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Upcoming Meetings:

5/3/2021	Board of Selectmen	4:45pm	Town Hall
5/3/2021	Recreation Committee	7:00pm	Town Hall
5/4/2021	Police Commission	4:00pm	Police Department
5/5/2021	Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Department
5/19/2021	Sewer Commission	9:00am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
5/24/2021	Planning Board	6:00pm	Town Hall
5/27/2021	Economic Development Committee	6:00pm	Location To Be Determined

Recreation News!

Camp Newington Summer Camp dates :

June 21st to August 20th

Pick up your application at the Town Hall or Newington School!

SAVE THE DATE:

Septemberfest is September 18th.



Newington Transfer Station

We will be having the chippers coming in soon to clean up our brush area.

Last year's compost is rapidly breaking down and will soon be ready for your gardens, trees and shrubs. It is super rich with nitrogen and organic matter and will supercharge your plants. Remember to mix it into your soil for planting or use as a healthy top-dress to your existing plants. It should be available by end of May, however if you're an early planter it's still good but it's hot so use less per sq. ft.

A note about our compost area:

When bringing in materials to compost remember this is for gardens and such and the less sticks the better it is. We get a lot of leaves dumped here that are full of sticks and branches, please put these materials in the brush area or please remove the sticks!

Recycling:

Well were doing good here as far as our mix , but I'm still finding plastic bags , wrap , tissue paper , paper towels, bubble mailers and styrofoam . All are not accepted and can raise the cost of the service. Remember if recycling gets too expensive town budgets can't afford it and it will get thrown into landfills, so, let's do the right thing! Town hall has a list of accepted materials, we have brochures in the office at the Transfer Station and it's also clearly printed in the hoppers as well.

Remember to "ask "if you're not sure about something, we will gladly help!

Craig Daigle, Superintendent
Transfer Station

Spring 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Day

The City of Portsmouth will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on:

Saturday, May 22nd, 2021

For residents of: **Portsmouth, Greenland and Newington**

Household hazardous waste must be brought to:

The Department of Public Works, 680 Peverly Hill Road, between the hours of 8 AM and noon.

Residents must show proof of residency.

Hazardous material is typically labeled flammable, corrosive, caustic, explosive, reactive, toxic or poisonous. You may also see words like, danger, warning, and caution on the label.

Below is a list of some hazardous material that will be accepted on May 22nd:

- From the yard: fertilizer with pesticides or fungicides, weed killer, insect spray, lighter fluid, pest strips/traps, pesticides, mouse or rat poisons and pool chemicals.
- From the garage: adhesives, acids, car wax, creosote, driveway sealer/tar, gasoline, diesel fuel, carburetor cleaner, radiator fluid, and roofing tar.
- From the house: bathroom cleaner, disinfectants, furniture polish, metal polish, mothballs, oven cleaner, photo chemicals, rug cleaner, drain openers/cleaners, flea and tick repellent and wood strippers.
- From the workbench: brush cleaners, corrosives, lead and oil-based paint/stain/finish, rust preventatives, solvents, paint thinner, turpentine and wood preservatives.

NO EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS, RADIOACTIVE WASTE, ASBESTOS OR INFECTIOUS/BIOLOGICAL WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Empty containers are not considered hazardous and should be disposed of in the trash.

Portsmouth residents may bring solidified latex paint cans to the Recycling Center during normal business hours. Latex paint may be solidified by adding kitty litter, sawdust, speedy dry or by opening the can and allowing the paint to dry. You may also pour latex paint out onto plastic sheeting until dry then roll up the plastic and throw it away.

Portsmouth residents may also bring waste oil, cooking oil, antifreeze, florescent and CFL bulbs and mercury-containing products to the Recycling Center during normal business hours, 7:45AM to 3:15PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 8AM 2PM on Saturdays.

Proper disposal of hazardous waste helps keep our rivers, streams and ocean clean.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: The Portsmouth Department of Public Works at 603.427.1530



Newington Fire & Rescue

Happy May to everyone. The grass is growing, the trees are blooming and the peepers are peeping. As we continue to come out of the Covid pause, remember to look out for yourselves and loved ones. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel and it's not a train.

Things at the FD have continued to pick up pace both call and inspection wise. We recently completed our ISO review that is done every 5 years. The scoring of the assessment is what determines the insurance rates for our residential, commercial, industrial and retail districts. It does affect homeowner's rates, but not as much as the commercial, industrial and retail sides. An ISO fire insurance rating, also referred to as a fire score or Public Protection Classification (PPC), is a score from 1 to 10 that indicates how well-protected the community is by the fire department. In the ISO rating scale, a lower number is better: 1 is the best possible rating, while a 10 means the fire department did not meet the ISO's minimum requirements.

There are four main criteria to an ISO fire rating score:

- 50% comes from the quality of the local fire department including staffing levels, training and proximity of the firehouse.
- 40% comes from availability of water supply, including the prevalence of fire hydrants and how much water is available for putting out fires.
- 10% comes from the quality of the area's emergency communications systems (911).
- An extra 5.5% comes from community outreach, including fire prevention and safety courses.
- Any area that is more than 5 driving miles from the nearest fire station is automatically rated a 10.

Depending on your state, it's possible to get a maximum score of around 106% on the survey, although any fire department that scores above 90% receives the highest ranking, a 1. Very few fire departments receive that ranking--only 0.71% of all communities surveyed have a 1. A rating of 5 is both the median and most common rating fire departments received.

Newington's rating prior to the current assessment was a 5. Although we have made some of the needed upgrades, there are other factors the we do not have any control of that also play into the scoring as stated above. Our emergency communications system, for both police and fire, is run by Rockingham County Dispatch Center and the City of Portsmouth handles the towns water system. At this time both of those two entities are currently working on upgrades to their respective systems and all possible points cannot be awarded until the upgrades are complete and operational. We should have the results in 4-6 months of the scoring. At this time, I anticipate we will stay at the same rating of 5.

As a reminder from last month, if you are looking to do any type of outdoor burning, you are required to obtain a burn permit. There is no cost if you stop by the station to get it. You can also get one online at <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/> but there is a vendor cost associated with it.

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

EJ Hoyt

Fire Chief

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Newington Fire & Rescue

Spring Outdoor Safety Tips

Spring is here and it's a good time to be outside enjoying the weather. Here are some ways to help keep you and your loved ones healthy.

Beware and aware of BUGS!

Mosquitos, ticks, and fleas transmit diseases. Use appropriate insect repellent. Avoid tick infested areas such as high grass or thick brush. Shower as soon as possible after coming indoors and check your body for ticks. Check your children.

Wash and tumble dry clothing. Check pets for ticks. Consult your health care provider if you or a family member develops fever, rash, body aches, headache, stiff neck, fatigue or disorientation after a tick bite. Typically, these symptoms occur in the first three weeks after a tick bite.

Grilling out?

Use a meat thermometer to make sure meats are cooked thoroughly. Place cooked meat on a clean platter not back on the one that held raw meats. Wash hands, kitchen utensils and any surfaces that have been in contact with raw meats as soon as possible. Good rule: Keep HOT foods HOT and COLD foods COLD.

In the SUN....

Do your part to protect yourself and your family from illnesses that are transmitted when participating in recreational water activities. Do not swim if you have diarrhea, do not swallow pool water, wash your hands frequently. Avoid being directly in the sun during the hottest time of the day. Use sunscreen at least SPF 15, cover skin with clothing and wear a wide brimmed hat. Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes (UVA and UVB rays). Always be aware of signs of heat stress.

Spending time with Nature....

Drinking stream water even though it looks clear is risky business. Clear doesn't mean safe. Cryptosporidium and Giardia are parasites that inhabit water. They are not visible and can cause significant illness. Always filter or treat water to make it safe for drinking. Protect yourself from mosquitos, ticks and other insects by using an appropriate repellent. Check yourself daily for ticks. Ticks should be carefully removed. Bats enjoy the night life. Bats are a common sight at dusk when camping. Remind children to never touch a bat. Bats may be infected with rabies. If bitten, wash the area well and seek immediate medical attention.

Have a healthy and safe Spring!



Hello from the library!

Last month, the library reopened the library stacks and added an additional day of appointments. With more vaccinations and protective measures in place, we are entering a new reopening phase, to be approved by library trustees upon evaluation of Governor Sununu's newly updated Universal Guidelines. The next phase will begin Friday May 7. Details will be released before then on our website and in our newsletter. To sign up for the library newsletter, visit this site:

<https://www.langdonlibrary.org/langdon-letter/>

As you may have seen, the library parking lot expansion is underway. The project is scheduled for completion in early June. For the duration, please use the meeting house parking lot. Our exterior book drop has been relocated there for the time being.

Programming for Adults:

A monthly Languages Group is beginning starting May 27 at 2 PM in Zoom. This is an opportunity to learn or practice a language other than English, with your community members and the program Mango Languages.

Our book group is reading Lake People by NH author Abi Maxwell this month. Copies are available at the library and on NH Downloadables as an eBook. We will meet virtually to discuss the book on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM. Details to access the meeting are posted here:

<https://www.langdonlibrary.org/programs/book-groups/>

Programming for Kids and Families:

Every Friday at 10:30 AM, Miss Amanda posts a pre-recorded storytime for children aged 0-6 and their caregivers on the Langdon Public Library Facebook page. Miss Amanda presents fingerplays, songs, and a story to promote early literacy through play and discovery. Check out our playlist of current and past storytimes at

<https://www.facebook.com/langdonlibrary/videos/>

Make an appointment with the library to pick up a bag of fun activities to complete at home. This month, bags include supplies to make a "bouquet" of paper flowers. We would love to see creations! E-mail photos to programs@langdonlibrary.org for a chance to be featured on our website and social media. Imagination Bags will be available for pickup beginning Tuesday, May 4.

This month, Miss Amanda is back reading excellent picture books on Facebook every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Watch for the family discussion prompts at the end of the video! Find our Out Loud playlist on our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/langdonlibrary/videos/>

For more programs, updates and resources, visit our website at www.langdonlibrary.org

See you online, and at the library!

Lara Berry, Library Director

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VACCINE INFO.

Haven't been vaccinated yet?

Remember- We have a vaccine site right in town!

Sign up to get your vaccine at the Fox Run Mall!





Police Department

April has been a slow month at your police department, so I don't have much to say, which is a good thing.

On Wednesday, May 5th, the Police Department, Fire Department and Newington Public School, will be putting on a bike rodeo/bike safety course at the town hall and police department for National Bike/Walk to School Day. Police and Fire will be educating the kids on bike safety, rules of the road and minor fixes of the bikes, if needed. I am sure we will be answering a lot of questions unrelated to bike safety, but we will try to focus on the tasks at hand.

In meeting the requirements for the Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency, each officer has completed over 8 hours of trainings in De-Escalation and Minimizing Use of Force, Ethics, and Bias, throughout the month of April.

Within the last four years and prior to the Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability being created, the police department had already set up yearly trainings on the above topics, following our policies and procedures and accreditation requirements., so this training is not new to us. Our policies and procedures are reviewed yearly to meet the best practices for law enforcement.

April monthly statistics as of April 28.

Motor vehicle stops	215	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	1	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	22	Reports taken
Arrests	10	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	0	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	3	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@newingtonnhpd.com

Be safe and healthy!! Chief Michael Bilodeau

Power Plant Disputes

Half of the town's assessed valuation is made up of utility/fossil-fired power plant value. The demand for and value of fossil-fired power plants is declining nationally as solar and wind energy become more prevalent due to regional incentives and mandates. Newington's two power plants- EP Newington and Newington Station have been disputing their assessed values for several years due to this trend. The Newington Station plant was assessed at \$55,000,000 for 2020 which is a decrease of \$17 million. The EP Newington plant, assessed at approximately \$330,000,000 in 2019, decreased to a value of \$290 million in 2020. The Selectmen have been working hard to establish fair and just values for these facilities in response to the changing energy markets in New England, but the owners of these facilities continue to push for lower assessments in response to the lower value of fossil-fired plants in the region. Therefore, the Selectman and Town staff are doing everything they can to minimize the fiscal impact on the Town of lower values, including looking at upcoming spending and setting aside funds to safeguard our finances in the event a court judgement finds in favor of the power plant owners. *However, despite our best efforts the lower value of these power plants will likely impact our tax rate in the years to come.*



Turkey on town hall roof!

Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon - Fri. 9 - 4:30pm
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday through Thursday 9am-4:30pm
Building Dept. - Mon - Thurs 6:30am- 4:30pm
Planning Dept. - Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)
Langdon Library - COVID HOURS-: Curbside and in- library appointments available:
Tuesday 1 to 7 PM, Friday 9 AM to 3 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM-
Call 436-5154 to make an appointment
Transfer Station: Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm
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