



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

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Town Hall will be closed in celebration of Veteran’s Day on Friday, Nov. 11th and Thanksgiving on Thursday-Friday, November 24th - 25th.

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Upcoming Meetings:

11/1/2022	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
11/1/2022	Recreation Committee	5pm	Library
11/2/2022	Board of Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Station
11/10/2022	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
11/14/2022	Planning Board	6:00pm	Town Hall
11/16/2022	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
11/16/2022	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
11/21/2022	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall

Recreation Committee News!

Senior Dinner



A wonderful night out with all the seniors that attended the dinner event. The evening started at 4pm with wine and pleasant conversation. The chefs created a wonderful meal of chicken or fish with small rosemary potatoes. For the sides we had carrots, green beans and a wonderful salad of blue cheese, candied walnuts, shredded carrots, cucumbers, and grape tomatoes. My favorite is always dessert, homemade apple crisp with vanilla ice cream. The game of the night was to find out the oldest at the table which lead to plenty of laughter! It was worth being the winner!!

Many thanks go out to our volunteers: firefighter, police, residents, and recreation committee members. We had 7 meals that were delivered to our residents that just could not make it out. We will have the same set up next year. Hopefully in late spring!! Shout out to chefs that creating a fine gourmet meal.

Tennis with Polly



Pictures of Polly with students at the new tennis courts! If you are still interested in lessons email the NewingtonRecreation@gmail.com.

Holiday Light Party

December 11, 2022 Sunday, 1pm - 5pm

Location will be at the Old Town Hall. The Portsmouth Music Ensemble will be there to sing to us at 1:15 for all ages to enjoy! Santa will arrive by firetruck at 2:15 to take photos with the kids or adults!! If you have a craft to share or sell we will have tables available to display the items. Bring your crockpot or a dish to share, that would be appreciated. Also, bring a new toy or new book to donate to the Seacoast Firefighters Toy Drive.



Historical Trolley Ride

We started on the trolley with all the families excited to listen to the stories told by John Lamson about all the battles in Newington. We stopped at the old railroad, on Bloody Point. Then we traveled to the commercial part of town. Followed by a visit to the wildlife refuge trail. Our fourth stop was the meeting house where service was happening. It was great to listen to the paster sing and we clapped our hands to the music. The kids got a chance to ring the bell, it was a great treat. We traveled to the carriage house enjoying the history of Newington. Our final stop was at the Old Town Hall where the battles were reenacted by the children with pool noodles as their weapons.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Yoga](#)

[Click here for information to Holiday Light Party](#)

[Click Here for more information to Dance Lessons](#)



KAYAKS MUST BE REMOVED FROM FOX POINT RACKS BY NOV. 15TH

The deadline to remove all kayaks from the racks at Fox Point is Tuesday, November 15th. They are intended only for seasonal use, not long term storage.



ALL DINGHIES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TOWN DOCK BY DECEMBER 1ST.

A DOCK RESTORATION PROJECT WILL START SHORTLY AFTER THAT.

Cybersecurity Assessment

The Board of Selectmen commissioned a cybersecurity assessment of all town computer and network systems late last year. The goal of the assessment was to evaluate the security of these systems and measure the risk of being compromised in some fashion. The Town within its various departments possesses or has access to a lot of personal data that is of interest to numerous bad actors. Hence, the need to ensure the appropriate security measures are in place to prevent such a breach and/or to be prepared when a breach occurs.

The Selectmen received in August the final report from The ATOM Group, which is the contractor that performed the assessment. That report was then shared with department heads, who then consulted with their IT service providers to provide input arising from the specifics of the report. A stakeholders meeting has occurred to discuss the content of the report and the next steps. Those steps include creation of an Incident Response Plan for the entire town, which will set minimum expectations and security standards to meet. The part of the plan will be to implement regular cybersecurity training for all personnel who access town computers and document this training.

This is to ensure all electronic data available to the Town is provided the appropriate level of security against unauthorized use. These efforts will be continuing in the coming year and will become a normal part of operations in the future.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Held twice a year, Next date: November 12, 2022, 8 am to 12 noon at the Portsmouth Recycling Center, 680 Peverly Hill Road.

For residents of Portsmouth, Greenland & Newington - Proof of Residency Required.

Location: Department of Public Works, 680 Peverly 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 your unwanted household chemicals to Portsmouth's Dept of Public Works for safe disposal including:

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.

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>



TRASH PICK UP DAY
Trash Pick Up will be delayed by one day on Friday,
November 25th. **TRASH PICK UP WILL BE**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

Newington Fire & Rescue

And in the blink of an eye, October is over and November is here. Although the warm weather doesn't seem to want to let go just yet, we all know the cold temperatures are right around the corner. With the leaves still falling, make sure to clear your steps and walkways to prevent falls when they become wet and/or layered. As a reminder, if you are going to be burning any brush from around your yard you will need a burn permit. There are 3 simple ways to get one: swing by the fire station and we can write you one at no charge, call the fire station if you are not able to swing by and we can come out to you and write you the permit also at no charge, or you can use the following link through the states website <https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/> and obtain it online but there is a fee charged by the third party service for the site. If you have any questions about the rules of kindling a fire, just call the fire station at (603) 436-9441 x3 and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Around the station things continue to be busy. We continue to be steady with calls for service and fire inspections. Our holidays spot inspections will be ramping up shortly and continue throughout the holiday season at all of our retail stores and shops. These spot inspections are done to ensure that any holiday décor is appropriately located, powered, and secured. Any exiting and extra merchandise brought in is stored properly and is not blocking/reducing any aiseways, fire exits, sprinkler heads or standpipe connections and the like. These spot inspections happen almost daily during the holidays as Newington has many retail shops and stores, both large and small.

Training also continues to be constant this past month. During our last quarterly department training we had the opportunity to utilize the somewhat vacant Moko's restaurant building for multicompany operation night drills. Special thanks to Torrington Properties for allowing us to utilize their building to train in. We were also invited to take part in some great Social Awareness training with our own NPD recently. Big thanks to Chief Bilodeau and his crew for the invite and hospitality.

Last couple of things:

November 6th, change you clocks, change your batteries. If you or someone you know needs any help with your smoke or CO detectors, please let us know, we are here to help.

The old emergency phone numbers for both FD and PD have been disconnected. The last 2 e-Newsletters mentioned this and a postcard notification went out Townwide a couple of weeks ago. If you have any questions about this please reach out.

Its budget time for all town departments. If you should have any questions about anything to do with the FD budget, or just the department in general, please feel free to reach out to me or stop by and grab some coffee and chat.

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

E.J. Hoyt
Fire Chief
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ehoyt@newingtonfire.org

Change Your Clocks / Change Your Smoke & CO Detector Batteries

When it's time to "spring forward" or "fall back" and change your clocks, make sure to change the batteries in all of your smoke alarms. If batteries were recently changed, it's still very important to conduct your monthly test of your smoke alarms. It could save a life!



Did you know that having a working smoke alarm reduces a person's chance of dying in a fire by half?

For the best protection, install smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside every sleeping area, and in every bedroom. Smoke alarms should be mounted high on walls or ceilings and tested monthly. You should also have a properly working Carbon Monoxide detector on each level of your home.



It's important to replace smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, unless they're 10-year lithium batteries. Even if your smoke alarms are hardwired, replace the batteries in case of a chirping sound or a power outage.

Reminder: Smoke alarms do not last forever. The maximum life span is 10 years. After that time, the entire unit should be replaced. If the unit does not respond properly when tested, it should be replaced immediately.

Help your smoke alarm remain sensitive and ready to protect you by gently using a vacuum cleaner once a month to remove dust and cobwebs. If your Smoke Alarms have been accidentally painted or contaminated, replacement may be necessary.

As always, if you have a question, concern, or need a hand, give the fire station a call or swing by.

PUT A THERMOMETER ON **FREEZE** WINTER FIRES

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your home.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Heating equipment is involved in **1** in every **7** reported **home fires** and **1** in every **5** home fire deaths.

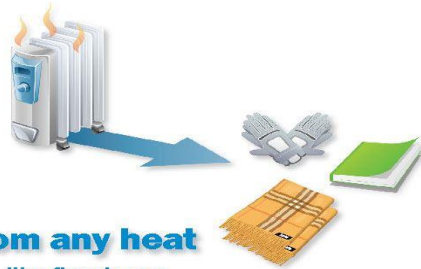


Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10** feet from your home and any nearby buildings.



Keep anything that can burn at least

3 feet from any **heat source** like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Plug only **1** **heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.



Election Update

When you come to the polls on Tuesday November 8th you will see a new voting tabulating machine made by a company called VotingWorks. The current machines used in New Hampshire called AcuVote from LHS are no longer being made. After looking at various machines, the NH Ballot Law Commission selected 2 different machines to field test one of which is the one we will be using. Three towns including Newington were asked to use the VotingWorks machines for the next two elections for evaluation. There will be representatives from the Secretary of State's (SOS) office and vender at the polls all day Tuesday and after the polls close until all post-election work is done.

The next day the machine counted ballots will be picked up from a SOS rep and taken to Concord to be audited by a hand count for comparison with the machine results. Jack O'Reilly, our Moderator, the Town Clerk and Town Administrator will be present to observe the hand counting. The machine was tested on October 31st with a vendor and a SOS rep. there and performed accurately with the 50 test ballots we had prepared. Our current machine has also been tested and will be available as a backup.

The polls will be open from 8:00am until 7:00pm. **You are reminded to bring a photo ID.** The new machine actually stores a photo of your ballot which makes it slower than the current machine so you will have to be patient.



Some Things are Looking Different at the Library!



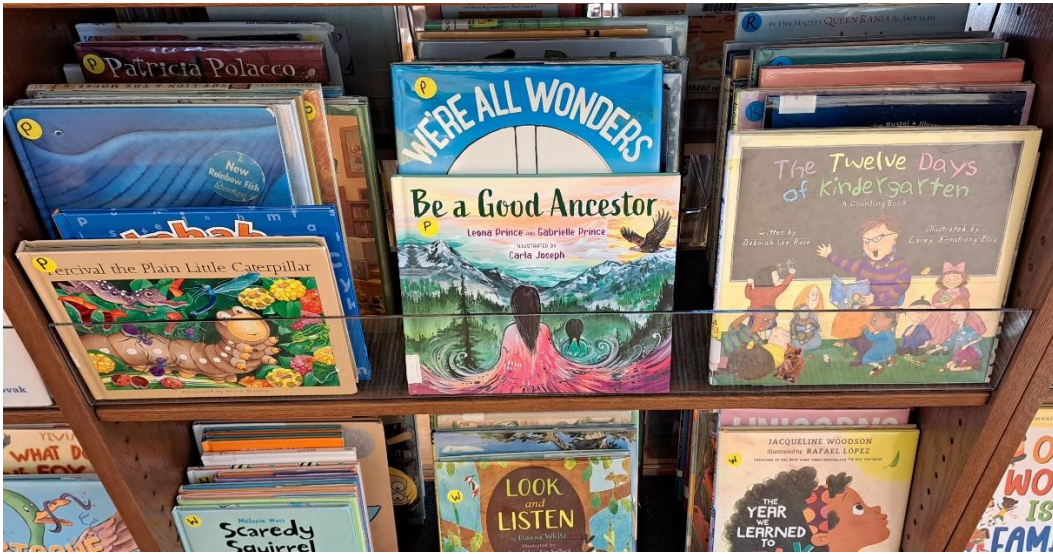
Young Adult Fiction



Juvenile Fiction



Picture Books



November News from the Library

Hello Newington!

Lots of improvements at the library! If you've browsed our juvenile shelves recently, you've seen that we switched to "[Dynamic Shelving](#)" This system is more user-friendly and eye-catching than traditional methods, and allows us to spotlight books all over the place rather than only in curated displays. For now we have adapted the young adult and juvenile shelves. In addition, we recently doubled the space available for picture books by adding browser inserts to the shelving across from the cubbies. Our library checks out over 1,000 picture books a year, our most popular item second only to adult fiction. The new inserts give us enough space to keep cherished favorites while continuing to add new selections for the littlest readers in Newington. To those little readers and their grown-ups: don't forget to track your reading to reach [1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!](#)



Our library cataloging assistant Deb Kohlhase is retiring this week. (Pictured above on Deb's 15 year anniversary: Deb's sister Pat, Theresa, Deb and Lara.) Stop by the library on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday to say **goodbye and thank you for 18 years!**

We appreciated having Newington artist Heather Berry's beautiful work on display for the last few months. In November a new art display is coming, a traveling exhibit of "Culture Keepers, Culture Makers," works by students in a race and equity workshop given by Richard Haynes at [3S ArtSpace](#) in Portsmouth. Come by after the 1st to view these colorful, inspired pieces. Are you an artist with work to display? Find an art display application and view our display policy here: <https://www.langdonlibrary.org/programs/art-display/>

We've had a lot of fun with Kids Game Nights using the Nintendo Switch and would like to try something different. The library invites families to a **Board Game night on Wednesday, November 9 at 5:30 PM.** Bring or choose a fun game to play with other families!

We continue our new monthly **Writing Group on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 PM.** This group is open to all ages. Participants should bring a picture with them to share as a writing prompt. Adults and teens are welcome to join the library's November **Morning & Evening Book Group, on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 PM or Friday, November 18 at 10:30 AM.** We are reading [A Gentleman in Moscow](#) by Amor Towles. Copies are available to check out from the library and the eBook and audiobooks are available on [NH Downloadables](#). We have added an online option to

discuss the book which can be found on our website on the [Blog](#) page. To access a month's discussion, you will need to contact the library, or get it from the library newsletter. Not signed up for the library's monthly newsletter? Click here to register:

<https://www.langdonlibrary.org/langdon-letter/>

Caregiver Café has returned to the library. This program, co-sponsored with Cornerstone VNA, is an opportunity for caregivers to meet for support, education and conversation. The next group will meet **Thursday, November 17 at 10:30 AM**. All caregivers are welcome.

Preschoolers and their grown-ups can join Miss Brittany **every Friday at 11 AM for Story Time**, dancing, activities and a read-aloud. Story times build social, listening and language skills for children, as well as give new parents the opportunity to meet and connect with one another.

November Holiday Closings:

Veterans Day, Friday November 11

Thanksgiving, Thursday November 24 and Friday November 25

Next Library Trustee Meeting: Friday November 18, 12:30 PM at the library

September 2022 Library Usage Statistics

Checkouts	Visits	NH <u>Downloadables</u>	Hoopla Digital	Room Use	Interlibrary Loan (To and From)
461	413	225	84	114	85

See you at the library!

Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Deb

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Police Department

The spooky festivities of Halloween are officially over. Lowe’s and Home Depot can now stop combining the sales of two holidays and concentrate on Christmas, while they bypass Thanksgiving. Be patient, I am sure the Christmas music will be playing nonstop within the next week!!

Shout out to the Newington Public School and the Recreation Committee for bringing together families and friends for the School Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat!! Thank you, Police Department Executive Assistant Taylor Fiore, and Officer Jessica Auger, for decorating a cruiser for both events. Very Spooky.



Top Photos: Newington Public School visits the police department for the Halloween Parade where students show off their costumes to town departments.



Officer Brian Whyte and Officer Meyers participate in Trunk or Treat put on by the Recreation

Committee.

During our department meeting on October 26th, we had the opportunity to bring in guest speaker Nolan Sinclair, to educate the department on ‘Social Awareness in 2022; a reference guide for

successful interactions with LGBT members of your community.’ Nolan has brought LGBT training and awareness to different venues on the seacoast, this being Nolan’s first municipality. The training was open to all town departments, and we were joined by members of the fire department. Topics ranged from Assigned Sex at Birth, Gender Identity, pronouns, Transgender Statistics, and scenarios. There were a lot of questions and discussion throughout, but we surmised from the training was, Treat Everyone with Respect.



Newly sworn officers Kyle Hume and Ricardo Saint- Marc start their first day under the tutelage of Detective O’Reilly. Hume and Saint Marc will be taking part in inhouse training studying New Hampshire RSA’s on Laws of Arrest, Use of Force, and our policies and procedures, focusing on the Use of Force, De-Escalation, and Accreditation.

Hands on training with firearms, defensive tactics, taser, pepper spray, baton, and handcuffing, will come in the next couple of weeks. We prepare all our candidates to be proficient in the use of force prior to attending the academy.

Once inhouse training is complete you will be seeing them driving around town with a field training officer prior to the academy. When given the opportunity, take the time to say hello and welcome them to town.

Hume and Saint-Marc will be attending the NH Police Academy in January.

October monthly statistics as of October 30th.

Motor vehicle stops	231	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	12	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	40	Reports taken
Arrests	9	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	2	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	2	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 7:00am- 3:00pm
Planning Dept. - Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)
Transfer Station: Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm
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