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**\*\*\*\*\*ON INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEK**  
**TRASH DAY IS**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 8th\*\*\*\*\***



**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

The Town Hall will be closed in celebration of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

7/5/2023	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
7/5/2023	Board of Fire Engineers	5:00pm	Fire Station
7/10/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall
7/13/2023	Stone School Committee	5:30pm	Town Hall
7/13/2023	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
7/17/2023	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
7/19/2023	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
7/24/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall

## Town Forest Signage and Trail Repair Proposal

The New England Mountain Bike Association, NEMBA, briefed the Board of Selectman at the 19 June meeting and answered several questions on their plan (see below). The group proposes adding signage to the existing unofficial trail system along Arboretum Drive and over time would work to improve the trafficability of the trails for walkers and bikers. NEMBA follows a strict code that promotes responsible use of the trails they support. The Selectmen asked the Recreation Committee to consider the request which will be discussed at the next committee meeting in July. The Police Chief, Recreation Committee and Conservation Committee representatives attended this Selectman meeting. No town funds would be expended on the project. Parking and liability issues were addressed satisfactorily. Preliminary feedback from some town residents varies. Allowing NEMBA to install signs and improve the condition of the trails would make these trails more accessible and enhance this area for outdoor enthusiasts. The trails are currently used regularly by a variety of area residents. Giving NEMBA permission to proceed with their plans for the trails may result in a significant increase in use with some negative impacts depending on your point of view. **What are your thoughts on the proposal?** To assist the Recreation Committee in the development of a recommendation send your feedback no later than 7 July via email to [NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com](mailto:NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com) or submit your comments in writing to the Town.



### *Pease/Newington Town Forest Trail Development Letter from NEMBA*

[New England Mountain Bike Association \(NEMBA\) Proposal to Selectmen | Newington NH](#)



***Reminder: The Fox Point Road Trail to Arboretum is for pedestrians and bicyclists only.  
NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES.***

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### Newington Recreation

Let me start off with the YMCA Newington Camp had a Meet and Greet, which parents could come out to meet the counselors and director.



We have a great summer program for our children right here in town. This summer program will be run by the YMCA director, and a wonderful crew that our kids will enjoy. The YMCA director has plans for field trips to the beach, pool, Museum of Science, fun spot, and other trips every week. Sometimes twice a week! We have badminton, corn hole, pottery making, crafts, library time, movie time, sports time, and much more. You can still sign up now:

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

Clean-Up Our Site Day went well for a rainy, cold, windy day.



We had 10 volunteers, who worked hard picking up trash, weeding, and raking. Our ballfields, tennis courts, our forest trails, our grove, and The Fox Point look amazing. Our small group of dedicated volunteers did not only come help on June 10<sup>th</sup>, but continually clean, maintain our town everyday as their walk the parks, or use the facilities for activities. Thank you to all!



Hoping to have a date for introduction to pickleball. Private tennis lessons can be arranged by contacting [NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com](mailto:NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com). (Polly the Tennis instructor is available for all ages.)

Save the date Septemberfest is on September 16<sup>th</sup> starting promptly at 3pm with the grill masters and fun activities for all. Including face painting, pony rides, bouncy house, and the climbing wall is back!! The TonyMack Band will start at 4pm and play until 8pm.



Fireworks will start at 8pm. Going to be an event you do not want to miss!! We need a lot of volunteers to come and help set up. Friday, we need a truck or trailer and volunteers to transport supplies to Fox Point. Saturday, we also need volunteers to help set up, man the grills and craft tables. Shifts will start at 2pm. Sunday, we need volunteers to help clean up. (see sign-up Genius below).<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aafab2eabf4ce9-septemberfest1#/> Or email, [NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com](mailto:NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com). Please do your part and volunteer whether its to clean, set-up or make a side dish for our wonderful yearly event!! Septemberfest!!!



Please contact the Town Hall if you want to put a team together or have a team for volleyball or softball. Thank you !!

## Newington Fire & Rescue

Summer is here and the pollen is finally done coating everything, now if it could just stop raining almost every day. As the kids are no longer in school and we will miss hearing them running around outside, please watch for them riding or walking in the roadways around town. While on the topic of the school kids I wanted to give a big shoutout to all the students that participated in the egg drop before school got out for the summer break. They were tasked with building a structure around an egg to allow it to “survive” a fall from heights and they were very creative with their designs. The heights being the Departments Tower 3. The kids and duty crew had a great time.



Calls for service at the at the FD continue to be steady. The calls run the gamut of type and are not just one or two types in particular. The picture below is of the cab of the new engine (approved at the 2021 town meeting) currently in production. The scheduled “off of the production line” date is the end of September. After that, it will go to the dealer to finish getting outfitted and complete any punch list items.



As summer is here, make sure to take extra precautions when working outside. Wear protective sunscreen and sunglasses. Drink plenty of fluids and stay hydrated. Take plenty of breaks if doing strenuous activities. Keep an eye on others and make sure they are taking care of themselves too. And don't forget to have fun with the kiddos.

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

E.J. Hoyt  
Fire Chief  
436-9441 x6  
[ehoyt@newingtonfire.org](mailto:ehoyt@newingtonfire.org)

# GRILLING STATISTICS

from **NFPA**

**10,600** home fires are started by grills each year, on average



**July** is the peak month for grill fires, followed by June, May, and August



**19,700**

patients went to the ER per year because of injuries involving grills, including

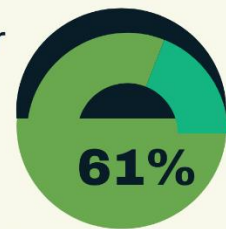
**9,500** thermal burns



**64%** of U.S. households own at least one outdoor BBQ, grill or smoker



Gas grills contribute to a higher numbers of fires than charcoal grills.



of households own a gas grill



Sources:  
NFPA Research, Data & Analytics  
Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association  
Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System

## **When the warmer weather hits, there's nothing better than the smell of food on the grill.**

Seven out of every 10 adults in the U.S. have a grill or smoker, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

In 2014-2018, fire departments went to an annual average of 8,900 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, including 3,900 structure fires and 4,900 outside or unclassified fires.

### **Grilling fire facts**

- July is the peak month for grill fires (18%), including both structure, outdoor or unclassified fires, followed by June (15%), May (13%) and August (12%).
- In 2014-2018, an average of 19,700 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills.\*\* Nearly half (9,500 or 48%) of the injuries were thermal burns, including both burns from fire and from contact with hot objects; 5,200 thermal burns, per year, were caused by such contact or other non-fire events.
- Children under five accounted for an average of 2,000 or 39%, of the contact-type burns per year. These burns typically occurred when someone, often a child, bumped into, touched or fell on the grill, grill part or hot coals.
- Gas grills were involved in an average of 8,900 home fires per year, including 3,900 structure fires and 4,900 outdoor fires annually. Leaks or breaks were primarily a problem with gas grills. Ten percent of gas grill structure fires and 22% of outside gas grill fires were caused by leaks or breaks.
- Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in 1,300 home fires per year, including 600 structure fires and 600 outside fires annually.

### **Additional helpful tips**

- Safety tip: grills should be placed well away from home/deck railings & out from under eaves & branches <http://ow.ly/kMfq300fumf>
- Read all of NFPA's grilling safety tips & download the free safety tip sheet: <http://ow.ly/lrAl300fszr>
- In this @NFPA video, tips on staying safe when grilling your tasty meals are reviewed. Check it out: <https://youtu.be/65RCHLNiKa8> #grilling
- Want a simple test to check your gas grill for leaks? @NFPA has a great one: <https://youtu.be/mpDhUssEgP0> #grilling
- Fire safety tip: Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from grills & in trays below the grill <http://ow.ly/kMfq300fumf>
- Share this infographic on grilling stats from @NFPA to inform your friends/family/neighbors: <http://ow.ly/gDEi300fv5l>
- ESPN @SportsCenter anchor @HannahStormESPN urges others to learn from her accident & grill safely: <http://ow.ly/cjH5300fvgs>
- When using portable grills (beach, park) away from home, follow @NFPA's safety tips to reduce injury: <http://ow.ly/KxnO300fCqK>





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

As I sit in my office writing this newsletter, as I do each month, I look outside my window and ponder what my initial comments will be, to grab the reader's attention. How do I start this? Then it happens as it has for the last month. The sky turns dark and BAM!!! It started raining again!!!!

Lemons into Lemonade. We started a community outreach program and

are building an the residents. If the kids, bring plenty of sure to ask us a ton of questions and give you a rest.



ARK! Obviously, this is sarcasm, but I will offer this up to during a rainy day you find yourself trying to entertain them by the police station to meet your officers. We have interesting and exciting things to show them and they are



Look at these two cuties who visited us on Monday!! Paige Berounsky brought her daughter Kennedy and son Ben for a tour of the station. As you can see, Kennedy is fit and ready for her new career!

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we had our first Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting at the Newington Police Department with Theresa Walker from The Rockingham County Planning Commission, Fire Chief EJ Hoyt, Town Administrator Martha Roy, Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Boston, and Principal Peter Latchaw. We had a great discussion in updating the plan to ensure the safety of the community during a natural or man-made catastrophic event. One of the concerns discussed was notifying the community prior to or during an event. Chief Hoyt and I do have the ability to notify residents, businesses, and visitors through CodeRED Notification App. on our phones. However, it was suggested we encourage residents to sign up with the town for emergency notifications through email. Let your family and neighbors know this is a service the town provides at no cost. Another advantage, they get to read our monthly Enewsletters!!!

Due to the weather, we have not put out the speed trailer. Here are the latest statistics and locations captured.

Little Bay Road/Gundalow Landing: From May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>: Total vehicles: 1,787, with an average speed of 22 mph. Maximum speed was 42 mph with a minimum of 25 mph. Posted speed limit 30 mph.

205 Nimble Hill Road: From May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Total vehicles: 3,316, with an average speed of 27 mph. Maximum speed was 49 mph with a minimum of 25. Posted speed limit 30 mph.

Bean Lane: From May 23<sup>rd</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup>. Total vehicles: 5,191, with an average speed of 19 mph. Maximum speed was 43 mph with a minimum of 20 mph. Posted speed limit 25 mph.

**Statistics as of June 28, 2023.**

Motor vehicle stops	158	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	8	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	28	Reports taken
Arrests	12	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	4	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@newingtonhpd.com](mailto:mbilodeau@newingtonhpd.com)

Be safe and healthy!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau

## School Funding Legislation

The following is an excerpt from an email from the Chair of the Coalition Communities (CC 2.0) of which the Town of Newington is a member. It is a summary of Coalition's activities during the current legislative season.

"Coalition Communities Members,

I would like to provide you with an update on recent developments at the Legislature and in the Courts related to our Coalition.

1. To the surprise of many people, the House and Senate agreed to a state budget last week without a committee of conference and yesterday (6/20/23), the Governor signed the two budget bills into law.
  - a. The most significant aspect of the budget for our organization was the increased state aid/funding for local education (K-12) without any change to the current Statewide Education Property Tax system.
  - b. Additional changes to education funding outside of the school funding formula, include:
    - i. \$10 million added to the Public School Infrastructure Fund (security upgrades);
    - ii. Added \$4 million for computer science educator incentive program and \$1 million for civics textbooks;
    - iii. Increased funding for career and technical education programs.
2. Beyond the approved state budget, there was fortunately not much to be concerned about this legislative session. Yes, there were bills addressing school funding, but between the pending court cases and a very divided House of Representatives, there was not a lot of consensus on passing any major overhauls of school funding this year. This sentiment was born out in the budget process. There were bills held over for further study so the Joint Board and the Sheehan Phinney Capital Group (SPCG) will be watching the bills closely this fall and into 2024, which is when they have deadline to be acted on in some fashion.
3. With respect to the two pending court cases involving education funding here in NH, the 'Conval Case' and the 'Rand Case,' our Coalition is in a wait and see mode. At the present time our Counsel believes that the Conval decision will take two to three months to write. The Rand case is scheduled to take place in September. Coalition Communities 2.0 is an intervener in the Rand Case. Our position in this case is that we are only concerned with maintaining the use of SWEPT within our communities. We are being careful not to take a position for or against any other education funding source in our arguments. We will continue to monitor the cases and the Joint Board will discuss preparing responses at its July meeting.
4. The CC 2.0 Joint Board holds regular monthly meetings to stay abreast of current legislative and court happenings. All member communities are welcome and encouraged to attend those meetings. Our next scheduled meeting is on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the SPCG office in Concord.

Thank you for your continued support of our organization. While we do not face an immediate issue with the role of the Statewide Property Tax in education funding overall, we must remain aware of court cases and decisions, and we have to continue to watch legislation very closely. We want to continue to protect the interests of our residents and taxpayers if any changes are proposed in the Legislature or decided by the courts.

Sincerely,

Mark Decoteau

Waterville Valley Town Manager

Chair, Coalition Communities 2.0"

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### *July at the Library*



Happy Summer!

Summer Reading is off to a fantastic start, with 60 folks signed up so far, 38 of them on Kick Off day! Camp Newington kids joined us at the library today (June 29) for three programs, and will visit the

library on Thursdays for several weeks. Give us a call if you are a parent with a child at camp, who wants to give permission for them to check out on your card. Summer Reading registration is still open for Newington residents and library cardholders to sign up any time to get a reading log (kids) or bookmark (adults/teens) to record your reading this summer (ends Aug 5) and earn raffle tickets toward awesome prizes. Kids prizes this year include passes or gift cards to Hilltop Fun Center, Bowl O’Rama, Monkey Mind Escape Room, Diversions, Kilwins, Noggin Factory, Lago’s and many more. Adult/Teen prizes include passes or gift cards to Stoneface Brewery, Texas Roadhouse, Portsmouth Music Hall, RiverRun Bookstore, Kilwins, Rolling Green Nursery and many more. The Langdon Library would like to thank our *generous Summer Reading sponsors: Beswick Engineering and Hauch Storage*, and *donors: Texas Roadhouse, Monkey Mind Escape Room, Stoneface Brewery, Kilwins and Noggin Factory*.

July library programs for all ages:

## JUNE/JULY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27 	28	29 	30 	1	2
3	4 	5	6 	7 	8	9
10	11 	12	13 	14 	15	16
17	18 	19	20 	21 	22	23
24	25 	26	27 	28 	29	30



- SRP Kick-off**  
June 27th All Day

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- UNH Docents**  
June 29th 4 pm

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- TikTok Challenges**  
July 6th 6 pm

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- Game Night**  
July 11th 6 pm

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- Trivia July 13th 6 pm**

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- PG 13 Movie Night**  
July 18th at dusk

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- Craft Night**  
July 20th 6 pm

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- Escape Room**  
July 25th 6 pm

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- Dominoes Tournament**  
July 27th 6 pm

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- Camp Newington**  
Thursdays 12-2 pm

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- Preschool Storytime**  
Fridays at 11 am

Note our July **Outdoor Movie Night** on the library lawn: *The Princess Bride* (PG) on Tues. July 18, and a “**Mr. Limoncello’s Library**” **Escape Room** on Tues. July 25 at 6 pm. The escape room is designed for children, but adults/teens are also welcome. **Story Times continue on Friday mornings at 11** for preschoolers and their caregivers, with two special ones on **July 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> featuring Newington Fire and Newington Police Departments!** Teen Advisory Group meets on Thursday evenings at 5:30 for all teens, for activities and to plan the August Teen Library Lock-In. Finally, we are almost done with the 3,000 piece puzzle started in March. Come on by and find some pieces to finish the biggest puzzle ever completed here at the library!

*See you at the library!*

*Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Debbie*

For library hours, information and more about our programs, visit [www.langdonlibrary.org](http://www.langdonlibrary.org)

Next Library Trustee Meeting: **Monday July 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM** at the library. Note: the library closes at 5 PM on Mondays, so attendees should please knock loudly to enter.

**May 2023 Library Usage Statistics**

Checkouts	Visits	NH Downloadables	Hoopla Digital	Room Use	Program Attendance	Interlibrary Loan (To and From)
597	500	221	988	80	100	117

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**Buildings, Health and Safety Report**

Hello Newington residents! Hopefully we can trade in some of this rain for sunshine! All the rain is great for the lawns and flowers but not so much for BBQ's and other outdoor activities.

Just wanted to give everyone a friendly reminder about the hours of operation for Camp Newington. The Old Town Hall and grounds are closed Monday through Friday 8am-5pm from June 26<sup>th</sup>- August 25<sup>th</sup>. This is for the safety and security of the children and staff. This includes the frisbee golf course, woods between the library and Old Town Hall, picnic area playground as well as the athletic field behind the playground. Saturdays and Sundays are open to residents and residents' guests as usual but will be closed the following Monday- Friday throughout as listed above.

Another friendly reminder to the residents as voted previously is that like Fox Point park area, the Old Town Hall and picnic area, disc gold course, playground, athletic fields etc. are for residents and residents guests only.

Please reach out to Town Hall or myself for any further questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Boston

Buildings, Health and Safety



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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