form located on the Hooksett Police Department website, hooksettpolice.org, at the Hooksett Police Department or call 624-1560 ext. 109 to speak with Communication Supervisor, Cynthia Fowler and have it mailed to you.
What You Auto Know About @ The Hooksett Public Library

Database of the Month – Automobile Repair Reference Center. More than just automobile repair information…Automobile Repair Reference Center has information to help you buy, own, maintain and increase your IQ about your automobile. Try using it today at www.hooksettlibrary.org using your library card and password!

Author Visit, Jessie Crockett – Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 pm – Please join us at the library for a book reading and signing by local author Jessie Crockett!

She will talk about her latest mystery novel, “Live Free or Die – A Granite State Mystery”.

"If you see something, say something!"

Recently, Security Napolitano announced a partnership with the National Football League to introduce the National kickoff of the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign. Although the original program has been seen in various parts of the country, this upcoming Super Bowl Sunday will introduce all of us to this initiative. "Security is a shared responsibility and each citizen has a role to play in identifying and reporting suspicious activities and threats," said Secretary Napolitano. "Our partnership with the NFL and local law enforcement to bring the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign to Super Bowl XLV is a critical part of our efforts to ensure the safety of every player, employee and fan in the area for the game."

The "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign—originally implemented by New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority and now licensed to DHS for a nationwide campaign—is a simple and effective program to engage the public and key frontline employees to identify and report indicators of terrorism, crime and other threats to the proper transportation and law enforcement authorities.

Over the past six months, DHS has worked with its federal, state, local and private sector partners, as well as the Department of Justice, to expand the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign and the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative—an administration effort to train state and local law enforcement to recognize behaviors and indicators related to terrorism, crime and other threats; standardize how those observations are documented and analyzed; and expand and enhance the sharing of those reports with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and DHS—to communities throughout the country. The "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign has recently been launched in Minnesota and New Jersey, as well as to more than 9,000 federal buildings nationwide, Walmart, Mall of America, the American Hotel & Lodging Association, Amtrak, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the sports and general aviation industries, and state and local fusion centers across the country.

Winter Parking Ordinance – Pursuant to Town Ordinance No. 00-1, “Effective November 1 through May 1 each year, no parking shall be permitted on any Town road or Town maintained road between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am or anytime during storms and related Town operations for snow and ice removal and control. The parking ban shall be in effect seven days a week. Violator’s vehicles shall be removed under the direction of the Highway Manager or Chief of Police. Charges for towing and storage shall be paid by the owner for release of the vehicle.”

Placing Snow, Ice and Pumped Water on Street and Sidewalks – Pursuant to Town Ordinance #00-34, “No person shall place or cause to be placed any snow, ice or pumped water on the traveled portion of any public way or sidewalk in the town, unless specific written permission is obtained for special events from the Town Administrator or designee of the office of the Town Administrator. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine not less than $30.00 and not more than $300.00 and the offender may be subject to reimburse the town for any expense incurred by the cleanup of said violation.”