



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.

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**Town Offices
 will be closed on
 Monday,
 May 30, 2022 in
 celebration of
 Memorial Day!**

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Upcoming Meetings:

5/3/2022	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
5/3/2022	Recreation Committee	5pm	Library
5/4/2022	Board of Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Station
5/9/2022	Trustees of the Trust Fund	6pm	Library
5/9/2022	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
5/12/2022	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6:30pm	Town Hall
5/12/2022	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
5/16/2022	Board of Selectmen	5: 30pm	Town Hall
5/18/2022	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
5/23/2022	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
5/26/2022	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall

Kindergarten Tour of Town Hall:

Ms. Annie Murphy's Kindergarteners toured the Town Hall on April 14th and heard what the various departments do in town.



Recreation





The Newington Recreation Committee is seeking additional volunteer support to maintain the town recreation program and broaden the accessibility of recreational events and facilities to more town residents. This committee supports events all year and would like to invite new personnel to join the core group that plans, coordinates and implements town events such as Septemberfest, the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Youth Camp, the Ice Rink, the Holiday Light Party, Outdoor Movie Night, Tennis/Baseball/Playground/Basketball court maintenance, trail maintenance, Frisbee Golf Course, Newington History Trolley Tour, Senior Dinner and more. The Committee has secured town approval to hire a part time Recreation Director to lift some of the administrative burden off the Recreation Committee and work with Newington residents to expand the list of recreation activities which bring people together and improve our quality of life. Volunteers on the committee are encouraged to bring new ideas and energy to the Committee and participate as little or as much as their free time allows with an emphasis on having fun. If interested submit your request to selectman@newington.nh.us. If you have questions contact the Committee Chair Rebecca Navelski at newingtonrecreation@gmail.com.

SUMMER CAMP OPTIONS:

See the following link for summer camp options:

<https://www.newington.nh.us/home/news/summer-camp-information>



Lara and Miss Amanda as Piglet and Winnie the Pooh on Halloween 2019

May News from the Library

After about four years of service to the Newington community, **Miss Amanda is leaving us!** She is moving on to a great new opportunity. It is hard to overstate the many ways she has gone above and beyond, in her time at our library. Starting by continuing programs like Friday Family Hour and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten... adding Imagination Bags, Leaping Learners Outdoor Storytimes and Minecraft nights... hard work on special events like the Stone Soup Winter Warm-Up and Candidates Nights... representing the library at Septemberfest and the Newington Senior Dinner... planning dynamic programming every summer for our visitors from Camp Newington... collecting awesome prizes and donations to make every Summer Reading a success... and most of all, finding and recommending so many wonderful books for our younger Newington residents to enjoy and learn from. **Her last day is Friday, May 6, 9 to 5** so please stop by and say thank you.

May's Morning & Evening Book Group read is *That Reminds Me of a Funny Story: A Memoir, How-To, and Compendium of Yankee Humor* by NH author *Rebecca Rule*. Books are available for pickup at the library. Join us for discussion in the library on **Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 PM** or **Friday, May 20 at 10:30 AM**. Refreshments will be enjoyed! New participants (adults and teens) always welcome.

We are looking for an excellent candidate to join our team and carry on Miss Amanda's youth programming, literature and publicity duties, so please share if you know of anyone who may be interested: <https://www.langdonlibrary.org/employment-opportunity-2/>

With the help of our amazing subs, we hope to maintain our current hours of operation during the hiring process, but we ask for your patience if that is not always possible! For more information, visit our website at www.langdonlibrary.org

Lara Berry, Library Director

Langdon Public Library

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[Newington School Students Featured on WMUR](#)

See following link :

[NH middle school students to help with ISS experiment \(wmur.com\)](#)

Newington Fire & Rescue

May is one of my favorite times of the year. Temperatures are warming up; trees are budding and some flowers are starting to bloom. The old adage April showers bring May flowers is right on track. I also don't suffer from seasonal allergies, so that makes it better too. We continue to be busy at the FD. Calls for service have been fairly steady, but the inspections divisions pace has been increasing as the weather gets nicer and construction picks up.

The FD has the privilege to host a leadership roundtable between local Fire Chiefs and the Commissioner of Safety Robert Quinn, the Director of Fire Standards and Training Justin Cutting, Division of Fire Safety Assistant Director Brian Allard and NH Association of Fire Chiefs Kirk Beattie. This roundtable is to discuss the ongoing and worsening issue with the lack of new candidates looking to get into the fire service and the attempts to retain current members.

I had the honor of being designated a New Chief Fire Officer I by the NH Association of Fire annual meeting last month. This designation comes hard work and I am proud to have accomplished this Newington.



Hampshire Chiefs at their after a lot of while here in

We are also happy to announce that on May 28th we "Coffee with the Chiefs" back up. Feel free to swing by the fire station between 8am-12pm to look around, ask questions and have some coffee. Hope to see you there.

will be starting

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

EJ Hoyt
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Newington Fire & Rescue

Spring Outdoor Safety Tips

Spring is here and it's a good time to be outside enjoying the weather. Here are some ways to help keep you and your loved ones healthy.

Beware and aware of BUGS!

Mosquitos, ticks, and fleas transmit diseases. Use appropriate insect repellent. Avoid tick infested areas such as high grass or thick brush. Shower as soon as possible after coming indoors and check your body for ticks. Check your children.

Wash and tumble dry clothing. Check pets for ticks. Consult your health care provider if you or a family member develops fever, rash, body aches, headache, stiff neck, fatigue or disorientation after a tick bite. Typically, these symptoms occur in the first three weeks after a tick bite.

Grilling out?

Use a meat thermometer to make sure meats are cooked thoroughly. Place cooked meat on a clean platter not back on the one that held raw meats. Wash hands, kitchen utensils and any surfaces that have been in contact with raw meats as soon as possible. Good rule: Keep HOT foods HOT and COLD foods COLD.

In the SUN....

Do your part to protect yourself and your family from illnesses that are transmitted when participating in recreational water activities. Do not swim if you have diarrhea, do not swallow pool water, wash your hands frequently. Avoid being directly in the sun during the hottest time of the day. Use sunscreen at least SPF 15, cover skin with clothing and wear a wide brimmed hat. Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes (UVA and UVB rays). Always be aware of signs of heat stress.

Spending time with Nature....

Drinking stream water even though it looks clear is risky business. Clear doesn't mean safe. Cryptosporidium and Giardia are parasites that inhabit water. They are not visible and can cause significant illness. Always filter or treat water to make it safe for drinking. Protect yourself from

mosquitos, ticks and other insects by using an appropriate repellent. Check yourself daily for ticks. Ticks should be carefully removed. Bats enjoy the night life. Bats are a common sight at dusk when camping. Remind children to never touch a bat. Bats may be infected with rabies. If bitten, wash the area well and seek immediate medical attention.

Have a healthy and safe Spring!

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR HOURS FOR MAY:

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be open on:

Mon. 5/2 ,Tues. 5/3, Thurs. 5/12 and Fri. 5/13 for the 1st 2 weeks in May (9am-2pm)

So we'll be closed 5/4-5/11

Then we'll be open regular hours for the rest of the month! (Tuesday- Thursday 9am-2pm)



PORTSMOUTH WATER FORUM Tues May 3rd at 6pm. Portsmouth City Hall with Zoom Option.

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[Please see attached documents for details. | Newington NH](#)



POLICE DEPARTMENT

And with the snap of the fingers, April is gone. We all can appreciate this time of year, with the revitalization of life from the dormant winter months. The new beginnings of life.

That was a lead into the expanding family at the police department. Officer Burns and wife, Bethany, are due any day with their first-born child. As noted last month, Officer Burns has accepted a lateral transfer to the Claremont Police Department, so they can be home with family and friends. We will continue to support the Burns family in all their future endeavors.



On April 22nd, Officer Brian Whyte graduated from the 187th class of the New Hampshire Police Training Council Academy. He is currently in our 12-week Field Training Program, with Field Training Officer Auger. When you get the opportunity to talk to Officer Whyte, give him a big congratulations and welcome him to Newington!!

Huge shout out to the sixth graders and Nels Tooker at the Newington Public School, for winning a statewide competition and working with college students from the University of New Hampshire Manchester Campus, with the study of dirt in space. The dirt was taken from the Newington Town Forest and will be sent to the International Space Station this fall for bacterial testing. I by no means am a scientist, but this is really cool!! Congratulations to everyone involved!



May 1st -May 31st is turkey season. If you are active outside, you may be seeing hunters.

Hunting is allowed on private and public property if it is not posted and with landowner permission.

NH RSA 207:57: Harassment.

I. No person shall purposely obstruct or impede the participation of any individual in the lawful activity of hunting, fishing, or trapping while that individual is in a designated hunting area on public lands. No person shall enter or remain in a designated hunting area on any state lands with the intent to purposely obstruct or impede the participation of any individual in the lawful activity of hunting, fishing, or trapping.



With the warmer weather, we will be seeing a lot more cyclists, runners and walkers on the roads in Newington. Slow down and give enough space to safely move around them.

265:143-a Drivers to Exercise Due Care When Approaching Bicycle. - Every driver of a vehicle, when approaching a bicyclist, shall insure the safety and

protection of the bicyclist and shall exercise due care by leaving a reasonable and prudent distance between the vehicle and the bicycle. The distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour.

265:144 V; XI: Riding on Bicycles. - V. Persons riding bicycles 2 or more abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane. XI. A person propelling a bicycle upon a way at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time and place shall remain on the right portion of the way as far as practicable except when it is unsafe to do so or:

All members of the department have completed their yearly Ethics, De-Escalation, and Implicit Bias training, required by the department, and now mandated by the state. We do not stop at the minimum requirements. Within the next couple of months, we will be bringing in speakers and trainers to enhance our knowledge on gender sensitivity and diversity issues with law enforcement.

Statistics as of April 28, 2022

Motor vehicle stops	183	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	7	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	27	Reports taken
Arrests	12	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	1	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

Newington Transfer Station

For now, let's focus on doing the right thing for the town our vendors and the environment by following guidelines. Please remember if you have any questions feel free to ask the attendant on duty if you have any questions.

Our tire box has been removed. Because of an increase in fees from our previous vendor we will not be collecting and storing tires anymore as we will now collect and arrange pickup after 30 or more tires reach the facility. This also will help save a little and keep our costs down.

Our electronics waste recycling is another area we can try and save a little on as I will now be recycling our fluorescent bulbs through a different vendor at a 50% cost savings. Our most expensive commodity to recycle in electronics are the old school monitors and televisions, these contain lead in the glass and can be 25 to \$50 each to recycle.

The brush area is starting to show an increase in volume but now we have a larger area to receive brush and spread it out so it can dry effectively thereby increasing its value as a chip commodity. Remember in this area to not deposit leaves and grass, these can be deposited in the compost area.

The compost is cooking down and should be ready at the end of May for all your gardening needs. Please help yourself at that time and if you need a truckload, I can have the tractor there to load you on Wednesday evenings through my email, thedumpguy@gmail.com

Regarding our reusable items- if you have any nice furniture pieces or items that may have home value an option is to bring them to the habitat for humanity location in town, as most furniture items end up in the landfill dumpster.

Please remember to get your residency stickers at the town hall and keep them on your dash or in the window.

We, the dump guys, look forward to serving you in 2022!

Craig, Badger, and David

Check out our Facebook Page at.....[thenewingtondumpguys@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/thenewingtondumpguys)

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

MAY 21st
8AM-12 noon



May 21, 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:

FROM THE YARD:	FROM THE GARAGE:	FROM THE HOUSE:	FROM THE WORKBENCH:
Fertilizer	Acids	Bathroom cleaner	Brush cleaner
Pesticides	Car waxes/polish	Disinfectants	Corrosives
Fungicides	Creosote	Furniture polish	Paint (lead and oil-based)
Insect spray	Driveway sealers/tar	Metal polish	Stain/Finish
Lighter fluid	Flea powder	Mothballs	Rust preventative
Pest strips/traps	Gasoline	Oven cleaner	Solvents
Poisons	Radiator flush	Photo chemicals	Thinner/Turpentine
Pool chemicals	Roofing tar	Rug cleaner	Wood preservatives
		Wood strippers	

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>

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)
Langdon Library - Mon & Tues 12-8pm, Wed. 9-7pm, Thurs. & Fri. 9-5pm, Sat. 10-2pm
Transfer Station - Wed. 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm
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