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Upcoming Meetings:

9/1/2020	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
9/2/2020	Board of Fire Engineers	6pm	Fire Station
9/9/2020	Budget Committee	6:30pm	Town Hall Under Tent
9/10/2020	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall Under Tent
9/10/2020	Library Trustees	1:30pm	Town Hall Under Tent
9/14/2020	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall Under Tent
9/16/2020	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
9/17/2020	Zoning Board of Adjustment	5pm	Town Hall Under Tent
9/21/2020	Board of Selectmen	5pm	Town Hall Under Tent
9/21/2020	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall Auditorium
9/24/2020	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall Under Tent

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!



The New Hampshire State Primary will take place on Tuesday September 8th at the Newington Town Hall located at 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington from 8am to 7pm. **Masks are required.** *No political statements on masks allowed.*

[NEWINGTON SCHOOL REOPENING DETAILS:](#)

All of the School Reopening details are available at this link:

<https://www.newington.nh.us/home/news/newington-school-reopening-details>

Town Planner's Report

Despite the COVID pandemic, the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission have continued meeting to keep projects moving forward; meeting outdoors in front of the Town Hall, and more recently under the tent in the front lawn. Thanks to all the Board and Commission members for their dedication to the Town of Newington during these difficult times.

Planning Board:

The Planning Board has approved a new, 10,000 square foot medical office facility located on Shattuck Way that will be a great addition to the office zone. The facility is being built on vacant land formerly owned by Public Service of New Hampshire.

In March, the Board approved a 98-room, four story Hotel located on vacant land between Woodbury Avenue and Shattuck Way, the hotel will face Woodbury Avenue with access from Shattuck Way, and will provide needed guest rooms in Town.

The Planning Board has been working to streamline the approval process, which resulted in the two projects mentioned above being approved in two meetings.

The Planning Board also approved a new automobile dealership, McGovern Subaru, at the former Toys R Us and an Aldi's at the former Bugaboo Creek. Aldi's is now open, so if you haven't been there, give it a try! While it's always disappointing to see a business close, it's nice to see redevelopment as well.

Expansion plans for several local business including Little Bay Lobster, Wilcox Industries are being discussed, and will hopefully be before the Board this Fall.

The Planning Board adopted a new Master Plan in May that will guide the development of the Town for the next ten years; this was a long, time-consuming effort requiring several years and many hours of hard work. This effort was supported by the Rockingham Planning Commission.

Finally, the Planning Board is working on minor changes to the Site Plan Review and Subdivision Regulations to clarify and update the regulations to meet current standards.

Zoning Board:

The Zoning Board has been very busy acting on applications for variances for setback reductions, and business uses. This trend appears to be continuing into the fall as applications continue to be filed with the Town.

If you have a planning related question, please feel free to contact me.
John Krebs, Consulting Town Planner



PAINTED TURTLE STUDY AT MOTT POND

A graduate student at UNH has been conducting a painted turtle study in Newington this summer. The turtles in Mott Pond were first studied 20 years ago.

The study is using a non-lethal technique (funnel traps) to capture the turtles. The traps are three feet in diameter and about four feet long. They work in the same manner as a lobster trap. The traps were baited with cat food to attract the turtles. Once captured, the turtles were measured and the shells were marked with a unique identification code so they can be tracked and immediately released at the location that they were captured.

So far this summer 6 painted turtles and 5 snapping turtles have been trapped. Both species had a healthy mix of males and females. So far the study shows a very healthy population of both species. There will be more data collected over the next couple of months.



YOUTH SERVICES

at Langdon Public Library



328 NIMBLE HILL RD
NEWINGTON, NH 03801
INFO@LANGDONLIBRARY.ORG
(603)-436-5154

SEPTEMBER 2020

Join us online!

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BOOK BITES (INDEPENDENT READERS)

Miss Amanda will present virtual book talks for new and recommended books from our juvenile and young adult collections throughout September. See www.langdonlibrary.org/book-bites for more details.

LEAPING LEARNERS (PRESCHOOL FAMILY STORYTIME)

Every Friday at 10:30 AM, Miss Amanda will post 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, discovery, and social connection. Learn more at www.langdonlibrary.org/leaping-learners.

OUT LOUD! VIRTUAL READALOUDS (FAMILY)

Miss Amanda will read a book online **every Wednesday at 6:30 PM** beginning **September 9, 2020**. Selections will include funny books, award winners, exciting biographies, and more!

September 9: We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins

September 16: Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

September 23: Nanette's Baguette by Mo Willems

September 30: The Golden Acorn by Katy Hudson

Enjoy a take-home activity kit!

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IMAGINATION BAGS (GR. K-6)

You can call or e-mail us to make a curbside pickup appointment or an in-library browsing visit to obtain a bag of materials and instructions for a fun, process-oriented monthly craft. We would love to see student 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 beginning Tuesday, September 8.**

TEEN STRESS LESS KITS (GR. 7-12)

Take a break from your studies and enjoy a monthly array of goodies and activities from your friends at the library. Kits will include reading recommendations, materials for a simple craft, and a few surprise treats to keep you going! **Kits available beginning Tuesday, September 8. Please request a curbside or in-library browsing appointment to pick up your kit. Visit our website www.langdonlibrary.org for updated in-library and curbside hours and services.**



Newington Fire & Rescue

I hope everyone is healthy and safe as summer steadily comes to a close. If you see our members out and about you may not recognize some of the faces as we have added a couple new members and promoted a couple as well. With the retirement of Lt Mark Merrill and departure of Lt Brian Berghorn, we were fortunate enough to have several members in-house that were interested in the position and met the minimum qualifications to apply. A promotional process was held to include a written exam, practical evaluation and oral interview. We are proud to announce that Acting Lt Jeremy Nicol and FF Brandon Lisowski were both promoted to Lieutenant. Lt Nicol has been with NF&R since 2018. Prior to coming to NF&R, he was a Captain with the Pease Fire Department. Lt Lisowski has been with NF&R since 2015. Both Lt Nicol and Lt Lisowski hold numerous certifications in fire, ems and leadership training. With those promotions creating Firefighter vacancies, a hiring process was started back in April to create a hiring list for future vacancies. We are also proud to announce that we have hired Firefighter Andrew Belair and Firefighter Jessica Plante. FF Belair comes to NF&R after serving as a Lieutenant with the Pease Fire Department since 2018. He has also been a part time member with NF&R since 2016. FF Plante comes to us from Durham Fire Department where she has served as a Fire Inspector for 5 years and previous to Durham Fire, she was a Firefighter with the Somersworth Fire Department for 14 years.

We have had several residents inquire about the residential Knox Box system I wrote about last month. As a reminder, if you are interested or have any questions, feel free to reach out to Assistant Chief Pat Moynihan at 436-9441 x5 or pmoynihan@newingtonfire.org. We also have several loaners that can be placed over the door while you are out of town or on vacation.

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

Newington Fire & Rescue

As a reminder about burn permits:

Anyone who wishes to burn clean, ordinary combustibles such as leaves, brush or untreated lumber, or have a camp or cooking fire **MUST** have written permission from the landowner and a fire permit from the local forest fire warden or local fire department in the town or city where the fire will be kindled or you can obtain a permit online at <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/> . The online option does have a \$2 state fee. You **MUST** be at least 18 years of age to obtain a written fire permit.

Types of Burn Permits

Category I Fire Permit

Category I Fire Permit means a small controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, not greater than 2 feet in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. The fire shall be at least 25 feet from any structure. A Category I fire, conditions permitting, may be kindled with a permit at any time of day whether raining or not.

Category II Fire Permit

Category II Fire Permit means a controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 4 feet in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. The fire shall be at least 50 feet from any structure. A category II fire permit, conditions permitting, may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. unless it is actually raining.

Category III Fire Permit

Category III Fire Permit means any other fire, not a category I or II fire or a fire greater than 4 feet in diameter or a fire not contained within a ring of fire resistive material. The fire shall be at least 50 feet from any structure. A category III fire, conditions permitting, may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. unless it is actually raining.

What You Can Burn and When

- Only leaves, woody debris or brush less than 5 inches in diameter, or untreated wood and dimension lumber (subject to Env-A 1001.05(g) below) can be burned. For any open burning a written fire permit is required. Even with the permit, no open burning is allowed between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm unless it is raining.
- When the ground where you are burning is completely covered with snow no fire permit is required. However, we ask that you notify the Fire station prior to burning.
- The permittee will be required to have suppression equipment on site while the burning is being done and the fires will have to be totally extinguished or be constantly attended.
- Air quality regulations restrict the type of material burned in the open. Stumps, painted or treated lumber, tires, tubes, plastics, foam rubber and shingles are some of the prohibited materials (see Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division Open Burning Rules). Per Env-A 1001.05(g) "On-site burning, by the owner of a private, single-family residence occupied by the owner, of untreated wood, provided the material originates on site".

Residential Trash Collector Len Thomas Needs Your Help



It has come to our attention that many residential trash cans are smelling rather strong with this hot weather we are having! Len is asking residents to please wash out their trash cans to help out the people collecting your trash. Thanks for your help with this.

DROUGHT REPORT

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, over 90% of the state is experiencing drought. Last week, portions of the state were elevated from “moderate drought” (D1) to “severe drought” (D2), including Strafford County, Belknap County, and Grafton County. The remainder of the state is designated as “moderate drought”, with the exception of the northern tip of Coos County and a small sliver on the western side of Coos and Carroll County, which are categorized as “abnormally dry”. The weather outlook for this week indicate little to no measurable rainfall. The 90-day precipitation deficits by county for New Hampshire range from -3” to -5” in Strafford, Rockingham, Hillsborough, and Grafton; -2” to -3” in Merrimack, Belknap, Cheshire, Sullivan, and Carrol; and -1” to -2” in Coos.

NHDES is urging municipalities in areas experiencing drought to implement municipal-wide lawn watering restrictions as authorized by RSA 41:11-d, which allows municipalities, including village districts, to restrict lawn watering activities on private well owners and community water systems within municipal boundaries. Water supply shortages are more common during severe drought, especially when conservation measures have not been taken during moderate drought. Curbing lawn water usage is imperative to sustaining supplies. NHDES is also working with public water suppliers to implement restrictions. To date, 147 water systems serving a total of 270,700 people and 4 municipalities with a population of 35,500 have implemented outdoor water use restrictions. See the [Restriction List and Map](#) for names of systems implementing restrictions and a map of drought conditions by municipality.

See [Drought Guidance for Municipalities](#) for guidance on adopting a lawn water restriction, public messaging, and providing emergency water supplies to the public.

Please report restrictions to NHDES for posting on the NHDES website using the [Restriction Reporting Form](#). Please also inform residents to report residential well shortages using the [Residential Well Impact Survey form](#). NHDES will track well impacts so as to provide current information on drought impacts in your region.

Drought Update:

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#) released this morning, 28% of the state is categorized as “severe drought” (D2), 64% of the state is categorized as “moderate drought” (D1) and 7% of the state is categorized as “abnormally dry”.

Tip* The [restriction map](#) includes town boundaries and drought categories, making it easy to identify if your water system’s service area is experiencing drought.

All counties are experiencing a 90-day precipitation departures. Departures range from -1.67” in Coos County to -4.25” in Rockingham County (<https://w1.weather.gov/data/TAR/ESPTAR>).

The majority of the state is experiencing below normal to low groundwater levels. For more information, see the [New Hampshire Groundwater Level Monitoring Report](#) for August 2020. Reports are released monthly.

Forecast and Outlooks:

The short term forecast calls for clear skies, day temperatures in the 70s with cooler nights. Dry and cool temperatures are anticipated to continue into next week, measurable amounts of rainfall are unlikely ([NOAA National Weather Service](#)).

The [8-14 day outlook](#) favors above normal precipitation and above normal temperatures across the state.

The [U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook](#) favors drought conditions to remain, with minimal improvement, through the month of September.

This email was sent on behalf of:

Stacey Herbold
[Water Conservation Program](#)
[Water Use Registration and Reporting Program](#)
NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau

Police Department:

Can you believe summer is almost to an end? That means fall is here and school will be opening, under different conditions.

A shout out to Principal Latchaw, the teachers, the school board, and parents, who all worked together to put a plan in motion for a safe and healthy school opening.

With this in mind, take extra time to get to where you are driving to. We will see an increase in kids riding their bikes and walking to school. As the police department does every school opening, we will be increasing speed enforcement measures throughout town and Nimble Hill Road.

On August 21st. Officer Nicholas Burns graduated from the 182 class of the New Hampshire Police Academy. The police academy is a 16 week live in academy, where officers spend 24 hours a day with officers from all over the state. They build camaraderie throughout the academy that will last a career or lifetime.

The academic structure of the academy was very different from years past due to Covid-19. Officer Burns spent the first 8 weeks of the academy in the training room of the police department listening to lectures virtually. The second half of the academy the trainees could go to the academy in person, after being tested and daily temperature checks, for hands on training.

Officer Burns will be in Field Training for the next several weeks, so when you see him out and about with his Field Training Officer, congratulate him and welcome him to Newington!!

Your police department is currently in the Pre-Assessment stage of National Accreditation. What this means is the New England Chapter of CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) reviews our policies and procedures, reports, and training records, to make sure we are following best practices. As I write this, our records are being reviewed virtually by the assessment team. After reviewing our files, the team will be coming to Newington in mid-September, to assess the department. We are confident we will pass the Pre-Assessment with limited changes or corrections needed on how we police.

Thank you to all who support us in our endeavor in becoming Nationally Accredited!!

Within the next couple of weeks, we will be putting together the traffic results from the Speed Trailer. The trailer has been out on Bean Lane, Newington Road, Little Bay and Fox Point Road this summer based on residents' requests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (603)431-5461 or through email; mbilodeau@newingtonnhpd.com

Be safe and kind to each other!!!

Michael Bilodeau
Chief of Police



APPLE CIDER

New Hampshire designated apple cider as the official state beverage in 2010. There are nearly 150 apple growers in New Hampshire (more than 1,400 acres of apple orchards). New Hampshire is the only state to have apple cider as its official beverage. Milk is the state beverage for 20 states.

Sprague Noxious Fumes Update:

Many residents and neighboring town residents have been complaining about the noxious fumes emanating from Sprague Industries over the last two years. The town has been reporting these complaints to the NH Dept of Environmental Services as well as to Sprague. Recently the Selectmen learned of a proposed settlement between the USEPA, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Sprague Industries to limit emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC's) from oil storage tanks at seven facilities across New England, one of them being the Newington NH site. The Selectmen worked with their Air Quality Engineer to propose protective language to the USEPA for inclusion in the settlement documents. To see these comments click here: [Town of Newington NH Comments US et al v Sprague](#) For more information on the Sprague and USEPA settlement click on this link: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/sprague-clean-air-act-settlement-information-sheet>.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

One of the Committee's goals is to increase communication and citizen awareness of economic development opportunities in the Town and the developing negative impact on the Town's retail sector of the shift away from brick and mortar outlets to on line retailing aggravated by the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on that sector.

The Board of Selectmen are acutely aware of the potential negative impact on the Town's favorable tax rate of any decline in the valuation of retail properties, coming on the heels of the challenges to the power plant valuations the Town is defending in the face of a shift from fossil fuel electric generation to renewable power sources.

Based on input the Committee received from retail property owners and others and provided to the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board determined that the Town should investigate the possibility of pursuing a broader mixed use approach (including multi-family residential buildings), consistent with national and regional retail trends, to potentially reinvigorate and increase the valuation of the properties in the Town's commercial zone between Woodbury Ave. and the Spaulding Turnpike.

Qualified consultants with substantial NH planning experience were selected by the Planning Board and a draft report was submitted to the Board and BOS. After a COVID caused delay the EDC received the report in June along with an invitation to meet jointly with the Planning Board (as well as members of the ZBA and Board of Selectmen) to receive a briefing from the consultants on the information in the report and to discuss the results of their work. The joint meeting with the Mixed-Use Study's authors, Clay Mitchell of UNH, and Planning Consultant Mark Fougere, AICP was well attended and held under the tent at the Town Office on July 9th. The major takeaway was that every mall redevelopment is unique and that successful communities work cooperatively with the mall owner to develop a plan for new compatible economically viable land uses. The study which can be found on the Town's website: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a9lukR0cRbnUVGX17qPtSKUywiVlEcsT/view?usp=sharing> included examples of successful mall redevelopment projects in New England and elsewhere. Information on the proposed redevelopment of the Bedford, NH former Macy's site is instructional. See: <https://encore.bz/market-main-bedford-nh/>. That project includes:

20,046 SF in restaurants; 40,561 SF in retail space; 90 hotel rooms; and an 11-screen movie theater with 200 market rate apartments with an estimated 37 school age (K-12) children, (which the consultant considers high given the mixed-use nature of the redevelopment), that amounts to 0.185 school age child per each apartment unit which is consistent with an earlier NH specific statistical analysis done by the NH Housing Finance Authority.

The Town's consultant team also provided a model Mall Conversion Overlay District that the Planning Board could consider tailoring for Newington. Portsmouth has adopted a similar approach for its Gateway Zone which was used to spark the

redevelopment of the former Southgate Plaza and the West End Yards project now under construction on the former Frank Jones Center site. The EDC intends to continue to work constructively with both affected commercial property owners and the Planning Board to consider all alternatives open to the Town as disclosed in the Report.

The EDC also recognizes that an essential prerequisite to any effort to preserve Newington's advantage as the business center of the Seacoast, early on, requires keeping the Town's citizens informed through this monthly newsletter and other means so that they can fully and meaningfully participate in the public process that would be required to effectuate any initiatives the Town's boards may recommend in the future. Similarly, recognizing that it is unrealistic to expect citizens to regularly attend the EDC's monthly meetings, though they are welcomed at all times, the Committee is committed to further communications on related topics such as new commercial and industrial developments being considered, the potential for the Town to participate in the economic benefits of the development of wind power in the Gulf of Maine, and the Committee's efforts to enhance the accessibility and effectiveness of the economic development portal on the Town's website.

Ladybug

New Hampshire State Insect



New Hampshire designated the ladybug (also called ladybird or lady beetle) as the official state insect in 1977.

Ladybugs help gardeners and farmers by eating tiny insect pests that damage plants. A ladybug can consume up to 60 aphids per day and will also eat a variety of other harmful insects and larvae (including scales, mealy bugs, leaf hoppers, mites, and other types of soft-bodied insects), as well as pollen and nectar.

There are about 5,000 species of ladybugs, with about 450 species in the United States.

Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Delaware also recognize the ladybug as an official state symbol.

Fall 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Day

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
The Department of Public Works at 603.427.1530

Portsmouth will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on:
Saturday, October 3, 2020

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 October 3rd:

- 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.

Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon – Fri. 9 - 4:30pm

NEW HOURS: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-1pm, Thursday: 12noon-4:30pm

Building Dept. - Mon - Thurs 6:30am- 4:30pm

Planning Dept. – Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)

Langdon Library - Tues 3 - 8pm, Wed 12 - 7pm, Thurs 10 - 5pm, Fri 10 - 5pm, Sat 10 - 4pm,

Transfer Station Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm

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