



The Town of Newington E-Newsletter includes information about Town-sponsored events, projects, and special announcements. Visit [www.newington.nh.us](http://www.newington.nh.us) to join the distribution list, or to be removed.

Board of Selectmen

Timothy “Ted” Connors, Chair  
 Bob Blonigen, Vice-Chair  
 Brandon Arsenault

Town Offices will  
 be closed in  
 celebration of  
 Presidents Day on  
 Monday,  
 February 20<sup>th</sup> .

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**Upcoming Meetings:**

2/1/2023	Board of Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Station
2/7/2023	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
2/6/2023	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
2/8/2023	Budget Committee Public Hearing	6pm	Town Hall
2/9/2023	Historic District Commission	9:30am	Town Hall
2/9/2023	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/13/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall
2/15/2023	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
2/21/2023	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall

The 2023 Filing Period for Town and School District Elected Offices closes tomorrow. See more information at this link:

[2023 FILING PERIOD FOR TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES JAN 25TH-FEB 3RD, 2023. SEE ATTACHED FOR MORE INFORMATION. | Newington NH](#)

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TOWN & SCHOOL BUDGETS**  
**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Town Hall**

**Town Budget information is available at Town Hall for residents and on the Town website at the following link:**

[2023 TOWN BUDGET FOR 2-8-23 BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING | Newington NH](#)

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Newington Recreation News

Hello Newington Residents

Like to start off with the **Sock Hop 50's Party on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm-9!** Let's get into our white tee shirts and jeans, and rock the night away! It's a way to get together on a wintery day and celebrate. Will have the Town Hall decorated with 50's decorations, which you don't want to miss! We have a DJ, starting the night out with some 50's songs like Elvis Presley...then you can choose what song you want to dance to or hear. It's your party! Poodle skirts or dressing up is encouraged, but don't let it stop you from coming! We have other surprises for you! Bring a dish to share and a refreshing drink. Snow day is February 18<sup>th</sup>. 21 years and old unless accompanied by a parent! Call town hall, email [NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com](mailto:NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com) if you have questions, ideas, or volunteer.

**Walking group is every Mondays meet at the library at 11:15.** If you want a coffee or tea for your walk come at 11. Then we will pick a trail and a partner to walk. Come meet some of your neighbors and friends. We have a group going to the mall, especially on these wintery days. Other don't mind the wind, rain, or snow. Dogs are welcome on the walks.



# Newington Ice Rink

Hours 7am-10pm



Rink is open to Newington Residents, Employees of Newington and their Guests ONLY

- Use of this Rink is at your own risk
- It is strongly recommended to wear helmets and other protective gear
- Follow OPEN/CLOSED sign. If CLOSED, Stay OFF the ice
- Skate in a manner that does not endanger or interfere with other skaters
- Ice may be divided to provide space for less experienced skaters
- Be Kind and Courteous to all skaters
- Shovel off the ice after use and hang shovels up
- Shut Off lights and heater after use
- Keep skates paired up and organized
- Remove ALL trash, and place in trash barrel at parking lot
- Ensure nothing is left on the ice after use, return pucks and sticks to shed

## STICK AND PUCK USE:

- Sticks and Pucks allowed: Mon & Thur 6-10pm, Sunday 7-10am
- Except for the times listed Pucks and Sticks are NOT PERMITTED when public skaters are on the ice
- Protective gear is highly recommended (helmet, gloves, shin guards, throat guards)
- Pucks are NOT to be elevated off the ice
- Spectators should be cautious and aware of on-going play
- The Recreation Committee is not responsible for personal injury, loss of property, or damage to property

Thank you

## Newington Fire & Rescue

As January came to an end, it sure didn't want to go out quietly. For those of you that like the snow, congratulations, you finally have some. For those of you that don't care for it, the first day of Spring is only 53 days away from when I am writing this. As I put out with last month's eNewsletter, be safe when shoveling the heavy, wet snow. Also, be sure to check on your neighbors, especially if they are older or have any medical conditions that could prevent them from clearing the snow or ice. And by all means, please give us or the police department a call if you feel they may need to be checked on.

We continue to be busy at the fire department. Our calls for service are already ahead of last year's numbers by 33%. The past several storms did add some to the list, but overall, calls are up across the board. Inspections are also starting to pick back up now that the holiday season and new year's is over. Construction around town is starting to pick up as well. With several buildings around town, both in the commercial and residential sides, being demolished the fire department has been allowed to do some training within them prior to them being torn down.

As January ends and we head into February, we all know its annual budget time. Between Engineers, Selectmen's and Budget Committee meetings there are lots of discussions any plenty of topics on various items that get covered. If you should have any questions, are looking for clarification, or would like to discuss any part of the fire department budget, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of the contacts below. Or feel free to swing by my office.

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.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT



Love is in the air!! Happy Valentine's Day!! February is the shortest month of the year. However, the month always lingers on like a B movie you committed to watching, which has several drawn out endings. For all you spring people, keep on plugging away. Spring will be here before you know it.

Update on your newest officers. Cadet Hume and Saint-Marc have entered their 4<sup>th</sup> week in the Police Academy. Only 12 more weeks to go!! They have successfully completed passing their first tests on US Constitution, New Hampshire Constitution, and Search and Seizure. Once they complete the academy in April, they will be coming back to us and start their 12-week Field Training Program. Good luck to you both!!

A month late on this one but the 2023 Vested Interest In K9's Calendar is here. Vested Interest In K9's is a non-profit organization which is dedicated to providing ballistic and stab proof protective vests for law enforcement K9's. No surprise to us, Sergeant Wood and Augie were asked to be part of this fund raiser and make their photographic calendar debut for October. Calendars can be picked up at the police station or town hall. If you would like to donate to Vested Interest, instructions are on the back of the Calendar.

Statistics as of January 30, 2023.

Motor vehicle stops	221	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	8	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	30	Reports taken
Arrests	10	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	4	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	1	Felony/Misdemeanors

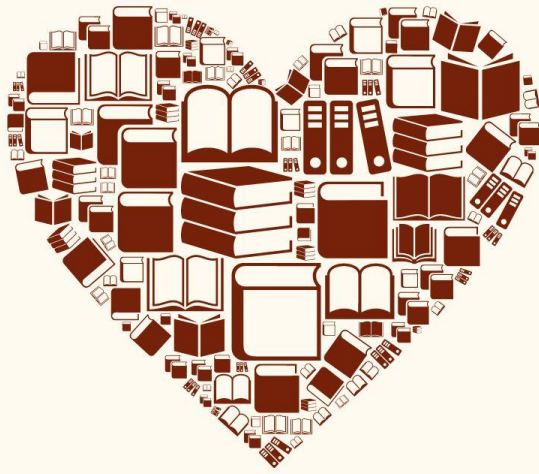
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call 431-5461 or send me an email; [mbilodeau@newingtonnhd.com](mailto:mbilodeau@newingtonnhd.com)

Be safe and healthy!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau



**LANGDON**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



**FEBRUARY 2023**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 TechTalk	2 Meet the Artist	3 Storytime	4	5
6 Recreation Com. Walking Club	7 Writing Group	8	9 Speed Dating	10 Book Group Storytime	11	12
13 Recreation Com. Walking Club	14	15 TechTalk	16 Caregiver Cafe T.A.G.	17 Storytime	18 CLOSED	19
20 CLOSED	21 Game Night	22 Book Craft Night	23 T.A.G.	24 Storytime	25	26
27 Recreation Com. Walking Club	28					

*February at the Library*

We are so excited for everything coming up at the library. First, join our Newington artist (and new library cataloging assistant) [Debbie Obertanec](#) this Thursday, February 2 from 5:30 to 7 for hors d'oeuvres and beverages and to view her work on display. Next, on Thursday, February 9 we have carefully chosen a selection of especially interesting books for all ages for a "Speed Dating with Books" experience. You will be set up with a book and a few timed minutes to browse the book, and have the option of checking out the book at the end! The stations have been designed by our Teen Advisory Group, who also are planning the refreshments for the Meet the Artist Night. You won't want to miss either one of these special events.

This week, the library is helping with a food drive for Seacoast Public Health Network. We have a box at the library for items needed, to drop off through Feb 6. Seacoast Public Health has provided

the library with free Covid tests to give out, so we are doing this to support them and "give back." The library still has free Covid tests available, 5 per household while supplies last. Please note: these tests have a December 2022 expiration date which has been extended to September 2023. More information here:

<https://www.aconlabs.com/flowflex-covid-19-antigen-home-test-new-shelf-life-extension/>

The "wish list" for items for our area is here:



Our next Book Group is Friday, February 17 at 10:30 AM. Copies of [Deacon King Kong](#) by James McBride are available at the desk and on eBook or audio from NHDB. James McBride is the author of National Book Award Winner [The Good Lord Bird](#). There is also a digital forum you may use to discuss it at <https://www.langdonlibrary.org/february-book-group/> Contact the library for the password.

Tech Talks, Writing Group, Caregiver Café, Story Time, Teen Advisory Group, Game Night and a Book Craft will also be enjoyed in February, and mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 7 at 6 PM to come to the library for our annual Meet the Candidates event. We will have it in person for the first time since 2020. Come hear from candidates running for office in Newington, including two open seats for Library Trustee!



For dates, times and more information about above programs please browse our website [www.langdonlibrary.org](http://www.langdonlibrary.org) or sign up for our newsletter at <https://www.langdonlibrary.org/langdon-letter/>

*See you at the library!*

*Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Debbie*

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## **Reminders About Trash Pick-up**

- \*Please make sure to always bag all of your trash
- \*Please have your trash out at the end of your driveway by 6 AM on Friday of each week.
- \*If your trash does not get picked up feel free to take it to the **dumpster which has been moved to the Highway Garage, behind the gas pumps.**
- \* If your trash can is damaged by the trash collection service please call or email Martha Roy at 603-436-7640 ext. 6 or [mroy@townofnewingtonnh.com](mailto:mroy@townofnewingtonnh.com).

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Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon – Fri. 9 - 4:30pm (436-7640)  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday through Thursday 9am-2pm  
Building Dept. - Mon - Friday 7:00am- 3:00pm  
Planning Dept. – Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)  
Transfer Station: Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm

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