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Upcoming Meetings:

8/1/2023	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
8/2/2023	Board of Fire Engineers	5:00pm	Fire Station
8/7/2023	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
8/10/2023	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
8/14/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall
8/16/2023	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Trtmt. Facility
8/17/2023	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6:30pm	Town Hall
8/21/2023	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
8/28/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Old Town Hall

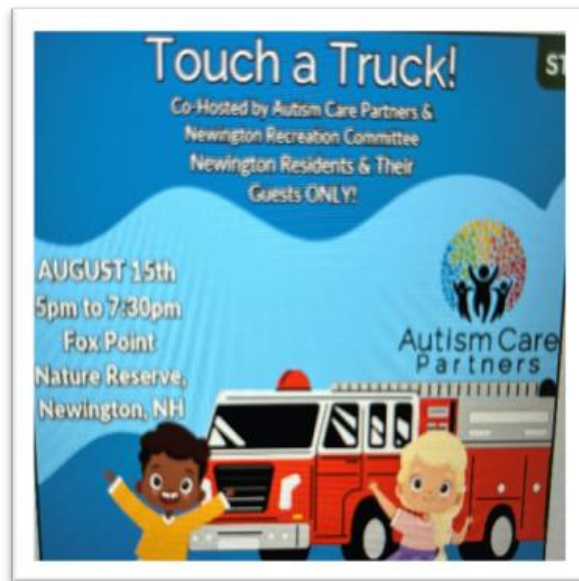
Recreation Committee Newsletter

Hello Newington Residents! I can't believe that we are in the month of August! Its our last chance to get out with our children and take part in a few activities that we have in store for our residents. I want to talk about how our summer program, which was run by YMCA has been a great addition to our Newington Town. The children, parents, and counselors have and are still enjoying the experience. The field trips to the museums, Fisher Cats Game, the swim at the pool and beaches make the summer go fast and enjoyable. Kona ice is coming to visit and the kids visiting the library is another added treat.

Upcoming events Touch a Truck/Car Show is on August 15th Tuesday at 5pm - 7:30pm.



We have the Police Cruisers, Fire Trucks, backhoe, dump truck, and other local residents bringing surprises for the adults and children to enjoy. We have food trucks and the Kona Ice truck is coming. Save the date you do not want to miss it. It is being Co-sponsored by Autism Care Partners, located in our town of Newington. This event is for our Newington Residents and guests only.



For adults with a tennis rating, we would like to invite you to our 1st Tournament here in Newington at a wonderful court which will take place in late September. Remember we also have Tennis with Polly if you are interested in learning tennis or improving your tennis game.

Newington Recreation Committee has put up an additional pickleball net for those who have requested to use the courts. For those who play basketball feel free to move the nets to the side.

It is wonderful to see the pickleball players enjoying the summer season. We will continue to leave the two nets at the court on Newington Road. We do have an additional net if the demand for it continues.



Save the date Septemberfest is on September 16th 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. Please do your part and volunteer whether it's to clean, set up or make a side dish for our wonderful yearly event!! Septemberfest!!!



Old Parsonage Open House

August 18, 2023 - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

The Newington Historical Society will hold an open house at the Old Parsonage with our Recreation Summer Program to demonstrate “Household Chores” the “Old Fashioned” way!

Food & Soft Drinks will be available during this time.

All Townspeople Welcome!

Newington Fire & Rescue

Well as July closes out as apparently the hottest month ever on record, I'm glad to live along the Seacoast of New Hampshire. And just as a reminder, if you or another resident you may know needs assistance during the hot (or cold) periods, please reach out to myself or Chief Bilodeau so we can get you the assistance you need. Even if its just a simple welfare check on a neighbor or elderly family member. We would much rather go out and end up saying hello to somebody we haven't seen in a while than have a much worse situation because someone didn't want to bother us. It's not a bother, this is what we are here for.

As par for the course, things around the station continue to be busy. Calls for service are still ahead of the same time last year by 5%. The inspections division is keeping busy with fire alarm inspections and plans reviews. Even with the hot temperatures and seemingly constant rain, training will always happen. We were able to have a gracious resident allow us to utilize their "under construction" residence to do walk throughs and teach building construction and fire tactics. A huge thank you goes out to them for their generosity.

Below, is a couple of in progress pictures of the new engine. One of the rolling cab and chassis and the other is of the body prior to paint and mounting.



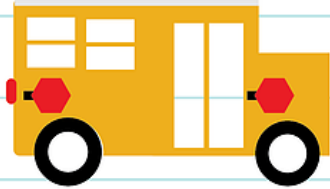
As always, we are here and available if you have any needs or questions. Stay safe.

E.J. Hoyt
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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



Back-to-school can be chaotic, and it presents new safety challenges. Practicing and preparing children early for school dangers will leave everyone feeling safer and more secure. Teach children about:



TRAFFIC SAFETY

- Walk kids to the bus stop using sidewalks and crosswalks, and obey traffic laws.
- Show children how to get on and off the bus safely.
- Never bend down to pick something up in front of or under the school bus.
- Make sure children walk at least ten feet in front of the bus to cross the street. Kids and bus drivers should always be able to see each other.



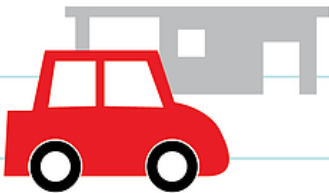
WALKING OR BIKING TO SCHOOL

- Walking or Biking to school: Obey traffic laws, always wear a helmet, avoid distracted walking or riding, and never speak to strangers.
- Walkers and bikers should take safe, visible routes to school. Never let children take an alternative route without consent.
- Encourage children to walk together in groups for safety.

See something, say something: If you notice any suspicious individuals or behaviors near school grounds, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.

Practice emergency preparedness drills: fire, flood, active shooter, and natural disasters.

Children should wear backpacks with two thick straps to evenly distribute weight on their shoulders. Backpacks should not weigh more than 5%-10% of a child's body weight.



DRIVING TO SCHOOL

- Make sure everyone inside the car is safely fastened with seatbelts and car seats.
- Never pull away from school until all children are accounted for and safely entering the building. Make sure everyone knows the designated pick up spot.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY

- Don't ignore playground head injuries! Make sure your child sees a doctor immediately.
- Check the playground: Make sure there are at least 12 inches of mulch, chips, gravel, or safety-tested rubber-like materials for cushioning.
- Bullying: teach children the dangers of bullying. Look out for signs your child may be a victim of bullying.



www.childhoodpreparedness.org

Sources:

<https://www.rd.com/advice/parenting/back-to-school-safety-tips/>
<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school>

NEWINGTON TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

**The Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023
this year.**

**The Newington Historical Society is organizing this event and a \$10
Donation when you sign-up is appreciated! The sign-up sheet will be in
the Main Office at the Town Hall. Maps & Balloons will be delivered
during the week before the sale.**

**Please sign up by Wednesday, September 27th, in order to get your house labeled
on the map, but you are welcome to sign up and call Laura Coleman (603) 433-
6180, for maps after that date. Thank you!**

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

**Just a reminder that Property Taxes were due on July 6, 2023. If you have not paid your taxes yet,
please contact the Tax Collector's office so we can let you know the amount that is due. You can
also pay online at the town website www.newington.nh.us by clicking on the circle that says
property taxes.**

Contact info.: Doreen Caradonna 603-436-7640 x1 or email dcaradonna@townofnewingtonnh.com

**The Town Clerk's office will be closed for training August 8th and 9th. We will be open on
Thursday, August 10th and Friday, August 11th**



**LANGDON
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

AUGUST 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	1 	2	3 CN 	4 	5 	6
7	8 	9	10 CN 	11 	12	13
14	15 	16	17 CN 	18	19	20
21	22 	23	24 CN	25 	26	27
28	29 	30	31			



**PG Movie Night
August 1st at dusk**

**Matt the Author
August 3rd 1 pm**

**Last day to turn in tickets
August 5th**

**SRP Finale Party
August 8th 6 pm**

**Mike Rogers Band
Aug. 10th 5:30 pm**

**Teen Lock-in
Aug. 15th 8 pm - Aug 16th 8 am**

**VR Game night
August 22nd 6 pm**

**Craft Night
August 29th 6 pm**

**Camp Newington
Thursdays 12 - 2 pm**

**Preschool Storytime
Fridays at 11 am**

The library is hiring! Due to changes in sub availability, we need to add a couple of new people to the library on a "per diem" basis. It has worked out well to get subs who live in town, in part because they often need to be available on short notice, so we are putting the word out here first. The shifts are usually short, 2 or 3 hours in the morning or evening, with some Saturdays 10 to 2. Mostly you will check items in and out, shelving, and "covering the desk" by greeting folks and answering phones. Hourly sub rate is \$15. If you are interested, please email or drop off your resume at the library.

What a summer! Since the beginning of Summer Reading, we have had 550 program participants at the library, more than the total number of program attendees in the first five months of 2023! It's been

fulfilling to see a mix of ages at several programs, at our showing of The Princess Bride (moved indoors due to rain, but no less enjoyable) our Dominos with Dominoes program, Mr. Limoncello-inspired Escape Room, and Craft Night with NPS student Emma Wayss who taught macrame. To see photos from these events and more, view our SRP album on Facebook [here](#).

Members of the Newington community are invited to join the Camp Newington kids on **Thursday, Aug. 3 at 1 PM** for a visit with [Matt Forrest Eswine](#), author of children's books Being Human, I Am Today and upcoming The Thing to Remember About Stargazing. **There is just one more week to track your reading to potentially win prizes. ALL TICKETS MUST BE IN RAFFLE JARS BY SATURDAY, AUGUST 5.** Bring all logs/bookmarks and Bingo Boards in and fill out tickets this week! We will give out prizes, enjoy sandwiches, desserts and beverages next week at our **Finale Party on Tuesday, August 8 at 6 PM**. You do not have to be present to win, it's just more fun if you are! And the sooner you get your prize, the sooner you can use it! Thanks again to our generous Summer Reading sponsors: *Beswick Engineering* and *Hauch Storage*, and donors: *Texas Roadhouse*, *Monkey Mind Escape Room*, *Stoneface Brewery*, *Kilwins* and *Noggin Factory*.

Another upcoming August program, inspired by the "All Together Now" theme this summer, is a live musical performance of "Outside Looking In" from the [Mike Rogers Trio](#), on **Thursday, August 10 at 5:30 PM**:

Blind songwriter, guitarist and poet Mike Rogers has been on the road from coast to coast, New England and the Caribbean. This show is laced with Mike's wry humor and paints portraits of people "outside the circle" in song, story-telling and poetry. Sometimes edgy, sometimes gentle, his characters are all real people and he places emphasis on understanding and accepting others.

Their trio played at our library a few years ago, but the turnout was small since it happened to be scheduled the same night as a "Noise Ordinance" public meeting. Participants who came raved about the performance and suggested we have it again, saying they would happily come twice! Don't miss this opportunity to hear live music and enjoy light refreshments at the library.

We are also excited for our second annual Library Lock In for Newington teens and their friends, on **Tues. August 15 to Weds. August 16, 8 PM to 8 AM**. Teens and their guardians must fill out this permission slip to register:

<https://www.langdonlibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Lock-In-Consent-Form.pdf>

Teen Advisory Group meetings are at 5:30 PM on Thursdays, and Story Times continue on Friday mornings at 11 for preschoolers and their caregivers. And since monthly book group resumes Friday, September 15, copies of the next book [The River King](#) by Alice Hoffman will arrive mid-August. Adults and teens may pick up a copy and join us for great conversation and delicious baked goods that Friday.

Finally, here are some fresh Book Bites! Despite a busy summer both at the library and home, I am loving how much I get to read now that I'm done with graduate school!

<https://www.langdonlibrary.org/book-bites/>

See you at the library!

Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Debbie

For library hours, information and more about our programs, visit www.langdonlibrary.org

Next Library Trustee Meeting: **Tuesday August 29, 2023 at 5:30 PM** at the library.

June 2023 Library Usage Statistics

Checkouts	Visits	NH Downloadables	Hoopla Digital	Room Use	Program Attendance	Interlibrary Loan (To and From)
726	622	227	78	212	135	91

Building Dept. Newsletter

Hello Newington residents!

I would like to invite everyone to not only enjoy beautiful Fox Point, but to check out and use the newly constructed stairs leading to the beach at the first parking area as well as the town docks. The contractor that completed the work for the Town did a great job! I hope all the residents get to enjoy this completed project. Wishing everyone a great month of August!





Jeremy Boston
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Highway Department

Crack Seal Projects

Most town roads will be crack sealed this summer/fall to insure the roads last as long as possible before they have to be reground and paved.

Paving Projects

Milling and paving of the following roads will occur this summer/fall:

- *Fox Point Road from Old Post Road to Little Bay Road
- *McIntyre Road from the State Maintenance line to the Airport opening
- *Shattuck Way by River Road (215 foot section)

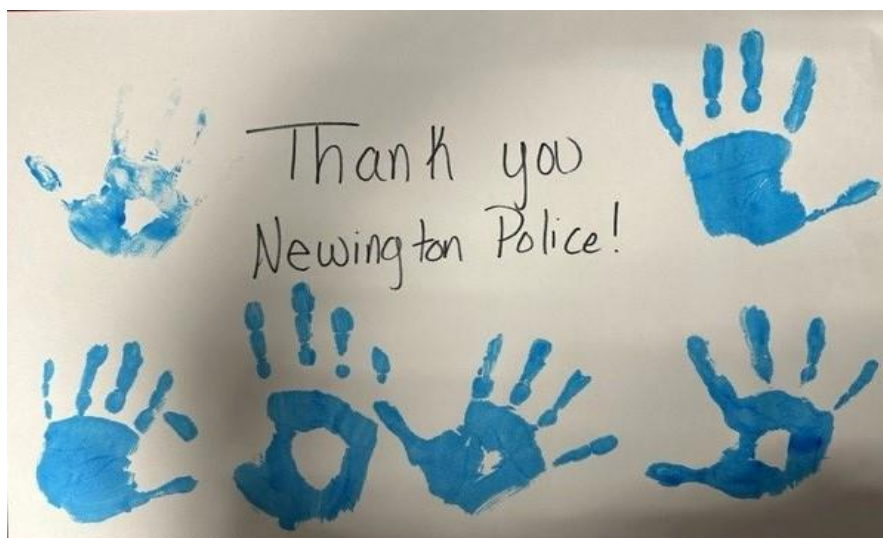


POLICE DEPARTMENT

August is here and we are coming into the end of The Dog Days of Summer!! I would bet we will be feeling hot and humid days, well into September. No matter the weather, we are here to serve and do so with a friendly smile!!

The department had two great opportunities last month to meet and educate the youth in town on what police officers do. I love this part of the job because the kids always give away their parents' trade secrets on how they over the law. Of course, it is all innocent, but who ever said, "Children should be seen and not heard," was not a police officer.

On July 21st Officer Auger and I were invited by the Langdon Library to read to the kids. The kids and parents also had the opportunity to see and wear some of our equipment we keep in the cruisers. An apology to the Cross' for the extended siren usage by the kids!! Thank you, Lara, and Brittany, for the invite. Not sure who had more fun, us or the kids!!



On July 28th, Officer Auger and I were invited to Camp Newington to spend time with the kids for activities and crafts. We brought a special treat of ice pops with us to share with them. I felt like a grandparent, giving them sugar and then sending them home. Not sorry!!!



This was the only picture taken of our Camp Newington Experience. The kids did have a surprise visit from Sergeant Wood and K9 Augie, which threw crafts out the window for a few minutes.

A shout out to Rosalie for teaching me and being extremely patient, as I made my bead lizard scorpion key chain. Also thank you to Cecelia for pointing out everything I was doing wrong. Officer Auger was a quick study and switched to playing chess. See you all on Tuesday for Kona Ice!!

I was recently informed that the littering beer can bandit has changed their preference of hops from Bud Light to Coors Light. I am not sure of the reason for the change but would guess it is politically motivated. Whatever the reasoning, through our investigation, and from a reliable source, we may have a suspect. We will do our due diligence to catch the individual and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law. The only plea deal we will accept, is the individual will have to clean the beer cans from the side of the roads!!

Statistics as of July 31, 2023.

Motor vehicle stops	86	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	11	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	30	Reports taken
Arrests	9	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	6	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	4	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

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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