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Upcoming Meetings:

8/1/2022	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
8/2/2022	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
8/3/2022	Board of Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Station
8/8/2022	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
8/8/2022	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
8/11/2022	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
8/17/2022	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
8/22/2022	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
8/25/2022	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall
8/29/2022	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall



Newington Fire & Rescue

I swear I just finished writing Julys newsletter, and here I am already writing Augusts. As we all are aware, the last couple weeks were very warm and the humidity didn't do anything to help. As a reminder, if you or someone you know needs any assistance during these times, or likewise during the cold months, please reach out to either myself or Chief Bilodeau at the PD for assistance. If we are not able to directly assist you, we will get you in touch with a person or agency that can.

Calls for service continue to be steady here at the FD. We are currently 71 calls ahead of this same time last year. This is not due to one specific reason. We are just responding on more calls across the board. One of the interesting aspects of working at Newington Fire is the variety and types of calls we respond to. A fair portion of them are similar to any other community with fire alarms, motor vehicle accidents, and medical aids. But then you add in our commercial and industrial districts, and it adds a completely different level of required technicalities and management. This includes training, specialized equipment, additional "manpower", additional apparatus and the like. We recently had one of the calls and between our on-duty staffing, Newington PD, and Portsmouth Fire the incident went smoothly. It also took over an hour to get the individual extricated safely from where they were located to the ambulance. This just reinforces that the relationships we have, and continue to grow, are absolutely necessary to serve the community appropriately. Special thanks to Chief Bilodeau and his members for being there whenever we need them.

As a reminder, please make sure to call the station (603) 436-9441 x3 (non-emergent) or 911 (emergent) if during or after a storm and you notice a tree or limbs in the road or across power lines. Please don't post about it to any social media as we do not actively monitor any of them. Also, I wanted to personally thank the residents out in South Newington that were clearing Newington Road of downed tree limbs from Airport Road to the Greenland line when I went out to check on it after the storm went through last week. They did a great job and its very much appreciated.

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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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



Back-to-school can be chaotic, and it presents new safety challenges. Practicing and preparing children early for school dangers will leave everyone feeling safer and more secure. Teach children about:



TRAFFIC SAFETY

- Walk kids to the bus stop using sidewalks and crosswalks, and obey traffic laws.
- Show children how to get on and off the bus safely.
- Never bend down to pick something up in front of or under the school bus.
- Make sure children walk at least ten feet in front of the bus to cross the street. Kids and bus drivers should always be able to see each other.



WALKING OR BIKING TO SCHOOL

- Walking or Biking to school: Obey traffic laws, always wear a helmet, avoid distracted walking or riding, and never speak to strangers.
- Walkers and bikers should take safe, visible routes to school. Never let children take an alternative route without consent.
- Encourage children to walk together in groups for safety.

See something, say something: If you notice any suspicious individuals or behaviors near school grounds, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.

Practice emergency preparedness drills: fire, flood, active shooter, and natural disasters.

Children should wear backpacks with two thick straps to evenly distribute weight on their shoulders. Backpacks should not weigh more than 5%-10% of a child's body weight.



DRIVING TO SCHOOL

- Make sure everyone inside the car is safely fastened with seatbelts and car seats.
- Never pull away from school until all children are accounted for and safely entering the building. Make sure everyone knows the designated pick up spot.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY

- Don't ignore playground head injuries! Make sure your child sees a doctor immediately.
- Check the playground: Make sure there are at least 12 inches of mulch, chips, gravel, or safety-tested rubber-like materials for cushioning.
- Bullying: teach children the dangers of bullying. Look out for signs your child may be a victim of bullying.



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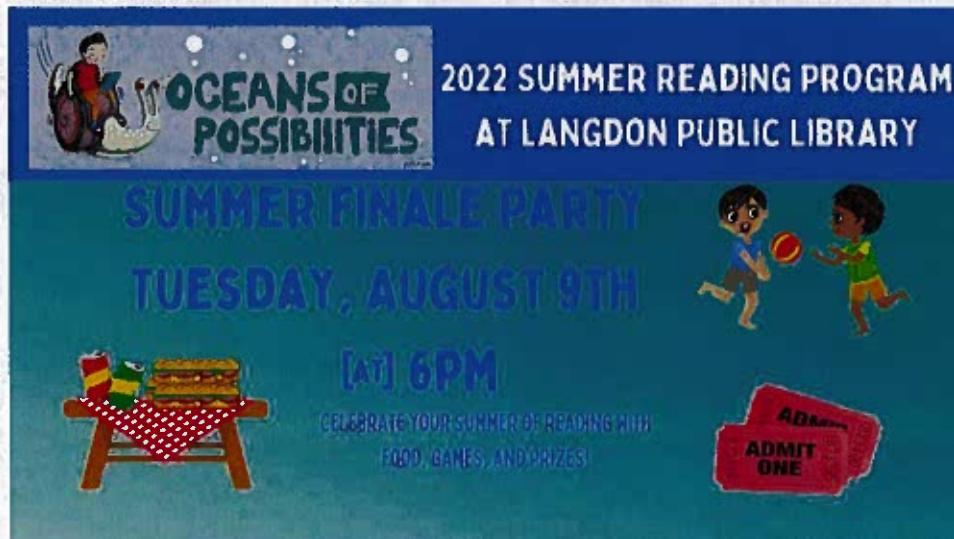
www.childhoodpreparedness.org

Sources:

<https://www.rd.com/advice/parenting/back-to-school-safety-tips/>
<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school>



LANGDON
PUBLIC LIBRARY



August News from the Library

We hope you have been having a fantastic summer! We are excited to have 66 readers—37 kids and 29 adults—participating in this year's Summer Reading Program, almost as many as our record (71!) last year. Participants have just under three more weeks to read and earn tickets toward their choice of prizes. Everyone should bring in logs or bookmarks on or before Monday, August 8, to fill out raffle tickets and put them in the jars of your choice. The Summer Reading program will end in a **Finale PARTY** on August 9 at 6 PM at the library. We will award prizes, enjoy indoor and outdoor games, and delicious summer refreshments including Mini-Moe's sandwiches, cupcakes, and beverages including Stoneface, wine, soda, and more. This event is open to all Newington community members, whether you participated in Summer Reading or not! We greatly appreciate

the donations we received from local businesses Hauch Storage, Beswick Engineering, Bowl O Rama, Lickee's and Chewy's, and Kilwins. Their generous support makes our summer programming possible.

In bittersweet news, our long-time staff member, Deb Kohlhase, has announced she is retiring at the end of this year. She has worked at the library for 18 years, and is ready to spend more time with her family. We are sad to see her go, but wish her well. Which means, the library is hiring! The position officially starts in November, but we hope to have overlap beforehand so Deb can train her replacement. Deb is the "Library Cataloging Assistant;" her main responsibility is to "process" and "catalog" the new items, categorizing them and adding them to our online catalog. We would love to have a Newington community member join our little team, and this position is the job people usually imagine when they picture library work: working closely with books, magazines and movies, seeing everything that arrives at the library and determining where it belongs. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, please click here to learn more:

<https://www.langdonlibrary.org/employment-opportunity-2/>

The Outdoor Movie showing of Moana last month was postponed due to thunderstorms, so we will try again next week on Tuesday, August 2 at dusk. Bring chairs, blankets and bug spray. Dusk is around 8:15 so arrive at 8 to pick your spot. We provide soda, water and snacks. Volunteer help to set up and take down is always appreciated. Note: if the weather does not cooperate, we will move the movie inside!

Finally, we are planning an overnight "Library Lock-In" for teens in August. Teens who are interested in attending will need a parent/ guardian signed permission slip. This event, which will

start when the library closes, will include teen-planned games, activities and lots of snacks. The tentative date for this program is Tuesday, August 16 to Wednesday, August 17. To help plan this event, join us at Teen Advisory Group (TAG) on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Deb

Langdon Public Library

328 Nimble Hill Road

Newington NH 03801

603-436-5154

director@langdonlibrary.org

Don't forget our new hours!

Monday 11 AM to 5 PM

Tuesday 10 AM to 8 PM

Wednesday 2 PM to 7 PM

Thursday 10 AM to 7 PM

Friday 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM

Closed Sunday.

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

The Town Wide Yard Sale is on Saturday, September 10, 2022 this year. A \$10 Donation to the Newington Historical Society is appreciated! Maps & Balloons will be delivered during the week before the sale.

Please sign up at Town Hall by September 6th, just after Labor Day, in order to get your house labeled on the map, but you are welcome to sign up and call for maps after that date. Thank you!



Police Department

The dog days of summer are passing!! Sorry kids, this means school starts soon!!

I have written the following a couple of times in past newsletters but want to reiterate, so maybe residents will pass along the message to neighbors, family, and friends, who do not subscribe. Social media is a way to share information but is not immediately followed by the police department or fire department, as we do not have the resources to monitor the sites 24 hours a day. Recently there were Facebook posts on the Newington Residents Group about speeding vehicles on Fox Point, Newington Road, and trees down on Newington Road. We do not see these posts until after the fact. This, I am sure is frustrating for you as it is frustrating to us. If you want to call to report an incident or a crime, please give us a call at 603-431-5461. After 4pm, there may not be an officer at the station, so you can call Rockingham County Dispatch at 603-679-2226. We are always here to help.



Have you seen these around town? I have seen these on Newington Road, McIntyre, Little Bay, and Fox Point. These are skid marks, from vehicles breaking traction on the roadway, most commonly caused by persons showing off how powerful their vehicles are. They may be compensating for something else but that is for another day. This is happening in the late evenings or early mornings on Friday and Saturday.

Town Ordinance 74-2; Prohibiting Unnecessary and excessive noise in the operation of Motor Vehicles: This ordinance prohibits excessive power or "Squealing of Tires" from a motor vehicle. The fine is \$25.00. Obviously, this was a concern of residents in 1974, when the ordinance was passed and now a concern of ours in 2022. A person can also be charged with Negligent Driving or Reckless Operation, with loss of license up to 60 days.

I am a firm believer in The Broken Window Theory and addressing the quality-of-life issues before the smaller crimes become a larger problem.



The speed trailer is fixed, charged and ready to go. We will be placing the trailer in multiple spots throughout town, based on location requests.

July monthly statistics as of July 27th.

Motor vehicle stops	276	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	6	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	34	Reports taken
Arrests	19	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	4	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	0	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

Highway Department:

Nimble Hill Road (from Fox Point Road to Little Bay Road) will be reconstructed starting on Monday, August 15th. Although a traffic lane will be available, the public may want to seek alternate routes to get to their destination quickly.





The Town of Newington is accepting letters of application for the following volunteer positions:

Letters of interest should be addressed to the Board of Selectmen and e-mailed or mailed to the address below:

- Economic Development Committee: 2 Members

Please see or call the Town Hall for further details or e-mail: selectmen@newington.nh.us
Town of Newington, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH 03801, 603-436-7640



Final Touches Being Put on the Resurfaced Tennis Courts- They Re-open August 1st

Happy Birthday, Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge!

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the transfer of land from the Pease Air Force Base to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge! Were you, or have you kept in touch with others who were, involved with the refuge during its formative years? Do you have memories of the Pease property before it transferred? We want to hear from former partners, volunteers, and employees, as we plan an anniversary celebration on October 15, 2022. If you have a connection to the refuge or know someone who did, please email peggy_hobbs@fws.gov . We want to hear your stories, see your photos, and extend a forthcoming invitation to the celebration.

**Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon - Fri. 9 - 4:30pm
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday through Thursday 9am-2:00pm
Building Dept. - Monday - 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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