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Board of Selectmen

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The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 9th in celebration of Columbus Day.

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Upcoming Meetings:

10/2/2023	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
10/3/2023	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
10/4/2023	Board of Fire Engineers	5:00pm	Fire Station
10/5/2023	Conservation Commission	4:30pm	Library
10/11/2023	Budget Committee	6pm	Town Hall
10/16/2023	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
10/18/2023	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
10/19/2023	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6:30pm	Town Hall
10/23/2023	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall

Newington Fire & Rescue

As the mornings are now crisp and cool with the warm afternoons, it's official, summers over. As you may be able to tell from these monthly newsletters, I really enjoy the summers. I saw a news piece the other day that said that since June 1st, 14 of the 17 weekends had some type of precipitation. That makes for a bad summer. Hopefully, we'll have a long, pleasant fall.

Things around the fire house have been steady. You may have seen the new UTV that was obtained through grant funding over the last month or two. It's a shared resource for both Police and Fire that can be used for a myriad of issues. It was most recently utilized for training, the Pease airshow, and the Sabine Memorial road race. It is a great resource for both departments and a welcome asset to have. It's that time of the year again to start the budget process. As I've mentioned before, if anyone has questions about the FD budget, please reach out to me or feel free to stop by the station. Staffing continues to be an ongoing issue. We have been able to cover our minimum staffing, but only with the help of the full time staff. With the approval from the Board of Selectmen, we applied for a grant back in March for assistance with staffing and are still waiting to hear back. The award notification could last until the end of the year, and possibly into the beginning of 2024. Inspections and calls for service have been steady along with outside and in-house training. We recently completed our 3rd quarter department training at Newington Energy reviewing their systems and processes. Building walk-throughs and multiple technical set-ups with Tower 1 throughout the facility were also completed.

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

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Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

be warm and safe this winter!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



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

Newington Recreation Newsletter

I know we are all disappointed with Septemberfest not happening as planned because of the weather. We have a rescheduled date of **October 7th**, and a rain date of 8th. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Let's call this year the **Octoberfest**. We will have plenty of pumpkins to decorate on the tables. Fancy Face will be there at 3pm for face painting so come early. The TonyMack Band as planned will be there. Yeah! We will have the bounce houses and cornhole for the adults. Let's make this Octoberfest the festival to remember. So please volunteer!



The TonyMack Band will start at 4pm and play until 8pm. 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. On 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 October 7th. Rain date 8th.



Our 1st Tournament here in Newington Courts was so much fun. We all got a lot of exercise and met some wonderful people. Hope to have another tennis event soon. 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 future tennis tournaments.

The pickleball nets have decided to return after hurricane Lee decided to play around! Fall is the perfect time to start something new. Why not pickleball!

I have Patty the Painter coming to Old Town Hall. We have painting, pottery, and wreath classes in October/November. The first painting class is October 12th. The second pottery painting class is November 9th. The wreath decorating class is on November 16th. All classes start at 5:30 located at the Old Town Hall. Each class is 30\$ or get all three for 80\$ a deal! Will provide water, snacks and all the supplies. Please pay and sign up at town hall. Patty the painter wants to know what your favorite color for your wreath is!



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 be on Saturday and Sunday on October 14th and 15th. We will have one trolley ride on Saturday starting 11:30. Come early because you do not want to miss the Trolley. On Sunday will have the first trolley ride at 11:30 and then the 2nd at 2:30pm. After the trolley ride will have snacks, water, and surprises.



Coming in December is pictures with Santa.... He says he will be coming to the Holiday Party.

January/February will have yoga classes, exercise classes (Get fit with Tia). Asian cooking with Sophie. Look out for our first aid skills class being offered in the future.

We still have walking club running strong on Monday's at 4:30 rain or shine. Meet at the library.

HALLOWEEN!
Trick or Treat will be held on
Monday, October 30th from
5-7pm





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Loving this cool fall weather so far, but I am sure mother nature is just teasing me.

The police department has updated their email addresses to .gov. Our old email addresses will still work. However, if sending an email, you will get notified of the change.

For the last five years, your officers have been participating in “Beards for Bucks” support of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Male officers will be growing facial hair and female officers will either dye a portion of their hair blue or don blue nail polish for the month of October. The Rockingham County CAC is dedicated to “pursuing the truth in child abuse cases” by coordinating a team, focused on the wellbeing of children in child abuse, neglect or sexual assault cases and prosecution. The team is comprised of law enforcement, county attorneys, protective services, victim advocacy agencies and health professions.



The Rockingham County CAC is a nonprofit organization that relies on grants and donations to continue their fight against child abuse. For more information on the Rockingham County CAC, visit their web site at; CACNH.org/rockinghamcounty.

If interested in supporting your officers in their endeavor, please visit;

<https://secure.e2rm.com/p2p/event/383813/en-CA> Click on the donate button

and you will be able to choose the Newington Police Department or the individual officer you want to make the donation to. Thank you in advance for your support.

Each year we field a lot of questions regarding hunting season and what hunters can and cannot do. Hunters are not allowed to hunt on town property or private property that is posted properly. For further guidance, visit NH Fish and Game website at; <https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>



October 16 - October 22 in ONLY the following WMUs: D2, G, H1, H2, I1, I2, J1, J2, K, L, M	Fall turkey/shotgun (in certain WMUs only)
September - March	Small game and furbearers/dates vary by species and region
October 1 - December 31	Pheasant

October 21 - October 29, 2023	Moose (by permit only)
October 21 - 22, 2023	Youth deer-hunting weekend
October 28 - November 07, 2023	Deer/muzzleloader

November 08 - December 03, 2023	Deer/regular firearms (closes one week early in WMU A)
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The Great Bay Wildlife refuge lottery hunt will be held between Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th.

One of the difficult challenges of policing in a small town is enforcing town ordinances on residents, since we know most to all. We want to be fair and impartial but would also like cooperation while enforcing the laws. This doesn't mean we won't give warnings at times, giving us an opportunity to educate the public on the ordinances.

Over the last few years, the police department has received numerous complaints of non-residents or vehicles without parking permits parking on town property, dogs not on leashes, fireworks violations, or hunting on town property without the Board of Selectman's permission, to name a few ordinance violations. Enforcement was difficult without having the proper documentation process for the town and court.

We are in the process of obtaining paper citations specifically identifying Newington Town Ordinances to address the violations. Once we receive the citations, I will post the town ordinances, with the fine schedule, so everyone is aware. I know this is going to ruffle some feathers, but we want to be consistent with enforcement. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Statistics as of September 29th.

Motor vehicle stops	95	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	7	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	36	Reports taken

Arrests	10	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	2	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@newingtonnhpolice.gov Not the change in email.

Be safe and healthy!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Nimble Hill Road Shoulder Work:

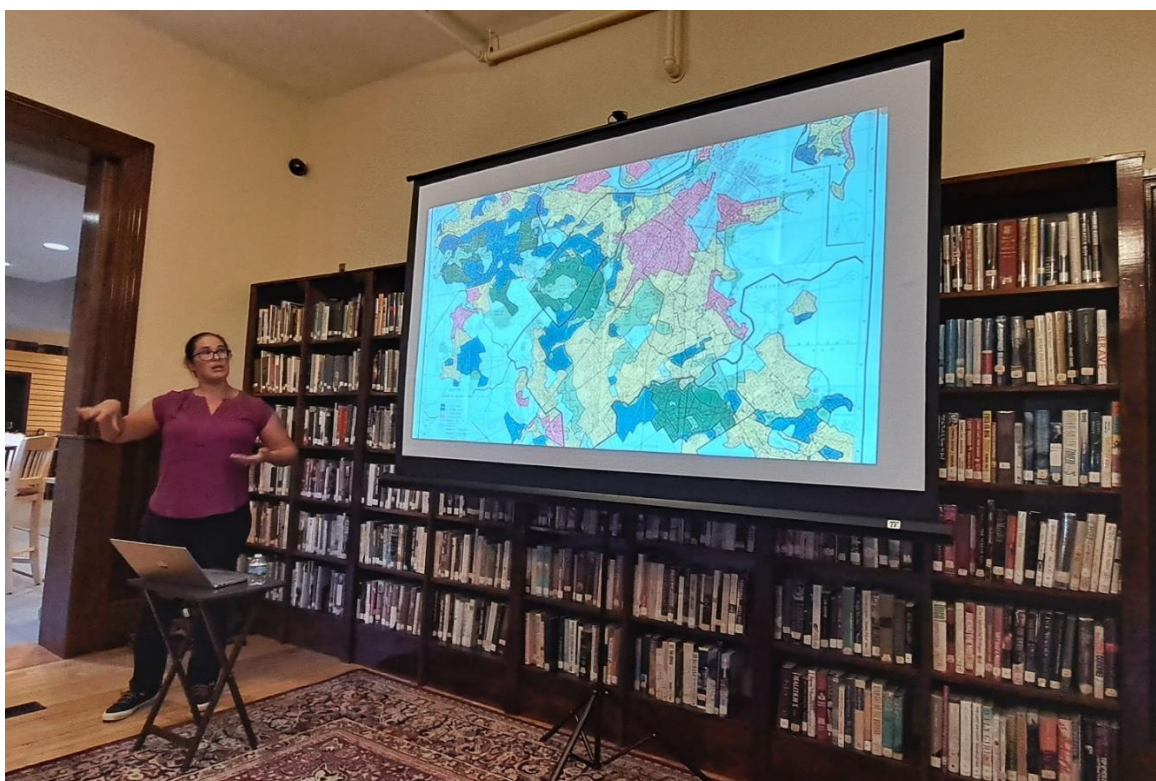
Bourassa Construction will be laying processed gravel along the newly paved shoulders of Nimble Hill Road this month. We expect it will be complete by mid- October.

Paving Projects:

Bourassa Construction will be starting the milling and paving of the following roads **starting Monday October 2nd. Please allow extra time to get through these areas.**

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)

The milling and paving is expected to take 2 weeks to complete.



Lottie Richard explains redlining and its role in the racial generational wealth gap.

The library welcomed former Newington resident Lottie Borkland Richard to the library for the program “The History and Legacy of Reconstruction and Jim Crow Violence” on September 28. Lottie Richard is a doctoral candidate with the Department of History at UNH and will be defending her dissertation “Ignoble and Unhappy Regimes Toppled and Destroyed: Decolonizing Jamaica and American Black Activism” this fall. She currently serves as an Affiliated Professor with the Marlborough Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies at Emerson College in Boston, and has had original research published in “Siybonana: The Africana Studies Journal” and a forthcoming publication with Journal of Black Studies. Lottie Richard may return next year for a program and discussion about the history and significance of Juneteenth.



Many thanks to Melissa Videira Cardin for brightening the Circulation Desk with beautiful fall flowers.

Banned Books Week: October 1 - 7: Demands for censorship have continued to rise in the US this year. From January to August, 1,915 individual titles were challenged or banned, a 20% increase over the same months in 2022. [The Langdon Library endorses the ALA's Freedom to Read statement](#), which asserts "Now as always in our history, reading is among our greatest freedoms... We believe that free communication is essential to the preservation of a free society and a creative culture." Many of the titles under scrutiny are by or about people of color or members of the LGBTQ+ community, [according to the American Library Association](#). During Banned Books week, elevate marginalized voices and celebrate your freedom to read by checking out a "banned book" at the library!

October Programs: Writing Group: All ages are welcome to join us for a short writing prompt and (optional) share, on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 PM. Book Group books for October are: [Tribe](#) by Sebastian Junger, discussions will be Friday, Oct. 20 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, Oct. 4 and 18 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 will be no Story Time on Friday, Oct. 6, but preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to come to the library at 11 AM to play and connect with other families. Note: As some of our little ones move on to preschool or kindergarten, our Friday morning Story Time regulars have decreased in number. We would like to know whether a different day or time of day would work better for the younger families in Newington. If you have a preschool child or children you would like to attend Story Time, please email programs@langdonlibrary.org with suggestions that would work best for your family.

More October programs:

Game Night, Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6 PM in the kids room

Craft Night, Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6 PM. Pumpkin Decorating. All ages welcome.

Movie Night, Hocus Pocus, Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 6 PM.

Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31 10 AM – 8 PM Come to the library in costume and get a treat!

COVID Tests: The library has free FlowFlex Covid-19 Antigen Home* tests available. *We can do a curbside pickup request, if you want tests but do not want to come in!* Just call during our open hours and we'll make an appointment to put a bag outside our front entrance. Remember that during our open hours, curbside pickup is an option for most other reserved items, as well.

*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>

See you at the library!

Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Debbie

www.langdonlibrary.org

LIBRARY CLOSED: Saturday, Oct. 7 and Monday, Oct. 9

Next Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday Oct. 26, 5:30 PM at the library

August 2023 Library Usage Statistics

Checkouts	Visits	NH Downloadables	Hoopla Digital	Room Use	Program Attendance	Interlibrary Loan (To and From)
841	841	269	116	314	263	113

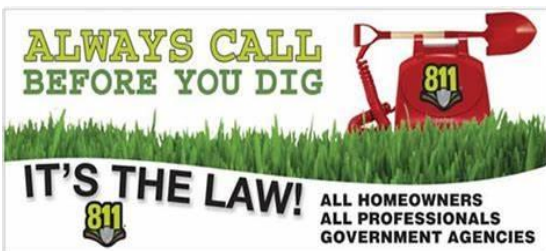
October Building Dept Newsletter

Hello Newington residents, Hope everyone is well and enjoying the change of the seasons! Soon we will be digging out our jackets and shovels, but let's pretend I didn't say that and talk about some positive things instead. On September 13, 2023 the Town of Newington hosted the New Hampshire Building Officials Association (NHBOA) for an ICC (International Code Council) training day covering code updates to the IEBC (2018 International Existing Building Code) and what a great turn out it was! I was very happy to have the opportunity to host and very grateful I was able to. The auditorium got a "Spruce up" with some freshly stripped and waxed floors and some other housekeeping tasks completed to prepare. The meeting space and friendly staff here at Town Hall was well received and I was asked if we could host again!

Text taken from the NHBOA social media page: 70 code officials registered for our hybrid training today on the 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) with ICC presenter, John Gibson (the legend). Such an important code to understand in NH. Special thanks to the Town of Newington, New Hampshire for hosting our training event today.



Also, as a friendly reminder to Newington residents, please make sure that if you or a contractor are digging anywhere on your property, either in the town's right of way or not, you are required to call Dig Safe. Their services are free, and they will be able to locate underground utilities within 72 hours



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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