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Board of Selectmen

Timothy "Ted" Connors, Chair
Bob Blonigen, Vice-Chair
Brandon Arsenault



Town Offices will be closed in celebration of Christmas Day on Mon. Dec 26 and New Years' Day on Mon. Jan 2nd.

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Upcoming Meetings:

12/5/2022	Board of Selectmen	5:30	Town Hall
12/5/2022	Planning Board	6:00	Town Hall
12/6/2022	Police Commission	4:00	Police Station
12/6/2022	Recreation Committee	5:30	Library
12/7/2022	Board of Fire Engineers	5:30	Fire Station
12/7/2022	Budget Committee	6:00	Town Hall
12/8/2022	Conservation Commission	6:30	Town Hall
12/12/2022	Board of Selectmen	5:30	Town Hall
12/12/2022	Planning Board	6:00	Town Hall
12/14/2022	Budget Committee	6:00	Town Hall
12/19/2022	Planning Board	6:00	Town Hall
12/21/2022	Sewer Commission	9:00	WWTP

Letter from Selectman Ted Connors

To my Friends and Neighbors:

It is with a heavy heart that I write this - I will *not* be seeking another term as Selectman. I came to this conclusion after discussing this with Lis and our children Tim and Annelise.

I am finishing up my second term - 6 years and 5 years as Chairman. I have had the great experience of serving with five past and present select people dedicated to our town: Jan Stuart, Mike Marconi, Ken Latchaw, Bob Blonigen and Brandon Arsenault. Also working alongside our dedicated and loyal town employees Martha Roy, town administrator, Eleanor Boy, Sheryl Bagley and Sylvia Bly.

In my years on the Board of Selectmen, we survived COVID and maintained and grew programs due to hard work from volunteers, friends and neighbors.

The next Town Election is March 14th followed by the Town Meeting on March 18th. I encourage everyone to volunteer and seek elected and appointed positions. People make our town strong and progressive.

Thank you. It has been an honor representing you.

-Ted Connors

Recreation Committee News!

Newington Recreation Committee

Holiday Light Party

December 11, 2022, 1pm until 5pm

Hi everyone, we have our annual Holiday Light Party coming up quickly. Don't forget to put it on your calendar so you and your family can enjoy the festivities! We will have coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Come and sit and enjoy the Sounds of the Free Spirits, a local quartet!! They will be singing at 1:15 until Santa arrives. Santa is coming to the Old Town Hall on the firetruck at 2:15! Decorating a gingerbread man and other activities will be available for all. We encourage everyone to bring a toy for the Seacoast Firefighter's Toy Drive. We welcome any dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. If you have a craft you would like to display or sell, please sign up!

[Click to sign-up for Holiday Light Party](#)

Yoga was a hit! The Recreation Committee will be planning on continuing the Yoga in future at the Old Town Hall. We had a great turn out, so we need more room.



More information to come in January's Newsletter!!

Still time to sign-up for Dance Lesson. The dance lessons are still on Monday from 3:30 til 4:30. Come check out our dance instructor Robin Shaw! She makes ballroom dancing, and salsa dancing fun and enjoyable for all us beginners. Sign-up below

[Click Here To Sign Up For Dance Lessons](#)

PICKLEBALL COMING TO NEWINGTON

The Newington Recreation Committee, in collaboration with a town resident, has taken the initiative to add pickleball courts to Newington's collection of recreation facilities at a fraction of the cost required to construct new courts as many towns in the area have done. The rapidly growing sport started as an attractive option for seniors and then expanded to all age groups. The court lines/boundaries have been painted at the South Newington basketball court location and three pickleball nets have been procured. The court lines were painted to not interfere with basketball play at this location which has experienced very little use in recent years. The Rec Committee plans to store nets at the South Newington location in secure storage and will announce procedures in the near future for residents to access these nets for play. Installing courts in a separate location from the town tennis courts avoids the strong objection from tennis players regarding the lack of compatibility of pickleball play alongside tennis players largely related to noise levels and the different location of court lines which creates confusion.



Newington Fire & Rescue

I swear I just finished writing the November e-newsletter yet here we are, December. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and was able to enjoy some time with family and friends. As the weather continues to cool down during the overnights, please remain aware of frosty/icy steps and sidewalks in the morning. Even though we don't have any snow yet, walking surfaces can still be slippery. With the increase in fuel and electricity costs, everyone will be attempting to reduce those cost within their households somehow. Some folks may take somewhat drastic efforts to reduce costs by heating their homes in unsafe ways. I would urge you to reach out to myself before you find yourself in this situation. The State has several programs in place that you may benefit from. Some of the links are below:

NH Department of Energy, Electric Assistance Program

<https://www.energy.nh.gov/consumers/help-energy-and-utility-bills/electric-assistance-program>

Southern New Hampshire Services

<https://www.snhs.org/services/fuel-assistance>

NH Saves

<https://nhsaves.com/learn/service/home-energy-assistance-program/>

We continue to be busy around the fire station with inspections and calls for service. We did have a notable call at the very end of October after the submittal of the November e-newsletter. Both Newington Fire and Police responded to a medical aid at a business here in town for an individual reportedly having a seizure. One of the on-duty police officers was nearby and responded. On scene he found the individual and recognized that they were not having a seizure and were in fact not conscious and not breathing. He along with another arriving police officer initiated CPR until the fire crew arrived. The fire crew took over resuscitation efforts and hooked the individual up to a cardiac monitor and CPR device. After several "rounds" of CPR another cardiac monitor was brought in to attempt to perform a "last ditch" procedure. After this attempt the individual was loaded into the ambulance and transported to the hospital. About a week and a half later, to the delight of everyone that responded that day, the individual swung by both the police and fire stations to say thank you. This great outcome happened for several reasons. 1. The quick thinking and training of the police officers that responded and started CPR. 2. The high level of training our members have and their commitment to maintain it. 3. The equipment that we carry and the commitment by the Town to maintain and update it as needed. 4. The great working relationship we have between our police and fire departments.

I know I mentioned this last month but I wanted to mention it again. 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.

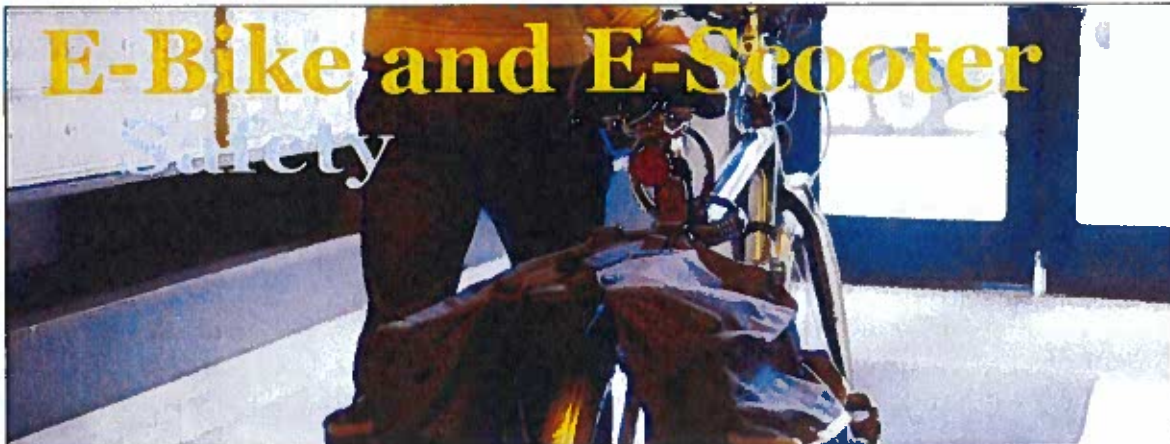
As always, we are here and available if you have any needs or questions. Stay safe.

E.J. Hoyt

Fire Chief

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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.

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Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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Police Department



Please tell me that everyone is as surprised as I am at how fast this year has gone? Throughout the year the police department participates in many philanthropic events and at times ask the community for monetary donations to help us support the causes. Your donations no matter how small, have been beneficial to many.



On October 29th at approximately 9:35 am Officer Arsenault and your fire department, responded to Walmart for a medical emergency involving a male who was unconscious, breathing and possibly having a seizure. Officer Arsenault was the first arriving officer and determined the male was not breathing. Officer Arsenault immediately began performing CPR until relieved by Newington Fire. Based on the immediate assistance provided by Officer Arsenault and fire, the male was revived and transported to Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Officer Arsenault kept close

contact with the family who provided daily updates of his condition. About a week and a half later, we were all ecstatic to hear the male survived his near-death experience, with a visit from the male and family. Thank you, Officer Arsenault, and the members of the Newington Fire Department, for your professionalism, quick response, and dedication to preserving life. This is an excellent example of cohesive teamwork and training coming together!!!

This year, Executive Administrator Taylor Fiore reached out to the United States Marines to support them with the collection of new and unwrapped toys for less fortunate children through **Toys For Tots**.



We have placed a Toys For Tots box in the police station lobby for your donations. This is the time of year for giving and showing how much we care. If you can not make it to the police station, we would be more than happy to come to you.

The United States Marines will be at The Crossings on Friday, December 2nd, and your police department will be at The Crossings on Saturday, December 10th, accepting your charitable donations.

This is also the season where we field numerous calls for mental health crisis from family and friends. Some maybe hesitant to call the police or fire based on the stigma of a person in need of assistance. We are in a no judgement zone and here to help no matter the circumstances.

A reminder New Hampshire joined 988, a national Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline for you to call. For immediate emergency assistance always dial 911.

November monthly statistics as of November 30th

Motor vehicle stops	231	Summons/ warnings issued
Accidents	6	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	22	Reports taken
Arrests	9	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	3	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@newingtonnhpd.com

Be safe and healthy!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau

BONFIRE AT OLD STONE SCHOOL

Newington Historical Society welcomes everyone to the historic district with the Society's third annual community bonfire by the Old Stone School, Saturday, December 17th!

4:00 pm with light food and hot drinks at the Old Parsonage
5:00 pm light the bonfire

Santa is coming with help from the Fire Dept.

Enjoy the Old Parsonage museum and picnic tables set out by the Highway Dept.

All are welcome, Parents must supervise their children.

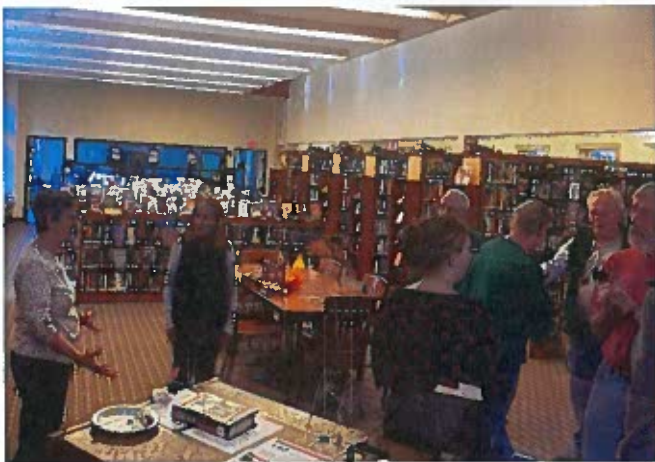
Rain date next day depending on the weather (rain or wind)





LANGDON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

December News from the Library



Hello Newington!

Thank you to all who made our retirement celebration for library cataloging assistant Deb Kohlhasse special last month. On her last day, staff, trustees and friends surprised her with a cake, a gift card to the Library Restaurant and a "Forever Library Card." We convinced her to come back and "sub" once already! She will not be a stranger!

Deb's replacement is a familiar face – Newington resident Debbie Obertanec! You may have met her in the library in her former substitute position, or from her artwork and photography. She displayed at the library in 2016 and will show here again soon. She often features Newington scenes, including this beloved one:



The Library's Winter Warm-Up is back, with a special twist this year. On Thursday, December 29 we are hosting a two part event, showing a Pontine Theatre production of NH Poet Donald Hall's "Christmas Snow" at 5:30 PM followed by food, drink and community fun for all ages, including a Library Scavenger Hunt for kids organized by our Teen Advisory Group! You may come to one or both events. Registration for "Christmas Snow" is required, as space is limited. Call 603 436 5154 or email info@langdonlibrary.org.

THE PONTINE THEATRE	WINTER WARM UP
	
THURSDAY DEC. 29TH @ 5:30PM	THURSDAY DEC. 29TH @ 6:30PM

Other December events:

Writing Group on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 PM. All ages. Participants should bring two “everyday items” to share as a writing prompt.

Kids Game Night on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM. Kids grade K to 6 welcome for Nintendo Switch games like Minecraft, Just Dance and more in the Kids Room.

Caregiver Café on Thursday, December 15 at 10:30 AM. Co-sponsored with Cornerstone VNA. All caregivers welcome for support, education and conversation.

Story Time with Miss Brittany, Every Friday at 11 AM for Story Time. Preschoolers and their grown-ups invited for dancing, activities and a read-aloud.

Teen Advisory Group, Every Thursday at 5:30 PM. Teens meet to plan Newington community activities, this month a Library Scavenger Hunt for the Winter Warm-Up Party on December 29.

October 2022 Library Usage Statistics

Checkouts	Visits	NH Downloadables	Hoopla Digital	Room Use	Interlibrary Loan (To and From)
537	405	214	78	114	96

December Holiday Closing: Saturday, December 24.

Library Trustee Meeting: Friday, December 16, 10:30 AM at the library

See you at the library!

Lara, Theresa, Brittany and Debbie

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THE NEWINGTON SCHOOL SOIL IS NOW IN SPACE!!

LAUNCHED FROM KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

See this link for WMUR coverage: [Space X rocket launch brings soil from New Hampshire to space \(wmur.com\)](http://www.wmur.com)

Highway Department:

As a reminder, feel free to get salt or sand for your house from the Highway Dept. Salt Shed.



KAYAKS MUST BE REMOVED FROM FOX POINT RACKS

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

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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