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Upcoming Meetings:

3/1/2023	Board of Fire Engineers	5:00pm	Fire Station
3/7/2023	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
3/6/2023	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
3/7/2023	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
3/9/2023	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
3/13/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall
3/14/2023	Town Elections	11am-7pm	Town Hall
3/15/2023	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
3/18/2023	School & Town Meeting	10am	Town Hall
3/20/2023	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
3/27/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall

Newington Recreation

Hello Newington Residents!! So nice that we got together for paint night! Patty the Painter did a wonderful job showing us what we needed to do to make our picture!!



If interested in being on the next paint night let the Town Hall know!

Another fun, exciting night was Sock Hop 50's Party!! Started off with DJ HD doing his job to entertain the crowd with 50's songs. He got everyone on the dance floor doing the twist and shaking our hips. Plenty of great food option to choose from. We had pull pork, chicken wings, rice, healthy salad and of course desserts from popcorn, chocolates, homemade cookies, pineapple cake. So much food!! Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event possible. Almost forgot the hula-hoop, and the trivia games that were played. Lots of laughs and cheering!!



Our next event coming to Old Town Hall is Easter Hunt on April 1!! Starting at 11am will have hidden the easter eggs in the field for the kids to find. Dress appropriately, never know what the

weather will bring. Newington Recreation will provide, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and pastries, which will be inside the Old Town Hall if we need to warm up. Come to see the children and enjoy seeing your neighbors, and friends. The Easter Bunny will be there to welcome you at 11am.

Recreation Committee is putting on a Senior Dinner at Town Hall on May 20th! So, clear your calendars for that day. Don't forget to sign-up at the Town Hall or email NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com.

Newington School

Newington 5th and 6th graders have been getting their hands dirty in science lately ... by learning how to make cold process soap. The students said "We used lye, oils, essential oils, and mica pigments to make it colorful! Lye is a pretty dangerous chemical so our teacher is in charge of that part." Creating the chemical saponification reaction is exciting on its own, but the students wanted to do something even more hands-on.

That's why, according to the 5th graders, "we came up with the idea to do a soap fair to show off our knowledge of soap." So, the class mapped out plans to "each have our own booths and/or tables. The fair will have games, food, and more!" The young entrepreneurs will also be selling their soap and giving away samples during the fair.. It's going to be 50% interactive science fair, 50% craft fair, and 100% fun.

During the project, students also learned how to use ratios, percentages, and other math skills to figure out cost of goods and profit margins. Their art teacher taught them about logo design as they packaged their bars of soap for sale. The fair will be open to the public and will take place at **Newington Public School on Friday, March 10th from 2:00-3:00pm**. Meanwhile, the class is bubbling with excitement. "We are very excited to show how much we learned," they said.







2023 Town Meeting Warrant and Budgets can be found at this link:

[2023 Town Meeting Warrant and Budget | Newington NH](#)

Newington Fire & Rescue

Although March is here and spring is right around the corner, February proved that winter is not quite ready to loosen its grip just yet. But then again, this is New England and this is what seems to happen every year. Just be sure to be careful as the days start to warm up and melt the snow, but when things freeze overnight and ice everything back up.

We are currently awaiting our new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) compressor/fill station. The unit was obtained by a FY21 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) the department was awarded last fall in the amount of \$76,000. This unit will allow us to refill all of our SCBA cylinders, as well as, the 2 large air cylinders on the side of Tower 3. It will also save us from having to go out of town, as we currently do, to refill the low or empty cylinders now.

As March is the time for Town elections (3/14) and Town meeting (3/18), if you should have any questions, are looking for clarification or would like to discuss any part of the FD budget or warrants, please feel free to reach out to me at the contacts below or swing by the station.

Don't forget on March 12th to "spring ahead" with your clocks. Please make sure to check your smoke and CO alarms as well to make sure the batteries are fresh and in proper working condition. Should you need any assistance with your alarms please let us know.

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

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Change Your Clocks / Check Your Smoke & CO Detector Batteries

When it's time to "spring forward" or "fall back" and change your clocks, make sure to change the batteries in all of your smoke alarms. If batteries were recently changed, it's still very important to conduct your monthly test of your smoke alarms. It could save a life!



Did you know that having a working smoke alarm reduces a person's chance of dying in a fire by half?

For the best protection, install smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside every sleeping area, and in every bedroom. Smoke alarms should be mounted high on walls or ceilings and tested monthly. You should also have a properly working Carbon Monoxide detector on each level of your home.



It's important to replace smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, unless they're 10-year lithium batteries. Even if your smoke alarms are hardwired, replace the batteries in case of a chirping sound or a power outage.

Reminder: Smoke alarms do not last forever. The maximum life span is 10 years. After that time, the entire unit should be replaced. If the unit does not respond properly when tested, it should be replaced immediately.

Help your smoke alarm remain sensitive and ready to protect you by gently using a vacuum cleaner once a month to remove dust and cobwebs. If your Smoke Alarms have been accidentally painted or contaminated, replacement may be necessary.

As always, if you have a question, concern, or need a hand, give the fire station a call or swing by.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

March is the month we are all Irish!! Plus, it is my birthday month, so extra special!!

With that being said, whether you are celebrating St. Patrick's Day or celebrating my birthday, with or without me, let's celebrate responsibly and not

overindulge and use a designated driver if you are out and about.

I have to make this newsletter short and to the point as we are conducting a time sensitive investigation. I unfortunately procrastinated putting this together, so my apologies.

A couple of months ago, I sent out a message the police department would be conducting a survey, on how we could be doing better serving the community. I have scratched that idea based on some negative feed back of 'Not Another Survey', even though the last survey we got a lot of participation, support, and some great ideas.

Thinking outside of the box and trying something new with the community, I have decided to do a Strategic Planning Session using the **S.W.O.T** model. If you do not know, **S.W.O.T** is an acronym for, **Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats**. The exercise will be facilitated by a retired colleague and a report of findings will be completed. I will be sending out invitations this month to members of boards, committees, and residents. This is another opportunity for you to get involved with the police department in helping us navigate our future goals and meeting your expectations. Plus, it will be fun!! The exercise will be held on Saturday, April 15th, starting at 8:30 a.m. If interested, please give me a call, or send me an email and I will sign you up.

Statistics as of February 28, 2023.

Motor vehicle stops	151	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	4	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	32	Reports taken
Arrests	15	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	6	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

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
 <p>MARCH 2023</p>			1	2 T.A.G.	3 Storytime	4	5
	6 NPS Book Group	7 Candidates Night	8 TechTalk	9 T.A.G.	10 Storytime	11	12
	13 NPS Book Group	14 Town Elections	15	16 Caregiver Cafe T.A.G.	17 Book Group Storytime	18 Town Meeting	19
	20 NPS Book Group	21 Game Night	22 Craft Night	23 T.A.G.	24 Storytime	25	26
	27 NPS Book Group	28 MakerFest	29	30 T.A.G.	31 Storytime		

March at the Library

Our annual Meet the Candidates Night is coming up Tuesday March 7 at 5:30 PM. Come hear from candidates running for office in Newington. Information about candidates and this program may be found here:

<https://www.langdonlibrary.org/candidates-night/>

Our next Book Group is Friday, March 17 at 10:30 AM. Copies of [*Learning to Fall: The Blessings of an Imperfect Life*](#) by Philip Simmons are available at the desk. Readers who enjoyed *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup will also enjoy this one. There is also a digital forum you may use to discuss it at <https://www.langdonlibrary.org/march-book-group/>

On Mondays in March from 3:30-4:30 NPS after school students will be coming to the library for a book group. For students kindergarten to second grade we will have a read aloud together and an

activity that goes along with the stories. The older students will be reading a few chapters a week from the book *Astrid the Astronaut* by Rie Neal. We will have a discussion each week about the chapters that were read. At the end we will have a group activity together.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for Seacoast Public Health Network last month. We filled their box plus three additional bags! Wonderful job, Newington!

For dates, times and more information about our programs please browse our website 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

Next Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday March 23, 2023 at the library

January 2023 Library Usage Statistics

Checkouts	Visits	NH <u>Downloadables</u>	Hoopla Digital	Room Use	Interlibrary Loan (To and From)
515	406	203	77	129	96



Dog licenses are due for renewal by April 30, 2023. Please be sure to check that your dog's rabies vaccinations are up to date. Licenses can be done online at the town website town www.newington.nh.us or in person at the Town Clerks office Tue,Wed,Thu 9-2.. Call or email Doreen Caradonna 603-436-7640 x1 or dcaradonna@gmail.com with any questions.

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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