

KNP Konnections



From Our Editor, Nancy Allenby

Thank you once again, Volunteers, for making an impact in our community by helping our Neighbors flourish in so many wonderful ways! One local resident wrote of KNP in the InterTown Record,

"... This is the USA of my childhood: community coming together to help each other."



Cord Wood is Stacked and Ready to Deliver

So, what does 15.5 cords of split wood look like? A MOUNTAIN! KNP's Nancy Lindsey organized 37 dedicated volunteers, who stacked and organized that mountain, which are now ready and waiting to be delivered to KNP Neighbors when the cold arrives.

Volunteers included eight young adults from Camp Wilmot.

They said of this effort:

- *"The summer volunteer staff at Camp Wilmot were honored to be a part of the wood stacking with KNP. Even though we were not able to open for our regular summer camp due to Covid, we were blessed to have the opportunity to serve the community alongside KNP in this new way. Our arms may be a bit sore, but our hearts are full and we're proud of the work that we were able to help with!"*

Sewing "Machines"

During the COVID pandemic, New London Hospital requested homemade cloth face masks and surgical hats. NLH offers a mask to any patient entering the hospital buildings without one, and the patient may keep it, if needed.

KNP's Facebook followers heard the call and stepped up to the task!

Our most recent tally from these "sewing machines", (including two nonagenarians) now totals a VERY impressive **1,755 handmade, donated masks**.

- Faye Graziano of Bradford personally sewed and donated over 700 masks - 450 to NLH. She says of her dedication to this project, "The partnership between the New London Hospital and DHMC Oncology & Radiology brought me through a very scary time seven years ago. I'm surviving and thriving, and more than happy to pay it back with mask-making gratitude."
- We are also aware of a total of 123 surgical caps that have been sewn and donated to the NLH.



Heartfelt thanks go out to our devoted volunteers that have kept the sewing machines humming, and those supplying free fabric and much-needed elastic. You are ALL rock stars!