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Board of Selectmen

- Timothy “Ted” Connors, Chair
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[Upcoming Meetings:](#)

10/2/2019	Budget Committee	7pm	Town Hall
10/8/2019	Trustees of the Trust Fund	1pm	Town Hall
10/7/2019	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
10/9/2019	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
10/9/2019	Board of Fire Engineers	6pm	Fire Station
10/15/2019	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
10/10/2019	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
10/16/2019	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
10/16/2019	Historic District Commission	10am	Town Hall
10/21/2019	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
10/31/2019	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall



Saturday, October 6th
Historic Trolley Tour of Newington:

Leaving from Old Town Hall-

Sign up at Town Hall. **LIMITED SEATS LEFT!**

The Newington Recreation committee is having Trolley Tours October 6th.
The trolley times are 2pm (7 seats left as of Friday at 12noon) and 4:15pm (1 seat left)
Come learn about our amazing little town and its history.
It is \$5 per adult -kids are free but must be accompanied by an adult.
The 4:15pm tour is an Adult tour.

Please sign up at the town hall with Eleanor.
John Lamson will be our narrator.
Please sign up ASAP

Historic District Commission:



The Historic District Commission is now sharing a booklet pubusnea by the U.S. Department of the Interior with Town Boards and Town residents. The booklet provides detailed information and suggestions for rehabilitating historic homes/buildings. There are currently booklets at the Town Hall and at the Library.

The contents include guidelines for existing building exteriors and interior rehabilitation, as well as suggestions for new additions.

[Fire Department:](#)



An open letter to the Town of Newington:

First and foremost, on behalf of the members of the Newington Fire & Rescue and the Board of Fire Engineers, I would like to say thank you. Several weeks ago, we lost a brother, a friend and a Chief and the Town lost a native son. The outpouring of support from family, friends, residents and businesses for the last several years, and especially in the last month, has been amazing. The amount of calls and emails I received asking if we were ok or if Jen and the girls needed anything was staggering. It makes me proud to call myself a native as well. People that don't live here say "that if you blink while driving by, you'll miss it". Or, "it's where the malls are at". While both of those are true to a point, it's the people that make this small town big. From the well-wishers, to the food donations for our members and the mutual aid departments that covered during the services, the words of encouragement through trying times and the sight of all the school kids and staff standing along Nimble Hill while Darin was taking his final ride into town as the procession was passing by. These are just some of the great things that make Newington what it is. As we go about and continue with our daily lives, it's comforting to know that we have a town that supports us. And I can assure you all that we are here for you as well. Thank you again.

E.J. Hoyt
Acting Fire Chief

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, October 5th, 8 a.m. to noon

For residents of Portsmouth, Greenland & Newington - Proof of Residency Required.
Location: Department of Public Works, 680 Peaverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801

NO LATEX PAINT will be accepted at this collection event. Latex paint may be solidified with kitty litter, sawdust, speedy dry or by opening the can and allowing the paint to completely dry before it is disposed either at the Recycling Center or through regular trash pick-up.

Bring the household hazardous waste products a to the Department of Public Works facility at 680 Peverly Hill Road for safe disposal between 8 a.m. and noon. Residents must show proof of residency.

Bring your unwanted household chemicals to Portsmouth's Dept of Public Works for safe disposal including:

From the Yard:: Fertilizer with:	From the Garage:: Acids	From the House:: Bathroom cleaner	From the Workbench:: Brush cleaner
From the Yard:: pesticides	From the Garage:: Car waxes/polish	From the House:: Disinfectants	From the Workbench:: Corrosives
From the Yard:: fungicides	From the Garage:: Creosote	From the House:: Furniture polish	From the Workbench:: Paint/stain/finish
From the Yard:: Insect spray	From the Garage:: Driveway sealers/tar	From the House:: Metal polish	From the Workbench:: (lead and oil base)
From the Yard:: Lighter fluid	From the Garage:: Flea powder	From the House:: Mothballs	From the Workbench:: Rust preventative
From the Yard:: Pest strips/traps	From the Garage:: Gasoline	From the House:: Over cleaner	From the Workbench:: Solvents
From the Yard:: Pesticides	From the Garage:: Radiator flush	From the House:: Photo chemicals	From the Workbench:: Thinner/turpentine
From the Yard:: Poisons	From the Garage:: Roofing tar	From the House:: Rug cleaner	From the Workbench:: Wood preservatives
From the Yard:: Pool chemicals	From the Garage::	From the House:: Wood strippers	From the Workbench::

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND YOUR DRINKING WATER



What Is Household Hazardous Waste?

Hazardous wastes typically found in homes include: · Gasoline · Antifreeze · Photographic Chemicals · Oil-Based Paints · Drain Cleaners · Pesticides · Furniture Strippers · Oven Cleaners · Disinfectants · Kerosene · Spot Removers · Used Motor Oil · Auto Batteries

Why Should I be Concerned?

When improperly stored and disposed these products can injure you, your family, or your pets; harm the environment; and possibly contaminate drinking water supplies.

Are Some Places At Greater Risk Than Others?

The Portsmouth area is of particular concern because it has been identified as an area from which groundwater flows to a public drinking water supply. If you have a well on your property, you also need to think about protecting the groundwater that supplies *your* well.

What Should I Do?

Residents of Portsmouth, Greenland and Newington can bring their household hazardous waste to Portsmouth's Department of Public Works, 680 Peverly Hill Rd. Portsmouth.

For more information about Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) call DES at 271-2047 or visit our household hazardous waste web site at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/hhwp/index.htm>

Police Department:



The Newington Police Department is hoping everyone is having a smooth transition from Summer to Fall. We are hopeful for a few more warm weeks before we transition from our short sleeves to long sleeves and ties!!

For the month of October, you will see the male officers donning facial hair and Officer Auger donning blue high lights, in support of the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County, for the fund raiser "Beards for Bucks." Check out our Facebook page; Newington NH Police Department or stop by the police station to donate.

The Child Advocacy Center is a community partnership dedicated to pursuing the truth in child abuse cases and coordinating social services for child victims. By bringing together State's law enforcement, county attorneys, protective services, victim advocacy agencies and health professionals, New Hampshire's advocacy centers provide safe, child friendly locations for interviewing child victims. Children are interviewed by a forensic interviewer. The forensic interviewer has special training and is experienced in talking with children. The interviewer's goal is to make your child as comfortable as possible while gathering information.

This is a great non-profit organization that has embraced the team approach, which is the best practice in the investigation of child abuse cases. This ensures all aspects of the case are examined and that efforts are coordinated between professionals through the multi-disciplinary team.

The Newington Police Department has worked closely with the CACRC as part of the multi-disciplinary team on a couple of cases this year alone. We are grateful for the professionalism and knowledge of the CACRC and members of the multi-disciplinary team.

The police department is looking to acquire an explosive K-9 as the newest member of the department. Officer Andrew Wood came to me with the proposal in January explaining the needs for the K-9 in our community. Officer Wood has 6 years NH Army National Guard experience as specialist in Chemical, biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) to include Weapons of Mass Destruction. I believe in utilizing our officers' military experience and training to benefit the town. Our industrial and commercial side of town are concerns based on how the current environment in the country/world is today.

The explosive K-9 can also be used for Domestic Violence Investigations, when weapons and ammunition need to be confiscated.

We have received nothing but positive responses from the Industry, retail and residents. This program is donation based, which will not affect the tax base. Plus, who doesn't like a friendly dog!!!

If you have any questions regarding the Explosive K-9 program, please contact Officer Andrew Wood; awood@newingtonhpd.com If you have any other issues you want to discuss, please do not hesitate to call me at 431-5461 or email me; mbilodeau@newingtonhpd.com.

Be Safe!!!

Michael Bilodeau, Police Chief

PFAS Updates



NHDES proposed new, lower limits for the 12 PFAS chemicals which were recently approved and took effect on October 1st. The significant change is for PFOS, reducing the limit from 70 ppt. to 12 ppt. Newington now has a few additional properties whose wells are below the state standards. The Air Force is working with the City of Portsmouth Water Dept. for remediation of those wells and at this time I am not aware if the properties are being hooked up to city water or being set up with filtration systems.

On November 25, 2019 Captain Gary Perlman and representatives from the Air Force and ASTDR will meet with the Board of Selectmen to present the Private Drinking Water Health Consultation that has recently been completed on the 40 drinking water wells in Greenland and Newington. They will present their findings and then conduct individual consultations with the property owners the next day.

The Pease Study, which will include the blood testing and individual health analysis of residents that may have been affected by the contamination of PFAS chemicals into their private drinking water wells, received its approval in September. The specific dates of this study will be announced shortly and there will be a great deal of information in the media to encourage participation. The Air Force has hired APT to conduct this testing. There will be a phone number for residents to call and participate in an initial screening and make an appointment to go into the testing site to have their blood drawn. They will be mailed a urine testing kit and instructions regarding the blood testing. Participation in this study is voluntary and at no cost to the residents. They will receive individual results that they will be able to share with their doctors. Incentives are being provided to encourage participation which include \$50 gift cards for adults getting tested and up to \$75 for adults having their children tested. A testing site has been established in Portsmouth and staff are currently being trained and preparing outreach materials. The next meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is October 7th at 11:00 AM and the agenda includes an update on the Pease Study.

To read more click here: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/water/press-releases/state-sets-pfas-water-quality-standards>

Karen Anderson, Special Projects Coordinator
Selectmen's Office

[More news from the Fire Department:](#)

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Here at Newington Fire & Rescue, we rely on the Knox Box system on a daily basis. The system works by firefighters entering their personal code into a locked key vault. Once the code is entered, the vault time stamps the code that was entered when the key is removed and again when the key is returned. This makes it easy to track who removed a key and when.

We have quite a few residents that borrow one that can be hung over a door when they go away on vacation, in case we need to gain access. We also have several residents that have the traditional box secured at their residence all the time. If you have any questions or would like to borrow one while you're away, give us a call or stop by the station.

Trusted by thousands of fire and police agencies for over 40 years, Knox Rapid Access Solutions have provided first responders with immediate access into secure buildings, campuses, residences and commercial properties when it matters most. Removing barriers to entry reduces injuries to responders and minimizes property damage. That's the power of the Knox rapid access system.

Emergency

- Enable first responder access
- Eliminate barriers to entry
- Gain rapid access entry

Safety

- Avoid unsafe forced entry
- Reduce workforce injuries
- Minimize property damage

Security

- Manage key access
- Audit trail activity report
- KnoxBoxes are 1037 UL listed

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It starts with the Knox Master Key.

With one key, the Knox Rapid Access System removes barriers to entry when first responders respond to an emergency call.

Responders can then gain rapid access into secure perimeters, gates, buildings, campuses, residential and commercial properties. Knox Rapid Access System can be customized to fit your business needs.



HIGHWAY

Roads Update:

Paving Projects: Swan Island Lane and the Fire Department Parking lot have been completed. The gravel along the edges is expected in the next two weeks. Minor repairs have been completed at the end of Little Bay where it intersects with Nimble Hill and at the end of Hannah Lane.

Drainage Projects on Fox Point Road by Clamshell pond and McIntyre Road will be completed in the spring of 2020. The Little Bay Extension drainage project will be completed in the month of November this year.

Woodbury Avenue reconstruction and revitalization project is nearing completion. Traffic signals and controllers will be installed shortly.

Gosling Road: The City of Portsmouth has notified Newington that they will be paving Gosling Road in 2020. A joint effort on paving will be the most cost effective. Cost estimates are being developed.

Carriage House Drainage Project: A project to protect the Carriage House foundation was completed in September.



Side view with new drainage pipe installed and stone on top



Front view with drainage installed and granite entry

Tree Replanting Program:



Due to the numerous trees that had to be removed either from the Eversource project or from disease; the Selectmen have initiated a program to purchase and replant trees on town property and along the roadways.

Building Projects:

Meeting House: The Meeting House has had the steeple scraped and painted this summer.

Town Hall: The Town Hall is having the brick cleaned and sealed this fall. The same work is planned to be completed at the Police Station next spring.



October at the Langdon Library

This month our art display is Seacoast Open Studio featuring artists Skip Berrien, Gerry Bresnahan, Lucretia Gordon, Nancy Reiss, Susan Scott, and Debra Woodward. Media include oil, watercolor, and acrylic.

Tech Talks with Randall Bush meets Tues., October 8 from 5 to 7, and Thurs. October 24 from 3 to 5. Drop in with your questions about devices, email, digital content, etc. First come, first served.

The library invites children and their families to a special themed craft night in the children's room. This program is designed for children in grades K-4, but younger siblings are welcome to attend. The next one is Weds. October 9 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Miss Amanda will teach attendees how to melt perler beads to create one of many fun shapes.

Friday Family Hour on October 11 at 10:30 AM will feature a visit from Newington firefighters during Fire Prevention week. This is an opportunity for little ones to "touch a truck" and gain comfort level with firefighters wearing "gear" to help build trust & familiarity with life-saving responders during emergency situations. Thank you to Chief Mike Bilodeau and Officer Jessica Gregor for your visit to Family Hour last week!

The library will be closed Saturday, October 12 and Monday, October 14 so that all staff may enjoy the Columbus Day weekend.

The Morning & Evening Book Group is reading "The Soul of an Octopus" by Sy Montgomery in October. Two opportunities to attend: Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. or Friday, Oct. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Drop-In Halloween Party Saturday, October 26 11-1 PM: Wear your costume for a treat bag! Enjoy cookie decorating, crafts and sensory stations.

The Caregiver Cafe is a collaborative effort between Cornerstone VNA and the Langdon Library. Caregivers and their loved ones are invited for a morning of support, conversation and education on the last Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m., this month on October 31. Light refreshments will be served.

See you at the library!

Lara Berry, Director
LIBRARY HOURS
Mon & Tues, 12 - 8 PM
Weds, 12 - 7 PM
Thurs & Fri, 9 AM - 5 PM
Sat, 10 AM - 2 PM

Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon - Fri. 9 - 4:30pm
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Tues 2 - 6pm, Wed and Thurs 9 - 1pm,
Building Dept. - Mon - Thurs 8 - 4pm,
Planning Dept. - Mon - Fri 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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