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The Town Hall is closed on Monday, February 21st in celebration Presidents Day.

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Upcoming Meetings:

2/1/2022	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
2/2/2022	Budget Committee Public Hearing	6:00pm	Town Hall
2/10/2022	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/16/2022	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
2/16/2022	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
2/22/2022	Board of Selectmen	4:00pm	Town Hall
2/24/2022	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall
2/28/2022	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall

Newington Fire & Rescue

As January came to an end, it sure didn't want to go out without a bang. For the most part we fared pretty well considering the potential snow totals the meteorologists were originally throwing around. Its times like these where I think that the individuals that head south for the winter may be on to something.

We continue to be busy at the FD. Although some of the construction has slowed down a little bit, the inspections division continues to try to stay ahead of existing work and upcoming projects. The division has also been busy with updating our existing pre-plans and getting them into a new format that meshes with our CAD software. With the numerous types and sizes of occupancies in Town, having up to date pre-plans is imperative and constantly being updated.

In the coming weeks we will be starting an employee spotlight on our Departments Facebook page. We will highlight a member of the Department every month and give you a little background on the members that serve our community. Newington Fire is a unique in the way that we are not able to bring members onboard that are "green" with a lack of work experience. Due to the hazard levels in Town and our on-duty staffing, we require new members to have more training, experience and situational awareness to better handle the types of situations other departments don't have to worry as much about. So, keep an eye out for our upcoming employee spotlight.

As we head into February, we all know its annual budget time. If you should have any questions, looking for clarification or would like to discuss any part of the FD budget, please reach out to me at the contacts below.

As always, we are here and available if you have any needs or questions. Stay safe.

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GENERATOR SAFETY

When using portable generators please, for the safety of you, your family and pets follow these guidelines:



- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas at least 5' away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- Do not use a generator in a wet area. This can cause shock or electrocution.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
- Store fuel in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as being for fuel. These containers should be stored outdoors.

Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or to heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations.



- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
 - Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people.
 - Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
 - Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
 - Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off should it tip over.
 - Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
 - Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

AS A REMINDER:

PLEASE CLICK THE NIMBLE HILL ROAD GATE CLOSED AFTER YOU PASS THROUGH.

UNAUTHORIZED TRAFFIC IS CUTTING THROUGH TOWN WHEN IT IS LEFT OPEN.

WIDENING OF THE UPPER TURNING BASIN IN THE PISCATAQUA RIVER IS UNDERWAY

As featured in the December 2021 Newsletter, work continues on the \$25.6 million major navigation and safety project in the Piscataqua River shipping channel. Here are some photos recently provided as the work progresses.

Pictures provided by Geno Marconi, Harbormaster of the Division of Ports and Harbors,
Pease Development Authority





Drillboat "Apache" on its way to the Piscataqua turning basin widening project
-heading to Newington

Drillboats are used to fragment rock into smaller pieces using explosives. The rock pieces are then removed by bucket or cutter suction dredges. It is 210 feet long x 60 feet wide x 90 feet tall

POLICE DEPARTMENT



I am not sure if it is just me, but I feel January has flown by in the blink of an eye. Here we are in February, the shortest month of year but can feel like the longest month with the cold snowy days ahead.

On January 18th we held our departmental meeting and discussed town affairs, the police budget, and upcoming annual trainings we need to adhere to not only maintain our certifications but to also meet the requirements set forth in the Law Enforcement Accountability, Community and Transparency mandate issued by Governor Sununu.

Prior to our meeting, I had our officers complete a S.W.O.T (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threats) assessment of the department, which was reviewed during the January meeting. As a leader, S.W.O.T is an excellent tool to measure the pulse of the department from the officers and staffs' perspective. This gives the officers the chance to talk about what is going right or what needs to be

corrected going forward. I took the top three comments from each category and presented to the officers for discussion.

Strengths: Good relationship/support from residents, Professional department, and National Accreditation.

Weakness: Technology, Staffing Shortage, and communication.

Opportunity: Training, Officers assume new roles and responsibilities, and recruitment.

Threats: Media misrepresentation, growing homeless population, and technology.

Prior to the meeting, we had already addressed some of the concerns listed in Weakness and Threats, through budget and grant opportunities. Communication can be the downfall of any great organization. However, after having an open discussion this was an isolated incident. We have been monitoring the homeless population here in Newington for the last couple of months. If you have noticed an increase, this is because Dover and Somersworth disbanded the homeless camps in their perspective jurisdictions. We will continue to work with different organizations to provide help for those in need.

Unfortunately, Omicron has delayed many community events, talks, and trainings we were putting together for 2022. My plan is to reevaluate and follow the most up to date CDC guidelines. I will be putting a schedule together to be shared with residents. I will keep you posted!

Throughout the winter months and during inclement weather, the police department will check on senior residents, either in person or by telephone. If you know of a senior in town we should check on, let me know, and we will add them to the list.

Statistics as of January 31, 2022.

Motor vehicle stops	200	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	10	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	19	Reports taken
Arrests	8	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	1	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	1	Felony/Misdemeanors

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call 431-5461 or send me an email; mbilodeau@newingtonhpd.com

Be safe and healthy!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau



LANGDON
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Newington teen Jaime Caruso's artwork is on display at the library!

Stop in to see during the month of February.

February will be a very busy month here at the library! We are resuming in-library programs for both children and adults, with the safety precautions of mandatory masks and limited occupancy. On Saturday, February 12, our Teen Advisory Group presents their long-awaited Pirates and Mermaids Escape Room. Children in grades K-3 are invited to rescue mermaid Shelby from pirates and search for buried treasure at 11 AM; grades 4-6 are invited at 1 PM. Registration is required for this event: call 436-5154 or email programs@langdonlibrary.org to reserve your spot/s.

On Tuesday, February 15, we welcome NH author [Anders Morley](#), to present about his memoir **This Land of Snow: A Journey Across the North in Winter**, winner of the 2021 National Outdoor Book Award for travel writing, about a four-month journey cross-country skiing across northern Canada. Registration is required and space is limited for this event: call 436-5154 or email director@langdonlibrary.org to reserve your spot/s.

This month we are begin the process of planning March's Candidates Night, on Wednesday the 2nd. This event will be held on Zoom, since we expect a high turnout (last year we had 54 participants!) The program will begin at 6:30 and end no later than 8 PM. Candidates will have the opportunity to speak, then participants will ask questions when all have spoken. All registered candidates will receive an invitation letter with details, this month.

Last but not least, we are extremely excited to offer 5 ukulele kits available for checkout! Kits include a ukulele, a case, a manual, a beginner kids' songbook and a drawstring bag, and a tuner. A caregiver must be present and sign a waiver for any child who wishes to check out a kit. Kits will go out for two weeks and may be renewed once. These kits were purchased with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the American Rescue Plan Act. It is our hope that the ukuleles will support music literacy, brighten spirits and build community in our town!

For more activities and information, visit our website at www.langdonlibrary.org

See you at the library!

Lara, Theresa, Amanda and Deb

Highway Department:

2022 Paving projects include Nimble Hill Road from the school entrance to Shattuck Way, Nimble Hill Road from Fox Point to Little Bay Road and a section of Little Bay Road in the Captain's Landing area.

Crack Sealing is planned for Shattuck Way, Little Bay Extension, Dumpling Cove, Mott Cove and Welsh Cove.

As a reminder, feel free to get salt or sand for your house from the Highway Dept. Salt Shed.

Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon - Fri. 9 - 4:30pm
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday through Thursday 9am-2:00pm
Building Dept. - Monday - Friday 7:30am- 3:30pm
Planning Dept. - Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)
Langdon Library - Mon & Tues 12-8pm, Wed. 9-7pm, Thurs. & Fri. 9-5pm, Sat. 10-2pm
Transfer Station - Wed. 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm
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