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Board of Selectmen

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> <u>*****TRASH DAY IS SATURDAY,</u> <u>JUNE 3RD, DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY</u> <u>HOLIDAY****</u>

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Upcoming Meetings:

6/1/2023	Stone School Committee	5: 30pm	Town Hall
6/5/2023	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
6/6/2023	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
6/7/2023	Board of Fire Engineers	5:00pm	Fire Station
6/12/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall
6/14/2023	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
6/19/2023	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
6/21/2023	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
6/22/2023	Stone School Committee Informational Meeting	6pm	Stone School and then Old Town Hall
6/26/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall





June at the Library

It's getting to be time again for the Langdon Library Summer Reading Program! This year's national theme is "All Together Now." Track your reading starting **June 27 to Aug 5** to win raffle tickets toward chances to win great prizes like passes to Hilltop Fun Center, Kilwins, Monkey Business and Stoneface Brewery. The **Kick Off is Tues. June 27 from 5 to 7 pm** with a visit from the **Kona Ice Truck.** Kona Ice is shaved ice with your choice of flavor from the FlavorWave. Prices are available on our website <u>www.langdonlibrary.org</u>

As in past years, the library will host Camp Newington children on Thursday afternoons. On **Thurs. June 29 at 4 pm** we will feature a **Rocky Shore program with the UNH Marine Docents** and **a visit with author Matt Forrest Esenwine**, children's book author of *I Am Today* and *A Beginner's Guide to Being Human*, **on Thurs. Aug. 3 at 1 pm**. All ages are invited to two **Outdoor Movie Nights** on the library lawn: *The Princess Bride* (PG) **on Tues. July 18**, and Disney's *The Descendants* (G) **on Tues. Aug. 1, both at dusk** (8:15 or so). Children and families may also enjoy a "Mr. Limoncello's Library" **Escape Room** on **Tues. July 25 at 6 pm**, and Newington teens and their friends are invited to our **annual Library Lock-In on Tues. Aug. 15, 8 pm - Weds. Aug 16, 8 am.** For more information about these events and more, visit <u>www.langdonlibrary.org</u> Sign up any time after June 27 to log your reading with us. Kids put a sticker on their log for each day they read, and adults/teens log each book on their bookmark. **Turn in your logs/bookmarks by Sat. Aug. 5** and join us for the **All Together Now Finale Party on Tues. Aug. 8 at 6 pm** for the presentation of prizes!

In addition to the Summer Reading programming beginning in June, we will have the majority of our usual programs. Tech Talks with Randall Bush is available this month on **Weds. June 7 at 2:30** and **Weds. June 21 at 2:30**. Do you have a question about your phone, email, computer or tablet? We can help! Randall Bush is available for drop in questions. First come, first served. Our last book group book before the summer break is <u>Ceremony</u> by Leslie Marmon Silko, who is a recipient of the MacArthur Foundation Grant and the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas Lifetime Achievement Award. The discussion is Fri. June 16, at 10:30 AM. Our online option for discussion is here: <u>https://www.langdonlibrary.org/category/blog/</u>

Ask at the library for the password.

Story Times meet on Friday mornings at 11 for preschoolers and their caregivers; Teen Advisory Group on Thursday evenings at 5:30 for all teens; Writers' Group on Tues. June 6 at 6:30, Game Night on Tues. June 13 at 6:30, and "Summer for the Bay" with the Newington Conservation Commission on Tues. June 20 from 5 to 7 PM, will also take place at the library in June. For more information about programs please browse our website <u>www.langdonlibrary.org</u> or sign up for our newsletter at <u>https://www.langdonlibrary.org/langdon-letter/</u>

See you at the library!

Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Debbie

New Book Bites reviews can be read and added to here: *https://www.langdonlibrary.org/book-bites/*

Next Library Trustee Meeting: Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the library

Checkouts	Visits	NH	Hoopla	Room	Program	Interlibrary Loan
		Downloadables	Digital	Use	Attendance	(To and From)
553	479	232	74	95	85	98

April 2023 Library Usage Statistics

Newington Recreation Newsletter

Hello Newington Residents! Let me start off with the weather is beautiful and warm. It's summertime!! Get outside and enjoy our wonderful Newington Recreation playgrounds. We have the pickleball/basketball courts on Newington Road, tennis courts, the playground at Old Town Hall and the baseball field. We have one pickleball net set up so bring your pickleball rackets. The tennis courts are ready for you to enjoy. Again, just bring a friend, tennis balls and your tennis rackets.

Clean-up Day on June 4th, Sunday 1pm. Will meet at the Old Town Hall. Come help us clean up our Fox Point Trail, Town Grove, and Town Forest. Newington Recreation Committee will provide water, trash bags and gloves to all the volunteers. Bring your leaf blowers and rakes. Please come out to your favorite place and start cleaning up trash. Keep our town as beautiful and clean as possible. Thank you!

I do see the baseball field full of children every evening, practicing with their teammates. Please take advantage of the Old Town Hall Field. We have provided brand new slides. Try our zipline, or frisbee golf, so much fun for all ages. This field at the Old Town Hall will be closed during YMCA Newington Camp hours.

YMCA Camp Newington is June 26th -Aug 25th for any questions or needed information contact the Camp Registrar <u>llarocque@graniteymca.org</u>. Telephone number (603)431-2334.

Which brings me to the next event, which will be the Meet and Greet at the Old Town Hall on June 17th at 1pm. The YMCA camp director and counselors will be around to answer questions. Great way for the kids and parents to get acquainted with the YMCA crew!!

Senior Dinner is always a great event and nice to see all the seniors out chit chatting with each other. The event started off with a beverage of your choice and some traditional appetizers, and not so traditional. It was delicious and plenty of Italian food for everyone at this event. The Italian feast included, traditional meatballs, chicken marsala, stuffed shells and eggplant parm. We also had spring salad, fresh bread, and Tiramisu for dessert. Delicious!! Hopefully you were there to enjoy it!

RECREATION SENIOR DINNER PICTURES





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Highway Department:



The Highway Department repaired and reposted our Fox Point Conservation Area sign at the entrance to the Point! Thanks Len, Frank and Frank!

Newington Fire & Rescue

And just like that, the beautiful weather is here and so is June. Along with the seasonal allergies and black flies, but oh well, it's warm. It's also a great time to take a leisurely stroll along the Fox Point trails or out through the wildlife refuge. Just be sure to bring the bug spray, suntan lotion and check yourself for ticks after your trek. Some of you may have already noticed that the Firefighter memorial flags at the cemetery have recently been replaced in time for this past Memorial Day holiday. The members look forward to doing this in the Spring and Fall each year. Aside from a small handful, the vast majority of the 52 flags are for past members of Newington Fire.

We continue to be busy with calls for service, ongoing training and routine inspections. Calls for service are up nearly 8% over the same time last year. Recalls of off-duty personnel for calls that are of long duration, or require more than on-duty staffing, or are for mutual aid, have risen by 61% over the same time last year.

We've had a couple of notable calls over the past month. We assisted Kittery Fire with the fire at the Days Inn, as well as, the fatal motor vehicle accident that happened at the same time as the fire. We also recently rescued an overturned kayaker from the Piscataqua River under the Little Bay bridge just before midnight. Just to name a couple.

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

EJ Hoyt Fire Chief 436-9441 x6 <u>ehoyt@newingtonfire.org</u>

Town of Newington

Fireworks Ordinance No. 15-01

A. Fireworks Generally – Statement of Purpose

1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish standards for the control of New Hampshire Permissible Fireworks within the Town of Newington. It is the intent of the Town of Newington to promote an environment free from danger or excessive noise which unnecessarily jeopardizes the health and welfare of the citizens of the Town and degrades the quality of life in this community, without unduly prohibiting, limiting or otherwise regulating the function of certain noise producing equipment which may be essential to the quality of life in the community.

B. Fireworks Regulations

- The use of Permissible Fireworks in the Town of Newington is regulated by Town Ordinance. Fireworks permits are required and issued by the Newington Fire Department under the conditions specified in the ordinance. There is no fee for the fireworks permit. Permits will be issued 24-48 hours prior to the fireworks display and shall be valid only for the display date listed on the permit.
- 2. The sale of fireworks within the Town of Newington is prohibited.
- 3. Applicants for fireworks permits must be 21 years of age and the owner of the property, or have written permission for the display from the owner of the property where the display is being held. The applicant shall provide a valid photo identification upon request of the issuing authority.
- 4. Permits will not be issued in conditions of high fire danger when outside burn permits would not be issued or when the Fire Chief or his designee determine that conditions are not appropriate. Fireworks displays shall only be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or federal holidays between the hours of 10:00 am and 10:00 pm. No fireworks display shall be ignited within 100 feet of any structure, overhead utilities or woodlands. Any fireworks display shall be restricted to the property listed on the permit unless written permission of the adjoining property owner is obtained prior to the display. Persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from igniting fireworks and any person igniting fireworks shall not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 5. <u>Fireworks shall not be ignited when aircraft approaching or departing Pease Airport can be seen or heard.</u>
- 6. The permit applicant shall be required to have a means of fire extinguishment readily accessible.
- 7. Only New Hampshire Permissible Fireworks purchased from a licensed fireworks retailer in New Hampshire shall be permitted to be displayed and a copy of the sales receipt is required for permitting.

C. Town Property

1. Fireworks displays on or over property owned by the Town of Newington is prohibited without the written permission of the Board of Selectman and the issuance of a Fireworks Permit.

D. Enforcement

- 1. The Fire Chief or his designee reserves the right to inspect the permitted location and the fireworks to be discharged at any time during the period for which the permit is issued. Failure to allow such inspection shall result in the immediate revocation of the permit.
- 2. The applicant shall be responsible for reimbursing the Town of Newington for any costs associated with the mitigation of any fire or other emergency which is the result of the applicant's use of fireworks.
- 3. Failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance is a violation punishable by:
 - First Offense: \$50.00 fine and revocation of permit, if applicable
 - Second Offense: Up to a \$1,000.00 fine and revocation of permit, if applicable
- 4. Persons found guilty of a second offense will be prohibited from obtaining any further Permissible Fireworks Permits.
- 5. Any sworn law enforcement officer shall be empowered to enforce this ordinance.

E. Pease Airport Fireworks Restrictions

- 1. The ignition/display of fireworks within the common path of approach and departure to Pease Airport is strictly prohibited. No fireworks permits will be issued for properties within this restricted space. A map of the restricted space will be maintained by the Fire Department and referred to at the time a fireworks permit is requested.
- 2. No fireworks shall be ignited when aircraft approaching the Pease Airport can be seen or heard.

F. Other

1. No permit issued under this ordinance shall relieve the permit holder of any responsibilities or liabilities associated with any other rule, ordinance or law governing the conduct of the permit holder, and no permit issued under this ordinance shall provide for any exemptions to any other rule, ordinance or law.



Buildings, Health & Safety



Hello Newington residents,

Hope everyone is enjoying the weather! Soon school will be out and the grills will be fired up for evening dinners and cookouts. Just want to remind everyone with some good safety tips. Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer!

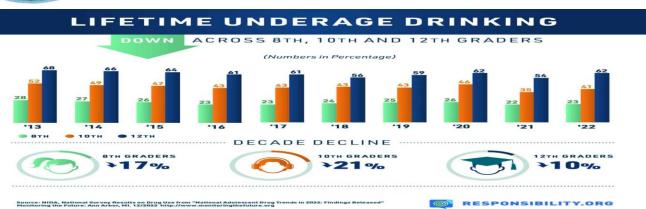
- Be aware of your surroundings and where you will place your BBQ. It can be a good idea to leave some space between a BBQ and your home or fence. Ensure kids or pets are not playing near your BBQ set up, and you will want to consider how close your BBQ is to your home or your eating space. You will want clear walkways to your kitchen or eating space to avoid tripping or slipping, so those prize ribs will make it to dinner, and so will you. Ensuring safety around your BBQ makes the entire experience better.
- Grill safety starts with a clean grill. All that grease and fat from cooking is one of the easiest ways to cause a flare-up. Ask any savvy barbecue chef, and they'll agree nothing ruins that expensive cut of meat faster than a grease fire, even if it's just a brief one. Clean the grates/grill of your BBQ after (and even before) each use to reduce the likelihood of a flare-up. Also, consider <u>regularly cleaning</u> your grease trap and checking your burners.
- Be sure when replacing your <u>propane</u> tank it is hooked up properly. A good way to test for propane or gas leaks is to make a solution of equal parts dish soap and water. Rub it on the connecting hose, turn on the gas with the lid open and look for bubbles at the connection. Bubbles mean there are holes in the hose, or the connection is loose. Keeping an eye on your <u>gas</u> lines will help to extend the life of your BBQ and help to keep you and your family safe while enjoying a delicious BBQ dinner. Are you concerned about the safety of your grilling space? Contact the experts at Ultimate Home Comfort to learn how to improve your space.
- Although you want to keep your outdoor living space looking its best, the area around and above the grill needs to remain clear. This includes umbrellas, hanging plants, patio lanterns, and outdoor curtains. These items can be a fire hazard but are more likely to be an obstacle when you are grilling up a storm. Keep the party mood up with a clear and safe space.
- If you're a seasoned griller, you know flare-ups ruin the taste of your food. As a result, you probably keep a water bottle handy when grilling. It's a quick way to manage flare-ups without ruining the flavor of your meal.
- However, to be even safer, you should also keep a functioning fire extinguisher near the BBQ. If a full fire ignites, call 911 and then use the extinguisher to douse the flames. The likelihood of a fire while BBQing is very slim; however, it never hurts to be careful and safe.
- How do you light your grill? It is important to make sure you lift the BBQ lid before you light the grill. Otherwise, gas builds up inside, possibly creating an issue if you proceed to ignite the BBQ with all of that gas buildup.

Respectfully, Jeremy Boston Buildings, Health and Safety

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Summer is right around the corner!! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Memorial Day weekend. The good news is I did not recognize any names in the arrest log, so we are off to a good start to the summer.



On June 14th, at 6:30 pm. I will be hosting a presentation on the effects of Underage Drinking at the Newington Police Station. My goal is to have an open dialogue about New Hampshire Laws pertaining to alcohol violations, alcohol investigations, Facilitating Underage Drinking Parties, Driving While Intoxicated, and the penalties incurred. The presentation will be focused on Newington Parents with kids entering Portsmouth Middle and High School. If interested in attending, give me a call, or send me an email. Please pass along to those who do not subscribe to the E-Newsletter.



Last Friday we had the opportunity to welcome 3rd-5th grade girls from the Newington Public School and their coaches, who participate in Girls on The Run. They were completing their Community Service portion of the program by cleaning up the trash along Nimble Hill Road.

GREAT JOB GIRLS AND COACHES



What is this you ask? This is the newest community relations project your police department has initiated to support the residents and businesses here in town. The American Flag Drop box came in last week and is in the lobby of the Newington Police Station, for collection of your torn or retired American Flag. In corroboration with the Newington Police Association and local businesses, we were able to collect donated funds for this project. We will be working with local veterans and the Newington Cemetery Trustees for the proper disposal of the flags.

When you come in to drop off your flag, take the time to meet some of the officers, and get a tour of the station.

A huge shout out to Wilcox, Win Innovations, 2-Way Communications, and One-New Hampshire Ave., for your

generous donations.

If you haven't noticed, then you haven't been paying attention! Speed trailer season is upon us and has been in a few locations throughout town. We will be collecting traffic and speed data, which will be posted in next month's E-Newsletter. If there is a location you want the trailer to be, let us know and we will set it up.

Statistics as of May 31, 2023.

Motor vehicle stops	163	Summons/warnings
_		issued
Accidents	4	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	32	Reports taken
Arrests	11	Felony/Misdemeanor
		offences
Field Interviews	2	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	2	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; <u>mbilodeau@newingtonnhpd.com</u>

Be safe and healthy!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau

Pease Development Authority Million Air Fixed Base Operator Proposal-

See a letter from the Selectmen at this link about the Million Air Fixed Base Operator Proposal.

Letter from Newington Selectmen to Residents Re PDA Million Air project proposal | Newington NH

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 7:30am- 3:30pm Planning Dept. – Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment) Transfer Station: Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm

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