



The Town of Newington E-Newsletter includes information about Town-sponsored events, projects, and special announcements. Visit www.newington.nh.us to join the distribution list, or to be removed.

Board of Selectmen

- Bob Blonigen, Chair
- Brandon Arsenault
- Christian Wayss

INDEX:

<u>Page</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1	Meetings Schedule
2-3	Newington Public School/ Town Clerk Hours
4-6	Fire Department
7-9	Recreation
10-11	Police Department
12	Trash Pickup & Air Show
13	Fox Pt Sunset 5 Mile Road Race
14	Highway Department
15-18	Langdon Library
19	Town Wide Yard Sale

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4th in celebration of Labor Day.



Upcoming Meetings:

9/5/2023	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
9/5/2023	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
9/6/2023	Board of Fire Engineers	5:00pm	Fire Station
9/6/2023	Stone School Committee	5: 30pm	Town Hall
9/11/2023	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
9/13/2023	Budget Committee	6pm	Town Hall
9/14/2023	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
9/18/2023	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
9/20/2023	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
9/25/2023	Million Air Informational Meeting	TBD	Town Hall

Updates and Upcoming Events at Newington Public School ✨

Dear Town of Newington Residents,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying the last days of summer. As we prepare up for another school year, I'm thrilled to share some important announcements and exciting news with you all.

1. Welcoming New Kindergarten Students:

It's with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to our 6 new kindergarten students and their families! We are excited to have them join our school community and can't wait to see them thrive and grow throughout the year.

2. A Big Thank You to Seacoast EcoMow:

I'd like to express our gratitude to Seacoast EcoMow owned by NPS alum Chase Coleman for their incredible efforts in cleaning up our school grounds. Their dedication and hard work have truly made a positive impact on the aesthetics and safety of our campus. We are thankful for their partnership and commitment to our school's environment.

3. Appreciation for Community Support:

A special shout-out goes to the Newington School Supporters and our dedicated community members who have gone above and beyond to enhance our school environment. Laura Stone, we extend our sincere thanks for the beautiful new planters adorning the front of the school and for your time spent weeding around the premises. Your contributions have added a touch of beauty and vibrancy to our campus. Additionally, a big round of applause to Kara Anderson for her efforts in weed prevention. Your proactive approach to maintaining our school's surroundings is truly appreciated and valued.

4. Introducing a Reading Buddy Program:

We're excited to announce the launch of a new initiative at our school – a *Reading Buddy Program*! We believe that fostering connections between different generations within our community can have a profound impact on the educational experience of our students. We're looking for enthusiastic residents with time during school hours who would be interested in becoming reading buddies or simply spending time engaging with our students. If you're interested in learning more about this program and how you can get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me, Principal Pete Latchaw at 603-436-1482.

5. First Day of School: Tuesday, September 5th:

Mark your calendars! The first day of school for the upcoming academic year is Tuesday, September 5th. We're excited to welcome back all of our students and kick off another year of learning, growth, and community.

6. **Annual Newington School Supporters Fox Point 5 Mile Road Race: Saturday, September 23rd:**
Get your running shoes ready! Our annual Fox Point 5 Mile road race, organized by the Newington School Supporters, will take place on Saturday, September 23rd. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, get active, and support our school. To sign up for the race, please visit the registration page at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Newington/FoxPoint5Miler>.

7. **Seeking After-School Coordinator:**

We are currently in search of an enthusiastic and dedicated After-School Coordinator to join our team. If you're interested in this position or know someone who might be a great fit, please contact the school at 603-436-1482.

As always, we value the continued support from the Town of Newington and recognize the vital role you ALL play in the success of our school community. We look forward to an amazing school year filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences.

Warm regards,

Pete Latchaw, Principal
Newington Public School
platchaw@sau50.org

603-436-1482

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

We will be modifying the Town Clerk's office hours for the week of September 18th through the 22nd so we can attend training. We will be **open** Monday, September 18th 9-2, Tuesday, September 19th 9-2 and Thursday September 21st 9-2. We are **closed** Wednesday, September 20th. Please contact us by phone at 603-436-7640 or email dcaradonna@townofnewingtonnh.com if you need an appointment outside of these hours.

We will return to normal hours the following week, Tue., Wed., Thu. 9-2

Newington Fire & Rescue

Well, that was a fast August if I must say so. It's amazing that the unofficial end of summer is here with the kids going back to school. Please make sure to pay extra attention to them on the roadways as they're heading to and from school. While on the subject of the kiddos and school, I think of the various electronic devices that they have available to them for their studies, both at school and home. From the various laptops, iPads or tablets to their cell phones if they're old enough. The reason I bring this up is the steady rise in rechargeable lithium-ion battery caused fires over the past several years. Lithium-ion battery technology has come so far that it is now nearly in every type of electronic device we own. Including the items above, you can add the wireless headphones, Bluetooth speakers, e-bikes, e-scooters, e-skateboards, and don't forget hybrid and electric vehicles. The list goes on and on. The point I'm getting at is that these lithium-ion batteries are everywhere and they're in our homes, vehicles, and offices. One of the great things with the advancement with technology is that it's supposed to make our everyday lives easier, which for the most part it does. Computers are much smaller, everyone has a cell phone, anyone can ride a bicycle for miles with minimal impact with e-motor assist. The problem is technology has far outpaced safety regulations and standards. One of those side affects is third-party vendors using very cheap materials to manufacture similar type products and selling them much cheaper than the name brand companies. These can include the chargers and batteries themselves while not being held to the same high quality standards name brand manufacturers are held to. So, to wrap up, just be battery aware. Try not to use off brand just because its cheaper, use what the manufacturer recommends. Use the proper size charger for the device. Pay attention to the physical battery. If it looks like its deformed or bulging, stop using it and do not attempt to charge it. If the battery or device starts to smoke or give off an odor, if possible, remove it from the home, office or vehicle and place it outside in an open area away from anything combustibile and call 911. I know I touched on a lot of things in a handful of sentences, but please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about anything that was mentioned. 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

Lithium Ion Battery Safety for Consumers



Lithium ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, scooters, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. Take care when using them. In rare cases, they can cause a fire or explosion.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Keep batteries at room temperature.
- Do not place batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot vehicles.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

High-Tech Luggage

Some major airlines no longer accept 'smart' luggage with non-removable lithium ion batteries as checked or carry-on luggage. The powerful batteries can potentially overheat and pose a fire hazard during flight.

In some instances, smart bags with removable lithium ion batteries will be allowed on board if the battery can be removed on site and taken on board with the customer. Check with your airline for restrictions.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards

E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety

The popularity of electric bikes and electric scooters (e-bikes and e-scooters) has taken off over the past few years. Lithium-ion batteries are usually the source of power for both, and if not used correctly, or if damaged, those batteries can catch on fire or explode. Whether you use e-bikes or e-scooters as your main way of getting around, or just for fun, there are important safety tips to keep in mind when charging or storing these devices.

The Problem

- Damaged or defective batteries can over-heat, catch fire, or explode.
- Lithium-ion battery fires give off toxic gases and they burn extremely hot.

Safety Tips

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Only charge one device or device battery at a time to prevent overloading the circuit.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles, and keep them away from children and liquids.

- Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the e-bike or e-scooter if you notice any of these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.



If you see a fire ...



Leave the building immediately.



Don't try to fight the fire.



Call 911.

**LEARN
MORE**

Visit nfpa.org/ebikes



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards

Newington Recreation Newsletter

Hello Newington Residents! Like to start off with the Touch a Truck/Car Show. It was a hit with the kids and adults. I would like to thank everyone involved. Huge thanks to our town departments whose great efforts made our event fantastic. It was so nice to see the interactions with the police, firefighters with the children and residents of Newington. We are so grateful for having a fabulous town. It was nice to see all the town vehicles and trucks and the National Wrecker! Those trucks impressed all of us. Wow!! The music was a great addition, Dan Morgan did a wonderful job of entertaining us. Hope to have him in future town events. Our co-sponsor Autism Care Partner did an excellent job of getting subs from Jersey Mikes (which they also had a tent at the event.) The Kona Ice truck was there and will also be at our Septemberfest. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in September!





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 it 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 bring a dish to share! Thank you and will see you at Septemberfest!!

For adults with a tennis rating, we would like to invite you to our 1st Tournament here in Newington at a wonderful court. It will take place in September 28th, Thursday Starting 9am. Remember we also have Tennis with Polly if you are interested in learning tennis or improving your tennis game. Again sign-up at town hall or sign-up genius. Guest of Residents are welcome to sign-up for the tennis tournament.

I have Patty the Painter coming to do painting, pottery, and wreaths in October/November.

The Trunk or Treat will be held on October 30th at the Town Hall Parking lot from 5-8pm. Will have water, hot chocolate, cider and coffee for the adults. Come earlier to get a good parking space so you can decorate your car and come with a costume optional.



Historical Trolley Ride will also be coming in October 15th. We are thinking of adding an extra date for the trolley due to its high demand.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Well, it is that time of year again. School supply shopping, the smell of new school clothes, the fastest new sneakers, brown bag lunches or money for Chef Tom's hot lunches, butterflies in your stomach, SCHOOL IS OPEN!! I may be dating myself, but to be honest with yourselves, I am bringing back old memories. Not quite walking two miles up hill in the snow both ways old, but getting there!!



Guess I am feeling a little nostalgic writing this month. School House Rock was the best!!!

A reminder to give yourself extra time in the morning and use caution as the kids will either be at the bus stop, walking, or riding their bikes to school. Parents, also give your children extra time to get to school, so they are not rushing, and forgetting the safety tips you taught them.

265:54 Overtaking and Passing School Bus. -

I. The driver of a vehicle upon a way upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus, plainly marked with school bus signs or such other distinguishing identification as the director may require, which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children shall stop his or her vehicle before reaching such school bus at least 25 feet away from such school bus. The driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until flashing red lights cease to operate.

Passing a school bus is a violation with a fine no less than \$100.00 and no more than \$750.00 for the first offense. The second offense is a fine of no more than \$1,000.00.

265:60 Basic Rule and Maximum Limits. -

I. No person shall drive a vehicle on a way at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or other conveyance on or entering the way in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

(a) In a posted school zone, at a speed of 10 miles per hour below the usual posted limit from 45 minutes prior to each school opening until each school opening and from each school closing until 45 minutes after each school closing.

Speeding in a school zone is a violation and the fine is calculated by your captured speed (how fast you are going over the posted speed limit).



The New Hampshire Air National Guard (NHANG) will be hosting the air show September 8th, 9th, and 10th, Friday-Sunday. Friday, September 8th, the NHANG will be open for current, retired military, and their family. There may be traffic delays on Arboretum Drive.

Saturday, September 8th and Sunday, September 9th, between 8:00am and 4:00pm, McIntyre Road will be closed to motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic. McIntyre Road falls within the “air box,” which the FAA requires the road to be closed during air shows, for public safety purposes. **THE CLOSURE WILL NOT AFFECT EMERGENCY SERVICE/RESPONSE.**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation will be posting signs on Newington and McIntyre Roads as a reminder. A notice will be going out from Town Hall, and we will be posting on our Facebook page.

I understand this will be an inconvenience for some. However, those of us remember the days when there was no connection from South Newington to the village.

Statistics as of July 31, 2023.

Motor vehicle stops	152	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	8	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	42	Reports taken
Arrests	14	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	4	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	6	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

TRASH DAY IS SATURDAY

on September 9th.

G Mello will start in South Newington so please have all barrels out by 6am Saturday morning on Newington Road, Airport Road, Swan Island, Hodgdon Farm Lane & Fabyan Point

FUTURE SATURDAY TRASH DAYS ARE:

- Saturday, Sept 9th
- Saturday, November 25th
- Saturday December 30th
- Saturday, January 6th
- Saturday June 1st



SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2023
PEASE ANGB - PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SEE THIS LINK FOR MORE DETAILS: <https://thunderovernewhampshire.com/>

MCINTYRE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BOTH DAYS FROM 8-4PM



FOX POINT SUNSET 5 MILE ROAD RACE

Join us for the most scenic race on the seacoast! This course is a beautiful 5 mile (8K) through historic Newington streets, with water views and some challenging hills.

The Fox Point 5 Mile Road Race is the primary fundraiser for the Newington School Supporters. Every year, the funds from your participation and our sponsors directly benefit the students of the Newington Public School.

REGISTRATION

\$25 5 Mile Run/Walk
(or join virtually)

\$10 Kids Fun Run

For more info and
to register, go to
newingtonschoolsupporters.org



— SATURDAY —
09.23.23
Newington, NH
5PM

IG: @foxpointfivemiler
FB: FoxPoint5Miler

Our race is made possible through the generous support of our local sponsors. If you have any questions about becoming a sponsor for our race, please reach out to us at: foxpoint5miler@gmail.com



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Nimble Hill Road Paving:

The Portsmouth Water Department is completing a water main tap on a property on Nimble Hill Road. As soon as this is completed Bourassa Construction will be paving the road. We expect it will be by the end of next week!

Paving Projects:

Bourassa Construction has been awarded the milling and paving of the following roads this fall.

1. Fox Point Road (from Old Post Road to Little Bay Road)
2. McIntyre Road (From the State Maintenance line/Newington Road to the Airport opening)
3. Shattuck Way (a portion-215 feet- by River Road)

The anticipated date for milling to start is October 2, 2023. It is expected to take 2 weeks to complete.

Guardrail Projects:

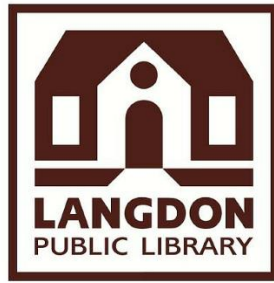
An eight year project to replace the old cable guardrails on McIntyre Road is starting this year. The first phase is to replace the south-west side guardrail of the McIntyre Bridge over Arboretum Drive.

Drainage Projects:

The first culvert on Patterson Lane has required significant work this last month. We will be replacing an extension pipe from it in the fall.

Roadside Mowing:

Due to the heavy rains this year the roadside vegetation has exploded! It has been a challenge to keep up with roadside mowing and vegetation cut back. Thanks for your patience!



Congratulations to Lorelei Patterson and her family on reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!



If you have a pre-schooler you'd like to enroll in this program, or need to print more logs to track reading, click here: [1,000 Books Before Kindergarten](#)



Summer Reading Finale Party, August 9:



Summer Reading Program: Bravo to Newington for our busiest ever Summer Reading program! We set a new record for participation: 75 total signups and 1,431 tickets submitted to the raffle jars, 1,181 from kids and 250 from adult/teens, from reading and “Bingo Board” activities. Thanks to our generous sponsors, Beswick Engineering and Hauch Storage, and donors, Texas Roadhouse, Monkey Mind Escape Room, Stoneface Brewery, Kilwins, Noggin Factory, we gave out 51 prizes. Congratulations to all of our readers! We would like to say a special thank you to Trustee Chair Jack O’Reilly for his hard work preparing for the Finale Party, and to Teen Volunteer Natalia Jacuch, whose great ideas and involvement since she helped start Teen Advisory Group a few years ago have assisted library programs like SRP in a myriad of ways. Natalia is off to college this fall and we wish her the very best for her new “chapter.” Make sure to visit when you’re home, Nat!

September Programs: This month, Writing Group and Book Groups resume as usual. All ages are welcome to join us for a short writing prompt and (optional) share, on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 PM. Book Group books for September are here: [*The River King*](#) by Alice Hoffman, discussions will be Friday, Sept. 15 at 10:30 AM and/or online at <https://www.langdonlibrary.org/category/blog/> Ask the library for the password. New adult and teen participants are always welcome, and refreshments will be enjoyed. Tech Talks with Randall Bush are on Wednesday, Sept. 6 and 20 at 2:30 PM. Have a question about your phone, tablet, computer, app or more? Randall can help. First come, first served.

Story Times: There are a couple of changes in the Story Time schedule this month. There will be no Story Time on Friday, Sept. 8, but preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to come to the library at their usual time to play and connect with other families. **On Thursday, Sept. 14, we will have a Mother Nature Story Time at 10 AM (note the day AND time change)** with a guest reader from Fairy House Tour from Portsmouth neighborhood group, Friends of the South End. Normal Story Times resume Friday, Sept. 23 and 29.

More September programs:

Game Night, Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6 PM in the kids room

Craft Night, Tuesday, Sept 19 at 6 PM. Make your own Sunflower Coaster. All ages welcome.

NEW Lego Night, Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6 PM.

Lottie Borkland Richard, Speaker: Thursday, Sept. 28 at 5:30 PM Lottie Borkland Richard, UNH graduate student and former Newington resident, will join us to talk about Jim Crow and racial violence. Earlier this summer I was fortunate to hear Lottie speak at the Londonderry Library about Juneteenth, and look forward to learning more from her here in Newington this month.

COVID Tests: The library has free FlowFlex Covid-19 Antigen Home tests available, while supplies last. Note that the expiration date of our tests, Lot #COV1120175, were extended from Sept 2023 to December 2023: <https://www.fda.gov/media/158005/download>

“Subs” Needed: The library is hiring! Due to changes in sub availability, we are adding new people to the library on a "per diem" basis. 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, shelve, and "cover 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.

See you at the library!

Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Debbie

www.langdonlibrary.org

LIBRARY CLOSED: Saturday, Sept. 2 and Monday, Sept. 4

Next Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday Sept. 25, 5:30 PM at the library

July 2023 Library Usage Statistics

Checkouts	Visits	NH Downloadables	Hoopla Digital	Room Use	Program Attendance	Interlibrary Loan (To and From)
714	678	232	89	317	237	88



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!**

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

Subscribe or *Unsubscribe* at this link: <http://www.newington.nh.us/subscribe>

WOULD YOU PREFER TO GET A PRINTED COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOU?

Just call the town hall and we will put you on our mailing list (603-436-7640 ext 4)